

South-Eastern Engineering District

The Committee agreed that it was necessary to have repairs and improvements carried out to the road from Castlemacadam to Carty's Corner. It was agreed that it was desirable that this work be done with the aid of a Special Improvement Grant, but it would not be possible to allocate any moneys from the County Road Improvement Grant to carry out the work. The Committee agreed that the work on the Arklow-Kish road provided for in Main Road Improvement Grants could be deferred for a further year and that the Department of Local Government be asked to agree to the transfer of the sum of £2,375, which had been provided for this work to the County Road Improvement Grant to enable the Council to reconstruct portion of the road from Castlemacadam to Carty's Corner.

The Committee also agreed that the reconstruction of the road from Raherd to Thonlagee should be completed during the present year. The County Engineer was instructed to re-allocate the sums provided for tar surface dressing in order to make available sufficient moneys to complete the work on this road in the present year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

That we hereby approve of the report of the meeting of the members of the Council for Wicklow and Arklow areas, held on the 26th April, 1954, in regard to road works for the year 1954-55.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—ROAD TO GREENANE CHURCH

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from Rev. P. McCabe, The Presbytery, Greenane, for the taking over as a public road the road from Greenane P.O. to the Catholic Church. The Council's Engineer reported that the road was 200 yards in length, and led from Greenane Cross-Roads to the entrance to Capt. Kemmis' house, and served as the road to Greenane Church. He stated that it was a road that could be taken over by the Council, and would cost about £200 to bring it up to the same standard as other roads in the locality. The Assistant County Engineer proposed to surface the road in grouted macadam.

It was

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

and resolved:—

That we approve of the taking over as a public road the road from Greenane Post Office to the Catholic Church, Greenane, and direct that public notice be given accordingly.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF MACHINERY

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

Custom House,
Dublin.
7th May, 1954.

IR/20/33
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Purchase of Road Machinery

A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 18th March, 1954, and previous correspondence on the above subject

and to state that no objection is seen to the proposed purchase of two 5-6 ton diesel lorries from Messrs. Coleborn & Hopkins Ltd. at £1,400 each, and two Chevrolet 5-6 ton petrol lorries from Messrs. McCairns Motors Ltd., Tara St., Dublin, at £950 each.

I am also to refer to your letter of 16th December, 1953, and to state that no objection is seen to the Council's proposals for the purchase of the additional machinery listed therein. An indication of the tenders proposed to be accepted might be furnished to the Department.

As regards the application for sanction to a loan of £4,700 for the lorries, I am to enquire whether it is desired that this should be considered independently of a loan for the other machinery, or whether it is intended to obtain a composite loan.

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

Mise, le meas,

Runai.

The County Engineer had recommended the purchase of road machinery as follows:—

28th April, 1954.

Machinery

Further to my application for additional quarry machinery, I have examined the tenders received in reply to the advertisement in the Press, and I am satisfied that the machines as set out hereunder are suitable, and I recommend the acceptance of the quotations of the firms as stated:—

	FIRM	PRICE
1 COMPRESSOR Broomwade Type SV245 210 cu. feet.	M/s. Coleborn & Hopkins, Wicklow.	£1,488 0 0
6 CONVEYORS Portable Belt Conveyors, Diesel Engine, 3 h.p. Petters.	M/s. Strangford Ltd., 3 Lincoln Place, Dublin.	£2,718 0 0 (£543 each)
1 VIBRATING SCREEN 4-deck Niagara Type Q5A.	M/s. Niagara Screens, Enfield, Middlesex.	£518 0 0
2 ROLLERS Zettlemeyer Type M10, 10-ton.	M/s. Cromac Ltd., 29 Clare Street, Dublin.	£4,869 4 0 (£2,434 12s. each)
2 LOADING SHOVELS Weatherhill ¾ cu. yard Diesel, with teeth, lighting, tow bar.	M/s. Strangford Ltd., 3 Lincoln Place, Dublin (each £1,400 less 1¼% = £1,382 10s.)	£2,765 0 0
1 PRIMARY CRUSHER Brown Glutton, 30" x 16", with automatic oiler and V-belt pulley; 1 set spare jaws and side plates.	M/s. Strangford Ltd., 3 Lincoln Place, Dublin.	£1,388 1 6
	TOTAL	£13,706 5 6

I attach quotations from the firms for the machinery recommended above and an analysis of the quotations.

I would be very grateful for early approval to purchase this machinery, as in some cases there is a considerable delay and the machinery is urgently required.

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

That we approve of the recommendations of the County Engineer for the purchase of machinery as submitted in his report of the 28th April, 1954, and hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £18,406 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of seven years, to defray the cost of the purchase of machinery, and four lorries previously approved.

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

ITEM NO. 8—NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY COURTHOUSE

The following letter from the Newtownmountkennedy Public Hall Committee was submitted:—

Newtownmountkennedy,
Co. Wicklow,
8th April, 1954.

The County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re Newtownmountkennedy Courthouse

Dear Sir,

I understand that it is the intention of the Council, in the reasonably near future, to erect a new courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy, in lieu of the existing building. As Secretary of the Newtownmountkennedy Public Hall Committee I have given some thought to the possibilities arising from this fact, the carrying through of which might prove of financial benefit to the Council as well as conferring considerable advantage on the residents of the locality in question.

I suggest that the building to be erected be so designed as to serve as a cinema and dance hall as well as a courthouse. While I have no knowledge of the exact figures involved, assuming that the completed building cost £8,000, this sum less such funds as the Hall Committee might have available, might in the first instance be paid by the Hall Committee, the amount of such payment to be advanced by the Council to the Committee and repaid, with interest at the appropriate rate, during such period as the Council might specify.

If the building at present serving as a public hall, together with its fittings, were disposed of, a figure of approximately £800 would be realised. I understand that grants payable out of the Central Fund are available for the erection of halls in rural areas, and I assume that any such grant would be at least £1,000. Accordingly, the total amount involved, so far as the Council is concerned, would be little over £6,000, such amount to cover completion of the building.

The present public hall is used, for the raising of funds, by practically the entirety of all local committees, including F.C.A., Nursing, Cottage Tenants, G.A.A., I.C.A., C.X.P., and O.A.P. Further, the Hall Committee are at the moment utilising the building as a cinema. The transfer of these activities to the new structure would enable the Committee to pay the Council a sum of at least £350 p.a. until principal and interest had been repaid.

I should be very much obliged if you would give this matter your favourable consideration. The above merely constitutes the general framework of the scheme. Possibly there are difficulties from the Council's point of view, but I feel that on consideration these might be ironed out. If you consider that a personal discussion might assist matters, I shall be glad to attend at your office at any time.

Yours truly,

D. J. DUNNE,
Hon. Secretary, N.P.H.C.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Lawless the Council agreed that a sub-committee of the Council be appointed to meet the Newtown Public Hall Committee in regard to the proposal outlined in their letter. The sub-committee would consist of the members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral area, together with the Chairman, and Councillor W. Lawless.

Tinahely Courthouse

In reply to inquiries from members, the Assistant County Engineer explained the difficulty in carrying out repairs to Tinahely Courthouse. The Council asked that he submit an estimate of the cost of providing skirting for the Courthouse, and for re-painting, and for the provision of heating.

ITEM NO. 9—PUBLIC LIGHT AT KILPEDDER

it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £32 for the provision of a public light at the fountain in the village of Kilpedder.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 10—PUBLIC LIGHT AT MONASTERY

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had submitted a quotation in the sum of £32 for the erection of a public light near the Mass Path at Monastery, Enniskerry. The lamp would be replaced twice yearly, and cleaned once yearly at an annual charge of 10/-. and the quotation was subject to the Board's conditions for the supply of public lighting in rural areas dated 24th May, 1950.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the quotation, and to ask the E.S.B. for details of the estimate of £32.

ITEM NO. 11—BURIAL GROUNDS AT SCURLOX AND MANOR KILBRIDE

The following reports of the Health Inspector and of the Acting Chief Medical Officer were submitted:—

Public Health Offices,
Rathdrum,
20th April, 1954.

Dr. J. A. Dunlevy,
Acting M.O.,
Rathdrum.

Re Burial Grounds Manor Kilbride Area

A Chara,

Fr. O'Reilly, C.C., Manor Kilbride, has requested I bring to your notice the position in regard to burial ground accommodation in the area. There are two burial grounds in the district, Scurlox (area less than $\frac{1}{2}$ acre) and Manor Kilbride (area a little less than an acre), both of which are vested in the County Council.

Scurlox, which is very near the lake, is approached by a field used for grazing and as there is no defined route across the field, which is very damp, much hardship is endured by users. This burial ground, in my opinion, is overcrowded, although it has been very little used in recent years. In 1941, two burials took place and in 1945, three; there were none in the years 1942, 1943, 1944, nor since 1945, according to the register kept by the caretaker. The earliest legible date I noticed was a headstone marked 1760, therefore the date of opening must have been previous to that year.

I have been informed by Fr. O'Reilly that the date of opening of Manor Kilbride was prior to 1750. At a former inspection, when I carried out a survey of burial grounds, I brought to the notice of the curate the density

of the growth of scrub, which has since been removed. Serious overcrowding is clearly evident in Manor Kilbride, not only by burials, but also by headstones. Several of the older ones, which were rough granite stones, have been unearthed by persons digging graves.

There are large trees growing on the inside of the boundary wall, the roots of which have spread out, making it very difficult to excavate grave spaces and leaving the ground arid. Much doubt is experienced at times regarding the location of grave spaces, due to the absence of a record from former times.

I recommend the closure of Manor Kilbride and Scurlox burial grounds and as there is no alternative accommodation in the area, the provision of a new burial ground.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN COMYN,

Health Inspector.

Public Health Office,

Rathdrum.

23rd April, 1954.

Mr. O'Connor,
Staff Officer,
Rathdrum.

Re Burial Grounds Scurlox and Manor Kilbride

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

The Health Inspector's report on these two burial grounds would indicate that both are overcrowded and that the burials cannot be made in a proper manner. I will inspect both of these myself later and let you have a certificate so that a Closure Order may be sought in each case. Meanwhile, steps should be taken to provide an alternative burial ground.

Yours sincerely,

Signed : J. A. DUNLEVY,

Acting Chief Medical Officer.

The Council noted the reports and directed that the County Engineer submit recommendations for sites for alternative burial ground accommodation to serve these districts.

ITEM NO. 12—AUGHRIM SEWERAGE SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government, in letter of 29th April, 1954, had indicated that the plans submitted for Aughrim Sewerage Scheme had been discussed by the Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and the Consultants, and that as a result, and subject to re-consideration of certain points, the Minister had no objection to the Consultants proceeding with the preparation of contract documents for the scheme. The Consultants had been instructed to proceed with the preparation of the contract documents.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 13—APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Council adjourned consideration of the appointment of a Consultative Health Committee under Section 48 of the Health Act, 1953, pending receipt of a recommendation from the Irish Medical Association in regard to the nomination of two registered medical practitioners to act on the Committee.

ITEM NO. 14—NEW COUNTY HOSPITAL AT RATHNEW

The County Manager submitted the diagrammatic plans for the proposed new county hospital at Rathnew. The hospital would contain 60 beds—24 for medical cases, and 28 for surgical cases, together with 16 cots, which were regarded as equivalent to 8 beds. In the maternity section, there would be 12 beds and 6 cots. Medical and maternity cases would be on the ground floor, and surgical cases on the first floor. Provision was also made for an extensive out-patients' department, where specialist services would be available.

The Council noted the plans submitted.

ITEM NO. 15—REPORT ON REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that there was no objection in principle to the Consultant's modified proposals for a Regional Scheme, incorporating a temporary intake from the Vartry River. The Consultant was proceeding with the preparation of plans for the revised scheme.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 16—MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Meetings of the County Councils' General Council on the 10th December, 1953, and 4th March, 1954.

ITEM NO. 17—SYSTEM OF GROUND RENTS

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Dublin City Council in regard to the establishment of a Commission for the purpose of enquiring into the system of ground rents:—

"That we request the Government to establish a Commission for the purpose of enquiring into the system of ground rents, and to formulate schemes whereby owners of property may have the opportunity of purchasing the ground rents of such property. That a copy of this resolution be sent to other public bodies."

GRANTING OF LEAVE TO ROAD WORKERS ON POLLING DAY

Councillor Senator J. McCrea asked that road workers be granted a half-day's leave on Polling Day, and in lieu of such they would work the full day on the following Saturday.

Members of the Council generally recommended that a half-day's leave be given as suggested.

ROAD FROM WHITESTOWN CROSS TO GLEN OF IMAAL

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister had not yet been received to the Council's application for a loan for the reconstruction of the road from Whitestown Cross to the Glen of Imaal.

Councillor A. Toomey asked that a further letter be addressed to the Department on the subject.

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that only ten of the tenants of the 25 cottages at Church Road, Dunlavin, were prepared

to sign the undertaking to pay an increase of 9d. per week in rent, if electricity supply was connected to their houses. If only ten houses availed of the supply, the cost would work out at £15 per house, instead of £6 per house, and the increase in rent would be substantial.

ITEM NO. 19—LOAN OF £40,000 FOR ADVANCES UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

It was

Proposed by Council^lor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan.

and resolved:—

That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £40,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1952 and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1951.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing and other matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th June, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of May, 1954.
2. Scheme at Kindlestown—Recommendation of Local Housing Committee for the erection of a further 10 houses.
3. Leasing of site for shop and dwellinghouse at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Recommendation of Local Housing Committee.
4. Public Lighting at Boghall Road, Bray.
5. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
6. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. To fix date for Annual Meeting of Council.
8. Water Main from Newtownmounckennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium—To receive tenders.
9. Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme—To receive tenders.
10. Repairs carried out to cottages during the month of May, 1954.
11. Authorisation of repairs.

The following letter from Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, widow of the late Councillor Peter Ledwidge, was noted by the Council:—

29 Dargan Street,
Bray,

16th May, 1954.

K. J. Brangan, Esq., A.C.A.,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

Please convey to the Chairman and members of the Council my very sincere thanks for their kind sympathy with my family and I in our recent great loss.

I would also like to thank the Councillors for their expressions of appreciation of my husband's work as a Councillor.

For the nine years my husband served on the Council, and its subsidiary bodies, he spared no effort to ensure that the affairs of the people of Wicklow were administered wisely and justly. He has left behind him a record of public service of which my family and I are proud.

To the County Manager and staff of the Council I would also extend my thanks for their kind sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) MARY LEDWIDGE.

ITEM NO. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Schemes during the month of May, 1954, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—HOUSING SECTION

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow,
8th June, 1954.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—Month of May, 1954

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 406 (including 47 by contract).

There is one cottage in progress at Kilcrony under this scheme.

Under the Kindlestown Scheme, 30 houses have been completed (10 houses having been completed during May).

At O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, 16 houses are in progress and nearing completion.

At Kilmagig, Avoca, 12 houses are in progress.

The total number of men employed on housing during May, 1954, was:—

Kilcrony	.....	.....	Skilled 6; unskilled 6
Newtownmountkennedy	.....	.....	Skilled 9; unskilled 5
Kilmagig, Avoca	.....	.....	Skilled 7; unskilled 14
		Totals	22 25

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £376,966 10s. 9d., made up as follows:—

Wages	.....	.....	£150,522 5 3
Materials	.....	.....	£189,635 16 7
Payments to Contractors	.....	.....	£36,808 8 11

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

Northern Area :		1946 SCHEME	
Cottages completed to 30th April, 1954	184
Cottages completed during May, 1954	0
Total completed	184
Completed under Kindlestown Scheme	30
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10
Total completed	40
In Progress : Newtown Scheme	16
Kilcrony (1946 Scheme)	1
Total in progress	17
South-Eastern Area :			
Cottages completed to 30th April, 1954	80
Cottages completed during May, 1954	0
Total completed	80
In Progress : (1946 Scheme) Kilmagig, Avoca	12

Southern Area :

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1954	.....	.....	54
Cottages completed under separate Scheme at Lugduff	.....	.....	3
Total completed	.....	.....	57
In progress	.....	.....	0

Western Area :

Cottages completed to 30th April, 1954	.....	.....	88
Cottages completed during May, 1954	.....	.....	0
Total completed	.....	.....	88
In progress	.....	.....	0

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Schemes during the month of May, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to employment of plasterers on the housing scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca, and submitted the following letter from the Operative Plasterers' Trade Society:—

5 South Quay,
Arklow,
15th June, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to state that Patrick Canavan, Avoca, who is a member of above Society who is at present unemployed, has applied for work on the Avoca Housing Scheme, but so far without success.

I wish to make it clear that we are not objecting to the plasterers at present employed there, but consider that a married man with a young family, unemployed, and living beside the job should be entitled to a share of the work.

Trusting this matter will receive consideration by your Council at next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. O'BYRNE,

Branch Secretary.

The Assistant County Engineer stated that the plasterers at present employed had been in the Council's employment for a considerable time. He would employ Mr. Canavan when a vacancy arose for a plasterer on the scheme.

The Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT KINDLESTOWN

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

That we approve of the recommendation of the Local Housing Committee for the erection of a further 10 houses at Kindlestown.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—LEASING OF SITE FOR SHOP AND DWELLINGHOUSE AT GRATTAN PARK

The Council approved of the recommendation of the Local Housing Committee for the leasing of a site for a shop and dwellinghouse at Grattan Park, Kindlestown, and noted that offers for the leasing of the plot were being invited by public advertisement.

ITEM NO. 4—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY

The County Secretary stated that following representations from the Cottage Tenants' Association in the district, the Electricity Supply Board had been asked to submit a quotation for the provision of 13 additional public lights on Boghall Road, Bray. The quotation received from the E.S.B. was in the sum of £301, and in view of the amount of the quotation the Council's Engineer was asked if the number of lamps proposed could be reduced. In report of 4th May, 1954, the Assistant County Engineer stated that the provision of four public lights would illuminate the area in front of the cottages and a section of the road leading from the cottages to the Vevay Road and that this would meet the requirements of the tenants. The E.S.B. have now quoted the sum of £73 for the erection of four public lamps, together with an annual charge of £5-3-0 per lamp.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 4th May, 1954, we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £73 for the provision of four public lamps at Boghall Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

Having considered application of Mr. J. C. Reid, Ballintra, Courtown, Co. Wexford, for permission to erect a hut at Tighe's Avenue, Rathnew, for use as a Mission Hut, the Council agreed that permission might be given for the retention of the hut on the site at Tighe's Avenue for the period to 31st October, 1954.

The Council noted letter of 8th June, 1954, from Department of Local Government enclosing copy of Order of the Minister determining the appeal submitted to him against the decision of the Council refusing permission for the erection of an advertising hoarding at Messrs. Dowling's premises, Rathnew, and confirming the refusal of permission.

Hall at Newtownmountkennedy

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Lawless, the County Engineer stated that an amended plan had been submitted in respect of the Hall at Newtownmountkennedy. The documents submitted, however, were not satisfactory and it would not be possible to recommend the granting of permission on the basis of the documents submitted.

ITEM NO. 6—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Having considered letter from Council's Solicitor in regard to the guaranteeing by Mr. Walter J. Verbruggen, son of Mr. R. R. J. Verbruggen, of a loan to his father, the Council approved of the making of a loan of £1,600, subject to the guarantee proposed.

The County Manager indicated that he could not recommend the making of a loan to Matthew Owens, Oldtown, Tinoran, in respect of the erection of a house. Following a discussion on the matter in Committee, the Council asked that the County Manager consider the matter further.

Having considered report on plans submitted for house for Patrick Whelan, Raheen, Balinglass, the Council agreed that a loan of £1,000 only might be made in this case.

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Mr. M. Granger, Greystones, for a loan pending further enquiries in regard to income.

ITEM NO. 7—ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Council decided to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 30th June, 1954, at 11 a.m.

ITEM NO. 8—WATERMAIN FROM NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY TO NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM

Ten tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Council and were as follows:—

Tenders for Watermain from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Butler Bros. Ltd., Dublin	£3,609 5 0
A. J. Jennings & Co., Glenageary	£3,521 10 2
Maurice Blake, Mount Tallant Avenue, Dublin	£3,700 0 0
A. F. Hastings & Co. Ltd., Dublin	£3,441 10 0
Fred. A. Lee, Arklow	£3,915 10 0
H. K. McDermott & Sons, Dublin	£3,386 15 0
Wm. Lacy, Howth	£3,838 15 0
Hodgins Ltd., Fairview, Dublin	£3,358 12 6
Modern Homes Ltd., Lincoln Place, Dublin	£3,424 5 0
Wm. Clarke, Wicklow	£3,298 7 6

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

ITEM NO. 9—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Eleven tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Council and were as follows:—

Tenders for Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
A. J. Jennings & Co., Dun Laoghaire	£21,452 1 2
Alex Hull & Co. Ltd., Ringsend, Dublin	£17,517 17 6
Hodgins Ltd., Fairview, Dublin	£22,853 0 6
H. K. McDermott & Sons, Dundrum, Dublin	£17,871 12 0
Maurice Blake, Mount Tallant Avenue, Dublin	£17,011 12 0
A. F. Hastings & Co., Frankfort, Dundrum	£16,854 7 0
Edward Lee, Arklow	£18,461 3 4
Butler Bros. Ltd., Dublin	£17,000 3 4
C. S. Downey & Sons, Dublin	£16,389 0 0
Modern Homes (I.) Ltd., Lincoln Place, Dublin	£16,200 12 9
Wm. A. Clarke, Wicklow	£18,128 12 4

The Council referred the tenders to the Consulting Engineer for examination and report.

ITEM NO. 10—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of May, 1954.

ITEM NO. 11—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

The Council authorised the carrying out of repairs to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer and also authorised repairs to the following cottages:—

Tenant and Townland	Amount
Kinsella, Rosnastraw	£24 10 0
Mrs. Murphy, Ballyshonogue	£11 5 0
Thomas Darcy, Newtown	£38 15 0
P. Kavanagh, Ballyrahan	£14 5 0

COOLBOY-COOLFANCY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

That we approve of Draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £9,230 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Coolboy-Coolfancy Water Supply Scheme, and hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

LOAN FOR ERECTION OF FIRE STATION AND STORE AT BRAY

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 19th day of May, 1954, the sum of £1,974 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying portion of the cost of erecting a Fire Station and Stores at Bray, to be repaid within Ten years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the bank from time to time as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Limited.

Passed unanimously.

KINDLESTOWN HOUSING SCHEME—EMPLOYMENT OF MR. JOSEPH FURLONG

Councillor Lawless referred to complaints received by members of the Council in regard to Kindlestown Housing Scheme. The Chairman, in reply, stated that he had visited the site and inspected the houses and was satisfied with the standard of finish. At the suggestion of the Chairman, supported by Councillor E. Byrne, it was decided to have the matter considered by the Local Housing Committee. The County Manager stated that the employment of Mr. Furlong, who had been employed on the housing scheme at Kindlestown, had been terminated as the scheme was nearing completion. Mr. Furlong had been employed by Bray Urban District Council for some years and on the termination of the Direct Labour Housing Scheme at Bray had been engaged by the County Council at timekeeper on the Kindlestown Scheme. Complaints had been received from the employee's Union in regard to the standard of work on the scheme at Kindlestown and method of supervision, and it was understood that a circular had been sent by the Union to the members of the Council and to the Press. He had consulted the Chairman on the matter and had arranged for an inspection of the scheme by the Chairman.

1952 HOUSING SCHEME

In reply to Councillor Hammond, the County Secretary stated that the Council expected to be in a position to invite tenders for the erection of houses under this scheme in the coming week.

WATER SUPPLY AT TINAHELY—EXTENSION OF MAIN

Councillor O'Neill asked if a report could be obtained in regard to an application for extension of watermain at Tinahely to serve houses occupied by Messrs. Campbell, Chambers and Humphreys.

SUPPLY OF PAINT FOR COTTAGES

Members of the Council indicated that they were not satisfied with the quality of paint provided for the painting of cottages by tenants and asked that the standard be improved. The County Manager stated that the matter would be taken up with the Combined Purchasing Section of the Department.

PUMPS AND WELLS—SUPPLY OF WELL-BORING PLANT

Councillor Lawless asked that provision of additional well-boring plant be expedited.

CARNEW DISPENSARY

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that the premises used as a dispensary at Carnew had been sold and it would not be available for use after the coming week. He pointed out that it would be necessary to make immediate arrangements for dispensary accommodation. Senator McCrea referred to a suggested site for the erection of a new dispensary, and the County Engineer stated that he would meet Senator McCrea to interview the owner of the site on the following day.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I or some one for me will move that as the water supply for cottages at Springfield, Kilbride, and Ballymurrin Lower is unsatisfactory, that we ask the Council to have water piped from the well in Mr. Patrick Nolan's field at Ballymurrin Lower to the roadside."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st June, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Kehoe, G. Timmins, A. Toomey, T. O'Reilly, E. Byrne, P. N. Murdoch, M. Brennan, W. Lawless, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

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

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 5th, 12th April, and 3rd and 10th May, 1954.
2. Overdraft Accommodation on General Account and Capital Account.
3. To fill vacancy on the County Council consequent on the death of Councillor P. Ledwidge.
4. To allow and make the County Rate for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1955; sign and seal Rate Books; authorise the affixing of the Seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants, and sign and seal Demands on the Urban District Councils.
5. Application from Greystones Rowing Club for closing of roads at Greystones Harbour on 17th July, 1954.
6. Road works of tourist interest—Notification of Road Fund Grant, Laragh-Sallygap Road, etc.
7. Laragh Bridge—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to plans, and notifying Grant.
8. Resolution from Killalesh Local Council re road at Killalesh.
9. Report on Rate Collection for year to 31st March, 1954.
10. Appointment of Rate Collectors for (a) District No. 10; (b) District No. 13/14/15 as amended.
11. Proposed Agreement under Fire Brigades Act with Kildare County Council.
12. Access to the sea between Arklow and Wicklow.
13. Letter from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce re opening of coastal road via Silver Strand.
14. Letter from Blessington Guild, Irish Countrywoman's Association, re provision of seats at Blessington.
15. Appointment of Consultative Health Committee.
16. B.C.G. Vaccination Scheme.
17. Ambulance Service—Proposed purchase of new Ambulance.

18. Site for Public Convenience at Kilcoole.
19. Water Supply—Liscolman.
20. Water Supply—Rathmoon, Baltinglass.
21. Water Supply—Irishtown, Donard.
22. Water Supply—Coolroe, Tinahely.
23. Water Supply—Roundwood: To authorise the raising of loan.
24. Water Supply—Coolboy/Coolfancy: To determine Water Rate or fix rent.
- 24a. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland in respect of loan of £9,230 for Coolboy-Coolfancy Water Supply.
25. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett re water supply for cottages at Springfield, Kilbride, and Ballymurrin Lower.
26. Report of meeting of National Monuments Advisory Committee held on 21st May, 1954.
27. Letter from County Councils' General Council re resolutions submitted by Wicklow County Council.
28. Letter from the Department of Health re resolution passed by the Council in regard to the sale of Strychnine.
29. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM NO. 1—MINUTES

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th April, and 3rd and 10th May, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the report of the Consultant had been received on the tenders for the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme. The report was as follows:—

Ashton,
Killiney,
Co. Dublin.

17th June, 1954.

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

ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., and also receipt of 11 tenders for Enniskerry Water Supply. I have examined the six lowest tenders in detail and there are no material errors, with the exception of that of Messrs. A. F. Hastings & Co., in which an obvious error occurs of £306 which would place them 5th instead of 3rd, and this correction has been made in the list of tenders set out below:—

1. Modern Homes (Ireland) Ltd., Dublin	.....	£16,200	12	9
2. C. S. Downey & Sons Ltd., Dublin	.....	£16,389	0	0
3. Butler Bros. Ltd., Dublin	.....	£17,000	3	4

4. Maurice Blake, Dublin	.....	£17,011	12	0
5. A. F. Hastings & Co., Dundrum	.....	£17,160	7	0
6. A. Hull & Co. Ltd., Dublin	.....	£17,517	17	6
7. H. K. McDermott & Sons, Dublin	.....	£17,871	12	0
8. William Clarke, Wicklow	.....	£18,128	12	4
9. Edward Lee, Arklow	.....	£18,488	7	4
10. A. J. Jennings & Co., Dun Laoghaire	.....	£21,452	1	2
11. Hodgins Ltd., Fairview, Dublin	.....	£22,853	0	6

It will be seen that the tenders are highly competitive and that from the 3rd to the 6th lowest they are closely grouped and actually on average agree with my own estimate of £17,240. In regard to the two lowest tenders, there is only a difference between them of £188 7s. 3d., approximately 1 per cent., and having regard to the difficult country through which a good deal of the pipeline will lie, and the number of connections which will have to be made to the filter plant at Kilmolin, I consider that this work requires the services of a contractor with considerable previous experience in waterworks contracts.

So far as the lowest tenderer—Modern Homes Ltd.—is concerned, this firm has done a good deal of building work in the Dublin area with the ordinary water supply services associated with such work. So far as my information goes, and they have now informed me by letter, they have not previously carried out any public works contract such as would give them the additional experience which I consider essential over that which they would acquire in connection with housing development. On the other hand, Messrs. C. S. Downey & Sons of Dublin have been general Civil Engineering Contractors for a number of years and as long as 20 years ago executed Tullow, Co. Carlow, Waterworks contract under my supervision and to my entire satisfaction. The head of this firm is a qualified Civil Engineer and, therefore, should be competent to deal with any specialist problems should they arise during construction.

I therefore recommend that the tender of Messrs. C. S. Downey & Sons in the amount of £16,389 0s 0d, should be accepted. I have examined their tender and it is in order in all respects.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) PIERCE F. PURCELL.

P.S.—I return the two lowest tenders herewith.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Professor P. F. Purcell, Consultant Engineer, dated 17th June, 1954, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. C. S. Downey & Sons Ltd., Dublin, in the sum of £16,389 0s, 0d, for Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was

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

and 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 June, 1954, shall not exceed £170,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

and 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, 1954, shall not exceed £175,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Jacob,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and 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, 1954, shall not exceed £33,500."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNTY COUNCIL

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint James O'Toole, 1/3 Harbour Terrace, Bray, as a member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Councillor Peter Ledwidge."

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. O'Toole, who attended the meeting as a member of the Council, and Mr. O'Toole suitably replied, Mr. O'Toole signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ITEM NO. 4—ADOPTION OF RATES

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1955, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending 31st March, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Council in respect of the sums to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1955:—

Arklow	.....	.....	£9,583	9	2
Bray	.....	.....	£37,562	18	11
Wicklow	.....	.....	£7,976	12	7

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—CLOSING OF ROADS AT GREYSTONES

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Greystones Rowing Club for the closing of roads at Greystones on the 17th July, 1954, in connection with the annual regatta. A similar application had been made in 1953 and approved by the Council. The County Engineer indicated that he had no objection to the closing of the roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor P. N. Murdoch,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order for the closing of portion of the Harbour Road, Greystones, from junction of Trafalgar Road along Cliff Road and Marine Road to junction of Marine Road with La Touche Road from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 17th July, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—ROAD WORKS OF TOURIST INTEREST

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

Custom House,
Dublin.
22 Bealtaine, 1954.

RGR/33/3.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence on the subject and to confirm the intimation given to the County Manager that a special Road Fund grant of £20,000 will be available for road works of tourist interest in County Wicklow consisting of (a) the improvement of the road from Sallygap to Mullan's Cross via Laragh, Drumgoff and Aughavannagh, and (b) improvements in the Glendalough area.

With regard to the documents submitted on 10th March, 1953, and 9th June, 1953, in regard to (a), the following comments should be borne in mind:—

Laragh-Drumgoff (Road 83)—Section 3 of this proposal covers a length of .7 miles and provides for a carriageway width of 13 feet. It is considered that a width of 16 feet should be aimed at, particularly as little extra cost is involved.

Drumgoff-Aughavannagh (Road 128)—The proposal for a carriageway width of 12 ft. in Section 2 is understood to be based on the fact that it would be exceptionally costly to provide a wider carriageway. However, in Section 3 this difficulty would not appear to exist, and for the 2.2 miles involved a carriageway width of 16 ft. should be aimed at.

There is no objection to the work being carried out by direct labour, but in this connection attention is directed to the fact that a flat unit rate of 6/- per square yard for tar grouting appears to be high, and consideration should be given to the possibility of reducing it.

I am to request that you will be good enough to furnish detailed documents in relation to the work to be undertaken under available grant.

The tenders enclosed with your letter of 11th March are returned.

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

Mise, le meas,

E. T. SHEEHY.

ITEM NO. 7—LARAGH BRIDGE

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

Custom House,
Dublin.
24 Bealtaine, 1954.

SGZ/33.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

LARAGH BRIDGE

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 13th January last on the above subject and to state that the general layout plan submitted is satisfactory. Detailed design documents should now be prepared and submitted, and if the work is to be carried out by contract they should be accompanied by draft contract documents, including specification and Bill of Quantities.

A Road Fund grant of £13,000, or 75 per cent. of the cost of the work, whichever is the lesser, has been allocated to Wicklow County Council towards the cost of this work.

The grant is subject to the following conditions:—

1. Payment of the grant may be withheld at any time by the Minister if, in his opinion, an inadequate return is being made for expenditure or the general administration of road work is unsatisfactory.
2. Recruitment of labour must be in accordance with the Department's circular letter SGA/202 of 30th November, 1948, and any amending circular.
3. Particulars of expenditure on the work and of the employment afforded thereby should be returned to the Department monthly on Table E. (See this Department's circular letter RGM/201/5B of 6th January last.)
4. Interim requisitions for payment on foot of the grant, which should be made on Form 97, may be made from time to time. Interim payments will be made only up to 90 per cent. of the grant and further payments should not be requisitioned until the work has been completed, when a final requisition on Form 97, accompanied by Forms 16 and 18, should be furnished.

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

Mise, le meas,
E. T. SHEEHY.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had instructed the Consultant to proceed with the preparation of detailed design documents and draft contract documents.

ROAD FROM WHITESCROSS TO DERRYNAMUCK

In reply to inquiry from Councillor A. Toomey the County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had approved of the proposed reconstruction of the road from Whitestown Cross to Derrynamuck, but approval to the application for a loan to defray the cost of the work was deferred pending receipt of reply from the Department of Defence in regard to the Council's application for a grant. The members of the Council stressed the need for having the work undertaken as soon as possible.

It was

Proposed by Souncillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

and resolved:—

"That we appoint a deputation to interview the Minister for Local Government in regard to the grant towards the cost of reconstructing the road from Whitestown Cross to Derrynamuck."

Passed unanimously.

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Table E	Particulars of Expenditure	Employment	Other	Total
1	100.00			100.00
2	85.00			85.00
3	75.00			75.00
4	60.00			60.00
5	50.00			50.00
6	40.00			40.00
7	30.00			30.00
8	20.00			20.00
9	10.00			10.00
10	5.00			5.00

The Council agreed that the deputation would consist of the members of the Council for Baltinglass Electoral Area, together with the T.D.s for the County, Councillor Senator J. McCrea, and the Chairman.

ITEM NO. 8—ROAD AT KILLALESH

The following resolution received from Killalesh Local Council was submitted:—

"A resolution was submitted to the Wicklow County Council on 21st December, 1953, by the Killalesh Local Council to have the public road at Killalesh repaired. As nothing has taken place on the matter since the resolution was submitted, and the condition of the road has become worsened to such a degree that it is almost impossible to travel it either by cycle or on foot or otherwise, and the present condition is a disgrace to the county, we therefore demand that immediate action be taken to have the work of repairs started. We believe that when so much money is spent in other parts of the county to provide better roads for tourists, we as ratepayers should have something better than a bad laneway."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported when the matter was first raised at the January meeting that the cost of reconstructing the road to a width of 12 ft. would amount to £4,500, and that if the road were widened to 16 ft. the cost would be £6,500. The Assistant County Engineer had suggested that as the road was not in good condition it be widened to 12 ft. and given a coat of tar macadam at a cost of £2,200. The matter had been referred to the Roads Estimates Meeting, but it had not been found possible to make provision for the reconstruction of the road in the current year's Estimates.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 9—RATE COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR TO THE 31st MARCH, 1954

The Council noted the attached report on the Rate Collection for the year to the 31st March, 1954.

ITEM NO. 10—APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS FOR (a) DISTRICT NO. 13/14/15 AND (b) DISTRICT NO. 10

The County Secretary stated that 22 applications had been received for the position of Rate Collector for No. 13/14/15. Particulars of the applications received had been circulated to the members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That this Council consider that, having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for No. 13/14/15 Collection District, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of these duties, and the qualifications for that office, the person to be appointed for the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination, and we decide that the person be selected as the result of an examination of the applications received."

Passed unanimously.

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

- For Mr. Patrick Brennan:—Councillors P. Kehoe, W. Lawless, M. Brennan (3).
- For Mr. Michael Byrne:—Councillors T. O'Reilly and A. Toomey (2).
- For Mr. Michael Cullen:—Councillors C. M. Byrne and J. O'Toole (2).
- For Mr. Enda Kinsella:—Councillors G. Timmins and H. J. Byrne (2).
- For Mr. Patrick Kinsella:—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., and W. Cleary (2).

FINAL STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF 1953/54 RATE COLLECTION AS ON 31st MARCH, 1954

District No.	Rate Collector	Warrant	Amount Lodged	Discount	Credit Notes	Over-lodged	Under-lodged	Irrecoverable	Carried forward to 1954/55 Warrant	Discount Allowed	Percentage Collected	Comparative Statement in Respect of Uncollected Rates as on 31/3/1953	
												Irrecoverable	Carried forward to 1953/54
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Luke McDonnell	14,535 9 5	14,068 13 4	25 8 2	433 17 5	—	—	7 10 6	—	—	100.00	5 15 7	33 0 7
2	Michael Byrne	10,138 6 6	9,657 5 8	17 4 2	345 8 3	—	—	8 6 6	110 1 11	—	98.91	1 12 1	65 14 0
3	Matthew Keenan	6,265 1 5	5,916 19 9	10 4 5	337 17 3	—	—	—	—	—	100.00	2 19 6	5 10 8
4/5	Patrick Burke	13,133 6 5	12,553 18 1	15 14 4	447 12 2	—	—	21 5 5	94 16 5	—	99.28	1 14 8	52 9 5
6	Matthew Keenan	11,432 16 8	11,112 6 0	4 3 0	262 15 11	—	—	6 3 2	47 8 7	—	99.59	—	141 6 10
7	J. Sheehan	23,829 8 4	23,615 12 4	10 17 3	115 17 7	—	—	10 12 0	76 9 2	—	99.68	10 11 8	237 0 11
9	P. J. O'Byrne	18,482 8 5	18,076 19 9	35 17 10	214 17 6	0 0 11	—	87 7 4	67 6 11	—	99.64	49 18 0	67 17 6
10	Michael Healy	30,039 9 10	28,551 12 7	11 14 2	920 2 10	—	0 0 5	10 16 10	431 5 5	113 17 7	98.19	41 1 2	380 7 8
11	Wm. P. Murphy	13,572 12 7	12,893 8 8	6 16 10	209 2 3	—	—	91 2 10	291 1 7	81 0 5	97.26	36 13 6	180 2 9
12	James J. McCall	17,290 12 7	16,779 0 3	7 8 9	412 1 7	—	—	74 9 8	17 12 4	—	99.90	308 3 4	23 12 1
13/14	Wm. C. Byrne	17,399 8 11	16,629 0 8	1 6 2	549 0 7	—	—	14 3 6	189 12 0	16 6 0	98.82	—	—
15	Michael Roche	22,567 15 11	21,740 15 10	12 3 7	689 17 0	5 3 5	—	89 7 2	40 15 9	—	99.82	223 0 1	153 13 3
16	Edward Lynch	14,938 9 1	14,344 19 10	32 4 10	498 10 5	—	—	13 18 5	48 15 7	—	99.67	34 12 3	80 1 5
17	D. J. Kinsella	10,666 3 1	10,180 14 0	19 14 9	372 5 3	—	—	2 11 2	90 17 11	—	99.15	3 0 4	45 2 4
18	Michael O'Toole	7,848 3 4	7,254 19 11	8 14 4	405 19 2	0 0 2	—	11 4 4	149 19 0	17 6 9	97.87	11 6 3	55 0 3
19	Michael O'Neill	10,097 11 3	9,309 15 8	18 2 5	260 5 5	0 9 10	—	4 2 0	505 15 7	—	94.99	28 3 8	34 2 0
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			96.06%	.1%	2.67%			.19%	.89%	.09%			

For **Mr. Michael Murray** :—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob (6).

For **Mr. Edward R. O'Byrne** :—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Murdoch and Miss E. F. Bobbett (3).

A vote was then taken to determine whether Michael Byrne, Michael Cullen, Enda Kinsella or Patrick Kinsella would be eliminated, and resulted as follows :—

For **Mr. Michael Byrne** :—Councillors W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey and E. Byrne (5).

For **Mr. Michael Cullen** :—Councillors P. Kehoe, Senator J. McCrea, J. O'Toole, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett (8).

For **Mr. Enda Kinsella** :—Councillors G. Timmins, W. Lawless, P. N. Murdoch and H. J. Byrne (4).

For **Mr. Patrick Kinsella** :—Councillors P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, T.D., and W. Cleary (3).

Mr. P. Kinsella was then eliminated, and a further vote was taken, resulting as follows :—

For **Mr. Patrick Brennan** :—Councillors P. Kehoe, W. Lawless, M. Brennan (3).

For **Mr. Michael Byrne** :—Councillors T. O'Reilly and A. Toomey (2).

For **Mr. Michael Cullen** :—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; C. M. Byrne and J. O'Toole (3).

For **Mr. Enda Kinsella** :—Councillors G. Timmins and H. J. Byrne (2).

For **Mr. Michael Murray** :—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, W. Cleary, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob (7).

For **Mr. Edward R. O'Byrne** :—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Murdoch and Miss E. F. Bobbett (3).

A vote was then taken to decide whether Mr. Michael Byrne or Mr. Enda Kinsella would be eliminated and resulted as follows :—

For **Mr. Michael Byrne** :—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, C. M. Byrne and Miss E. F. Bobbett (10).

For **Mr. Enda Kinsella** :—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob and H. J. Byrne (10).

The Chairman having given his casting vote in favour of Mr. Enda Kinsella, Mr. Michael Byrne was eliminated.

The next vote resulted as follows :—

For **Mr. Patrick Brennan** :—Councillors P. Kehoe, W. Lawless and M. Brennan (3).

For **Mr. Michael Cullen** :—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; A. Toomey, C. M. Byrne and J. O'Toole (4).

For **Mr. Enda Kinsella** : Councillors G. Timmins and H. J. Byrne (2).

For **Mr. Michael J. Murray** :—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob (8).

For **Mr. Ed. R. O'Byrne** :—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Murdoch and Miss E. F. Bobbett (3).

Mr. E. Kinsella was then eliminated and the next vote resulted as follows :—

For **Mr. Patrick Byrne** :—Councillors P. Kehoe, W. Lawless and M. Brennan (3).

For **Mr. Michael Cullen** :—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; A. Toomey, C. M. Byrne and J. O'Toole (4).

For **Mr. Michael Murray** :—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, W. Cleary, T. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, J. Jacob, J. Everett, T.D. (8).

For **Mr. Ed. O'Byrne** :—Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Murdoch, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne (5).

Mr. Patrick Brennan was then eliminated and the next vote resulted as follows :—

For **Mr. Michael Cullen** :—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and J. O'Toole (6).

For **Mr. Michael Murray** :—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Jacob (9).

For **Mr. Ed. R. O'Byrne** :—Councillors W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Murdoch, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne (5).

Mr. Edward R. O'Byrne was then eliminated and a vote was taken as to whether Mr. Michael Cullen or Mr. Michael J. Murray would be appointed and resulted as follows :—

For **Mr. Michael Cullen** :—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett (8).

For **Mr. Michael Murray** :—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob and H. J. Byrne (12).

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved :—

"That, having considered and examined the applications received for the position of Rate Collector, No. 13/14/15 District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Michael J. Murray, 38 Main Street, Arklow, to the position in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister for Local Government on 30th July, 1947."

Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR, NO. 10 DISTRICT

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved :—

"That this Council considers that, having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for No. 10 Collection District, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of these duties, and the qualifications for that office, the person to be appointed for the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination, and we decide that the person be selected as the result of an examination of the applications received."

Passed unanimously.

Particulars of the applications for the position had been circulated to the members of the Council.

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

For **Mr. James Byrne** :—Councillors W. Hammond, W. Lawless, M. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett (4).

For **Mr. Patrick J. Clancy** :—Councillors W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey (3).

For **Mr. Edward Curley** :—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, Ed. Byrne, J. Jacob, J. Everett, T.D. (7).

For **Mr. Jeremiah Doyle** :—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne and J. O'Toole (4).

For Mr. R. Fitzpatrick:—Councillor H. J. Byrne (1).

For Mr. Enda Kinsella:—Councillor G. Timmins (1).

Mr. R. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Enda Kinsella having been eliminated, a further vote was taken and resulted as follows:—

For Mr. James Byrne:—Councillors W. Hammond, W. Lawless, M. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett (4).

For Mr. Patrick J. Clancy:—Councillors W. Cleary, P. Kehoe and A. Toomey (3).

For Mr. Edward Curley:—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob, T. O'Reilly (8).

For Mr. Jeremiah Doyle:—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne, H. J. Byrne and J. O'Toole (5).

Mr. Patrick J. Clancy having been eliminated, a further vote resulted as follows:—

For Mr. James Byrne:—Councillors W. Hammond, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, Miss E. F. Bobbett (4).

For Mr. Edward Curley:—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob (8).

For Mr. Jeremiah Doyle:—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, P. Murdoch, C. M. Byrne, H. J. Byrne (8).

Mr. James Byrne having been eliminated, the question was put as to whether Mr. Edward Curley or Mr. Jeremiah Doyle would be appointed, and a vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

For Mr. Edward Curley:—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett (11).

For Mr. Jeremiah Doyle:—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and H. J. Byrne (9).

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That having considered and examined the applications received for the position of Rate Collector, No. 10 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Edward Curley, Roundwood, to the position in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister for Local Government on 30th July, 1947."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 11—AGREEMENT UNDER FIRE BRIGADES ACT

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 3rd June, 1954, from the Secretary, Kildare County Council, it had been indicated that Kildare County Council would be prepared to enter into an agreement, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, to serve, for fire brigade purposes, the area adjoining Blessington and round the Poulaphouca Lake, as shown on map enclosed with letter, provided that Wicklow County Council would pay Kildare County Council the actual cost incurred due to attendance at each fire, plus an annual fee of £100 to cover capital costs. The Chief Fire Officer recommended strongly that the offer be accepted, as the annual cost of maintaining the Blessington Fire Brigade was in the region of £230 per annum and the incidents of fire serviced by them was only two in the past four years.

The Council decided not to enter into the proposed agreement with Kildare County Council, and indicated that in the opinion of the members it would be preferable to improve the Fire Brigade Service in County Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Carlow County Council had proposed

that that Council and Wicklow County Council enter into an agreement for mutual assistance under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940. The terms of the proposed agreement would cover the attendance of the Fire Brigades of Carlow County Council when available and when required at fires occurring anywhere in County Wicklow, and similarly the attendance of the Fire Brigades of Wicklow County Council when available and when required at fires occurring anywhere in the County of Carlow; payments to be made for services rendered by either Brigade to be the actual cost of attendance incurred by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the entering into an agreement with Carlow County Council for mutual assistance for fire fighting under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, in accordance with the draft agreement submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 12—ACCESS TO THE SEA BETWEEN ARKLOW AND WICKLOW

The following letter from Messrs. C. J. Louth & Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Messrs. Desmond and Ivan Sharpe, was submitted:—

Ferrybank,
Arklow,
17th May, 1954.

Secretary,
County Council,
Wicklow.

Re: Acquisition of Access to Seashore: Desmond and Ivan Sharpe.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter to us of the 21st ult. in reference to the acquisition by the County Council of portions of the lands at Johnstown North, we have now seen Mr. Desmond Sharpe relative to same.

The total area of the plots proposed to be acquired off this holding is 9 acres 1 rood and 5 perches, and Mr. Sharpe states that he is not willing to agree to the acquisition of same, as the acquisition of these plots would greatly interfere with the proper working of his farm and the amenities attached to same, and it would also cut him off completely from the foreshore adjoining his lands, as owing to the nature of the approach to the foreshore over the remaining portion of the lands, access to the seashore would be impossible. For the reasons mentioned; therefore, Mr. Sharpe is not prepared to name any sum which he would be prepared to accept for the transfer of the plots in question, as he does not wish to have same acquired by the County Council at all. If the County Council insists on acquiring the said plots, the amount of compensation that will have to be paid for same will be very substantial.

So far as Mr. Ivan Sharpe is concerned, he is not at present resident in this country and we have been unable to obtain his personal instructions; but Mr. Desmond Sharpe informs us that he is not agreeable to the acquisition of the plot off his holding in the townland of Ballinaskea.

Yours truly,

C. J. LOUTH & SON.

The Council noted that Messrs. Desmond and Ivan Sharpe were not agreeable to sell lands to the Council to provide access to the sea at Johnstown North and Ballinaskea.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. N. Murdoch, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he did not think it would be practicable to obtain access to the sea at Three-Mile-Water, as the

distance would be almost half a mile over uneven and difficult ground and the meanderings of the river would present another problem.

The Council directed that the Assistant County Engineer investigate the matter further, and indicated that in their opinion it would be desirable to obtain some means of access to the sea at Three-Mile Water.

ITEM NO. 13—NEW COASTAL ROAD AT SILVER STRAND

The following letter from the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce was submitted:—

Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.
10th June, 1954.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

New Coastal Road

A Chara,

At the meeting of the Wicklow Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday last a member referred to the fact that the opening of the new coastal road via Silver Strand had not been attended by any ceremony. The general view of the members was that it was a pity that it was not made an occasion for a ceremonial opening, so as to have more publicity given to the completion of the work so admirably carried through by the County Council and its staffs and attract more tourist traffic to the district for the present season.

I was asked by the members would I convey this idea to your Council, if it is not deemed too late now to hold an official opening. It would serve a double purpose, as it would inform the public motoring organisations and others of its existence and would give local people the opportunity to voice their appreciation of what the Council had done for them.

I was also asked would you officially inform the A.A. and the R.I.A.C. of the fact, and that we would follow up such a communication as well, in order that in the preparation of their maps, guides, etc., they would have it included for the future.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Mise, le meas,

P. J. NOONAN,

Secretary.

The Council approved of the suggestion made by the Chamber of Commerce that a ceremonial opening of the road be arranged. It was suggested that the Minister for Local Government might be asked to perform the opening ceremony. The Council directed that the Chamber of Commerce be asked if they would sponsor the proposal and make the necessary arrangements.

ITEM NO. 14—PROVISION OF SEATS AT BLESSINGTON

The following letter from the Blessington Guild, Irish Countrywomen's Association, was submitted:—

Blessington,
31st May, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

The members of the Blessington Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association have asked me to express their appreciation of the allocation to them of a site for a roadside garden in the town. They hope to proceed with the work shortly.

The Guild has now instructed me to request you to consider the erection of a seat round the "Four Stone Tree," in order to facilitate the people who visit

Blessington during the summer and who at present wait for buses and rest sitting on the pavement.

The Guild would appreciate it if you would give this request your sympathetic consideration.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,

R. BYRNE (Mrs.),
Hon. Secretary.

The Council agreed that the provision of seats would be a desirable amenity for the town, and it was

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of two seats at Blessington as requested by the Blessington Guild, Irish Countrywomen's Association."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 15—APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The County Manager stated that under Section 48 of the Health Act, 1953, the Council were required to appoint a Consultative Health Committee, consisting of ten members of whom not less than four members would be members of the County Council. The Committee would also include the County Medical Officer of the County, the County Surgeon, or, if there was no such officer, the Medical Officer of a health institution maintained by the Council, and two other registered medical practitioners resident in the County, each of whom was nominated by a body which in the opinion of the Council was representative of the registered medical practitioners practising in the County. The County Manager stated that since there was no County Surgeon it would appear that Dr. J. P. Cunniffe, who was the medical officer in charge of the largest institution maintained by the Council, i.e., St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, would be the appropriate officer to be appointed to the Committee under that heading. The Council had agreed that the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Medical Association would be the appropriate body to nominate the two other registered medical practitioners to act on the Committee. The Wicklow Branch of the Irish Medical Association nominated two medical practitioners, one of whom, however, was also a Dispensary Medical Officer, and a difficulty arose in connection with this nomination in view of the provisions of Section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1925, which required that no person should hold any office, or be employed for remuneration by any local authority, while he was, or within twelve months after he had ceased to be, a member of such local authority or an adjoining local authority. The Council's Solicitor had been consulted in the matter, and his advice was as follows:—

4 Church St.,
Wicklow.
15th June, 1954.

Re: Constitution of Consultative Health Committee.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 12th inst. and we note that by Section 48 of the Health Act, 1953, it is necessary for the County Council to appoint a Consultative Health Committee and that such committee should consist of 10 members, including:—

- (a) Not less than 4 members of the County Council;
- (b) County Medical Officer;
- (c) the County Surgeon, or, if there is no such officer, the senior Medical Officer in a health institution maintained by the Council, and
- (d) 2 medical practitioners residing in the county.

It is also noted that there is no County Surgeon in Wicklow and that it is proposed to appoint Dr. J. P. Cunniffe, who is the Medical Officer in charge of the largest institution maintained by the County Council.

This appointment is, in our opinion, in order, as is that of the County Medical Officer.

However, as regards the two Dispensary Medical Officers suggested, we feel that their position is in a different category, and that their appointment would be affected by Section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Health Act of 1953 is by no means clear. It does not, however repeal Section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and we agree that while the 1953 Act should as far as possible be made workable, in our opinion a Dispensary Medical Officer should not be appointed to the above Committee.

It is clear that there are medical practitioners other than Dispensary Doctors in the county, and we suggest that it would be better policy to appoint two such practitioners rather than two Dispensary Doctors.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL & CO.

M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager.

The Council noted the advice of the Council's Solicitor and decided to defer the appointment of the Committee, and directed that the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Medical Association and the Dispensary Medical Officer concerned be informed of the position. The Council agreed that six members of the Council would be appointed to the Committee.

ITEM NO. 16—B.C.G. VACCINATION SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that in connection with the arrangements for the treatment of tuberculosis it had been suggested by the Department of Health that the Council would consider the making of a special scheme for B.C.G. vaccination. The scheme would help in the treatment or elimination of tuberculosis by providing special facilities and treatment for contacts of T.B. cases, children of T.B. patients, and school children. Dr. J. A. Dunlevy, Acting County Medical Officer, who attended the meeting, explained to the members of the Council the details of the proposed scheme. He stated that although there had been a substantial fall in the death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis between 1944 and 1953, it was desirable that this scheme be provided. To operate the scheme a medical officer, nurse and clerk would be required, as each case would require four visits. It was intended to test all school children and, with the consent of the parents or guardians, to vaccinate all children who might be susceptible to tuberculosis. The vaccination was effective for three years, and probably was effective up to ten years. About 1,500 had been vaccinated in Wicklow up to date, and it was now desired to extend the scheme to all school children.

The members of the Council agreed unanimously that the scheme was most desirable, and approved, on the proposal of Councillor W. Cleary, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, of putting the scheme into operation.

ITEM NO. 17—AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Secretary stated that in view of increased demands on the Council's Ambulance Service to cope with road accidents and other emergencies, it was considered desirable that an additional new ambulance be provided as a necessary reserve. The existing fleet of ambulances was as follows:—

Baltinglass District Hospital—Dodge Ambulance, purchased 1948; small Morris Ambulance, purchased 1953.

Wicklow County Hospital—Dodge Ambulance, purchased 1949.

St. Colman's Hospital—Dodge Ambulance, purchased 1950; additional reserve Ford, purchased 1941.

At least two of the existing ambulances were almost worn out; a new ambulance would have to be purchased shortly, quite apart from the extra demands now experienced. In addition, the Council had arrangements with a garage at Bray and a garage at Arklow under which an ambulance was available at all times.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the purchase of one new ambulance."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 18—PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT KILCOOLE

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had indicated that Mr. Patrick Byrne, from whom it had been proposed to obtain a site for the public convenience at Kilcoole, had not as yet furnished evidence of title to the plot proposed to be acquired. Councillor W. Lawless stated that he understood that Mr. Byrne was agreeable to take any steps necessary to have his title to the plot confirmed, and asked if he could obtain a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Byrne by the Council's Solicitor.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that he would interview Mr. Byrne with a view to his taking the necessary steps to obtain a satisfactory title.

The Council agreed to defer the matter.

ITEM NO. 19—WATER SUPPLY: LISCOLMAN

The County Secretary stated an application had been received for the erection of a pump to supply water to four cottages at Liscolman, Coolkenno. The application had been investigated by the Assistant County Engineer and the Health Inspector. The Health Inspector recommended that in view of the unsuitable nature of the present water supply, which was obtained from a well situate in a ditch a few yards from the public road, that the Council should provide a well and pump. The Assistant County Engineer agreed with the Health Inspector's recommendation, and estimated the cost of providing a well and pump at £200.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of a pump to supply water to four Council cottages at Liscolman, Coolkenno, at estimated cost of £200, the work to be included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 20—WATER SUPPLY: RATHMOON

At the meeting of the Council held on 7th September, 1953, the Council had considered a proposal for the extension of the water main at Baltinglass to provide a water supply for cottages at Rathmoon, and had noted that the cost of extending the water main would be about £360. The Council had asked that a diviner be employed to see if water could be obtained nearer to the cottages and a well sunk. The Assistant County Engineer reported that a water diviner had stated that water could be obtained at Rathmoon without sinking a well beyond 30 feet. The supply was quite convenient to the three cottages, near Mr. Joseph Burke's gate, and across the public road. The pump could be erected at the side of the road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of pump at estimated cost of £100 to provide water supply at Rathmoon, the work to be included on the priority list."

Passed.

ITEM NO. 21—WATER SUPPLY: IRISHTOWN, DONARD

The Assistant County Engineer reported that the water diviner employed to investigate the water supply at Irishtown, Donard, had reported that water could be obtained without sinking a well beyond 30 feet. The supply was about 25 yards from the public road on a laneway leading to some of the Council's cottages. The Assistant County Engineer did not anticipate that there would be any difficulty if it were required to erect a pump there, and that the pump would be sited convenient to the three cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump at estimated cost of £100 to provide water supply for cottages at Irishtown, the work to be included in priority list."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 22—WATER SUPPLY: COOLROE, TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that there were three households depending on supply of water which was situate in a field about 10 yards from the road boundary ditch on the lands of Mr. McGuire. The Health Inspector recommended that the well be taken over and improved by the County Council for the use of the occupants of three houses, one of which was a Council cottage and the other two the property of the Coollattin Estate. The owner of the land, who was written to on the matter, had not replied, and on being approached by the Assistant County Engineer had indicated that he was not disposed to grant the Council the facilities sought. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that a well be sunk and pump erected at the estimated cost of £200.

The Council deferred a decision on the matter, pending the obtaining of a further sample of water from the well on Mr. McGuire's land and pending an approach to Mr. McGuire by the members of the Council for the district with a view to obtaining his agreement to the improvement of the well and its use by the occupants of the three houses.

ITEM NO. 23—WATER SUPPLY: ROUNDWOOD

The County Secretary Stated that the Department of Local Government had approved of the documents submitted for the improvement of the Roundwood water supply, and that the owners of the land had consented to the acquisition of the land and way-leaves required. The estimate for the work was £1,517 15s., and a sum of £90 would be required for the acquisition of land and water rights. It was necessary to authorise the raising of a loan of £1,608 to defray the cost of the scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £1,608 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, to defray the cost of improvements to Roundwood water supply."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 24—WATER SUPPLY: COOLBOY

The County Secretary stated that the mortgage for the loan of £9,230 to defray the cost of the water supply scheme at Coolboy-Coolfancy was available for sealing by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £9,230 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1954."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that a number of applications had been received for connections to the supply, which would be available shortly. A survey had been made of the premises capable of being connected, and it had been found that the total valuation of the houses was £62 10s. It would be necessary to determine a water rate to be charged in respect of connections from the supply. The annual outlay on the scheme amounted in all to £865, of which loan charges were £637 approximately. On the basis of the valuation of £62 10s. the rate in the £ to meet all outgoings would be 73/- in the £.

The County Manager pointed out that the cost of the scheme was very high in relation to the number of premises which would be served by it, and suggested that in lieu of a water rate the Council might consider the fixing of a charge of, say, £3 per annum for each premises connected. Persons using water for non-domestic purposes would have their supply metered, and would be charged at the rate of 2/6 per 1,000 gallons.

Members of the Council considered that a charge of £3 per annum would be too high and might discourage persons from connecting to the supply. It was pointed out that the highest rate charged in any area was 6/- in the £.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"Having considered estimate of annual outlay on Coolboy-Coolfancy water supply scheme, we approve of water rate of 6/- in the £ being charged in respect of each premises connected to the water supply, and agree that persons using water for non-domestic purposes should have the supply metered and charged for at the rate of 2/6 per 1,000 gallons."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 25—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT SPRINGFIELD, KILBRIDE AND BALLYMURRIN LOWER

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, the County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer and Health Inspector had been asked to investigate the matter and submit reports, which would be available for the next meeting.

Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett asked that the Assistant County Engineer call on Mr. Nolan in connection with the matter.

ITEM NO. 26—NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following report of the meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held on 21st May, 1954, was submitted:—

County Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee

A meeting of the County Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee was held at the Town Hall, Bray, on Friday, 21st May, 1954, at 4 p.m.

The following members were present:—District Justice L. Price, Chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne and H. J. Byrne, and Mr. P. J. Noonan, The County Secretary and Mr. R. Kavanagh, Clerk of Works, attended, Mr. J. H. Harbison, A.M.I.C.E., representing An Bord Fáilte, was present. The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30th November, 1953, were read, confirmed and signed.

Glendalough: The Committee approved of the County Engineer's recommendation that old granite quoins available at the Jail Yard, Wicklow, be used to provide stone steps at the entrance to the old Burial Ground at Glendalough, and noted that An Bord Fáilte had approved also of this proposal.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer, Mr. Kavanagh, Clerk of Works and himself had met Very Rev. Father Gallagher and members of the Glendalough Burial Ground Committee on 16th March, 1954, and had inspected the Burial Ground with a view to improving the paths through the Burial Ground and the access to the Cathedral. Mr. Kavanagh, Clerk of Works, submitted a map showing the proposed layout of the path, and stated that in all about 82 headstones would have to be moved. The Committee agreed that there would be no objection to the moving of the headstones provided that each headstone still remained on part of the grave. In the case of the headstones in the Cathedral, the Committee agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Noonan that the Secretary send a letter for publication in the "Wicklow People" giving details of the works proposed to be carried out at Glendalough Burial Ground and particulars of the headstones in the Cathedral which it was desired to move, and asking that any person having an interest in these particular graves communicate with the Secretary to the Committee. The Committee agreed also that a draft of the letter be sent to the Local Burial Ground Committee before publication.

The Clerk of Works stated that the County Engineer suggested that a small public convenience be provided in the Burial Ground, and proposed a site at the back of the building known as "St. Kevin's Kitchen." The Committee decided to postpone consideration of this matter until a further inspection of the Burial Ground had been made. In the meantime, the County Engineer was asked to see Mr. Wynne, owner of the land adjoining, in regard to a possible site for a public convenience.

Kilcrony Church: The Secretary read correspondence with Sir Basil Goulding, Bart., on behalf of the Board of Kilcrony Hotel in regard to the provision of public access to the Old Church at Kilcrony. The Committee noted that the Board of the Hotel were unwilling to accept that a public right-of-way might be granted and considered that such right-of-way would prejudice the value of the estate. The Committee decided that the provision of access to Kilcrony Church be referred to An Bord Fáilte for consideration.

Erection of Plaques on Monuments: Mr. Harbison, An Bord Fáilte, submitted nine plaques for erection at the following places: (1) Round Mount, Wicklow; (2) Church Doorway, Wicklow; (3) Franciscan Abbey, Wicklow; (4) Black Castle, Wicklow; (5) Castletimon; (6) Fassaroe; (7) Oldcourt; (8) Kilcrony; (9) Raheenauclig. It was agreed that the County Engineer arrange for the erection of all the plaques with the exception of the following: (1) Round Mount, Wicklow; (2) Oldcourt; (3) Kilcrony. The six plaques to be erected were taken by Mr. Kavanagh, Clerk of Works. The plaque for Kilcrony was retained by Mr. Harbison; the plaque for Oldcourt was handed to Mr. H. J. Byrne, who undertook to interview Mr. Addison of Oldcourt House with a view to obtaining permission for the erection of the plaque. Mr. H. J. Byrne stated that Mr. Addison would not be agreeable to a public right-of-way being provided to the monument at Oldcourt, but was prepared to allow access on application to him.

Round Mount, Wicklow: The Committee noted that difficulties had arisen in relation to the provision of access to the Round Mount, Wicklow, and that an estimate for the erection of additional fencing, costing £91 16s., had been submitted. The Committee agreed that District Justice Price and Mr. P. J. Noonan meet the County Manager on Wednesday, 2nd June, 1954.

to inspect the site and to endeavour to reach agreement on the matter with the persons concerned. The plaque in relation to the Round Mount was handed to District Justice Price.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Harbison stated that he would make inquiries concerning the provision of a plaque for Killincarrig Castle.

The Committee considered the provision of similar signs on ancient monuments in other parts of the county—Arklow—Rathdrum area and in Baltinglass area. A decision on the matter was deferred.

It was suggested to Mr. Harbison, An Bord Fáilte, that the Board might consider providing a plan of Glendalough indicating the sites of all places of interest in the district, the plan to be displayed at a suitable place near the entrance to the Burial Ground.

The meeting then terminated.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the Minutes of the meeting of the County Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee held at Bray on Friday, 21st May, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 27—COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The following letter from the County Councils' General Council was noted by the Council:—

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin.

11 Bealtaine, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

Re. your three letters of 16th March, 1954, at the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 6th inst, the following were the decisions arrived at:—

(1) Your Council's letter re. opening of roads by Statutory Undertakers was put into the form of a motion by me as follows and adopted:—

"That where a local authority propose to resurface a road, notice of their intention be served on any Statutory Undertaker concerned as the E.S.B., the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Gas Companies, etc., and that such Statutory Undertaker be requested to re-lay any mains, cables, etc., required within a specified period so that road surfaces recently laid by the local authority should not be subsequently re-opened for the purpose of repairs to such mains and cables."

(2) Your Council's notice re. Malicious injuries Claims was referred to the Emergency Committee.

(3) Your letter re. Fire Brigade Services was put into the form of a motion by me as follows and adopted:—

"That Fire Insurance Companies should be compelled to make a contribution towards the costs incurred by the local authority in providing and maintaining a fire brigade service in their area."

Mise, le meas,

ENRI MAC DAIBHEID,

Runai.

The County Secretary stated that the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council would take place during Horse Show Week (3rd to 7th August). Notice of any matters which the Council desire to have placed on the Agenda should reach the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, on or before 26th July, 1954.

ITEM NO. 28—SALE OF STRYCHNINE

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

Custom House,
Dublin,
25 Bealtaine, 1954.

F.14/11.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 21st April and subjoined copy of a resolution adopted by the Council, the Minister for Health has asked me to say that the control imposed on the sale of strychnine by the Poisons Code was extended in 1951 to cover preparations containing strychnine which are intended for veterinary or agricultural use. The Minister intends at a suitable future date to revise the entire poisons legislation and the imposition of further controls on the sale of strychnine will be considered at that time. In the meantime, your Council's views on the laying of poison on lands have been brought to the notice of the Minister for Agriculture.

Mise, le meas,

B. HENSEY.

An Runai,
Comhairle Conntae Chill Mantaín.

WELL-BORING PLANT

In reply to Councillor W. Lawless regarding the delay in obtaining additional well-boring plant for the north-eastern area, the County Engineer stated that the plant was on order and that he would make every effort to have it available as soon as possible.

ITEM NO. 29—INQUIRIES ARISING OUT OF COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

The Council noted the orders made by the County Manager during the month of May, 1954.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor A. Toomey and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I, or someone on my behalf, will at the next County Council meeting ask that the river at Ballineddan, Knockenarrigan, Donard, be put in a state which will leave the road adjoining the river passable for traffic. If necessary, land to be acquired compulsorily."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 30th June, 1954.

The following members were present:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, William Cleary, Godfrey Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, Paul Kehoe, Andrew Toomey, James O'Toole, Edward Byrne, Malachy J. Brennan, William Lawless, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. Byrne, Miss E. F. Bobbett, Joseph Jacob.

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

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of three representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.
4. Appointment of seven representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
5. Appointment of representatives on County Councils' General Council.
6. Appointment of representative on Irish Tourist Association.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea suggested that since it was likely that there would be an election for members to the Council during the coming year, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Council representatives on various Committees be re-appointed for a further year. Councillor W. Hammond seconded Councillor Senator McCrea's proposal, and Councillor C. M. Byrne also supported the proposal.

ITEM NO. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year or until such time as his successor has been appointed and takes up office."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and 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 THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD

The County Secretary stated that the number of members to be appointed to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board by each of the contributing authorities was in proportion to the contribution payable by the authorities for the year ended 31st March, 1954. In consequence, the representation from the Council on the Board for the coming year would be reduced from four to three.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary.

and resolved:—

"That we appoint the following members to represent Wicklow County Council on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board:—

Councillors C. M. Byrne,
W. Lawless,
P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES ON RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That the following seven members be appointed to represent, with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

Councillors Miss E. F. Bobbett,
C. M. Byrne,
E. Byrne,
J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.
J. Jacob,
W. Lawless,
C. W. Hudson.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That the following members be appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the County Councils' General Council:—

Councillors Miss E. F. Bobbett,
C. M. Byrne,
Senator J. J. McCrea.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That the following member be appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association:—

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

Passed unanimously.

BALTINGLASS WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the draft mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £4,800 for Baltinglass Water Supply Improvements Scheme and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year."

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing and other matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th July, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. Ua Tuathail, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, M. J. Brennan, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during month of June, 1954.
2. Cottage Purchase Scheme: letter from Department of Local Government approving of scheme.
3. Letter of 25th June, 1954, from Cottage Tenants' Association, Newtownmount-kennedy, expressing thanks for provision of concrete seats at Newtownmount-kennedy.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Repairs carried out during month of June, 1954.
7. Authorisation of repairs to cottages.

ITEM NO. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Schemes during the month of June, 1954, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—HOUSING SECTION

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow,
2nd July, 1954.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—Month of June, 1954

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 406 (including 47 by contract).

There is one cottage in progress at Kilcronney under this Scheme.

Under the Kindlestown Scheme 30 houses have been completed. A further 10 houses were commenced during the month.

At O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, 16 houses are nearing completion.

At Kilmagig, Avoca, 12 houses are in progress.

The total number of men employed on housing during June, 1954, was:—

Kilcronney	.....	.....	Skilled 3; unskilled 1
Newtownmountkennedy	.....	.....	Skilled 4; unskilled 15
Kilmagig, Avoca	.....	.....	Skilled 7; unskilled 14
Kindlestown (No. 3)	.....	.....	Skilled 3; unskilled 6

Totals 17 26

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £379,182 6s. 5d., made up as follows:—

Wages	£151,657	18	6
Materials	£190,715	19	0
Payments to Contractors	£36,808	8	11

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

1946 SCHEME

Northern Area :

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1954	184
Cottages completed during June, 1954	0

Total completed 184

Completed under Kindlestown Scheme	30
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10

Total completed 40

In Progress : Kindlestown (No. 3)	10
Newtown Scheme	16
Kilcrouney (1946 Scheme)	1

Total in progress 27

South-Eastern Area :

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1954	80
Cottages completed during June, 1954	0

Total completed 80

In Progress : (1946 Scheme) Kilmagig, Avoca	12
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Southern Area :

Cottages completed to 30th June, 1954	54
Cottages completed under separate Scheme at Lugduff	3

Total completed 57

In progress	0
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Western Area :

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1954	88
Cottages completed during June, 1954	0

Total completed 88

In progress	0
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Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Schemes during the month of June, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the County Engineer's Report, Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea enquired as to the progress being made in regard to the 1952 Housing Scheme, and protested against the delay in having this Scheme put in hands. It was indicated to Senator McCrea that the Council's Architect had the preparation of documents in hands and it was hoped to be in a position to submit them to the Department for approval during the coming week. It was pointed out that in connection with this Scheme the Department required the submission of separate layout plan in respect of each site and that this entailed the preparation of a very large number of documents.

The Council directed that a report on this subject be submitted to the meeting of the Council to be held on 12th inst.

Councillor Lawless referred to the necessity for provision of houses at Kilcoole and was informed that the County Engineer was investigating the possibility of acquiring a suitable site.

KINDESTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF MR. JOSEPH FURLONG, TIMEKEEPER

It was arranged to hold a meeting of the local Housing Committee at the Town Hall, Bray, on Thursday, 15th inst., at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering correspondence in relation to the above matter.

ITEM NO. 2—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME NO. 2

It was indicated to the Council that the Minister for Local Government had by Order dated 26th May, 1954 approved, with modifications, of the County Wicklow Labourers' Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 2. The Council was informed that it would now be necessary to have the Scheme printed, following which the required copies would be forwarded to the Department for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas. When approved by the Oireachtas the Minister would issue an Order fixing the date for the coming into operation of the Scheme, and the Scheme would then be advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Labourers Acts, 1936.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked that each tenant who had applied for purchase be informed of the position.

ITEM NO 3—CONCRETE SEATS AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The Council noted the following letter:—

Cottage Tenants' Association,
Newtownmountkennedy,
25th June, 1954.

The County Manager and all members of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I wish to inform you and members of Wicklow County Council that at a recent meeting of above Association a vote of thanks was proposed and passed unanimously in respect of the supplying of concrete seats to Newtownmountkennedy during the past few weeks.

Please convey vote of thanks to members of Wicklow County Council.

Mise, le meas,

T. McCARTHY,

Hon. Sec.

ITEM NO. 4—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

Having considered the following report from the County Engineer regarding the proposed additions to the Parochial Club Rooms at Newtownmountkennedy, it was decided to request submission of a full development site plan of the entire proposals:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
5th July, 1954.
County Manager,

Proposed Additions to Parochial Club Rooms at Newtownmountkenny

Dear Sir,

The documents submitted in connection with the above proposals are not entirely adequate, but if definite information is now forthcoming as requested, further consideration can be given. There are some points which require careful consideration and planning.

1. The general character of the building and its relation to the village should be carefully considered, especially as it is intended to use it for village and parochial activities. If properly planned a suitable building would add considerably to the appearance and general aim of the locality.
2. The site of the proposed building is situated adjoining the main traffic road so that careful investigation of the car park facilities would be desirable; in this connection, of course, the siting of the Hall at a point further away from the village on this road would not be altogether as safe as in the village itself, where traffic would be slower. I understand that suitable arrangements for parking can be got in the immediate vicinity of the premises.
3. The Hall to be erected would be in a position where the amenities of sewerage, water supply, electric light, etc., would be available at reasonable cost.

Generally, therefore, it is most desirable that full development site plan be submitted of the entire proposals. An agreement should be arrived at with the Council before any further building operations take place. I believe that any outstanding difficulties can be resolved.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

TEMPORARY DWELLINGS AT OldCOURT, BRAY

The following report from Assistant Engineer, R. M. Fenlon, was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
5th July, 1954.

M. J. Conboy, Esq.,
A/County Secretary.

Temporary Dwelling at Oldcourt, Bray

A Chara,

A temporary dwelling has been erected at Oldcourt, Bray, on the lands of Miss Moore Bethel, "Chesterfield," Oldcourt, Bray, by a Miss Crowley, 26 Charlemont Street, Dublin. The structure is approximately 100 feet from the County Road known as "Soldiers' Road," off Killarney Road, and fronts at a distance of approximately 30 ft. an avenue leading to private house.

The dwelling consists of four apartments, namely:—

1. **Living Room:** 9 ft. 6 ins. x 8 ft. 4 ins.; ceiling heights 7 ft. 10 ins. to 6 ft. 7 ins., with one window 2 ft. 11 ins. x 2 ft. 8 ins.
2. **Bedroom:** 6 ft. 9 ins. x 8 ft. 4 ins.; ceiling heights 7 ft. 10 ins. to 6 ft. 7 ins., with one window 2 ft. 11 ins. x 2 ft. 8 ins.
3. **Bedroom:** 6 ft. 11 ins. x 8 ft. 4 ins.; ceiling heights 7 ft. 10 ins. to 6 ft. 7 ins., with one window 2 ft. 11 ins. x 2 ft. 8 ins.
4. **Kitchenette:** 6 ft. 0 ins. x 5 ft. 0 ins.; ceiling heights 6 ft. 7 ins., with one window 2 ft. 11 ins. x 2 ft. 8 ins.

The walls are timber—tongued and grooved $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. boards lined with hardboard. The roof is of unpainted corrugated aluminium. The partitions are studded hardboard. The outside of the structure, though partially screened by trees, can be seen from the public road, and is painted a light green, except for kitchenette, which is still unpainted.

The dwelling is on a portion of land approximately 1,000 sq. yards in area. An Elsan Closet in a galvanised iron hut has been erected 22 feet from the structure. Water supply is from a fountain on Soldiers' Road.

The structure seems out of place in its location, and taking the type of roof and walling into consideration, it is my opinion that it should be removed. The nearest hydrant is about 350 yards away.

No plans or application for a licence has been received.

Mise, le meas,

R. M. FENLON,

Assistant Engineer.

The Council noted that no plans had been submitted in respect of this structure and that no application had been made for a licence for the use of the land for temporary dwellings as required by Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948. In the circumstances, the Council directed that the owner of the land be requested to remove this structure forthwith.

ITEM NO. 5—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS

Application from Edward Granger, Virgo, Greystones, for a Loan of £1,200 (deferred for further investigation from meeting of 14th June, 1954). The County Manager indicated that following the result of confidential inquiries there would not appear to be any objection to the advancing of a loan of the amount sought in this case.

Application from Mr. Patrick Whelan, Raheen, Baltinglass, for Loan of £1,500. Having considered further representations in the above case the Council recommended that a loan of £1,500 be made to the applicant; this being an increase of £500 on the amount recommended at meeting held on 14th June, 1954.

Re Patrick P. Byrne, Kilmurray, Greystones—Loan of £1,100. It was reported to the Council that the above-named was in arrears with repayments of annuity and the Council's Solicitor had been instructed to institute legal proceedings for recovery. However, in letter dated 2nd June, 1954, Messrs. James Fagan, Solicitors, 57/58 Parnell Square, Dublin, indicated that it was proposed to dispose of the premises by public auction on Thursday, 8th inst., and requested the Council's permission to such sale. In the event of the sale of the premises the entire indebtedness of Mr. Byrne would be discharged to the Council out of the proceeds of the sale. The Council agreed that permission for the sale of the premises be given.

ITEM NO. 6—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of June, 1954.

ITEM NO. 7—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

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

The following matters were referred to the County Engineer for investigation and report:—

1. Proposed extension of water supply at Barton Street, Tinahely, to serve three private houses.
2. Extension of water supply at Bellevue, Delgany, to County Council cottages.

3. Extension of water supply from Killincarrig to Three Trout Bridge.
4. Provision of water supply for Council cottages at Ballyrahan, Tinahely. Proposed improvement of well in yard of Miss Mary Byrne, which at present is used by cottage tenants.

DISPENSARY AT CARNEW

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked that the acquisition of the site on which to erect a Dispensary at Carnew be expedited. In this connection the County Manager informed the Council that negotiations were proceeding with Mr. Doran for the renting of temporary accommodation, but the rent demanded, i.e., 12/- per week, was considered excessive. The Council recommended the County Manager to rent the premises at the figure indicated, the rent to include the caretaking of the premises.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT KILLINCARRIG CROSS

Councillor Lawless asked that the fountain which was being removed owing to road improvements at Killincarrig Cross be installed on the opposite side of the road.

WOODENBRIDGE-SHILLELAGH RAILWAY LINE

The Council asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting regarding negotiations with C.I.E. for the acquisition of certain portions of this property.

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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 July, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Seamus O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, W. Cleary, C. M. O Broin, 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, P. J. Foley, and R. M. Fenlon were present.

The Chairman informed the Council that Councillors C. W. Hudson and J. O'Neill were unable to attend owing to illness. The County Secretary was instructed to convey to Councillor Hudson and Councillor O'Neill the best wishes of the Chairman and members of the Council for their speedy recovery.

AGENDA

1. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1955.
2. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for school year 1954/55.
3. Letter from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, on behalf of Capt. Kemmis re Council's proposal to take over portion of road from Greenane Cross to Greenane Catholic Church.
4. Letter from Secretary, Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce, re Ceremonial Opening of new Wicklow-Arklow Coastal Road.
5. Application from Wicklow Regatta Committee for permission to close to public traffic Parnell Stone Bridge leading to The Morrough, Wicklow, on August Bank Holiday (2nd August, 1954).
6. Letter from Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee nominating candidate for vacancy on Committee.
7. Letter from Chief Agricultural Officer re purchase of Offices from Col. J. Vize for the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
8. Appointment of Consultative Health Committee (adjourned from last meeting).
9. Site for Public Convenience at Kilcoole (adjourned from last meeting).
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Toomey that river at Ballyneddin, Knockenargan and Donard be put in a state which will leave the adjoining road passable for traffic.
11. Application from Rector for grant towards the cost of extending Glenealy Protestant Burial Ground.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Bobbett re the piping of water from well in Mr. Patrick Nolan's field at Ballymurrin Lower to the roadside in order to provide a water supply for cottages at Springfield, Kilbride, and Ballymurrin Lower.
13. Preliminary Order for acquisition of derelict site at Baltinglass.

14. Letter from Anti-Partition Association containing the following resolution: "That the Irish Government adhere to a policy of strict non-co-operation in political matters with military and police forces of the Occupying Powers in the Six Counties."
15. Letter from Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council containing the following resolution: "That this Council request the Government to take immediate action to initiate legislation to compel ground rent landlords to sell their interest at a valuation not exceeding 15 years purchase."
16. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM NO. 1—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1955

The County Secretary submitted draft Scheme for the year 1955. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to refer the Scheme to the Vocational Education Committee for their views and to consider the Scheme again at the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 2—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1954/55

It was

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

and 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 Scholarships 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.
Terence F. Brennan, O'Connell Schools, North Richmond Street, 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 A. Dowds, Alexandra College, Dublin.
Elizabeth M. O'Toole, St. Leo's Convent of Mercy, Carlow.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

and 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 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 College, Wicklow.
Michael N. Wynne, Marist Brothers' 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.
Phelim Cullen, Patrician College, Ballyfin, Mountrath.
Maire Lambert, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.
Edward P. Harding, Royal School, Cavan.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

and 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 Scholarships 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.
Mary T. Cullen, St. Mary's F.C.J., Bunclody.
Mairead A. Laimbeart, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.
Maire C. Ni Eachtain, St. Mary's College, Arklow.
Joseph Senan Jacob, St. Joseph's Secondary School, 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.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further period of twelve months of the Scholarships awarded to the following nine successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarships Scheme, 1953, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of their schools:—

Jeanne Iseult Sheehy, Dominican Convent, Eccles Street, Dublin.
John Martin Gilmore, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Square, Dublin.
Margaret Dagg, Brigidine Convent, Tullow.
Patrick Brendan Quinn, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
Myles E. M. Mullaly, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
John C. Gorman, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
Andrew Wynne, St. Joseph's Intermediate School, Wicklow.
Laurence Doyle, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
Vincent Halpin, St. Joseph's Intermediate School, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—ROAD FROM GREENANE CROSS TO GREENANE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The County Secretary stated that the Council had proposed to take over as a public road the road leading from Greenane Post Office to the entrance gate to the Kemmis Estate at Greenane Catholic Church, and the necessary public

notice had been given. The following letter had been received from Mr. A. Cullen, State Solicitor, on behalf of Capt. Kemmis:—

Church Street,
Wicklow,
28th June, 1954.

Re Road from Greenane Cross to Greenane Catholic Church

Dear Sir,

I understand that there was a proposal at a recent meeting of the Wicklow County Council to take over the above portion of road as a public one, and in this respect I have been consulted by Capt. W. Kemmis, Ballinacor House, Greenane.

This road has been maintained by Capt. Kemmis and his predecessors for many years and there had been some discussions recently between Capt. Kemmis and the local Parish Council in connection with repairs to this roadway. It was not the wish of Capt. Kemmis to impose any permanent liability for the maintenance of this roadway, and he did not think when making the suggestion to the Parish Council that it would be necessary for the Council to take it over.

I may add that since the matter came before the Council Capt. Kemmis has repaired the roadway and is getting gravel to roll in on the roadway to keep it in tone with the Church grounds. Under the circumstances it would appear to me that it will not be necessary for the Council to proceed with the proposal to take over the roadway.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. B. CULLEN.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Council noted the terms of the letter and decided not to proceed with the taking over of the road.

ITEM NO. 4—WICKLOW-ARKLOW COASTAL ROAD

The following letter from the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce was submitted:—

Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow,
3rd July, 1954.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Opening of New Coastal Road

A Chara,
I placed your letter of 23rd June, regarding official opening of the new coastal road from Silver Strand to Brittas before the special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night.

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Mr. H. C. Delahunt and seconded by Mr. C. J. Gelletlie, and passed unanimously, that the County Council be informed that the suggestion conveyed in your letter to the effect that the Chamber of Commerce should organise the ceremonial opening (thereby bearing the cost) was not possible, as the Chamber is not in a position to do so, nor have they the means. It was also felt, as stated by the Chairman in a letter to the meeting, that it would create a dangerous precedent for the members if, because they had pressed the necessity for the carrying out of the work of finishing this road, and expressed public opinion in that respect, they should then arrange such a ceremony.

The suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce was that the County Council should arrange a fitting ceremony in this matter, and as a gesture of their goodwill they are prepared to contribute a sum of £5 towards the cost of any such undertaking by the County Council.

As regards the date, it was felt that that ceremony ought be carried out during the month of July, as this would be the height of the tourist season, and would in all probability be the most convenient date prior to holiday time for the Minister and other members of the public bodies who may be invited and officials.

Mise, le meas mor,

P. J. NOONAN,
Secretary.

Members of the Council pointed out that articles had appeared in the newspapers with reference to the new road, and the Council decided that it would be unnecessary to have a ceremonial opening.

ITEM NO. 5—CLOSING OF ROADS AT WICKLOW

The following application from the Wicklow Regatta Committee was submitted:—

St. Enda's,
Wicklow,
22nd June, 1954.

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

A Chara,

My Committee has instructed me to make application for the closing of the Parnell and Stone Bridges leading to the Murrough, Wicklow, from 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 2nd August, 1954 (Bank Holiday) in connection with the Regatta. The rights of the residents on the Murrough will not be interfered with in any way.

Your Council granted this concession last year and my Committee very much appreciated your co-operation.

Mise, le meas mor,

P. KEHOE,
Acting Hon. Sec., Regatta Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order authorising the Council to close to public traffic the portion of Road No. L.29B across the bridge known as the "Stone Bridge" over the Leitrim River in the Urban District of Wicklow, and from the said bridge to the north end of Leitrim Place in the said Urban District between the hours of 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. on 2nd August, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—BRAY OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

The following letter received from the Clerk to Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee was submitted:—

Lisadell,
Diamond Valley,
Bray,
23rd June, 1954.

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

Re Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee

A Chara,

I am to inform you that the above Committee, at their meeting on 16th inst., nominated Mr. Patrick Savage, Garage Proprietor, Adelaide Road, Bray, to fill

the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Mr. Peter Ledwidge, former member, Mr. Savage has indicated his willingness to accept the appointment if approved by the County Council.

Mise, le meas,
V. C. HAYES,

Clerk.

The Chairman referred to the fact that a number of members of the Sub-Committee did not attend the meetings. Councillor W. Lawless asked that his resignation from the Sub-Committee be accepted, as he found it difficult to attend.

The Chairman stated also that he understood that Very Rev. Canon Campbell wished to resign, and had recommended the appointment in his place of Rev. Mr. Poyntz.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Patrick Savage as a member of the Bray Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Councillor P. Ledwidge; that we appoint Rev. Mr. Poyntz to replace Very Rev. Canon Campbell, resigned, and Councillor J. O'Toole in place of Councillor W. Lawless, resigned."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—PURCHASE OF OFFICE FOR COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The following letter from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture was submitted:—

Market Square,
Wicklow,
1st July, 1954.

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

Re Purchase of County Committee of Agriculture Offices

A Chara,

Your reply to a resolution of my Committee re above subject was read at a meeting of my Committee held on the 29th ultimo.

It was the unanimous opinion of the members that the price of £1,200 asked by the owner, Col. Vize, was reasonable, and that the County Council should seek sanction of the Department of Local Government for the purchase of the premises at this figure.

I was directed to convey this recommendation of my Committee to the County Council.

Mise, le meas,
J. SCOTT,
Chief Agricultural Officer.

The County Secretary stated that in 1947 the Council had proposed to purchase the premises for the sum of £1,000, but the Department of Local Government were not prepared to sanction purchase at this figure. The capital value of the premises taken at 20 years' purchase of the net rent would be £680. The County Secretary stated that the Committee of Agriculture had been informed that the Committee would be free to terminate the Agreement for the letting of the premises on the grounds of unsuitability, provided that the Committee could sustain the contention that the premises were unsuitable. The Committee also would be free to offer a greater price than £680 for the purchase of the premises, but such proposal would incur the risk of surcharge. If, alternatively, a premises

were to be rented by the Committee at a higher rent than that at present paid, the Committee would have to be in a position to justify the payment of a higher rent on the grounds that the premises were more suitable or more commodious.

Having discussed the matter at length, the Council decided that it would not be feasible to purchase the premises at the price asked.

ITEM NO. 8—APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

In view of pending legislation at present before An Dáil, and having regard to the legal difficulty in relation to the constitution of the Committee, the Council decided to defer the appointment of a Consultative Health Committee to a later meeting.

ITEM NO. 9—SITE FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT KILCOOLE

Councillor W. Lawless stated that he had interviewed Mr. Byrne, owner of the site, and that he was quite willing to take whatever steps were required to obtain a satisfactory title, but considered that the price to be paid was very low, and that the Council could assist in the matter of the title.

The County Secretary stated that if Councillor W. Lawless would arrange for Mr. Byrne to call and see the Council's Solicitor and bring with him any documents he had relating to the title, the Council's Solicitor would then be in a position to advise.

ITEM NO. 10—RIVER AT BALLINEDDIN, KNOCKENARRIGAN AND DONARD

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor A. Toomey asked that the river at Ballineddin, Knockenarrigan and Donard be put in a state which would leave the adjoining road passable for traffic, and that if necessary land be acquired compulsorily.

The County Secretary stated that a report would be obtained in regard to a scheme, and if suitable it would be included in the schemes to be submitted for approval under the Local Authorities (Works) Act.

ITEM NO. 11—GLENEALY BURIAL GROUND

The County Manager stated that application had been received from Rev. Reginald K. Lowe, Rathdrum, for a grant from the County Council towards the cost of extending the Burial Ground at Glenealy. The new Burial Ground provided by the Council at Glenealy had been consecrated for use by the Catholic denomination. The Select Vestry of the Protestant Church had also undertaken the work of extending the Protestant Burial Ground.

The Council's Engineer reported that the extension to the Burial Ground contained approximately 16 grave spaces, that the soil was suitable, and also that a 4 ft. 6 in. high concrete wall had been erected round the extension. He estimated the cost of erecting the wall at £102.

It would appear that the Council would be entitled to make a payment to the Select Vestry in consideration of their permitting the burial of Protestants who had a right to interment in the district for a stated number of years.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the payment of a sum of £102 to the Select Vestry, Glenealy, in consideration of their granting the burial of Protestants having right of interment in the Glenealy district for 20 years."

Passed unanimously

ITEM NO. 12—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT SPRINGFIELD, KILBRIDE AND BALLYMURRIN LOWER

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, the Council's Engineer had reported that he had inspected the well on Mr. Patrick Nolan's field and was doubtful if it would be a suitable source of supply, as it was subject to pollution. He had been unable to meet Mr. Nolan or Miss Bobbett on the date of his inspection.

The Council agreed that a sample of water from the well be tested, and the Engineer make a further inspection and meet Mr. Nolan, the owner of the land.

ITEM NO. 13—ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITE AT BALTINGLASS

The County Secretary stated that the site proposed to be used by the Council at Belan Street, Baltinglass, for the new dispensary was not acceptable to the Department of Health in view of its irregular shape, and efforts had been made to acquire another portion of land adjoining in order to obtain a suitable site. It was found that due to a difficulty in relation to the title it would be most convenient to acquire the site under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act. A map was submitted showing the site proposed to be acquired.

It was
Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,
and resolved:—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Preliminary Order for the acquisition of derelict site at Baltinglass as shown on map submitted."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 14—LETTER FROM ANTI-PARTITION ASSOCIATION RE NON-CO-OPERATION IN POLITICAL MATTERS WITH MILITARY OR POLICE FORCES IN THE SIX COUNTIES

The Council decided to mark this matter "read."

ITEM NO. 15—PURCHASE OF GROUND RENTS

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council: "That this Council request the Government to take immediate action to initiate legislation to compel ground rent landlords to sell their interest at a valuation not exceeding 15 years' purchase."

ITEM NO. 16—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

The Council noted the Orders made by the County Manager during the month of June, 1954.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM

The Council noted the following report of the Council's Solicitor in regard to the case of Swift v. Wicklow County Council:—

4 Church Street,
Wicklow,
7th July, 1954.

Re Malicious Injury Claim—Swift v. Wicklow County Council

Dear Sir,

The above claim was heard at the High Court on Circuit on Monday last when, after hearing the evidence, the Judge held that the fire was malicious and awarded a sum of £450 to be levied off the County at Large.

Major Robinson gave evidence on behalf of the Council as to the various ways in which a motor car can accidentally take fire. The Judge, however, stated that having regard to all circumstances, namely, that the car had been stolen; was in unlawful use at the time of the fire; the fact that it was left in a lonely

place without number plates; with the bonnet open and the petrol cap missing, and the fact that it was apparently being used in connection with a number of housebreakings, led him to believe that it was intentionally set on fire for the purpose of covering up the tracks of the person who had stolen it.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL & CO.

VISIT OF MINISTER TO WICKLOW

The Chairman stated that the Minister for Local Government proposed to visit Wicklow to meet the Chairman of the County Council, the Chairmen of the Urban District Councils in the county, and the County Manager. The date suggested was Tuesday, 20th July, 1954.

Councillor P. McCarthy, Chairman of Arklow Urban District Council, stated this date would suit him, and suggested that the meeting be at 2.30 p.m., or at such time as would suit the Minister.

BALTINGLASS WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £4,800 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1954."

Passed unanimously.

PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That pursuant to letter of sanction of the Minister for Local Government dated 14th June, 1954, the sum of £18,406 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of road machinery, the loan to be repaid within 7 years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Ltd."

Passed unanimously.

POLLING PLACES

Councillor W. Cleary asked if it would be possible to alter certain of the Polling Places in the Arklow Electoral Area so as to facilitate voters. It was decided to include the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council, and in the meantime to circulate to the members particulars of the present polling places.

WATER SUPPLY, CASTLEMACADAM

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that four cottages at Castlemacadam required a water supply. It was decided that a report on the matter be obtained from the Council's Engineer.

WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT CHARLESLANDS

It was decided to include this matter on the Agenda for the next meeting of the County Council.

WIDENING OF CORNER AT KILCAVAN GAP

Councillor W. Hammond stated in connection with the widening of the corner at Kilcavan Gap that a number of trees would have to be removed, and that the sum of £14 proposed to be paid to the owner of the land was not adequate.

It was agreed that the Council's Engineer interview the landowner and reach agreement on the matter.

ROAD SERVING AVONDALE HOUSE

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, the County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received in regard to the condition of the road leading to Avondale House. No special provision had been made in the Road Works Scheme for repairs to this road. The Council suggested that as the road leads to a place of historic interest an approach might be made to An Bord Fáilte for a grant towards the cost of repairs.

HIRE CHARGES FOR MACHINERY

Councillor W. Lawless asked that a copy of the approved rates of charges for the hire of machinery be circulated to the members for their information.

SEWERAGE AT KEENAN'S HOTEL, ROUNDWOOD

In reply to complaints by Councillors M. Brennan and W. Lawless, the County Engineer stated that he would call and investigate the matter of the sewerage at Keenan's Hotel, Roundwood.

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, 9th August, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, S. Ua Tuathail, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O Broin, J. Jacob, M. Brennan, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of July, 1954.
2. Housing Scheme at Blessington—proposed layout and house plan.
3. Leasing of site at Kindlestown for shop and dwelling: To consider recommendation of local Housing Committee.
4. La Touche Road, Greystones—proposed taking over of road.
5. Water supply for cottages at Ballyrooaun, Arklow.
6. Water supply for cottages between Wexford boundary and Crosspatrick Church.
7. Water supply at Ballyrahan, Tinahely.
8. Water supply at Kilcoole Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
9. Proposed extension of water supply to cottages adjacent to Kilcoole River.
10. Proposed extension of watermain at Bellevue, Delgany.
11. Water supply and sewerage at Redford.
12. Correspondence re alleged defects in sewage disposal system serving houses at Kilmacanogue.
13. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
14. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
15. Repairs to cottage at Rathmore, Ashford.
16. Application from tenant of cottage at Ballymorris, Aughrim, for permission to remove range and provide tiled fireplace.
17. Repairs carried out during the month of July, 1954.
18. Authorisation of repairs.

ITEM NO. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of July, 1954, was submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

“That we hereby approve of report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of July, 1954.”

Passed unanimously.

REPORT RE PUMPS AND WELLS

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, asked that details of the cost of each well completed during the month be given in the monthly reports in future.

ITEM NO. 2—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME

Layout plan and house designs for the proposed housing scheme at Blessington to include ten houses of two-storey type and also four houses to be let under Tenant Purchase Scheme, were submitted to the Council.

It was

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

and resolved:—

“That we approve of the proposed layout for housing scheme at Blessington.”

Passed.

Following a discussion as to whether the scheme should be carried out by direct labour, or whether tenders should be invited for the work, it was proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Brennan, and passed, that tenders be invited for the scheme and the County Engineer submit a tender for carrying out the work by direct labour.

DERELICT SITES AT DUNLAVIN

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. Kehoe, Assistant County Engineer P. J. Foley, stated that a report in regard to these sites would be available for the September meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 3—LEASING OF SITE AT KINDLESTOWN FOR SHOP AND DWELLING

The Council considered in committee the report of the meeting of the local Housing Committee, held in Bray on the 15th July, 1954, at which three tenders for the leasing of site at Kindlestown for shop and dwelling had been considered.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

“That having considered report of local Housing Committee on tenders received for the leasing of site at Kindlestown for shop and dwelling, and further information obtained, we recommend that the tender of Mr. Thomas Kilbride, in the sum of £20, be accepted.”

Passed unanimously.

KINDLESTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, asked if a report was available on the investigation by the local Housing Committee of complaints made in relation to the housing scheme at Kindlestown, and the termination of the employment of Mr. Joseph Furlong.

The County Secretary submitted the following report of the meeting of the local Housing Committee:—

The Committee considered the file of correspondence on this matter, including letter of 15th May, 1954, from the Bray Trades' and Labour Council and report of County Engineer dated 24th June, 1954. It was pointed out to the Committee that the employment of Joseph Furlong with the County Council commenced at the Ballywaltrim Housing Scheme of ten houses and Cookstown Scheme (six houses) in March, 1949. He then left the Council's employment

and worked with Bray Urban Council from 4th April, 1949, to 27th February, 1954, when he was employed by the County Council on the Kindlestown Housing Scheme; his employment being terminated on the completion of building operations on that scheme about 29th April, 1954.

Having very carefully investigated the allegations contained in the letter from the Bray Trades' and Labour Council, the Committee decided as follows:—

1. **Allegation of Trailing of Men**—The Committee are satisfied that there was no undue trailing of men, but reasonable precautions were taken to ensure proper time-keeping on the job.

2. **Construction and Finish of Houses**—Members of the Committee, having personally inspected a number of the houses at Kindlestown Housing Scheme, could not agree with the views expressed by the Plasterers' Union regarding workmanship and finish of the houses. The Committee considered that the construction and finish of the houses was well up to the required standard, and are of opinion that no undue pressure was brought to bear on men other than was necessary in order to obtain reasonable costs.

3. **Termination of Employment of Mr. Furlong**—No evidence which would indicate that Mr. Furlong was victimised was produced. The Committee are of the opinion that when Mr. Furlong's employment was being terminated the Chief Assistant Engineer may not have conveyed the fact to him in a judicious manner and this probably resulted in giving him the impression that he was being dismissed.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, stated that he had received a statement from Mr. Furlong, in which he made certain charges, and which statement he proposed to submit to the Minister.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that he had visited the houses, and had interviewed the foreman in charge and some of the workmen, and that he was satisfied with the standard of construction of the houses and that he could not agree with the statements made by Mr. Furlong.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, referred to statement made by Mr. Furlong that he had been instructed to charge a certain account to a different scheme.

The County Manager stated that this allegation had not been made in any of the correspondence, and consequently it had not been investigated.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

and resolved:—

“That a sworn inquiry be held into the complaints made regarding the Council's Housing Scheme at Kindlestown, and into roads administration generally.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

“That a Committee representative of the Council be set up to investigate complaints made in relation to the housing scheme at Kindlestown.”

Following a discussion, the Council passed the resolution proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea, and seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole; the resolution proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, having been withdrawn with the consent of Councillor P. McCarthy.

The Council appointed the following members to constitute the Committee: Councillor Senator J. McCrea, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; Councillor P. McCarthy, Councillor W. Hammond, Councillor C. M. Byrne, Councillor J. O'Toole, Councillor G. Timmins, Councillor P. Keogh, Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, and the Chairman of the County Council.

It was agreed that the Committee also would investigate the question of the employment of Mr. Peter Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely, who had complained of victimisation.

The Council agreed that the meeting of the Committee be held at the Town Hall, Bray, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, 23rd August, 1954.

ITEM NO. 4—ROADS AT LA TOUCHE ESTATE

Having considered letter dated 22nd July, 1954, from Messrs. Higginbotham and Stafford, Architects and Civil Engineers on behalf of the La Touche Estate, the Council agreed that it would not be desirable to take over the road at La Touche Estate as a public road unless the footpaths had been completed to the satisfaction of the Council. The Council could not agree to provide footpaths.

ITEM NO. 5—WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT BALLYROOAUN, ARKLOW

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had recommended that a well be sunk and pump erected to serve three cottages at Ballyrooaun, Arklow. There were eighteen persons in the three households, and the present water supply was obtained from an exposed well situate approximately 700 yards from the cottages.

The Assistant County Engineer, in report dated 10th July, recommended that a well and pump be provided at an estimated cost of £250.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of a well and pump at estimated cost of £250, to supply three new cottages at Ballyrooaun—the work to be defrayed from loan, and included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES BETWEEN WEXFORD BORDER AND CROSSPATRICK CHURCH

The County Secretary stated that there were three County Council cottages situate on the road between the County Wexford border and Crosspatrick Church, which had been deprived of water supply owing to the fact that the well in Mr. Dixon's Bog had been taken over for the Coolboy Water Supply Scheme. The Health Inspector recommended that a fountain be provided half-way between Loggan Cross and Crosspatrick Church, and the Assistant County Engineer stated that the cost of providing a fountain would be about £40.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, dated 14th July, 1954, we approve of the provision of fountain at cost of £40, to serve cottages between Wexford border and Crosspatrick Church."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYRAHEEN, TINAHELY

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, dated 21st July, 1954, and having noted that Mr. Byrne required compensation of £100, the Council decided not to proceed further with the matter. The Council noted that persons occupying three private houses, and one County Council cottage, obtained water from well on Miss Byrne's land.

ITEM NO. 8—WATER SUPPLY AT KILCOOLE ROAD, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

Having considered report of County Engineer and Health Inspector, the Council agreed that a pump be provided on a site suitable to serve the Council's cottages. The Council noted that Miss Kay, Rosary Cottage, Kilcoole Road, was proceeding with the provision of her own water supply.

ITEM NO. 9—WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES ADJACENT TO KILCOOLE RIVER

The Health Inspector reported that he had investigated the need for a water supply to the cottages adjacent to Kilcoole River. There were four Council cottages in the immediate vicinity, and three a little further away. The occupants of these cottages obtained their water supply from Kilcoole River, which was definitely unfit for domestic use. The Kilcoole public supply ends at Mr. Garrett Byrne's premises, a distance of approximately 500 yards from the furthest cottage. The Health Inspector suggested that a $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe be laid down for a distance of 250 to 300 yards, where a fountain could be erected. This would bring the supply within reasonable distance of each of the cottages involved. The County Engineer reported that the cost of laying $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter copper pipe, and providing a fountain from the 4" main to a point on the road near Cooldross, would be £128—the distance being 300 lineal yards.

Councillor W. Lawless stated that in his opinion it would be preferable to lay the pipe along the Newtownmountkenedy Road and that this would be more convenient to the cottages.

The Council deferred the matter for report from the County Engineer as to the cost of laying the pipe along the Newtownmountkenedy Road.

ITEM NO. 10—EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY AT BELLEVUE, DELGANY

The County Engineer reported that to serve the four cottages at Bellevue it would be necessary to extend the watermain along the Delgany Road, No. 30, a distance of 136 lineal yards, at an estimated cost of £161 8s. The estimate included the provision of a fountain by the removal of the existing fountain further along the road to serve the four cottages. The permission of Dublin Corporation would be required and this was being sought.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of County Engineer, we approve of extension of watermain at Bellevue to serve four cottages, at estimated cost of £161 8s."

Passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT CHARLES LAND

The County Engineer reported in regard to the proposed extension of the watermain from Killincarrig Cross-Roads to serve cottages at Charlesland, and stated that the distance involved was 670 lineal yards, and that he considered that a 4" diameter main should be laid. The cost, including air valves, hydrant and other fittings, was estimated at £850 10s. The County Engineer stated that he had previously submitted an estimate for the extension of $\frac{3}{4}$ " copper pipe from the Soldiers' Cottages at Charlesland, at a cost of £110, including the provision of a fountain. The Health Inspector had reported that pressure at the existing fountain at the Soldiers' Cottages was very low, and that this might be due to a choked ferrule or a leak in the $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe. If the low pressure were due to a defect in the pipe and that defect were repaired there would be a sufficient supply to provide adequate pressure to the proposed fountain by the extension of the $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe. If, on the other hand, the low pressure was due to a defect in the

existing pipe, he would recommend that a 4" main be laid. The cottages at Charlesland were standing on $\frac{1}{4}$ acre each.

Councillor W. Lawless submitted list of names of 15 persons residing along the road, who were prepared to put in a water supply at their own expense if the Council provided the main. The list included a number of tenants of Council cottages.

The Council directed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the County Council with a view to authorising the raising of a loan to defray the cost of laying the main.

ITEM NO. 11—WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE AT REDFORD

The Council considered report of the County Engineer dated 29th July, 1954, in regard to water supply and sewerage at Redford.

The County Manager stated that the question of providing a water supply and sewerage system for houses at Redford had been raised by a deputation to the Council some while ago, and that since that date the matter had been under examination by the Council's Engineers. In view of the likely difficulty of obtaining further water supplies from the Dublin Corporation he was of the opinion that the supply should be provided locally, and the Council's Engineering staff were investigating the possibility of providing a satisfactory supply. There were several difficulties to be overcome. As regards the proposal to connect to the sewer serving houses on the La Touche Estate new road, this matter would require further examination to ensure that the sewer would be adequate to take the additional load and that the sewerage works would be able to deal with the sewage from the increased number of houses. The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had forwarded complaint received from Mr. S. O. Meadhra, owner of Bridge Bungalow, Redford, Greystones, in regard to the water supply and sewerage system at Redford. Mr. O. Meadhra was the owner of Bridge Bungalow, the tenant of which had applied for a Council cottage. The bungalow had been found to be unfit for human habitation. A sample of water taken at Redford on the 5th July, 1954, had been found to be satisfactory.

The Council noted the position in the matter, and awaited the submission of a further report from the County Engineer.

The Council approved of repairs to the outfall pipe from the Sewage Disposal Works at North Beach, Greystones, at cost of £130.

ITEM NO. 12—SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM SERVING HOUSES AT KILMACANOGUE

The County Secretary stated that complaints had been received from Capt. J. C. Hutson, Giltspur, Kilmacanogue, regarding alleged defects in the sewage disposal system which serves his house and five other houses at Kilmacanogue. When the group of six houses at Kilmacanogue was being erected the Council approved of the provision of one septic tank to serve the six houses, and apparently this septic tank was situated on Mr. Hutson's lands.

The County Medical Officer recently made a special inspection of the sewage disposal system, and had reported that a nuisance existed and that this nuisance was the responsibility of the six households. He had recommended that they be written to, and informed that if they did not abate the nuisance the Council would carry out the necessary works and charge them with the cost. The Council's Solicitor had been consulted on the matter, and agreed that the Council had no responsibility whatsoever for the maintenance of the sewage disposal system, and that such was the responsibility of the householders concerned. The Council's Solicitor advised that each householder be written to pointing out that the Medical Officer was of the opinion that a nuisance existed and that unless the necessary steps were taken by the householders to abate the nuisance that proceedings would have to be instituted under the Public Health Acts.

The Council noted that the Council had no responsibility in regard to the maintenance of the sewage disposal system, and that it was the responsibility of the householders concerned to abate the nuisance which had arisen.

ITEM NO. 13—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The Council noted that permission had been granted for the erection of a factory at Boghall Road, Bray, by the Portland Glass Co., Ltd.

The Council agreed that permission be given to Dublin Trout Anglers' Association to erect a boat-shed on the shores of Poulaphouca Lake as indicated in their letter of 27th July, 1954.

In regard to the application for approval to the erection of a house at Ballyneerin, Wicklow, the Council noted that it was proposed to take a water supply from the main of the Wicklow Urban District Council, and that the Council's Solicitor had advised that there was a doubt as to whether the Urban District Council could supply water to premises outside their district. The Council adjourned the matter pending obtaining the views of Wicklow Urban District Council.

The Council considered application from Mr. H. Delahunt, Furze Ditch, Brittas, for approval in principle to a caravan park at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay. Plans had been submitted by Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, on behalf of Mr. Delahunt. The County Manager pointed out that the proposal involved the development of the site as a caravan park, the erection of a pavilion, and the erection of three chalets. It would appear that there would be accommodation for about 30 caravans. On the basis of the plans submitted, it might be anticipated that up to 170 persons would be accommodated on the site at full occupancy. Consequently, there might be considerable difficulty in regard to providing a satisfactory water supply and adequate sanitary facilities. It was presumed that the chalets would be of a semi-permanent nature, and the Council did not favour the erection of such temporary dwellings.

The Council deferred the matter for a report from the County Medical Officer in regard to the proposal.

ITEM NO. 14—APPLICATION FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Having considered application from Mr. E. Sheehy for an additional loan of £200 and report of Assistant County Engineer dated 7th August, 1954, the Council recommended that a further loan of £200 be made to Mr. Sheehy, provided the house was completed within a fixed time.

The Council recommended that a loan of £1,300 be made to Mr. John Shanley, St. John's, Dublin Road, Bray, in respect of the erection of a house at Killarney Road, Bray.

The Council agreed to the transfer of the loan advanced to Patrick Byrne in respect of the erection of a house at Kilmurray, to Mr. Patrick O'Connor, Hoeyfield, Delgany, subject to consideration of further information to be submitted by Councillor M. Brennan.

The Council confirmed their recommendation that loan of £1,500 be made to Mr. Patrick Whelan, Baltinglass—the Council to take a charge on the entire farm in respect of loan.

The County Secretary reported that the Council had obtained possession of the house at Annamoe in respect of which a loan of £1,350 had been made to Mr. David Beresford, who had failed to repay the loan. The Council agreed that offers be invited for the sale of the house, and in the event of an unsatisfactory price being offered, that arrangements be made to let the house.

ITEM NO. 15—COTTAGE REPAIRS

The Council noted report on repairs required to cottage at Rathmore, Ashford, formerly occupied by Denis Owens. The Council indicated that they did not consider that any serious damage had been caused to the cottage by Mr. Owens.

ITEM NO. 16—REMOVAL OF RANGE FROM COTTAGE AT BALLYMORRIS, AUGHIRM

Having considered report of 26th July, 1954, from Assistant County Engineer, the Council agreed that there was no objection to Mr. Joseph Kelly, Ballymorris, Aughrim, removing the range from the kitchen of his cottage to the scullery, and putting in a tiled fireplace in the cottage, provided Mr. Kelly undertook to restore the range if and when he was giving up the tenancy of the cottage.

ITEM NO. 17—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

The Council noted list of repairs carried out during the month of July, 1954.

ITEM NO. 18—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

ITEM NO. 19—CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY

The County Manager referred to application received from Bray Amusements Committee for the closing of certain roads at Bray, in connection with motorcycle race, and pointed out that considerable difficulty had been experienced in the previous year in obtaining consent to the Closing Order. It was held by the Department of Local Government that the closing of the roads in question would cause serious dislocation of traffic for a comparatively lengthy period.

Councillor H. J. Byrne agreed that it was undesirable to have the main street in Bray closed as had occurred in the previous year, and stated that considerable inconvenience had been caused.

Councillor Edward Byrne suggested that members of the Council for the area and members of the Bray Urban Council might meet members of the Bray Amusements Committee and the promoters of the race to endeavour to reach agreement on a reduced circuit for the race which would not involve the closing of the main street. The Council deferred the matter and noted that it would be discussed at the meeting of Bray Urban District Council on the following night.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P. Kehoe and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I, or someone for me, at the next meeting of the Council, will propose a motion for the raising of a loan of £6,000 to complete the reconstruction of the road from Dunlavin to Tuckmill and Grangecon to Baronstown."

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

6th August, 1954.

To:

The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—month of July, 1954

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 407 (including 47 by contract). The cottage at Kilcrouney was completed during July.

Under the Kindlestown Scheme, 30 houses have been completed. A further 10 houses are in progress.

At O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, 16 houses were completed during the month.

At Kilmagig, Avoca, 12 houses are in progress.

The total number of men employed on housing during July, 1954, was:

Kilcrouney	.....	Skilled	2	Unskilled	1
Newtownmountkennedy	.....	Skilled	2	Unskilled	5
Kilmagig, Avoca	.....	Skilled	12	Unskilled	9
Kindlestown (No. 3)	.....	Skilled	3	Unskilled	9
Totals	.....		19		24

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £383,467 7s. 4d. made up as follows:—

Wages	.....	£153,387	6	6
Materials	.....	£193,271	11	11
Payments to Contractors	.....	£36,808	8	11

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

Northern Area (1946 Scheme):

Cottages completed to 30th June, 1954	.....	184
Cottages completed during July, 1954 (Kilcrouney)	.....	1

Total completed 185

Completed under Newtown Scheme	.....	16
Completed under Kindlestown Scheme	.....	30
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10

Total completed 56

In Progress:

Kindlestown (No. 3)	10
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Total in progress 10

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th June, 1954	80
Cottages completed during July, 1954	Nil

Total completed 80

In Progress (1946 Scheme):

Kilmagig, Avoca	12
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Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st July, 1954	54
Cottages completed under separate Scheme at Lugduff	3

Total completed 57

In Progress:..... Nil.....

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 30th June, 1954	.....	88
Cottages completed during July, 1954	.....	Nil

Total completed 88

In Progress:..... Nil.....

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th August, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. Ua Tuathail, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O Broin; 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, P. J. Foley and R. M. Fenlon were present.

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

The County Secretary stated that Councillor H. J. Byrne would be unable to attend until after the luncheon interval. On the proposal of Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, the chair was taken by Councillor Senator J. McCrea.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of meetings held on 14th June, 21st June and 30th June, 1954.
2. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954—to consider results of Examination.
3. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1955.
4. Renewal of University Scholarships—Report on results of Summer Examinations.
5. To consider amendments of Polling Districts and Polling Places.
6. Application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray for the purpose of cycle race.
7. Report of County Engineer on tests of applicants for positions as lorry drivers.
8. Shillelagh/Woodenbridge Railway Line.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe re raising of loan of £6,000 to complete reconstruction of roads from Dunlavin to Tuckmill and from Grangecon to Barronstown.
10. Revision of salary scales of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer.
11. Revision of salary scales of Engineering Staff.
12. Enniskerry Water Supply: (a) Report of Consultant on examination of tenders for filtration plant; (b) Authorisation of loan to defray cost of scheme.
13. Proposed extension of watermain from Killincarrig Cross-roads to cottages at Charlesland: to authorise loan to defray cost of scheme.
14. Re-laying of watermain from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium: to authorise raising of loan to defray cost of scheme.
15. Roundwood Water Supply: report re interruption in supply.
- 15a. To make water rates in respect of the year ending 30th June, 1955, for the following towns: Rathdrum, Blessington, Aughrim and Glenealy.

16. Health Act, 1953: summary of effects of Amending Bill.
17. Appointment of Consultative Health Committee.
18. Application from Vocational Education Committee for extension of water supply and sewerage services to site for new technical school at Tinahely.
19. Site for new dispensary at Carnew.
20. Minutes of Special Seanad Election Meeting of County Councils' General Council, and Minutes of meeting held on 6th May, 1954.
21. Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation in regard to laying of poison on lands.
22. Resolutions from Tralee U.D.C., Carlow County Council, and Irish Anti-Partition League in reference to joint statement issued in Washington by Sir Winston Churchill, and President Eisenhower.
23. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

ITEM NO. 1—MINUTES

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That we confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 14th June, 21st June, and 30th June, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1954

The County Secretary stated that the results of the Examination for Scholarships under the Council's Scheme for 1954 had been received. Particulars of the results had been circulated to the members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That having considered results of examination, we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the award of scholarships according to the Council's Scheme, as follows:—

Scholarships Under Category 1A:

Edward J. Archer, 8 Martello Terrace, Bray.
John J. Kelly, Lower Main Street, Rathdrum.
Bela M. A. Kos, Richmond House, Greystones.
Mary Jane Whelan, Carrinameel, Aughrim.
Ann Cahill, Ballyhad, Rathdrum.
Jean M. Moran, Blacklion, Greystones.

Scholarships Under Category 1B:

Declan Wixted, 3 South Quay, Arklow.
Edward McElheron, South Quay, Arklow.
Christopher Magee, Main Street, Wicklow.
Anne B. Kelly, 3 Cill Manntain Park, Bray.
Ann Byrne, Davitt Road, Bray.
Mary J. Doyle, Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow."

Passed unanimously.

The Council directed that their congratulations be conveyed to the teachers at Rathcoyle, Rathdrum and Clara National Schools on the success of their pupils at the examination.

The following letter from Brother T. C. O Ceallachain, Christian Brothers, Greystones, was submitted:—

Christian Brothers,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow.

13/8/54.

To: The Members of the
Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

Two boys from Greystones, namely, James K. Quinn and James F. Whiston, obtained 768 and 766 marks, respectively, in the Scholarship Examination. By these marks the boys reached 8th and 9th places in the order of merit and they show that they are well above average scholarship standard.

James K. Quinn's father is a labourer working in England. His mother is in hospital for over two years and his aged grandparents are in poor circumstances.

James F. Whiston's father is a casual labourer.

On account of the poor financial circumstances and intellectual ability of these two boys I am making a special appeal to you on their behalf.

As three scholarships were not awarded in this scheme last year there was a considerable saving. I respectfully suggest that you would award two of these scholarships to the boys mentioned above.

Hoping for a favourable hearing.

I am yours sincerely,

T. C. O CEALLACHAIN.

The County Secretary confirmed that, in 1953, only 9 candidates had qualified at the examination, and consequently three scholarships, valued at £25 per annum each, had not been awarded in that year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That three additional scholarships of £25 each be awarded this year in lieu of three scholarships which were not awarded last year, there being no pupils qualified."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1955

The County Secretary stated that the Council had referred the draft Scholarship Scheme to the Vocational Education Committee for the views of that Committee. A reply had been received from the Chief Executive Officer, dated 13th July, 1954, stating that the Committee had considered the Council's Scheme, and had decided not to recommend any alterations in the conditions of award as set forth in the scheme.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The following letter from University College, Dublin, was submitted:—

University College,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin.
16th July, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The results of the Summer Examinations are as follows:—

O'Callaghan, William C.—Passed Part I of the Final Examination in Civil Engineering. A report on Part II will be made after the Autumn Examinations.

Houghton, Gabriel F.—Passed the Examination for the B.A. (Pass) Degree.

Cox, Patrick G.—Passed the First Arts Examination with Second Class Honours in English, Economics and Introduction to Philosophy. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

Spellman, Kiernan F. M.—Passed the First Engineering Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

A report on the following will be made after the Autumn Examinations:—
Mulcahy, Joseph A.; Marah, Denis; Hayden, John P.; O'Malley, Leonard;
Murphy, Joseph T.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. HOGAN,
Registrar.

It was

Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That having considered results of examinations received from University College, Dublin, we approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for a further year for Patrick G. Cox, Dunlavin, and Kiernan F. Spellman, Marine House, Greystones."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The County Secretary stated that it would be possible to re-arrange the Register for Arklow Urban District to provide that persons residing close to Ferrybank National School could vote at that point, and that persons residing close to St. Peter's National School could vote at that polling place. The change would involve the re-arrangement of the Register, and the matter would be taken up with the County Registrar.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from the Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party for the provision of a polling booth at Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne's house at Clash, for the Polling District of Ballinaclesh, Part I, and also a polling station at Mr. George Byrne's cottage, Ballinglen, for the Registration Unit of Ballinglen, Part I.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was decided to adjourn it to the next meeting of the Council.

With reference to statements made by members regarding complaints received by them that persons had been omitted from the Register, the County Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government had been investigating complaints of this character and had arranged for an inspector from his Department to visit each county. The Department's Inspector had attended at Wick-

low and had interviewed all the Rate Collectors, together with the County Registrar and County Secretary, and had discussed with them the matter of the correct compilation of the Register. The Rate Collectors had pointed out that the qualifying date, i.e., 15th September in each year, was unsuitable, as at that time of the year they were engaged in the collection of rates. It was the view of the Collectors that a date in April or May would be more suitable. Following a prolonged discussion on the matter, the Council decided not to make any recommendation in regard to the qualifying date at present.

ITEM NO. 6—CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY

The following letter from Bray Amusements Committee was submitted:—
3 Sugarloaf Terrace,

Bray.

13th August, 1954.

Circuit of Bray Cycle Race, Sunday, 12th September, 1954

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence in regard to the above race, I have to inform you that at a conference convened by this Committee, which was held last evening in the Town Hall, Bray, was attended, among others, by the Chairman of this Committee, Councillor H. B. Hipwell, who presided; Inspector Kelly and Sergeant Cleary, Garda Síochána; the County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery; Mr. H. J. Byrne, M.C.C., Chairman County Council; Mr. E. E. Byrne, M.C.C., U.D.C.; J. O'Toole, M.C.C.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Vice-Chairman, Bray Urban Council; J. Temple, U.D.C., and members of the Irish Road Club, who are the organisers of the race. The question of the route of the race was discussed and having heard the views of the Garda authorities, the County Manager and the Irish Road Club representatives, it was unanimously agreed, and with the approval of the Garda, County Manager, Chairman County Council and the other members of both Councils, that the route of the race be altered to the following:—Strand Road, Putland Road, Vevay Road, Main Street, Florence Road, Adelaide Road, Albert Avenue, Strand Road.

I have, accordingly, to request you to regard my previous application withdrawn and to request that the County Council will be good enough to make application for the closing of the following roads from 2.30 to 6 o'clock, p.m., on Sunday, 12th September, 1954:—Strand Road, from corner of Albert Avenue to corner of Putland Road; Vevay Road, from corner of Putland Road to Town Hall, Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinsborough Road (South side), and all Putland Road.

Application will be made to the Bray Urban Council for the closing of Adelaide Road, Florence Road and Albert Avenue.

Yours faithfully,

E. J. MacDONNELL,
Honorary Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor S. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order, authorising the Council to close public traffic roads at Bray, as set out hereunder, on 12th September, 1954, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.:—

Strand Road from its junction with Albert Avenue to its junction with Putland Road;
Putland Road;
Vevay Road from its junction with Putland Road to Town Hall;
Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinsboro' Road, South side;
Adelaide Road;
Albert Avenue."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—TESTS OF APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS AS LORRY DRIVERS

12th July, 1954.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Re Employment of Lorry Drivers

In accordance with the direction of the County Council, advertisements were issued in the public Press calling for applications for the position of drivers of motor vehicles in the various areas. Lists of applicants were then compiled, having regard to the location of their residences, and personal interviews were arranged in three centres—Carrigmore Quarry (for North and South-East), in Tinahely (for the South), and in Dunlavin (for the West). The applicants were given a driving test on a motor vehicle and were also examined orally in regard to their experience and suitability, and marks were awarded accordingly.

Hereunder are set out the names of those whom I would recommend, in order of merit, for the positions. It is obvious that there should be some minimum mark below which an applicant should not be regarded as qualified, and 70% of the total would seem to be a fair limit (always assuming, of course, that the applicant would qualify in both oral and practical examinations):—

North-Eastern Area:

1. Michael Whelan, Ballinameesda.
2. Peter Healy, Ashford.
3. Patrick Doyle, Avoca.
4. James Noctor, High Street, Wicklow.
5. Thos. Farrell, Brook, Arklow.
6. Richard Byrne, Enniskerry.
7. Michael Rafferty, Enniskerry.
8. William O'Brien, Glenealy.
9. Gerald Monaghan, Rathdrum.
10. William Byrne, Trudder.
11. Patrick Power, Wicklow.
12. William A. Burke, Rathnew.

Southern Area:

1. Peter Dempsey, Carnew.
2. James Kennedy, Carnew.
3. Patrick Kehoe, Ballisland.
4. Edward Behan, Loughleirim.
5. Michael Furlong, Carnew.

Western Area:

1. Thomas Lambert, Donard.
2. William Sutton, Baltinglass.
3. M. J. Kelly, Church Road, Dunlavin.
4. Peter Farrell, 19 Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

In report dated 20th July, 1954, the County Engineer stated that he required three drivers in the North-Eastern area, and recommended the employment of Michael Whelan, Ballinameesda, Kilbride, Wicklow; Peter Healy, Tomcoyle, Ashford, and Patrick Doyle, Barniskey, Avoca. Two of the lorries would be based in Carrigmore Quarry and one in Wicklow Town. In regard to the Southern and Western areas, the County Engineer stated that the two Chevrolet lorries had not yet been supplied, and it was not necessary to appoint drivers as yet, but he recommended the employment of Mr. Peter Dempsey, Carnew, for the Southern area, and Mr. Thomas Lambert, Donard, for the Western area. The lorries would be based in Carnew and Blessington, respectively.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council adjourned further consideration of the County Engineer's report to the next meeting, and directed that particulars of the marks received by the candidates for employment, be circulated to the members of the Council.

ITEM NO. 8—WOODENBRIDGE/SHILLELAGH RAILWAY LINE

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had not yet completed his reports on the condition of the railway bridges, and the calculation of the cost of repairing and maintaining the bridges and road surfaces. It would be necessary to have these reports available if agreement was to be reached with Coras Iompair Eireann in regard to the acquisition of lands at Aughrim and Tinahely.

The Council noted the position in the matter, and directed that the question of acquiring portion of lands from C.I.E. at Aughrim be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 8—ROAD FROM DUNLAVIN TO TUCKMILL, AND FROM GRANGECON TO BARRONSTOWN

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor P. Kehoe proposed that a loan of £6,000 be raised to complete the reconstruction of roads from Dunlavin to Tuckmill, and Grangecon to Barronstown.

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

14th August, 1954.

Re Roads—Loan of £6,000

The road Dunlavin—Baltinglass via Tuckmill is No. 310, I understand. The road is in bad condition, subject to very heavy traffic and in parts dangerous owing to excessive camber. The cost of reconstructing it 12 ft. wide would come to £7,000. I understand, however, that the intention was to do the bad portion from Crosskeys to Crossoge, which would cost £4,000.

The second road, Barrtonstown/Grangecon, No. 287, is also in bad condition, and subject to heavy traffic. This road is better shaped, and the cost of surfacing it 12 ft. wide would come to £2,500.

I understand that No. 310 would come under the reconstruction programme, but not for a long time at the present rate of progress.

Road No. 287 does not come under that programme at all, and consequently it would appear that a long time will elapse before any improvements can be made in it.

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

The County Manager pointed out that within recent years loans amounting to £14,000 had been raised for the purpose of repairing roads in West Wicklow, whereas apart from the Silver Strand Road, very little had been raised by way of loans for repair of roads in other parts of the county.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was decided that a loan be raised for the reconstruction of the road from Dunlavin to Tuckmill only.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of loan of £4,000 for the completion of the reconstruction of the road from Dunlavin to Tuckmill."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary informed the Council that the Department of Defence had agreed to make available to the Council a grant of 50% of the cost of reconstructing portion of the roads in the Glen of Imaal, to a maximum of £1,000. The total cost of reconstructing these roads was estimated at £7,025, and the Council would have to meet £6,025 of the total cost.

It was expected that sanction to the raising of the loan would be received shortly.

ITEM NO. 10—REVISION OF SALARY SCALES OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

The County Manager stated that negotiations had been in progress with the Irish Medical Association for some considerable time, in regard to the revision of salary scales for the County Medical Officer, and Assistant County Medical Officer. Consequent on the operation of the Health Act these officers would have extra duties and responsibilities. The present salary scale for County Medical Officer was £1,000 x £25—£1,200 together with temporary allowance, making the maximum salary £1,515. The proposed revised scale was £1,200 x £50—£1,400, together with temporary allowance, making the maximum salary £1,725. The present salary scale for Assistant County Medical Officer was £750 x £25—£900, plus temporary allowance—the maximum being £1,155 inclusive. The revised scale was £850 x £30—£1,000, plus temporary allowance—the maximum being £1,275 inclusive. The cost per annum of applying the revised scales would be £210 in the case of the County Medical Officer, and £120 in the case of the Assistant County Medical Officer. It was proposed also that the revised salary scale should apply to the additional Assistant County Medical Officer who was being recruited in the present year.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council deferred further consideration to the next meeting, and asked that in the meantime particulars of the salaries paid to the County Medical Officer, and Assistant County Medical Officer, in other counties, be obtained. In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the salary scales proposed had been agreed with the Department of Health, and would apply generally to all counties.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor W. Lawless, the County Manager stated that the salaries of Dispensary Medical Officers would also be revised, and particulars of the revision would probably be available for the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 11—REVISION OF SALARY SCALES OF ENGINEERING STAFF

The County Manager stated that there had also been prolonged negotiations between the Engineers' Association and the Department of Local Government in regard to the revision of salary scales for Engineering Staff. The Council may have noted that it had not been found possible to fill vacancies for engineers recently. The present salary scale for County Engineer was £975 x £30—£1,155, plus temporary allowance, and Road Fund Bonus of £100, making in all £1,561 as maximum. The revised salary scale would be £1,200 x £50—£1,400, plus temporary allowance, amounting to £1,725 inclusive. The present salary scale for Chief Assistant County Engineer was £700 x £20—£850 plus Road Fund Bonus of £40, plus temporary allowance, making a maximum of £1,135 inclusive. The proposed new scale was £800 x £25—£950, plus temporary allowance, having a maximum of £1,215 inclusive. The present salary scale for Assistant County Engineer was £550 x £15—£700, plus temporary allowance, and £40 Road Fund Bonus, making a maximum of £950 inclusive. The proposed revised salary scale would be £650 x £20—£800, plus temporary allowance, with a maximum of £1,035 inclusive.

The amount of the increase per annum to the County Engineer would be £164, for the Chief Assistant County Engineer £80, and for each Assistant County Engineer £85. The total cost per annum for the Engineering Staff would be £617.

The Council deferred the matter to the next meeting and directed that in the meantime particulars be obtained from other counties of the salary scales for Engineering Staff at present employed, together with particulars of the number of engineers employed in each county.

ITEM NO. 12—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY

Having considered report of Consultant Engineer, dated 5th August, 1954.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,
Seconded by Councillor S. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Consultant Engineer, we hereby approve of the acceptance of the Tender of Candy Filter Co., in the sum of £3,437, for the filtration plant for Enniskerry Water Supply."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme would be about £22,500.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £22,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at the appropriate rate, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13—EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN FROM KILLINCARRIG CROSS-ROADS TO COTTAGES AT CHARLESLAND

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council at meeting held on 9th instant, and had been included on the Agenda for the purpose of authorising the raising of loan to defray the cost of the work.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £850 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at the appropriate rate, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the extension of watermain from Killincarrig Cross-Roads to cottages at Charlesland, Delgany."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 14—RE-LAYING OF WATERMAIN FROM NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY TO NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the work was estimated at £4,420.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Jacob,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of loan of £4,420 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, with interest at the appropriate rate, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the laying of watermain from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 15—ROUNDWOOD WATER SUPPLY

The following report of the County Engineer was noted by the Council:—
29th July, 1954.

Roundwood Water Supply

The complaints received here that certain of the residences in Roundwood Village were without water for some hours during week ended 24th July were caused by the work being carried out by a contractor, Mr. L. Timmons of

Roundwood, who had been making a new connection to a Mr. Armstrong's house on the Monday evening, 19th instant.

The Clerk of Works visited the village on 20th instant and found that the valve was closed, thus cutting off the water from the reservoir. He opened the valve and water was shortly available.

Again on 21st instant, further complaints were received and, on inspection, it was found that there was no water in the upper end of the town. The Clerk of Works again opened the valve and the position was made satisfactory.

The contractor had the usual permission for opening the road for the purpose of making the connection, but I would suggest that all caretakers might be reminded that in future when such authority to open and make connection is given by the County Council the person tapping the main, either the contractor or the householder, should be compelled to advise all householders and others affected, that the water would be turned off and the period during which the water would not be available should be stated in good time before any inconvenience in this regard would arise.

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

The Council agreed that reasonable notice should be given in all such instances.

ITEM NO. 15A—WATER RATES

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly,

and resolved:—

"That the Water Rate Book, as submitted by the Secretary, be signed, and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 30th June, 1955, made for the towns of Aughrim, Blessington, Rathdrum, and Glenealy, as follows:—

Aughrim—5/3 in the £ (five shillings and threepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply;
Blessington—5/7 in the £ (five shillings and sevenpence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply;
Rathdrum—4/3 in the £ (four shillings and threepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply;
Glenealy—6/- in the £ (six shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 16—HEALTH ACT, 1953

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the passing of the Health Act, 1954, the provision of free institutional and specialist treatment would be restricted to those persons who had formerly been entitled to free medical services, together with insured persons, who were in benefit. The Council would now be responsible for hospital and specialist treatment for insured persons, whereas previously the costs of maintaining such persons were recouped by the Department of Social Welfare. The Mother and Child Services were also restricted to the lower income group, but it was likely that there would be some extension of these Services. A register to replace the former red ticket system was in course of preparation. It was expected that there would be some reduction in the amount estimated by the Council, possibly up to £3,000 in the year, but it was not possible to arrive at a figure with any great degree of accuracy at present.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 17—APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with Section 48 of the Health Act, 1953, the Council were required to appoint a Consultative Health Committee. The Council's Solicitor was of the opinion that a Dispensary Medical

Officer would not be qualified to act on the Committee. The Department of Health had indicated that in their view there was no barrier to the appointment of officers of the Council as members of the Committee. The Irish Medical Association had recommended for appointment Dr. Micks of Bray, and Dr. Fyans of Rathdrum, the latter being a Dispensary Medical Officer.

The Council agreed to the appointment of the County Medical Officer, Dr. Cunniffe, being the Medical Officer of St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium; Dr. Micks of Bray, Dr. Fyans, Rathdrum, and six members of the Council. It was decided that the six members of the Council would be nominated by the three principal groups on the Council, each of which would nominate two members.

ITEM NO. 18—EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES AT TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that the Vocational Education Committee had applied for the extension of the water supply and sewerage system at Tinahely to permit the Committee's recently erected classroom to be connected to these services. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that both sewer and water-main would require to be extended about 95 yards in order to bring them within reasonable distance (about 100 ft.) of the school. The cost of the extension would be about £120 each. There were two small houses, belonging to Mr. Grant and Mrs. O'Reilly, which would also be facilitated by these extensions. Mr. Grant and Mrs. O'Reilly had informed the Assistant County Engineer that they would pay a small contribution, up to £2 each, to have the houses connected to the extension. Mr. Grant was a retired fireman, and Mrs. O'Reilly was the widow of a soldier.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had submitted a separate report in regard to Tinahely Water Supply, which would be submitted to the next meeting, and from which it appeared that a new reservoir and filters would need to be constructed, together with a pipeline, at a probable cost of £1,100.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That having considered application from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, we approve of the extension of the water supply and sewerage system at Tinahely, to the site of the new Technical School, at estimated cost of £240—the amount to be defrayed from loan for minor water supplies."

Passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT BALLISHALL

In reply to Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary stated that representations had been received from the Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party for the extension of the watermain from Rednagh Road junction, approximately 390 yards along the Aughrim-Aughavannagh Road, to provide a fountain at a convenient point for cottage tenants at Ballishall. The Health Inspector had reported that the water supply available to the occupants of the cottages was obtained from two small surface springs along the river bank, and that these were at present insufficient to supply the cottages, and that they went completely dry during dry periods. There were 9 Council cottages with a total of 43 people depending on this source for a water supply. The Health Inspector recommended that the watermain be extended from Rednagh Road junction to a point approximately 350 yards up the Aughavannagh Road, or that a well be sunk and a pump erected, whichever would be the less costly. The Assistant County Engineer had been asked to report on the proposed extension of the watermain or the erection of a pump. On receipt of this report the matter would be submitted to the Council.

ITEM NO. 19—SITE FOR DISPENSARY AT CARNEW

The County Manager stated that three sites at Carnew had been under consideration. The site on the lands of Mrs. Tutty was considered suitable from every point of view, but it had been found that it would not be possible to acquire a proper title to the site. The site at Brunswick Row was not considered suitable; as to be in keeping with the rest of the row the dispensary would have to be two-storied and the upper half would not be of any use as a dispensary. Furthermore, there was the possibility that when the old buildings were demolished adjoining owners might claim that any cracks showing in their houses were the result of the removal of the walls. In addition, the yard, if used as a depot, would be difficult for access for delivery lorries. The site on the lands of Mr. Fitzpatrick was considered suitable, but it was considered that the price asked was high. Mr. Fitzpatrick sought a price of £130 in all, including compensation for loss of crops, etc. As the total area of the site was about 4,000 sq. ft., or one-tenth of an acre, the price asked was considered excessive.

Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which Councillor Senator J. McCrea, and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that the site was particularly suitable, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of offer of £100—£130 being made to Mr. Fitzpatrick, as full compensation for the acquisition of site at Carnew for new dispensary, including site for septic tank."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 20—MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Special Seanad Election Meeting of the County Councils' General Council.

Particulars of the items dealt with at the meeting of the County Councils' General Council, held on 6th May, 1954, were given by the County Secretary.

In relation to the resolution submitted by Wicklow County Council in regard to malicious injury claims, the following letter, received from the County Councils' General Council, was submitted:—

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin,
9 Lughnasa, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to submit proposals to An Dail for the amendment of the Malicious Injuries Act so as to provide that compensation cannot be claimed for damage to vehicles left on the public road, or open space adjoining the public road which could be regarded as a public place."

A Chara,

At the May meeting of my Council the above motion from your Council, dealing with amendment of the Malicious Injuries Act, was referred to the Emergency Committee.

The Committee reported as follows:

The opinion sometimes expressed by members that the whole Malicious Injuries Code should be repealed does not coincide with the views of the Emergency Committee, which feels that the Code still serves a useful purpose as a deterrent to crimes against property, particularly in rural areas. The Committee.

however, favours worthwhile, sensible amendments and, accordingly, it recommends adoption of the resolution.

At the Annual Meeting of my Council, held in Dublin on the 5th instant, the motion was adopted unanimously and has been forwarded to the Department.

Mise, le meas,

ENRI MacDABHEID,
Runai.

The Council noted that the County Councils' General Council had adopted the resolution unanimously, and had forwarded it to the Department.

The County Secretary stated that in relation to malicious injury claims arising from cars parked in the shed opposite the railway station at Bray, inquiry had been made from the Council's Solicitor as to whether the erection of any notice on the site might protect the Council from further claims. The Council's Solicitor had replied that in his opinion the erection of any type of notice indicating that cars were parked at the owners' risk, or that the road was private, would not affect malicious injury claims, and that once damage was malicious, it was immaterial where the damage was committed.

The Council noted the opinion of the Council's Solicitor on the matter.

ITEM NO. 21—RESOLUTION FROM DUN LAOGHAIRE CORPORATION RE LAYING OF POISON ON LAND

The following letter from Dun Laoghaire Corporation was submitted:—

Town Hall,
Dun Laoghaire,
Co. Dublin,
12th July, 1954.

AG. 13/23.

K. J. Branagan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Sale and Laying of Poison

Dear Sir,

I desire to refer to circular letter received here on 19th May last in connection with the above-named matter and to inform you that the Borough Council has adopted the terms of the resolution passed by your Council, and has directed me to transmit herewith copy of the following resolution, which was adopted by the Borough Council on 5th October last:—

"That this Council view with alarm and concern the very serious results that may follow the poisoning of lands for the purpose of protecting sheep against 'killer' dogs. That in the best interest of the public, the Minister for Health be asked to introduce amending legislation further to the existing 1911 Act repealing such portion thereof as allows of the poisoning of lands and at the same time that this Council send copies of this resolution to the various public bodies throughout the Republic."

Yours faithfully,

G. C. McINTYRE,
Town Clerk.

The Council noted that Dun Laoghaire Borough Council had adopted the Council's resolution in regard to the sale of poison, but decided to take no action in relation to the resolution adopted by the Borough Council on the 5th October, 1953.

MYXOMATOSIS

Councillor W. Lawless referred to the spread of myxomatosis in rabbits in Co. Wicklow, and asked if a report could be obtained from the Council's

Veterinary Inspectors in regard to the disease, and how it originated, the manner in which it was spread, etc. The County Secretary stated that the Department of Agriculture had been notified of some special cases which had occurred in part of the county, and in reply received from the Department of Agriculture it was stated that experience in other countries had shown that no effective measures to limit the spread of the disease were possible.

The Council noted the opinion of the Department of Agriculture in regard to the disease.

ITEM NO. 22—JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED IN WASHINGTON BY SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

The following resolutions from Tralee Urban District Council, Carlow County Council, and the Irish Anti-Partition League, were submitted:—

From Tralee Urban District Council:

"That it was with great satisfaction that we read the following paragraph in the Joint Statement issued in Washington by Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower, viz.: 'In the case of nations now divided against their will, we shall continue to seek unity through free elections supervised by the United Nations to ensure that they are conducted fairly.'

We feel that President Eisenhower before signing this State document must have remembered the outstanding contributions made in the war of American Independence by our Irish kinsmen in the past and especially the outstanding service given to this great democratic Republic of America by General O'Sullivan in the famous Battle of Bunker Hill, Boston, and by the Father of the American Navy, Commander Jack Barry, of Wexford.

Surely, Sir Winston Churchill must have conjured up in his mind the outstanding and heroic part played by the thousands of Irishmen, who sacrificed their lives in the first and second World Wars, for the Freedom of Small Nations.

We now express the hope that Ireland's unity is at hand, if words speak the feelings of these two statesmen; hence we request that the necessary machinery for such unification be implemented without undue delay so that our nation may take its place, with other democratic countries of the world, in achieving Christianity, Peace and Liberty."

From Tralee Urban District Council:

"That we request the Government of the Republic of Ireland to move immediately in the proper quarters to seek direct consultations with Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower to implement their statement on the unity of our divided nation."

From Carlow County Council:

"President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill issued a Joint Policy Statement in the case of oppressed peoples at Washington recently: 'In the case of nations now divided against their will, the statement declared, 'we shall continue to seek to achieve unity through free elections, supervised by the United Nations, to ensure that they are conducted fairly.' We believe if this principle was applied to the whole of this nation that instead of the Public Safety Act, we would have peace in this country."

From the Irish Anti-Partition League:

"We ask the President of the United States, and the Prime Minister of Britain, to implement in Ireland their recent declaration in Washington, to seek through free elections, the unity of nations divided against their will."

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, the Council adopted the resolutions submitted.

ITEM NO. 24—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

Councillor W. Hammond referred to the increase in the number of itinerants in the county and urged that the Government should provide special educational facilities for the children of itinerants in schools in isolated areas. The Council noted that this matter had been considered on several occasions, but no satisfactory solution had been proposed to the problem. It was decided to bring the matter to the notice of the Department of Education, and the County Councils' General Council.

MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE AT BRAY

Councillor Edward Byrne indicated that he would be unable to attend at the meeting of the Special Committee of the Council to be held at Bray on Monday, 23rd August. The Council agreed that Councillor W. Lawless would act on the Committee in place of Councillor Ed. Byrne.

COOKING IN ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL AND ST. KEVIN'S SANATORIUM

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he had received complaints in regard to the manner in which food was cooked in St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium, recently. The County Manager stated that no complaints had been received in regard to the food for a considerable time, and that the matter would be investigated. The Council agreed that the Visiting Committee would inspect the institutions.

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

By Councillor J. O'Neill:

"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the Council will raise the sum of £6,000 to put the road from the Togher to the Wexford bounds and the road from Crossbridge to the Carlow bounds in a passable condition."

By Councillor T. O'Reilly:

"I, or someone for me, will move that a loan of £3,000 be raised to complete the reconstruction of Logstown Road, also to reconstruct portion of road at Lackenfán, Blessington."

By Councillor W. Hammond:

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Council I, or some member for me, will move that in future the Housing Meetings of the Council be held bi-monthly, viz.: in alternate months."

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 September, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Seamus O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, M. J. Brennan.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing scheme during the month of August, 1954.
2. To receive tenders for the erection of houses under the 1952 Scheme—Agreed Sites.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond that housing meetings of the Council be held bi-monthly, viz., in alternate months.
4. Loan of £20,000 for the provision of wells and pumps: to approve of draft deed of mortgage.
5. Memorial from tenants at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkenny, re erection of wall.
6. Water supply for cottages at Castlemacadam.
7. Water supply for cottages at Coolroe, Tinahely.
8. Water supply for Killiniskeyduff, Arklow.
9. Water supply for cottages at Kilpedder.
10. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
11. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts:—
 - (a) Extension to club rooms at Newtownmountkenny;
 - (b) Proposed caravan park at Ballinacarrig, Brittas;
 - (c) Bungalow at Windgates, Bray.
12. Painting of Council houses: Recommendation of County Engineer.
13. Repairs carried out during the month of August, 1954.
14. Authorisation of repairs.

ITEM NO. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of August and the report on progress of erection of pumps and wells were submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

To:
The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council.

3rd September, 1954.

Housing Progress Report—month of August, 1954

Gentlemen,

During the month of August, satisfactory progress was maintained on all schemes. There was a general close down for the first two weeks on all schemes due to annual holidays.

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 407 (including 47 by contract).

Under the Kindlestown Scheme, 30 houses have been completed. A further 10 houses are in progress.

At O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, 16 houses have been completed.

At Kilmagig, Avoca, 12 houses are in progress.

The total number of men employed on housing during August, 1954, was:—

Newtownmountkennedy	Skilled	2	Unskilled	1
Kilmagig, Avoca	Skilled	14	Unskilled	9
Kindlestown (No. 3)	Skilled	5	Unskilled	9
Totals		21		19

The total expenditure to date under the scheme is £383,665 17s. 10d., made up as follows:—

Wages	£153,387	6	6
Materials	£193,470	2	5
Payments to contractors	£36,808	8	11

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

Northern Area (1946 Scheme):

Cottages completed to 31st July, 1954	185
Cottages completed during August, 1954	Nil

Total completed 185

Completed under Newtown Scheme	16
Completed under Kindlestown Scheme	30
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10

Total completed 56

In Progress:

Kindlestown (No. 3)	10
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Total in Progress 10

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st July, 1954	80
Cottages completed during August, 1954	Nil

Total completed 80

In Progress (1946 Scheme):

Kilmagig, Avoca	12
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Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st August, 1954	54
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff	3

Total completed 57

In Progress Nil

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 31st July, 1954	88
Cottages completed during August, 1954	Nil

Total completed 88

In Progress Nil

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Housing Committee, Wicklow County Council, 6th September, 1954.

Pumps and Wells

Gentlemen,

I set out hereunder details of the progress on Pumps and Wells Scheme as at 31st August, 1954:—

North-Eastern Area	5 completed
South-Eastern Area	20 completed (incl. Keelogue during August)
Southern Area	12 completed
Western Area	21 completed
Total	58

In Progress:

Tigrony	1
Kylebeg	1
Rathmoon	1
Ballinglen	1
Munny	1
Total	5

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of August, 1954."

ITEM NO. 2—TENDERS FOR 1952 HOUSING SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement three tenders, together with a tender from the County Engineer, had been received within the prescribed time. One additional tender was not received until the 6th September and consequently could not be considered. The Council agreed that the tender received late should be returned unopened to the tenderer. The remaining tenders were opened in the presence of the Council. The tenders received were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Group Tendered For	Amount of Tender		Alternative Tender for "N" Type House	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Messrs. McNulty & Gaughan, Grey-stones	7 Houses, Group A	8,391	0 0	8,286	0 0
	15 Houses, Group B	18,881	0 0	18,671	0 0
	14 Houses, Group C	17,612	0 0	17,427	0 0
	3 Houses, Group D	3,483	0 0	3,413	0 0
Mr. Lyons, Bray	3 Houses, Group D	3,168	0 0	4,095	0 0
Joseph McDonnell, Bray	3 Houses, Group D	4,729	3 6	Nil	
County Engineer—	7 Houses, Group A	8,163	0 0	8,253	0 0
Direct Labour	15 Houses, Group B	18,000	0 0	18,060	0 0
	14 Houses, Group C	17,020	0 0	17,130	0 0
	3 Houses, Group D	3,803	0 0	3,863	0 0

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved :—

"That we recommend the acceptance of the tender of Michael Lyons, Bray, in the sum of £3,168 for the erection of 3 cottages in Group D."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

and resolved :—

"That having considered tenders received for the erection of houses under the 1952 Scheme, we approve of proceeding with the erection of 36 houses in Groups A, B and C by Direct Labour in accordance with the tenders submitted by the County Engineer in the sum of £43,183."

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiry from members, the County Manager stated that the economic rent of the houses to be erected under the 1952 Scheme, based on an average price of £1,200, would be approximately 26/- per week. The amount of subsidy might be taken as 12/- per week, leaving a sum of 14/- per week to be met from rent and rates. If the minimum rent were fixed at 8/- per week a sum of 6/- per week per cottage would have to be met from rates and this would amount to over £600 per annum. The County Manager stated that the subsidy in respect of serviced houses was limited to £1,500 capital cost, whereas the subsidy for unserviced houses was limited to a capital cost of £1,000 per house. Consequently, the full loan charges would have to be met by the Council in respect of the cost in excess of £1,000. The Council directed that representations be made to the Department of Local Government to allow subsidy on the actual cost of erection in the case of unserviced houses, as it was apparent that unserviced houses could not be erected within a limit of £1,000 capital cost and, furthermore, the houses to be erected under the 1952 Scheme were required for agricultural labourers who would find it difficult to meet the rent, which would have to be fixed in respect of the scheme.

ITEM NO. 3—HOUSING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett,

and resolved :—

"That in future the meetings of the Council to deal with housing matters be held bi-monthly (viz., alternative months), the next meeting for such purpose to be held during the month of November, 1954."

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

In Favour :

Councillors W. Hammond, Miss E. F. Bobbett,
and H. J. Byrne 3

Against :

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, Patrick
McCarthy, P. Brennan, T.D.; William Cleary,
James O'Neill, Thomas O'Reilly, Godfrey
Timmins, Paul Kehoe, Andrew Toomey, James
O'Toole, Edward Byrne, William Lawless, C. M.
Byrne, Joseph Jacobs 14

The motion was declared defeated by 14 votes against to 3 in favour.

ITEM NO. 4—LOAN FOR PROVISION OF WELLS AND PUMPS

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved :—

"That we approve of the draft deed of mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £20,000 for the provision of wells and pumps in the County Health District, and hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year; and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to such undertaking."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—MEMORIAL FROM TENANTS AT KILMACULLAGH, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The following memorial from tenants at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, was submitted :—

"We, the undersigned tenants of the cottages in Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, respectfully request that the wall, which is being built at the back of our houses, be discontinued. The tenants are closed in already by a high wall and the back wall would exclude light and air and also the last view left to them. If you cannot stop this wall being built, the tenants would like a transfer—at present rent—to O'Neill Park. We also request that three bricks be removed from the wall at its present stage.

Signed :

A. O'BRIEN, W. GREGORY,
E. KEOGH, M. WHITE, A. ELLIS."

Members of the Council noted that the wall referred to was being erected as retaining wall for the car park at Newtownmountkennedy and that the erection of this wall had been a condition of the lease of the site to Mr. Dunne.

ITEM NO. 6—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT CASTLEMACADAM

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the tenants of four cottages on the main road at Castlemacadam had to cross two fields and ford a stream to a well about 350 yards away. The water in the well was probably good, but it would appear difficult to keep the well clean and the principal difficulty was the matter of access, particularly in wet weather. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that a new well be sunk. The Health Inspector had reported that in his opinion the supply from the well was unsuitable and inadequate and that there was a total of 23 people occupying the four cottages. He also recommended the sinking of a well and erection of a pump within easy reach of the cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett,

and resolved :—

"Having considered reports of the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer, we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump to serve Council cottages at Castlemacadam, the work to be included on the priority list and financed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT COOLROE, TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that the question of provision of a water supply for cottages at Coolroe had been considered by the Council at the meeting held on the 21st June. Since that date a new sample of the water in the well on Mr. Maguire's land had been taken and had been found to be satisfactory. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the well could be protected from pollution by cattle by erection of a fence at a cost of £5, and that the owner was now willing to allow the Council to fence around the well provided he obtained a written undertaking that he could pump the water to his house at a later date. The Assistant County Engineer had stated that there was a possibility that this might interfere with the amount of water available for the other consumers, but thought that it was a risk which the Council might be agreeable to take.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council approved of the sinking of a well as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 8—WATER SUPPLY AT KILLINISKEYDUFF, ARKLOW

The County Secretary stated that it had been proposed to take over the improving of a well on lands adjoining two cottages at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, in order to provide a water supply, but it had been found that a sample of the water sent for analysis was unsatisfactory. The Assistant County Engineer, in view of the adverse analysis of the water, recommended that a new well be provided and the Acting County Medical Officer also recommended the sinking of a well and erection of a pump as suggested by the Assistant County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor Senator McCarthy,

and resolved:—

"Having considered report of the Assistant County Engineer and reports of County Medical Officer we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump to serve Council cottages at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, the work to be included on priority list and financed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT KILPEDDER

The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of laying watermain to serve 12 cottages at Kilpedder was £600. Some while ago the tenants had been asked if they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost at the rate of 1/3 per week. The tenants had made representations that 9d. per week only should be charged. The matter had been considered by the Council and the Council had agreed that 1/3 per week was a reasonable charge. The cost would have to be defrayed from loan which would be obtained from the Council's Treasurer and the loan charges would work out at about 2/8 per week. The rent collector had reported that 11 of the 13 tenants were now agreeable to pay the contribution of 1/3 per week. The charge to the Council would be about £50 per annum. The Council agreed that the charge of 1/3 per week was reasonable and approved of proceeding with the scheme, subject to such contribution from the tenants. Councillor Lawless stated that he understood that the remaining two tenants would also agree to pay the contribution.

ITEM NO. 10—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Having considered an application from John Shanley, for an increase in the amount of the loan from £1,350 to £1,475, in respect of the erection of a house at Killarney Road, Bray, the Council recommended that a loan of £1,450 be made to Mr. Shanley in lieu of the loan of £1,350 previously approved.

Having considered letter from Mr. T. F. Millett, Solicitor, Baltinglass, on behalf of Patrick Whelan, Raheen, Baltinglass, the Council confirmed that a charge should be taken on Mr. Whelan's entire holding in respect of the loan of £1,500 to be made to him and that the Council could not agree to restricting the charge to the house and one acre.

ITEM NO. 11—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The County Manager stated that following a discussion between the Council's Architect and the Architect for Very Rev. Fr. Masterson, P.P., Kilquade, revised plans for the extensions to the Club Rooms at Newtownmountkennedy had been submitted. The County Manager submitted the report of the Council's Architect of 6th September, 1954, which had been approved by the County Engineer. The plans were regarded as generally satisfactory, subject to the following points:—

1. **Entrance to the Car Park**—The ground level of the portion of the bell-mouth between the edge of the main carriageway and gate to the entrance should be made up to the approximate road level. The walls to each side of the entrance bell-mouth forming "flower-boxes" or any planting occurring in these boxes should be at a height not greater than 2 ft. 6 ins. above road level.

2. **Sanitary Accommodation and Sewage Disposal**—Having regard to the number of people who may on occasions visit the premises, it would be desirable to connect, if possible, to soil drain from the rear of the existing premises to the main sewer in the road, having regard to the fact that this main sewer had been provided for such purpose. Alternatively, a drawing might be submitted of the existing drain and its relation to the existing buildings when its suitability and adequacy to serve the proposed sanitary accommodation might be assessed and the question of whether a new septic tank might be necessary could be examined.

3. Detailed specification should be submitted.

4. Approval should be subject to compliance with any requirements of the Chief Fire Officer in relation to fire precautions.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jacob, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council approved of permission being granted for the work; Councillor Lawless dissenting.

PROPOSED CARAVAN PARK AT BALLINACARRIG, BRITTAS BAY

Having considered report of Acting County Medical Officer of 12th August, and report of Council's Architect and County Engineer of the 6th September, 1954, the Council decided to adjourn consideration of the proposal pending submission of satisfactory details of water supply and sewerage system for the caravan park.

BUNGALOW AT WINDGATES, BRAY

The County Secretary stated that Mr. A. P. Glynn, Architect for Mr. T. Ryan, who proposed to erect a bungalow at Windgates, Bray, had written to the Council appealing against the refusal of permission for the erection of the bungalow. The Architect stated that his client had purchased the site and also a considerable portion of the land at the rear and as there were many springs in the locality, felt confident that water could be obtained there and was presently arranging for a water test. His client was prepared to blast rock if necessary to accommodate the septic tank. The position of the house on the site might be altered if necessary. His client was prepared to meet with the Council's requirements as far as possible and was anxious that the decision be reconsidered. The County Secretary stated that permission had been refused as there was no satisfactory water supply on the site and a satisfactory supply was not available, and that a septic tank could not be approved having regard to the nature of the site and the rock foundation. It was also considered that the public roadway at this point was narrow and that the erection of another house would be undesirable. Following a discussion on the matter in which members of the

Council indicated that in their opinion permission might be granted provided that the water supply was satisfactory, and that proper septic tank could be provided, the Council decided to adjourn the matter for further examination by the County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 12—PAINTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that 88 two-storey Council houses at Newtownmountkennedy and Killincarrig be painted externally at an approximate cost of £6 per house, i.e., £528 in all. The County Engineer stated that the majority of the houses referred to had not been repainted for 14 or 15 years and that the tenants were reluctant to use high ladders to paint the houses and, consequently, it would not be advisable to supply paint to the tenants to carry out the work themselves as in other areas. The County Engineer was asked would it be possible to allow the tenants to paint the windows and doors at ground floor level and to have windows in the upper storey painted by the Direct Labour staff. The County Engineer did not favour this latter proposal as he felt the combined results would not be creditable. The Council decided to adjourn the matter pending the submission of an estimate of the cost of the painting of all two-storey houses in the county. In reply to enquiry from members, the County Manager stated that arrangements had been made for paint to be distributed by the Rent Collectors. Councillor Lawless suggested that a smaller issue of white paint might be made and a larger issue of green paint.

ITEM NO. 13—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF AUGUST

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of August, 1954, as submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 14—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

HOUSING SCHEME AT BLESSINGTON

The County Secretary stated that approval had been received from the Department of Local Government to the layout plan submitted for 10 fully serviced houses and 4 tenant purchase houses at Blessington. Before final approval could be given, however, the terms under which the additional plot of ground was to be acquired should be indicated. House plans for the proposed tenant purchase houses, together with an estimate of the cost of erection and the rent it was proposed to fix were also required. The Council noted the position in the matter.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed resolutions of sympathy with Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, on the death of his mother and with K.L.M. Air Lines and relatives of the passengers killed in the disaster near Shannon Airport.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th September, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Edward Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, P. N. Murdoch, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

In the temporary absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea took the Chair on the proposal of Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. Lawless.

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

BUSINESS

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th July, 1954.
2. To authorise overdraft accommodation on General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 31st December, 1954.
3. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954—Letter from Department of Education.
4. Renewal of University Scholarships.
5. Application for reception of deputation from Avoca district.
6. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1954/55 programme—Letter from Department of Local Government.
7. Report on Turf Production for Season 1954.
8. Revision of salary scales of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers.
9. Revision of salary scales of Engineering Staff.
10. Road from Whitestown to Glen of Imaal—to authorise affixing of seal of Council to Mortgage re loan of £6,251.
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Reilly, for loan of £3,000 for reconstruction of Logstown road and portion of road at Lackanfau, Blessington.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill for raising of loan of £6,000 for reconstruction of road from The Toghger to Wexford bounds and road from Crossbridge to Carlow bounds.
13. Aughrim-Monameen road—Memorial from ratepayers and resolution from Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party re raising of loan of £3,000.
13. (a) Roads at Roundwood—Proposed Contribution by An Bórd Failte and Dublin Corporation to cost of road improvements.
14. Application from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for increase of 10/- per week in wages of road workers.
15. Recruitment of Lorry Drivers—to consider results of tests of applicants and report of County Engineer.
16. Loan for provision of wells and pumps—to authorise affixing of seal of Council to mortgage re loan of £20,000.
17. Hollywood Water Supply.
18. Tinahely Water Supply—Report of Assistant County Engineer re defects in reservoir, etc.
19. Water Supply at Springfield, Kilbride.
20. Water Supply at Balishall, Aughrim.
21. Site for Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim.

22. Provision of dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy.
23. Public Lighting at Willow Grove, Delgany.
24. Erection of Dispensary on site at Main Street, Baltinglass.
25. Report of Special Committee appointed by Council to investigate matters relating to Kindlestown Housing Scheme and complaint of Peter Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely.
26. Proposed amendments of Polling Districts and Polling Places.
27. Employment of driver for Library Van.
28. Reports of Veterinary Inspectors re Myxomatosis.
29. Resolution from Roscommon County Council re amendment of Censorship Laws.
30. Letter from National Anti-Partition Association re display of posters.
31. Inquiries arising from Co. Manager's Orders.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

The Council passed resolutions expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor M. J. Brennan on the death of his mother, and with Mr. Edward Burke, secretary, Dublin and Wicklowmen's Association, on the death of his wife. Councillor M. Brennan expressed his appreciation of the Council's vote of sympathy.

RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE TO ROAD WORKERS

Councillor Senator J. McCrea stated that retirement allowances have been paid to road workers in Wexford, Meath, Louth, Waterford and Monaghan, even though the workers concerned had not continuous employment, and were over 60 years of age when Part III of the Local Government Superannuation Act came into operation. He urged that similar cases in County Wicklow be investigated and superannuation allowances granted.

In connection with the Local Government Superannuation Act, Councillor Senator J. McCrea asked that details of any difficulties found in operating the Act be submitted to the Department of Local Government for consideration in relation to an Amending Bill, which was being prepared.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th July, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary read letter received from Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, asking that his deep appreciation be conveyed to the members of the Council for their resolution expressing the sympathy of the members on the death of his mother.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and 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 31st December, 1954, shall not exceed £180,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and 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 31st December, 1954, shall not exceed £31,000."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1954

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

Department of Education,
Primary Branch

Marlborough Street,

Dublin. 28 Lunasa, 1954.

R.O. 2/86105.

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954—County Wicklow

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 18th August, 1954, regarding the candidates to whom it is desired to award scholarships, I am to say that the Minister would be prepared to approve of the award of scholarships to the candidates mentioned in the letter. I am also to say that in order to provide for the three additional scholarships it will be necessary for the Council to amend their Scheme. It is suggested that the following be inserted as the final paragraph of Clause 1:—

"After the awards at (a) and (b) have been made, three scholarships of value £25 in each year will be awarded to the three candidates highest in order of merit who have not already been awarded a scholarship."

I am to request you to furnish particulars of the scholarships on the official lists and a copy of the amendment of Clause 1 for the Minister's formal approval.

Mise, le meas,

D. O LAOGHAIRE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we hereby amend Scheme of Scholarship in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1954, by the insertion of the following paragraph as the final paragraph of Clause 1 of the Scheme:—

"After the awards at (a) and (b) have been made, three scholarships of value £25 in each year will be awarded to the three candidates highest in order of merit, who have not already been awarded a scholarship."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received in regard to the value of Scholarships awarded to students residing in Bray and Greystones. Under the terms of the Council's Scheme, a student who attended a school in Greystones, even though residing in Bray, competed for a Rural Scholarship, and if on obtaining a Scholarship the student elected to attend a Day School in Dublin, which was more than ten miles from his residence, he became entitled to a scholarship valued at £80 in the first year and £70 in the second and each subsequent year. There was, however, an approved Secondary School available in Bray. Students residing in Greystones and attending Schools in Dublin were also able to avail of the higher valued Scholarships. It had been the intention of the Council that the higher valued scholarships be available only to students

who had no approved Secondary School convenient to their homes; and who consequently had to attend a boarding school, or travel a considerable distance to an approved day school.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, we hereby amend the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1955, by the insertion of the following paragraph in Clause 1 of the Scheme:—

"Provided that the value of each scholarship to be awarded in Category 1 (a) shall be limited to £30 in each year if there is an available approved Secondary School within ten miles of the student's home residence."

Passed unanimously.

The following letter from Mr. James J. Jacob, St. Patrick's Terrace, Rathnew, was submitted:—

St. Patrick's Terrace,
Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.
9/9/54.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Everett, T.D., has made representations to the Provincial of the Carmelite Order for the acceptance of my son, Joseph, to Terenure College with a view to the Priesthood.

Joseph obtained a County Council Scholarship in 1952, and this has been renewed by you and your Council for a further year. He has now been successful in his Intermediate Certificate Examination.

As Mr. Everett's representations have been most successful and the Provincial has expressed pleasure in accepting Joseph, the Minister advised me to write you immediately with a view to ascertaining what amount the increased grant per annum would be, as he intimated that he understood there was such a grant in a case where no suitable school or college presented itself locally.

As Terenure College has already re-opened, I trust I am not asking you too much to request you to send me the required information by my father. Mr. Everett to-night signified his intention of seeing you on Monday next (13th instant).

I am, dear Sir,
Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH J. JACOB.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That, having considered representations on behalf of Joseph Jacob, scholarship holder under the 1952 Scheme, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of an increase in the value of his scholarship to £70 for each of the remaining years of the scholarship, to enable him to attend Terenure College, Dublin."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The County Secretary stated that a report had been received from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, stating that Cathal V. Cullen had passed Second Arts (College) Examination in June, 1954, and recommending the renewal of his Scholarship.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That, having considered report of President, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, we approve of the renewal of University Scholarship for Cathal V. Cullen for a further year."

Passed unanimously.

The following letter received from Mr. Gabriel Haughton, "St. Annes," Seaview Road, Wicklow, was submitted:—

31st August, 1954.

Dear Sir,

I desire to make application to the Council for an extension of the Scholarship at present held by me. This Scholarship was granted to me three years ago and I have been attending University College, Dublin, where the degree of B.A. in Legal and Political Science was conferred on me at the last Conferring Ceremony.

Should the Council see fit to grant me an extension, it would be my intention to take a course leading to the degree of LL.B. (or Bachelor of Laws). I might point out that the two degrees are complementary and that the combination is favoured by the Faculty of Law at U.C.D.

I would be therefore greatly obliged if you would place my application before the Council at your convenience, and at the same time convey to the members of the Council my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the generous assistance which they have accorded me in the past.

Yours faithfully,
GABRIEL HAUGHTON.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

and resolved:—

"That, having considered application from Gabriel Haughton, St. Annes, Seaview Road, Wicklow, we approve of the extension of University Scholarship for a further year to enable him to obtain the degree of LL.B."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM AVOCA DISTRICT.

The following letter, from Mr. Victor G. Byrne, The Fountain Hotel, Avoca, was submitted:—

6th September, 1954.

The County Manager,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Chara,

Would you be so kind as to arrange an appointment at your next County Council meeting for a deputation from Avoca District?

There is a number of items which they would like to discuss at the meeting, most important of which is the matter of our present water supply, which is absolutely primitive.

I shall be very grateful if you can arrange this and let me know when the meeting will be.

Mise, le meas,
VICTOR G. BYRNE.

The Council agreed to receive a deputation at the next meeting. In reply to inquiries from members, the County Engineer stated that a report in regard to improvements to the Avoca Water Supply would also be available for the next meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 6—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT: 1954/55
PROGRAMME**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 6th September, 1954, Ref. RW 202/1/6, from the Department of Local Government, indicating that a Grant of £16,000 would be made available to the Council for the execution, in the current financial year, of works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, which had been approved by the Department. The Department request that a programme of suitable works be submitted for consideration. The proposals for works should be approved by the Council before submission to the Department. It was stated in the letter that the preparation of the programme of works should be reasonably planned as regards timing and location and should be such that their execution would not tend to draw labour away from harvest activities in each area. The Grant was accordingly applicable to expenditure incurred only after the 30th September. In areas where labour was still urgently required for harvest activities at that time, the initiation of Works Act Schemes should be deferred until the harvesting needs referred to had been met. Only works which would create or facilitate benefits of a reasonably durable nature should be submitted for approval. The works should be within the technical capacity and scope of the Council's staff and organisation, and each work should be such that it can be completed within the year. In the case of drainage works included in the programme, there should be close co-operation with other bodies concerned with drainage and reclamation. It was a condition of the Grant that all works must be completed within the financial year ending 31st March, 1955.

A special grant allocation of £500 was also made available to meet the cost of the Council's activities in the year in doing work to facilitate the Department of Agriculture in projects under the Land Rehabilitation Scheme, and the allocation, which was subject to review, was subject to the condition that the total recoupable expenditure on any particular scheme was not to exceed £200.

The Council noted the terms of the letter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly,

and resolved:—

"That the County Engineer submit to the next meeting his recommendations for suitable works to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, during the period 1st October, 1954, to 31st March, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that members would submit Schemes for their areas to the County Engineer, and that the proposals would be considered by the Council at the Housing Meeting to be held on the first Monday in October. The Council agreed that Schemes to the value of £4,000 would be prepared for each Engineer's district. The Council arranged for meetings of the members for the various areas in connection with the submission of Schemes, to be held as follows:—

- Arklow Electoral Area, at Shillelagh, at 3.30 p.m., on 20th September, 1954;
- Bray Electoral Area, at Town Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on 20th September, 1954;
- Baltinglass Electoral Area, at Courthouse, Baltinglass, at 3 p.m., on 16th September, 1954;
- Wicklow Electoral Area, at Courthouse, Wicklow, at 3 p.m., on 17th September, 1954.

ITEM No. 7—REPORT ON TURF PRODUCTION

The Council noted the following report of the County Engineer in regard to the turf produced during the season 1954/55:

10th September, 1954.

Turf Production, 1954/55

The present position regarding the Turf Production Scheme, 1954, is as follows:—

Sallygap Bog—Total cut, 800 tons, of which 250 tons have been saved and on the side of the road. I estimate that a further 150 tons will probably be saved should weather conditions improve.

Ballinagee Bog—560 tons cut; approximately 370 tons delivered to Rathdrum County Home, and a further 60 tons are almost ready for removal. The saving of the remainder of the turf depends entirely on the weather, and this seems doubtful.

Farbreaga Bog—250 tons cut; all of this was ricked when the cutting stopped early in July and it looked as if it would be dry enough to remove. However, owing to the extremely bad weather, the turf could not be taken from the bog and is now in poor condition. It would require at least a fortnight's excellent weather to get any of the turf off this year, but every effort will be made to save as much of it as possible.

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

ITEM No. 8—REVISION OF SALARY SCALES OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

The following summary of replies received from other local authorities, as requested by the Council at the last meeting, had been circulated to the members:—

Revised Salary Scales for Engineering Staff, County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer

Replies Received from Other Counties

County	Revised Salary Scale for Engineering Staff applied	Revised Salary Scale for Co. Medical Officer and Asst. Co. Medical Officer applied.	Number of Engineers	
			Permanent	Temporary
Carlow	Yes	Yes	7	4
Clare	Yes	—	9	13
Dublin	No decision	No decision	13	23
Galway	Yes	Yes	17	10
Kerry	Yes	Under consideration	13	3
Kildare	Yes	Yes	10	12
Kilkenny	Yes	Yes	8	4
Laois	Yes	Yes	7	3
Leitrim	Yes	Yes	6	—
Longford	Yes	Yes	5	1
Louth	Yes	Yes	5	3
Meath	Yes	Under consideration	11	4
Monaghan	No	No	7	7
Offaly	Yes	Yes	6	3
Roscommon	No	No	8	5
Sligo	Yes	Yes	6	2
Tipperary N.R.	Yes	Yes	8	7
Tipperary S.R.	Yes	Yes	10	5
Waterford	Yes	Yes	7	4
Westmeath	Not yet decided	Not yet decided	6	—
Wexford	Yes	Yes	10	3
Wicklow	—	—	6	2

The following particulars of the existing and proposed revised salary scales for Medical Staff and Engineering Staff were also circulated to the members:—

Revision of Salary Scales—Medical Staff and Engineering Staff

	Existing Scale	Maximum of Scale inclusive	Revised Scale	Maximum of Scale inclusive
Co. Medical Officer	£1,000 x £25-£1,200 + Temp. Allnce.	£1,515	£1,200 x £50-£1,400 + Temp. Allnce.	£1,725
Asst. Co. Medical Officer	£750 x £25-£900 + Temp. Allnce.	£1,115	£850 x £30-£1,000 + Temp. Allnce.	£1,275
Co. Engineer	£975 x £30-£1,155 + Road Fund Bonus £100. + Temp. Allnce.	£1,561	£1,200 x £50-£1,400 + Temp. Allnce.	£1,725
Chief Asst. Co. Engineer	£700 x £20-£850 + Road Fund Bonus £40. + Temp. Allnce.	£1,135	£800 x £25-£950 + Temp. Allnce.	£1,215
Asst. Co. Engineer	£550 x £15-£700 + Road Fund Bonus £40. + Temp. Allnce.	£950	£650 x £20-£800 + Temp. Allnce.	£1,035

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

"That we hereby approve of revised salary scales for the County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers, to take effect as from 1st January, 1953, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the increases in salaries."

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

That the revised salary scales of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers be applied as from 1st January, 1955."

As a further Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey,

"That the revised salaries of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers be applied as from 1st September, 1954."

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, having withdrawn his amendment, the amendment proposed by Councillor W. Lawless and seconded by Councillor A. Toomey was passed, Councillor P. McCarthy dissenting. The motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless providing for payment of the revised salary scales for County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers, to take effect as from 1st September, 1954, and authorising the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the application of the revised salary scales was declared passed, Councillor P. McCarthy dissenting.

ITEM No. 9—REVISED SALARY SCALES FOR ENGINEERING STAFF

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

"That we hereby approve of revised salary scales for the Engineering Staff, to take effect as from 1st September, 1954, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the increases in salaries."

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

"That matter of revision of salaries for Engineering Staff be deferred until after July, 1955, when Local Elections are to be held."

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. Byrne, Joseph Jacob and Miss E. F. Bobbett

AGAINST: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; G. Timmins, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan

The Amendment was declared carried by nine votes in favour to eight votes against. The matter was accordingly deferred in accordance with the terms of the resolution.

In the course of the discussion regarding salaries, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, in opposing the payment of revised salary scales for the Engineering Staff stated that he objected to officials receiving higher salaries than the County Manager and County Secretary. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Edward Byrne, the County Manager stated that the Minister had fixed a revised salary scale for the position of County Manager, but that he had not availed of it. Councillor Edward Byrne and Councillor W. Lawless stated that they would hand in notice of motion at the next meeting for the application of the revised salary for the position of County Manager, and recommending a revision of the salary scale for the County Secretary.

ITEM No. 10—ROAD FROM WHITESTOWN TO GLEN OF IMAAL

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey,
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly,

and resolved:—

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Minister for Local Government, dated 18th August, 1954, the sum of £6,251 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement of County Roads Nos. 321, 324 and 264 (Whitestown to Glen of Imaal) to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate, charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction, provided the said loan and interest thereon be secured by a Mortgage over the rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Limited.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—LOAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF LOGSTOWN ROAD AND PORTION OF ROAD AT LACKENFAU, BLESSINGTON

With reference to Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor T. O'Reilly for the raising of loan of £3,000 to complete the reconstruction of the Logstown Road, and to reconstruct portion of the road at Lackenfau, Blessington, the County Engineer reported that the road at Logstown would be completed in the financial year 1955/56. There was only one mile remaining to be finished, and the County Engineer suggested that it be left over until next year.

The Council accepted the recommendation of the County Engineer on the matter.

ITEM No. 12—LOAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM TOGHER TO COUNTY WEXFORD BOUNDS AND ROAD FROM CROSSBRIDGE TO COUNTY CARLOW BOUNDS

In connection with notice of motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill for the raising of a loan of £6,000 for the reconstruction of road from Togher to County Wexford bounds and road from Crossbridge to County Carlow bounds, the County Engineer stated that the total length of the roads was three miles, and that the sum of £6,000 would not be sufficient to reconstruct the two roads.

The County Engineer suggested that there were more important roads in the immediate vicinity remaining to be done, and which were on the priority list. He would prefer to see expenditure on the Tinahely-Ballybeg-Aughrim road or on the improvement of the Moyne-Knockananna route.

The Council approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer and decided to defer the matter.

ITEM No. 13—AUGHRIM - MONAMEEN ROAD

The County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received from rate-payers and users of the Aughrim-Monameen Road, requesting the Council to raise a loan of £3,000 to complete the resurfacing of the road from Upper Aughrim. It was stated in the memorial that the road was considered one of the most important in that area, and that it led to a Protestant Church, a Catholic Church and Hostel, and two cemeteries. The memorial also requested that the work be carried out within the present financial year, and that in order to eliminate unnecessary haulage that all material be quarried in the Aughrim area.

The County Engineer reported that to complete the road for a distance of about three miles would cost £9,750. The other branches from Monameen to Clash and the branch to Greenane would cost an additional £6,750 and £6,000 respectively. The County Engineer pointed out that the road was next on the priority list in the Aughrim district after the road from Aughrim to Ballygobbin will have been completed, and that four miles still remain to be done on the latter road. One mile would be completed during the present financial year, and the County Engineer suggested that two miles of it would be done during 1955/56. The County Engineer in his report pointed out that there had been pressing representations made to have the latter road done as a priority, both from the Labour Party representatives and from the ratepayers and users of the road as far away as Rathdangan. It was not desirable, having regard to all the circumstances, to break away from a regular programme of reconstruction having once undertaken it, and he suggested, therefore, that the Council should not allow itself to be deviated from the Five-Year Programme of which they had already approved.

It was

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

"That we authorise the raising of a loan of £3,000 to defray the cost of repairing and reconstructing portion of the road from Aughrim to Monameen."

As an Amendment, it was

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

"That we accept the recommendation of the County Engineer and that reconstruction of road from Aughrim to Monameen be deferred."

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, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne and Miss E. F. Bobbett 5

AGAINST: Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice and J. Jacob 13

The Amendment was declared defeated by thirteen votes against to five votes in favour, and the original Resolution was declared passed on the same voting.

Purchase of Arable Land by the Forestry Department

Councillor J. O'Neill stated that the Department of Lands had recently acquired some acres of arable land at Askakeagh, and stated that in view of the limited amount of arable land available in the district that representations be made to the Department that where land was required for the purpose of afforestation, land which was not suitable for tillage be used. The Council directed that representations on the matter be made to the Department of Lands.

ITEM No. 13 (a)—ROADS AT ROUNDWOOD

The following letter from An Bórd Failte was submitted:—

13 Merrion Square,
Dublin.

8th September, 1954.

FL/MG

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

Roads at Roundwood

Dear Mr. Flannery,

The Board has had further discussions with Dublin Corporation regarding the road over the dam, which is at present the responsibility of the Corporation. The City Engineer would be prepared to recommend to the City Manager that the Corporation contribute a sum of £1,000, representing one-third of the cost of the road improvements, the balance to be found by grant of £1,500 from the Board and £500 from Wicklow County Council. The work is to be carried out by Wicklow County Council, which would agree to accept responsibility for future maintenance of the road.

The City Engineer feels that the foregoing represents a very reasonable offer, which is, of course, subject to the formal approval of the City Manager. It is suggested that the matter be considered by your Council with a view to your Council providing the £500 needed for the work. You will recollect that the Board has agreed to make available for this work and for a convenience near the dam a sum of £2,000, representing fifty per cent. of the cost of road and convenience.

In connection with the proposed convenience the City Engineer would be prepared to recommend that the Corporation contribute £500 and the Board the remaining £500, the work to be done by Wicklow County Council which should agree to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the convenience.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the County Engineer for his information and I should be glad to have your comments when you have had an opportunity of further considering the matter.

Yours faithfully,
F. LAWLOR.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
10th September, 1954.

Corporation Roads at Roundwood—Bórd Failte

I understand that An Bórd Failte has had further discussions with Dublin Corporation regarding these roads in the vicinity of the Roundwood Old Reservoir and that the City Engineer is not prepared to recommend that the City Manager contribute a larger sum than £1,000 towards the cost of reconstruction—this sum being approximately one-third of the estimated amount required.

I am informed that Bórd Failte is prepared to give a further grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the work, and the remaining £500 will have to be found by Wicklow County Council.

There is no doubt that the Council, for an expenditure of £500, will get a first-class surface on those roads in that district, and, whilst I had felt that Dublin Corporation should have been held entirely responsible for putting those roads into such a condition which would cater for modern traffic, at the same time, having regard to all the factors of the case and the likelihood of further, long-drawn-out, futile negotiations on the subject, I think that Wicklow County Council will not be ill-advised in authorising the sum of £500 as a contribution towards the total cost of £3,000.

I will contact the Corporation regarding the matter of the public convenience proposed to be erected near the reservoir dam at Roundwood, which would be erected by Wicklow County Council and would cost approximately £1,000; the Corporation to provide a sum of £500 and An Bórd Failte the remaining £500.

(Signed) J. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved :—

" Having considered letter from An Bórd Failte, we authorise the expenditure of the sum of £500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates as the Council's contribution towards the cost of improvements to roads at Roundwood, in respect of which a grant of £1,500 is being made available by An Bórd Failte and a contribution of £1,000 by the Corporation of Dublin, and agree that Wicklow County Council shall accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the road on the completion of such road improvements."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—REVISION OF WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS

The following letter from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union was submitted :—

94 Merrion Square,
Dublin.
11th August, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
The Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We are requested by our members employed as road workers to ask that they be granted an increase of 10/- per week.

We should be obliged if you would arrange to have this matter considered at the next meeting of the Council.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CONROY,
General President.

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

4 Eglinton Road,
Bray.
10th September, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The County Executive Committee of the above trade union has had under consideration for some time the desirability of a further adjustment in the wages of the road staff employed by Wicklow County Council.

As you are aware, the County Council recommended by resolution in December, 1953, that there should be an all-round increase of 10/- per week, but this recommendation was overruled by the County Manager, who reduced the increase to 4/6. This action was not accepted by my County Executive or our members, and accordingly it has now been decided to make application for a further upward adjustment in the wage rates of the road staff.

This is the second time recommendations of the County Council have been cut, either by ministerial or managerial action, inside the past three years. In consequence, the actual increases received by the road staff are only an instalment of their just entitlements. In addition, wages of other local authorities have been increased since the last adjustment in County Wicklow, and in County Kildare, in particular, the wage rate has exceeded the County Wicklow rate since last April.

In view of these circumstances, and in order to restore the recommended increases of which they were deprived, I am instructed by my County Executive to make application for an all-round increase of 15/6 per week, without prejudice to other negotiations on behalf of the supervisory staffs and skilled grades. Our application is on behalf of surface labourers, quarry men, carters,

gangers, assistant overseers and overseers. Please place this application before the County Council as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
ROSS CONNOLLY,
Co. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the rate of wages for road workers in County Kildare was £4 16s. 6d. per week, and that this rate had applied from 1st March, 1954. The rate of wages in Carlow was £4 10s. 0d. per week from 23rd February, 1953, and the rate in County Wexford was £4 11s. 6d. from 7th June, 1954. The cost of living index figure for mid-May, 1954, was 124, which showed a reduction of one point on the previous figure.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

" That we hereby approve of an increase of 10/- per week in wages of Council's road workers to take effect as from 13th September, 1954, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such increase in wages."

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

" That we approve of an increase of 5/6 per week in wages of Council's road workers to take effect as from 13th September, 1954, and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such increase in wages."

Councillor P. McCarthy indicated that he was prepared to accept the Amendment proposed by Councillor E. Byrne.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager pointed out that he would find it difficult to justify an increase of 5/6 in road workers' wages. Following a discussion, the County Manager agreed to seek sanction to an increase in road workers' wages of 4/6 per week, and the Council agreed to recommend this amount, Councillors W. Hammond and P. Murdoch dissenting.

ITEM No. 15—RECRUITMENT OF LORRY DRIVERS

The report on the marks obtained by applicants for positions as lorry drivers had been circulated to the members :

In the course of the discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that of the men who qualified at the tests, married men should get preference and also men who were unemployed.

The Council adjourned the matter.

ITEM No. 16—LOAN FOR PROVISION OF PUMPS AND WELLS

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

and resolved :—

" That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Twenty thousand pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1954.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—HOLLYWOOD WATER SUPPLY

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting held in December, 1950, the Council had considered report from the Assistant County Engineer for improvements to Hollywood Water Supply, including the laying of branch mains to serve Rathattan and Ballinacrow, at an estimated cost of £3,367, and had

approved of the Scheme. Having considered report of Acting County Medical Officer at meeting held on 21st May, 1951, in which he indicated that he could not recommend the extension and suggested that any scheme should be confined to the limits of the village and to the improvement of the present supply, the Council agreed that a scheme be prepared for the improvement of the existing supply. The Assistant County Engineer has now reported that there are two springs which would be sufficient for the purpose if these were covered in and a small tank constructed of about 5,000 galls. capacity and a 3" watermain laid to connect to existing supply. The cost of the work would be approximately £900 and £100 for compensation for water rights. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the scheme was restricted to the improvement of the existing supply and that only the school and three houses were at present supplied. There had not been any actual shortage of water in Hollywood, but when the new school was erected the position might be different as the quantity used would probably be greater. In reply to enquiry from members the Assistant County Engineer stated that wells could be sunk to serve the Cottages at Hollywood North Cross Roads and Bonagrow. The Council agreed that wells be sunk and pumps erected to serve the cottages at these places and that the work be included on the Priority List.

The school would make their own connection to the existing supply.

ITEM No. 18—TINAHELY WATER SUPPLY

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

Tinahely,
10th August, 1954.

A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer.

Re Tinahely Water Supply

A Chara,

In a recent test of the reservoir at Tinahely I found the reservoir itself was leaking at the rate of about 10,000 gallons daily. This is a very old concrete tank (90 years) and is not of sound construction. It was repaired about two years ago, but is obviously so unsound as to be incapable of proper maintenance. The filters are only barely capable of treating the normal requirements of the system and this amount of leakage means that the load on the filters is doubled. This factor, together with a considerable wastage of water by consumers with leaks, has been the cause of many unsatisfactory samples of water taken in recent months. The consumers concerned have been served with notices. The only solution would appear to be the construction of a new reservoir and filter beds.

If this is agreed to, I would suggest that they be built about 350 yards upstream of the present site, thereby raising the level of the reservoir by about forty feet, as the present level is a rather precarious one for houses on the higher levels. The cost of construction of the reservoir and filters would be about £700, and the pipeline to the new site would cost about £400, or a total of £1,100.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

and resolved:—

"Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to Tinahely Water Supply, we direct that the County Engineer prepare detailed plans for improvement to the water supply and an estimate of cost."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 19—WATER SUPPLY, SPRINGFIELD, KILBRIDE

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the cost of piping water from the well on the lands of Mr. P. Nolan to the

roadside and allowing a branch for his cattle would amount to £60. He suggested that the Council should consider the matter in view of the fact that on testing the well it delivered only 360 galls. per day. The Health Inspector had reported that the well was a good one but it would need to be built up, covered and piped to the roadside. There were a total of 17 people in need of water at the point and he considered that the works suggested would provide them with a suitable water supply at a very low cost. Councillor Bobbett stated that she considered that a supply of 360 galls. per day would be adequate for the needs of the persons in the district. The Council approved of the work proposed by the Assistant County Engineer at the estimated cost of £60.

ITEM No. 20—WATER SUPPLY AT BALLISHALL, AUGHRIM

The County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received from eight residents in Ballishall for an extension of a watermain. The Health Inspector had reported that there were nine Council cottages occupied by 43 persons depending for a water supply on a surface well near the river bank and recommended that the watermain be extended. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the cottages were served by a well about 20 yards from the road on forestry land and that the well appeared to be a good one. If it were improved with a concrete surround at a cost of £30 he considered it would be quite suitable. The cost of extending the watermain would be £350 and would only result in bringing the water 20 yards nearer to the cottages. Following a discussion, it was decided to adjourn the matter pending inquiry by members of the Council from the persons concerned as to whether the work of improving the well would meet their requirements. It had been suggested that some of the tenants wished to install a piped water supply and sanitary facilities in their houses.

ITEM No. 21—SITE FOR SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT AUGHRIM

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been in communication with the C.I.E. in regard to the purchase of a site for the purpose of a public convenience at Aughrim. A site had been offered by C.I.E. for a sum of £40, but the Council considered that the price requested was too high. The County Engineer had reported that one of the officials of C.I.E., who had been dealing with the matter of the proposed acquisition by the Council of certain lands from C.I.E., including the lands at Aughrim, had died suddenly, and that C.I.E. wished to have further discussion on the matter deferred until the end of the month. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 22—PROVISION OF DUMPING GROUND AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

Reports of Assistant County Engineer dated 26th August, 1954, and of the Health Inspector dated 11th September, 1954, in regard to the two alternative sites for new dumping ground on lands owned by Miss Magee, of Newtownmountkennedy, were submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the distance of either site from Newtownmountkennedy was approximately one mile, and decided to defer the matter pending further inquiry towards obtaining a suitable site more convenient to the village.

ITEM No. 23—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT WILLOW GROVE, DELGANY

The County Secretary stated that the Council had, at the meeting held on the 8th February, 1954, considered quotation received from the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £95 2s. 6d. for the provision of three public lights at Willow Grove and had decided not to accept the quotation. A quotation had now been obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of one public light at a cost of £51 17s. 6d. Following a discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor M. Brennan, and passed, that the Council approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £51 17s. 6d. for the provision of one public light at Willow Grove.

ITEM No. 24—ERECTION OF DISPENSARY ON SITE AT MAIN STREET, BALTINGLASS

The County Secretary stated that the site for the dispensary at Baltinglass had now been acquired and the County Engineer would be in a position to proceed with the erection of a dispensary. The views of the Council as to whether the work should be done by contract or direct labour were required. The Council decided that tenders be invited immediately for the erection of the dispensary and that the County Engineer also submit a tender for the work.

Fountain at Mill Street, Carnew—Senator McCrea asked that the matter of moving a pump at Mill Street, Carnew, be attended to as soon as possible and stated that in his opinion this work was essential.

Shillelagh Water Supply—It was stated by members that the water supply at Shillelagh was not satisfactory at present and the County Engineer was asked to submit a report in regard to it.

Dispensary at Stratford—The Council asked that a report be submitted in regard to the condition of the dispensary at Stratford-on-Slaney.

Road at Willow Grove—The Chairman suggested that it would be desirable to fit "Cats' Eyes" in the roadway at Willow Grove.

ITEM No. 25—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL RE KINDLESTOWN HOUSING SCHEME AND COMPLAINT OF MR. PETER BYRNE

The following report of the meeting of the Special Committee was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council

The Special Committee appointed by the County Council to investigate matters relating to Kindlestown Housing Scheme, and the termination of the employment of Mr. Joseph Furlong, and also to investigate the complaint of Mr. Peter Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely, was held at the Town Hall, Bray, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, 23rd August, 1954.

The following members of the Committee attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Miss E. F. Bobbett, P. Brennan, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, W. Hammond, P. Kehoe, W. Lawless, P. McCarthy, Senator J. J. McCrea, J. O'Toole and G. Timmins.

The County Manager and County Secretary also attended.

The Committee decided to deal first with the complaint of Mr. Peter Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely.

The County Secretary read the letter of 1st July, 1954, addressed to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, by Mr. Peter Byrne, in which he complained of being victimised in regard to employment by the Council.

The Committee then heard evidence tendered by Mr. Peter Byrne, M. Condren, Overseer; M. Dowse, Chargehand at Lackeen Quarry; H. Doyle, carter, who had been employed at Lackeen Quarry, and C. J. Byrne, Assistant County Engineer.

The Committee agreed on the following report, Senator J. J. McCrea dissenting:—

The Committee, having heard all the evidence tendered to them, were satisfied that Mr. Byrne was not able to do what was regarded as a normal day's quarry work. The Committee was further of the opinion that this was mainly due to the state of his health, and finally that if lighter work was available that Mr. Byrne be offered it when he would be regarded as fit by his medical adviser, in consideration of his health and his National Service.

Kindlestown Housing Scheme

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Gerald Doyle, General Secretary, Operative Plasterers' Trade Society, who had been waiting to give evidence, was anxious to return to his office as soon as possible. The Committee agreed to hear Mr. Doyle first. The County Secretary then reported to the Committee

that Mr. Doyle wished to have the foreman plasterer present when he was giving his evidence to the Committee, and that Mr. Doyle and the members of Bray Trades Council, and the Secretary of the Bray Trades Council, and Mr. Furlong, had indicated that they preferred that they would all be present when evidence was being given by any one of them. The Committee were not in agreement to this procedure, and the Chairman interviewed the Union representatives and Mr. Furlong and explained the procedure which the Committee had agreed upon. The Chairman subsequently reported to the Committee that the Trade Union representatives and Mr. Furlong were not agreeable to give evidence individually to the Committee. The Chairman added that Mr. Doyle had indicated that he would be quite agreeable to attend before the Committee on another date if required. As the Trade Union representatives and Mr. Furlong had left, the Committee were unable to proceed further in the matter.

The Council noted the report of the Special Committee.

ITEM No. 26—PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The County Secretary stated that arrangements were being made for readjusting the Registration Unit for Arklow East Urban Area to facilitate voters in that area. Particulars of the adjustments were submitted to the Council. Having considered the report of the County Secretary, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That we recommend that the Polling Station for Ballinaclesh Part 1 be at the house of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, Clash, in lieu of the previous position at Ballinaclesh Old National School.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted the report of the Rate Collector that Patrick Walshe's house was more suitable as a polling station at Ballinglen than George Byrne's cottage, and that both places were much the same as regards convenience to voters in the area.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that consideration be given to a second polling station in Redcross. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be investigated.

ITEM No. 27—EMPLOYMENT OF DRIVER FOR LIBRARY VAN

The following letter from the County Librarian was submitted:—

County Library,

Greystones.

8th September, 1954.

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

Re Appointment of Driver Assistant—County Library

A Chara,

At their monthly meeting on the 13th July, the County Library Committee discussed the appointment of a driver assistant and, on the ground that Daniel Hatton, office boy in the County Library, has given complete satisfaction with his work since his appointment three years ago and is a competent driver, they considered that he should be recommended for promotion to the post of driver assistant.

They decided to defer the adoption of a resolution on the matter to their monthly meeting on September 21st, 1954, by which time they expected to have more information concerning the new van.

Daniel Hatton was appointed office boy in the County Library on 4/11/50 and took up duty on 5/2/51, at a weekly wage of £2. He was appointed in a temporary capacity.

On the 28/10/52 the County Library Committee adopted a resolution recommending an increase of 8/- weekly to Daniel Hatton in view of his satisfactory service. An increase of 6/5 weekly was sanctioned by the County Manager as per your letter of 13/1/53.

Is mise,
B. REDMOND,
Co. Librarian.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne,

and resolved:—

“That having considered views of the County Library Committee, we recommend that Daniel Hatton, office boy, be appointed as driver/assistant, subject to the County Engineer being satisfied as to his capacity for driving the library van.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 28—REPORTS OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS Re MYXOMATOSIS

The Council noted the reports submitted to the meeting from the Council's Veterinary Inspectors in regard to Myxomatosis in County Wicklow.

Councillor W. Hammond urged that dead rabbits found on the roadside be buried by the Council's road staff.

ITEM No. 29—CENSORSHIP LAWS

The Council decided to mark “read” the following resolution from Roscommon County Council:—“That we call on the Minister for Justice to amend forthwith the Censorship Laws so that he shall have adequate powers to ban promptly and expeditiously all forms of evil literature; that he ban the importation of foreign comics; that he ban the importation of foreign newspapers, particularly Sunday newspapers extolling crime, divorce, etc., and everything that is alien to the Irish Catholic way of life; that foreign picture postcards, many of them obscene and indecent, be banned.”

ITEM No. 30—LETTER FROM ANTI-PARTITION ASSOCIATION

The following letter from the National Executive, Anti-Partition Association, was submitted:—

196 Pearse Street,
Dublin.

The Secretary,
Each Public Body.

A Chara,

The Executive of the Anti-Partition Association asks your Council to give its sanction to the resolutions from Tralee U.D.C. and the Anti-Partition League which call for implementation of the Agreement announced to the world by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of England, on June 29th, when they promised to uphold the principle of self-government and to strive by every peaceful means to secure the independence of countries whose peoples desire and are capable of sustaining an independent existence.

Ireland is not likely to forget the reference to free elections for nations divided against their will, especially since the violence against the Flag and people of Pomeroy.

In this connection we venture to send copies of a poster which we have had printed. We are anxious to have it shown over the whole of Ireland without delay, particularly before the end of the tourist season. It is already up in the Six Counties.

I am to ask if your Council would have this poster, or a better one of your own devising, displayed prominently, preferably on or near the most important public buildings.

Is mise, le meas mor,
MAIRE COMERFORD, Runai.

The Council approved of the displaying of the poster submitted with the letter.

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

By Councillor Edward J. Byrne:—

I hereby give notice that I will move at the next statutory meeting of this Council: (a) That the salary scale approved by the Minister be applied to our County Manager; (b) That the salary of the County Secretary be put on a par with that of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer of Health.

By Councillor W. Lawless:—

I hereby give notice that I will move at the next statutory meeting of this Council: That the maximum differential be applied to our Overseers and Assistant Overseers.

By Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:—

I, or some one in my name, will move at the next meeting of the County Council, that the Council rescind the resolution passed to-day re Engineers' salaries.

By Councillor T. O'Reilly:—

That I, or someone on my behalf, will, at the next County Council meeting, ask that a water supply be provided at the National School, Manor Kilbride, Blessington, as the existing supply is very bad.

By Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:—

That I, or someone in my name, will, at the next meeting, move that the Council proceed to provide a water supply for the village of Redcross.

By Councillor W. Hammond:—

I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the County Council I, or some member for me, shall propose: “That we recommend the Government to take steps to deal with the matter of the habitual itinerants now increasingly causing a condition of trespass and unseemliness on our country roads, and suggest, as calculated to train them to become more useful citizens, the procuring or erecting of suitable residences in appropriate areas as vocational schools for all the children of same, from 6 to 16 years of age, making attendance of all such compulsory thereat.

Further, for the purpose of identification and effecting essential contact, that all over 16 be compelled to carry registration cards, discs or similar.

We direct that copies of this resolution be sent to all other County Councils in the country.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th October, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,

Councillors Senator J. J. Crea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and M. J. Brennan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers C. J. Byrne and J. P. Caffrey, were present.

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during month of September, 1954.
2. Programme of works under Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1954: Report of Deputy County Engineer following local meetings.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1954: Award of Scholarships.
4. Reconstruction Grants: Circular from Department of Local Government; copy of circular and of section of Act are being circulated.
5. Housing scheme at Aughrim.
6. Report re derelict site at Dunlavin.
7. Fountain at Mill Street, Carnew: Proposed moving of fountain.
8. Water supply at Coolkenno, Tullow.
9. Water supply for cottages on Main Road at Ballyrahan, Tinahely.
10. Water supply to cottage at Killalesh.
11. Public lighting at Roundwood.
12. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
13. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
14. Application for permission to sell portion of plot at Kilmurray adjoining house in respect of which the Council has advanced a loan.
15. Repairs carried out during month of September, 1954.
16. Authorisation of repairs.

ITEM NO. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The attached report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of September and the report of the County Engineer on the erection of pumps and wells had been circulated to the members.

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

1st October, 1954.

To: The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—month of September, 1954

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 407 (including 47 by contract).

Under the Kindlestown Scheme, 30 houses have been completed. A further 10 houses are in progress.

At O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, 16 houses have been completed.

At Kilmagig, Avoca, 12 houses are in progress.

The total number of men employed on housing during September, 1954, was:—

Kilmagig, Avoca	.....	Skilled	8	Unskilled	6
Kindlestown (No. 3)		Skilled	7	Unskilled	10
		Totals	15		16

The total expenditure to date under the scheme is £383,721 19s. 8d., made up as follows:—

Wages	£153,406	2	0
Materials	£193,507	8	9
Payments to contractors	£36,808	8	11

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

Northern Area (1946 Scheme):—

Cottages completed to 31st August, 1954	185
Cottages completed during September, 1954	Nil

Total completed

185

Completed under Newtown Scheme	16
Completed under Kindlestown Scheme	30
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10

Total completed

56

In Progress:—

Kindlestown (No. 3)	10
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Total in progress

10

South-Eastern Area:—

Cottages completed to 31st August, 1954	80
Cottages completed during September, 1954	Nil

Total completed

80

In Progress (1946 Scheme):—

Kilmagig, Avoca	12
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Southern Area:—

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1954	54
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff	3

Total completed

57

In Progress

Nil

Western Area:—

Cottages completed to 31st August, 1954	88
Cottages completed during September, 1954	Nil

Total completed

88

In Progress

Nil

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
4th October, 1954.

To:

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

Pumps and Wells

Gentlemen,

I set out hereunder details of the progress on pumps and wells scheme as at 30th September, 1954:—

North-Eastern Area	5	completed
South-Eastern Area	21	completed (incl. Tigroney during September)
Southern Area	13	completed (incl. Ballinglen during September)
Western Area	22	completed (incl. Rathmoon during September)
Total	61	

In Progress:

Kylebeg	1
Munny	1
Total	2

Total expenditure to date £15,916 4 8

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the Deputy County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of September, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. McCarthy raised the matter of the termination of the employment of a workman who had been employed on the housing scheme at Kilmagig. He stated that the worker in question had been in the employment of the Council over the previous three years and was contributing under the Superannuation Act. A worker was retained in employment who had been only six months employed by the Council. The Assistant County Engineer, in reply, stated that the worker retained was a married man and the man whose services had been dispensed with was single. As the work was drawing to a close, it was necessary to reduce the number of men employed and he considered it preferable to retain the married man in employment. Councillor McCarthy contended that preference in such cases should be given to the man who had been longest in the employment of the Council. Following a discussion on the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That the existing arrangements for recruitment and retention in employment of workers remain in operation."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That length of service determine the retention of workers in employment of Council."

The matter having been discussed further, the Council agreed that the matter remain as it was, Councillor P. McCarthy and Councillor J. O'Neill dissenting.

**ITEM NO. 2—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT:
SCHEMES FOR 1954/55**

The County Secretary submitted a list prepared by the Deputy County Engineer of schemes to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act during the year 1954/55. The schemes had been prepared following local meetings of members of the Council who had submitted proposals for such schemes. The Council directed that the list of schemes be circulated to the members and included on the Agenda for the next meeting, and agreed that in the meantime particulars of the schemes should be submitted to the Department for approval.

ITEM NO. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1954

The County Secretary stated that the results of the examination for the University Scholarships for the year 1954 had been received from the Registrars of the universities and particulars of the results had been circulated to the members. As the universities would be re-opening shortly the matter had been included on the Agenda for that meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of University Scholarships in accordance with the Council's Scheme for 1954/55 as follows:—Kevin C. Brennan, 2 Marine Terrace, Greystones; Eugene M. Doyle, 'Edenvale,' Cooldross, Kilcoole; Dermot B. Nagle, 'St. Anthony's,' Royal Marine Terrace, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

The following letter from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the members:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin,
24 Mean Fomhair, 1954.

H. 8/1954.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to forward herewith a copy of the Housing (Repair and Improvement Works) Regulations, 1954, which govern the making of grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954. For convenient reference, a copy of Section 12 of the Act is also enclosed.

The purpose of Section 12 is to widen the scope of the assistance available under the Housing Acts towards the preservation and improvement of dwellings occupied by or suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes or agricultural labourers and to encourage the conversion of larger houses so occupied or suitable into separate dwellings. The grant is payable to the person executing the repair or improvement works, whether or not he is the occupier of the house and no rateable limit is imposed.

Applications from farmers or from agricultural labourers in rural areas for reconstruction grants in respect of houses in their own occupation will continue to be considered under Section 16 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.

As decay and obsolescence add to the liabilities of housing authorities for the provision of working class housing accommodation and labourers' cottages, the Minister considers that they should intensify operations under the Housing Acts which would arrest the decay of dwellings and secure their repair or improvement. Attention is drawn in particular to the powers and duties connected with the control of tenementing (Sections 11 and 12 of the 1948 Act), the making and enforcement in urban areas of bye-laws relating to overcrowding, sanitary facilities, water supply, drainage, ventilation, etc. (Section 27 of the 1952 Act), and the repair of houses which can be made fit for human habitation at reasonable expense (Section 19 of the 1931 Act). The Minister requests that the position be examined in each housing area with a view to appropriate action being taken under the above-mentioned provisions. The attention of persons on whom notices

involving repair or improvement works are served might be drawn to the grants available under Section 12 of the 1954 Act. Housing authorities are reminded that where they themselves carry out repair works which had been specified in a notice served under Section 19 of the 1931 Act, a grant may be made by the Minister towards the cost (Section 33 (2) of the 1952 Act). They are also reminded that the major subsidy is payable for the re-housing under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts of a family displaced by an operation of the housing authority under any of the provisions referred to above.

A supply of forms of application for grants under Section 12 of the 1954 Act will be forwarded when printed copies are available.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) P. J. DALY.

To: Each Housing Authority.

A copy of Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, had also been circulated to the members. The County Manager pointed out that a subsidy of over £22 in the year would have to be provided from rates in respect of each cottage to be erected under the 1952 Scheme. This sum would be equivalent to a capital sum of over £400. If by the payment of a supplementary grant an unfit house could be rendered fit for a period of over ten years, the result would be a saving to the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, pointed out that there was no provision in the Section to enable the Council to control rent which might be charged by the owner of a house reconstructed with the aid of a State Grant and a Supplementary Grant from the Council and that the Supplementary Grant was payable irrespective of the means of the applicant. The County Manager stated that applications for supplementary reconstruction grants would be submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter dated 24th September, 1954, Ref. H.8/1954 from Department of Local Government, we approve of the making of Supplementary Reconstruction Grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, of the same amount in each instance as may be allowed by the State."

Passed; Councillors H. J. Byrne and M. Brennan dissenting.

ITEM NO. 5—HOUSING SCHEME AT AUGHRIM

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Department of Local Government had now been received to the layout and house plans for the housing scheme at Aughrim and that the Department had enquired whether the Council proposed to invite tenders for the erection of the houses. The County Engineer had recommended that the houses be erected by contract.

The Council agreed that tenders be invited for the erection of the houses and that the County Engineer also submit a tender for the work.

ITEM NO. 6—DERELICT SITES AT DUNLAVIN

The following report of Assistant County Engineer, P. J. Foley, was submitted:—

3rd September, 1954.

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

re Derelict Sites at Dunlavin

Dear Sir,

I have made an inspection of the Town of Dunlavin and I wish to report that it would appear to me there are two places only which at first sight might appear to be within the above description.

One of these sites I find is that on which it is proposed to construct a bungalow by Mr. Lawlor, and for which approval was given under the Town Planning Acts.

The second consists of a row of three houses on the Green at Dunlavin and again there appears to be a proposal to construct a bungalow by Mr. L. O'Reilly.

It would appear, therefore, that the Council could not interfere in either of these cases.

I noted a third site which is unsightly at a part of the house used as a post office, which has been unroofed, but I cannot in any circumstances consider it as a derelict site, as it is in occupation by the owner of the premises.

There was at one time a fourth ruinous building, but this has been cleared, and the ground leased to the adjoining owner, and it now forms part of his yard.

Unless the two people mentioned who have obtained permission to build abandon the idea there is no place where the Council should interfere at present.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. J. FOLEY.

Councillor Kehoe stated that he understood that there were other derelict sites in the town which could be utilised for building and that there was a need for the erection of some better class houses in Dunlavin. The County Manager pointed out that very few applications had been received for the tenancy of houses in the Dunlavin district recently. The Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 7—FOUNTAIN AT MILL STREET, CARNEW

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from residents in Mill Street, Carnew, for the moving of the fountain to a point more convenient to the houses. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that at present the furthest consumer was about 350 yards from the pump on a steep hill. There were four houses and two Council cottages involved. He recommended extending the main about 130 yards to bring the fountain to a more central point. The cost of extending the main would be about £130. The County Secretary stated that the valuation of the houses of the applicants were three at £2 and three at £1 10s. 0d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the extension of watermain at Carnew, a distance of 130 yards, and the re-erection of fountain to serve houses at Mill Street, Carnew, at estimated cost of £130.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8—WATER SUPPLY AT COOLKENNO, TULLOW

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had investigated complaint by Mr. Michael Doyle, Coolkenno, in regard to the lack of water supply and reported that the pump near the cross-roads at Coolkenno was at too great a distance from the persons concerned as a source of drinking water. The water was obtained from two wells situated in Mr. Minion's field, both of which were surface springs, unprotected from animal pollution. A third spring was situated in a small plot of ground owned by Mr. Thomas Byrne, but this spring did not appear wholesome. The Health Inspector had been informed that Mr. Minion resented persons trespassing on his lands. He recommended the erection of a pump. The Acting Chief Medical Officer also recommended the erection of a pump. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the facts of the matter were as stated by the Health Inspector. There were six houses involved, five of which were Council cottages, and the total number of occupants was 25. The Assistant County Engineer recommended the erection of a pump at a cost of £210.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump at Coolkenno, Tullow, at estimated cost of £210, the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES ON MAIN ROAD AT BALLYRAHAN, TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had investigated the need for water supply for cottages situated on the Main Road at Ballyrahan, Tinahely, and recommended the erection of a pump. He pointed out that as the cottages were scattered the pump should be situated centrally and the tenants had indicated that they would be satisfied with a supply at any point on the roadside. The Assistant County Engineer, in report of 24th September, 1954, stated that the cost of providing a pump would amount to about £220. There were three cottages involved with a total of 19 consumers. Water was at present being obtained from two wells on farmers' lands, about 400 yards and 250 yards from the nearest cottage concerned and the wells were open to pollution.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump to provide water supply for three Council cottages on Main Road at Ballyrahan, Tinahely, at estimated cost of £220, the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 10—WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT KILLALESH

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had enquired into representations made that a water supply be provided for Council cottages at Killalesh, Kiltegan, near the Carlow border. There were four houses in the vicinity, two of which were Council cottages. The tenant of one of the cottages obtained water from a pump in Mr. Patrick Fluskey's yard, about 250 yards from the cottage, the owner having no objection. Mrs. Ellen Byrne and Miss Fitzpatrick, who were both small farmers, obtained a supply from a well on a laneway about 200 yards from the road. From his investigations, the Health Inspector was of opinion that the Clinch family was the only one in the area to be considered and as only a single family was involved, he did not consider the provision of a pump would be justified. The Assistant County Engineer, in his report of 20th September, 1954, stated that water could be got quite close to the cottages and some 200 yards from three of the houses at an approximate cost of £60. The Council decided to defer the matter. Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area indicated that they would make further enquiries regarding the need for a water supply at this place.

ITEM NO. 11—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT ROUNDWOOD

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the Electricity Supply Board for the supply and erection of ten 200 watt public lamps, together with switch wire and time-switches. The cost of supplying and erecting the ten 200 watt lamps was estimated at £58 15s. 0d. and the provision of switch wire and solar dial time switches was estimated at £77, making a total cost of £135 15s. 0d. The lamps would be replaced twice yearly and cleaned once yearly at an annual charge of £9. The annual charge for the lighting of ten lamps would amount to approximately £51 10s. 0d., based on a figure of £5 3s. 0d. per lamp and this sum, together with the maintenance charge of £9, would give a total annual outlay of £60 10s. 0d. The matter arose consequent on the extension of the rural electrification scheme to the Roundwood area. Public lighting in Roundwood had been provided for a considerable time past by Mr. Joseph Keenan at an inclusive cost of £37 10s. 0d. per annum for ten lights. The service provided by Mr. Keenan had always been satisfactory. The Council expressed dissatisfaction with the terms of the quotation from the E.S.B. and

directed that representations be made to the Board for a reduction in the estimate of the capital cost. The Council directed also that the amount of the annual charge as compared with the charge made by the private supplier be brought to the notice of the Board.

ITEM NO. 13—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council recommended that a loan of £500 be made to Mr. Thomas Byrne, The Meetings, Rathdrum, in respect of the erection of a house at Ballinacarrig Upper, Rathdrum. The Council also recommended that a loan be made available to Mr. Thomas Kilbride, Killincarrig, in respect of the erection of a house at Kindlestown. The Council noted that the amount of the loan would depend on the market value of the house as determined by the Council's Engineer.

ITEM NO. 14—APPLICATION TO SELL PORTION OF PLOT AT KILMURRAY

The County Secretary stated that Mr. James Fagan, Solicitor for Mr. Patrick P. Byrne, Kilmurray, had enquired if the Council would have any objection to the sale of small plot with a tin structure thereon to a Mr. Foley for the sum of £250, subject to the full proceeds of the sale less his costs and outlay being applied towards the reduction of Mr. Byrne's liability on foot of the loan from the Council under the S.D.A. Acts. The Council agreed that permission be given for sale of portion of the plot with the tin shed thereon in accordance with the terms proposed by Mr. Byrne's Solicitor, subject to the conveyance in respect of the plot being approved by the Council's Solicitor.

ITEM NO. 15—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of September, 1954, as submitted by the Deputy County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 16—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

In the case of the erection of 180 lineal yards of fencing to cottage occupied by R. Rourke, at Ballisland, the Council agreed that wooden stakes and barbed wire be provided, instead of concrete stakes.

Tomriland Bridge:

Councillor M. Brennan stated that in his opinion the bridge at Tomriland, which carried heavy traffic, was in urgent need of repairs. The Council directed that the bridge be inspected immediately by the Deputy County Engineer.

Aughrim Sewerage Scheme:

Councillor Senator McCrea asked that the Consultant Engineers be requested to expedite the completion of the necessary documents in order that the sewerage scheme at Aughrim could be proceeded with.

Shillelagh Sewerage Scheme:

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that the sewerage system at Quarry St., Shillelagh, and Bachelor's Walk, Shillelagh, was not satisfactory and asked that the matter be investigated by the Council's Engineer.

Roadway at Tomnifinchoque:

Councillor W. Hammond referred to representations he had made at a previous meeting of the Council concerning a road at Tomnifinchoque and stated that an application had been made to the Special Employment Schemes Office for a grant towards the cost of repairing the road. A local contribution had been required and the necessary amount of the contribution had been collected and forwarded to the Special Employment Schemes Office. The work, however, had not yet been commenced and, in his opinion, the road was dangerous for persons using it. He asked that representations be made to the Special Employment Schemes Office to have the work commenced as soon as possible.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th October, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. Ua Thuathail, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, Wm. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; P. N. Murdoch, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, M. J. Brennan, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers C. J. Byrne and J. P. Caffrey, attended.

BUSINESS

1. Meeting with Minister for Health.
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th and 16th August, 1954.
3. Deputation from Avoca District.
4. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.
5. Notification from Department of Local Government of further grant for the improvement of certain roads of tourist value.
6. Planting of roadside trees—Letter from Irish Roadside Trees Association.
7. Memorial from Killallesh Local Council re road at Killallesh.
8. Memorial from ratepayers re road from Tinahely to Gorey.
9. Improvements sought in Kilmacanogue area.
10. Local Authorities Works Act—Schemes for 1954/55. (List of Schemes circulated.)
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., for rescinding of resolution passed at meeting of Council on 13th September, 1954, in relation to the revision of salary scales for engineering staff.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor E. J. Byrne re salary scale of County Manager, and revision of salary of County Secretary.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless re increase in differential to overseers and assistant overseers.
14. Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of the Council's Accounts for two years ended 31st March, 1952.
15. Housing Scheme at Enniskerry—To approve of draft mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £32,000.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Reilly re water supply at the National School, Manor Kilbride.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., re water supply for village of Redcross.
18. Rathdrum water supply.
19. Water supply at Ballycumber.
20. Agreement with Corporation of Dublin re extension of water main from Kilquade to Kilcoole.
21. Site for new dispensary at Carnew.
22. Repairs to Tinahely Courthouse.
23. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond re itinerants.
24. Resolution from Offaly County Council requesting the Government to empower the Land Commission to erect houses on certain holdings.
25. Resolution from Offaly County Council re return of remains of the late James Daly and Comrades of the Connaught Rangers to Irish soil for reinterment.
26. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM NO. 1—MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, T.D., Minister for Health, accompanied by Dr. O'Sullivan, Medical Inspector, and Mr. J. Darby, Principal Officer, Department of Health, attended the meeting, and were welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of the members.

The Minister expressed his thanks for the attendance of the members, and stated that he wished to discuss with them the Health Services generally.

Dispensaries

The Minister referred to the review of dispensary buildings, and noted that ten new dispensaries were required. The County Manager stated that one dispensary had been provided at Kilcoole, and that the Council was in a position to proceed with the erection of dispensaries at Rathdrum, Aughrim, and Baltin-glass, and that negotiations were proceeding for the acquisition of sites at Avoca and Carnew.

The Minister noted that clinics were available and in operation at Bray, Arklow and Wicklow. Those at Bray and Wicklow were being held in premises owned by the Council, and that at Arklow in premises provided by the generosity of the Countess of Wicklow. The Minister stated that he was anxious to have the programme for the erection of new dispensaries completed within the next twelve months if possible.

Dispensary Districts

The Minister stated that he understood that there was no telephone available in dispensary residences at Aughrim, Tinahely and Annamoe, and asked that arrangements be made to have telephones installed.

The Minister asked if the members were satisfied with the boundaries of dispensary districts. The County Manager stated that the Council had considered the boundaries of the dispensary districts at Bray and Coollattin. In regard to Bray, it was proposed to create a new dispensary district. Councillor Senator J. McCrea and Councillor W. Hammond pointed out that Coollattin dispensary district was one of the largest in the county, and suggested that portion of the district should be served from Tullow, and form part of the adjoining dispensary district in County Carlow.

The Chairman pointed out that Bray Urban District Council had recently acquired land in County Dublin mainly for housing purposes, and that an application was before the Minister for Local Government for the extension of the boundary of County Wicklow to include this land. Persons residing in these houses had, however, to attend the dispensary at Loughlinstown.

Councillor W. Lawless suggested that it would be necessary to alter the Newcastle Dispensary District, which extended as far as Annamoe.

The Minister stated that the alteration of dispensary districts would be a matter primarily for the Council, and their views would be examined by his Department.

Preparation of General Medical Register

Councillor W. Lawless expressed disagreement with the procedure adopted in preparing the Register. The Minister pointed out that the Act required that a register be compiled, and that it was necessary to make certain inquiries in connection with applications for inclusion on the Register. He agreed that the officials carrying out such work should carry out their duties in a courteous and considerate manner.

Schools' Medical Service

The Minister pointed out that to comply with the provisions of the Health Acts it would be necessary to inspect each school once in every year. The County Medical Officer, who attended, stated that at present the Council

inspected each school about once in two years four months. The County Manager stated that he was doubtful if an annual inspection of each school could be arranged with the existing medical staff, having regard to the fact that one Assistant County Medical Officer would be engaged practically whole-time on the B.C.G. Vaccination Scheme. The County Manager pointed out that some complaints had been received from principals of schools in regard to the interruption of school programmes as a result of inspections. The Minister stated that he had seen representatives of School Managers in regard to this matter, and that they were agreeable to co-operate in the operation of the scheme.

The County Medical Officer informed the Minister that ophthalmic defects discovered at schools' medical examinations were treated by two part-time ophthalmic surgeons, paid on a sessional basis. A specialist was engaged to treat ear, nose and throat defects, and proposals had been submitted for a permanent arrangement. At present beds in Dublin were needed.

Members of the Council referred to defective school buildings in the county, and stressed the importance of replacing defective buildings with new schools. The Minister agreed with the necessity for providing satisfactory school buildings, and stated that he had been in consultation with the Minister for Education on the subject. Two new schools per week were being put into operation.

In regard to orthopaedic cases, the County Medical Officer stated that such cases were referred to an orthopaedic surgeon in Dublin. In regard to dental services, the County Medical Officer agreed that in order to carry out conservative work, an expansion of the service would be necessary.

Infant Welfare Service

The Minister noted that the Council had complied with the requirement that clinics be available in every town with a population of 3,000 or more. The County Medical Officer stated that a Jubilee Nursing Service was available in eight districts in the county. The Minister stated that it was desirable that vacancies arising for midwives would be filled in future by the appointment of a whole-time district nurse. The Chairman referred to his concern in regard to the welfare of children boarded out by societies in County Wicklow. The Minister stated that the question of the need for amendments to the Children Act, 1908, was being examined by his Department.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The Minister pointed out that despite full facilities having been made available free of charge in the county for diphtheria immunisation, only 34 per cent. of the target had been reached. He stressed the desirability of availing of the service and asked that the members use their influence to encourage parents to have their children immunised. In regard to vaccination for smallpox, the Minister stated that the danger of an outbreak was very real and urged that parents should have their children vaccinated against smallpox. The County Medical Officer suggested that research to obtain a vaccine with less strong reaction was desirable, and stated that parents were often reluctant to have their children vaccinated because of the resulting upset to the household.

Tuberculosis Services

The Minister stated that about 6,000 X-rays had been carried out in County Wicklow by the Mass Radiography Service. He asked that the members encourage persons to avail of this service. The Minister pointed out that the cost of treatment of each case of tuberculosis had been estimated at from £600 to £700 per case. The Minister stated that arrangements had been made for a unit of the Mass Radiography Service to deal with a small group of counties, i.e., to organise the service on a regional basis.

B.C.G. Vaccination Scheme

The Minister stated that to date only 7 per cent. of the under 20 population had been vaccinated under the B.C.G. Scheme. The Council would now be operating their own scheme, and the County Medical Officer stated that it was

expected to vaccinate 4,000 cases in each year. The County Medical Officer stated that in his opinion it would not be possible to carry out an inspection of each school under the Council's Medical Service in one year, and also carry out the B.C.G. Scheme with the present staff. The Minister stated that he would communicate with the Council on this matter.

General Practitioners—Maternity Service

The Minister pointed out that under the Health Act patients had a choice of doctor for maternity cases. In reply to the Minister, the County Manager stated that all dispensary doctors, but only four other doctors in the county, had registered. The Minister asked that arrangements be made with doctors in adjoining counties who might wish to register with Wicklow County Council.

In regard to maternity cases, the County Manager stated that ten beds were available at St. Anne's Maternity Home, Rathdrum, and ten beds would also be available at Baltinglass Hospital shortly. There were three private maternity homes in the county with about nine beds in all. The Council would be in a position to cater for about 400 cases per year. In reply to inquiries from members, the County Manager stated that eligibility for free maternity treatment was confined to the lower income group and added that the proposed scale of income was flexible. Councillor W. Hammond stressed that in his opinion a valuation of £50 did not compare with an income of £600 per annum.

Hospitals

The County Manager informed the Minister that the new County Hospital at Rathnew would have 60 beds, but that provision was being made for an expansion to 80 beds. The Council availed of Dublin hospitals, and also of St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. The County Manager agreed that the position would be satisfactory when the new County Hospital had been built, and that Baltinglass District Hospital could cater for patients from the west, and part of the south of the county. The Minister asked that should Baltinglass District Hospital be unable to cope with the number of patients requiring accommodation that arrangements be made with the new hospital at Carlow. The County Manager stated that he did not consider that this would be necessary. In regard to the operation of Baltinglass District Hospital the County Manager stated that it was proposed to continue the present arrangement for a consultant surgeon and part-time medical officer. In reply to a suggestion from Councillor P. Kehoe that a whole-time surgeon be made available, the County Manager pointed out that the cost of such arrangement would be very heavy and that since the hospital had only 40 beds, it was not usual to have a whole-time surgeon. The County Manager added that he expected that the District Hospital, Baltinglass, would be ready in about two weeks.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. O'Toole, in regard to the position of insured workers, the Minister stated that formerly the cost of the treatment was paid for by the Department of Social Welfare, at the rate of £5 12s. per week. It was now an obligation on the Health Authority to provide this treatment subject to recoupment of 50 per cent. from the Health Grant.

The Chairman, on behalf of the members, expressed thanks to the Minister and his officials for attending the meeting and for the discussion with them on the Health Services.

ITEM NO. 2—MINUTES

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne.

and resolved :—

"That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th and 16th August, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted letter from the Hon. Secretary, Dublin Wicklowmen's Association, expressing his appreciation of the Council's vote of sympathy to himself and his family on the recent death of his wife.

ITEM NO. 3—DEPUTATION FROM AVOCA DISTRICT

The Council received a deputation from Avoca district, represented by Mr. Victor G. Byrne and Mr. Dunne. Mr. Byrne addressed the Council and referred to Avoca's importance as a tourist centre. He referred to the need for improvements to roads, for improvements to the water supply as the condition of the water was said to be bad, and he asked also that a P.O. Telephone Box and stamp vending machine be provided in the village. In regard to the footpaths in the village, he stated that these were only partly done, and were unseemly looking and dangerous. Mr. Byrne also asked that a road sign pointing to the village be provided. Mr. Byrne also asked that the Electoral Areas be altered so as to enable Avoca to have a local representative on the Council.

Mr. Dunne referred to the path at Tinnahinch from the main road, which he stated was dangerous. He referred also to the need for a water supply at The Meetings and inquired if the grant for the main road at the Kish could be transferred to the road at Kilqueeeny.

The Chairman pointed out that the question of the Electoral Areas was not one for the Council, and that it would not be possible to have these Electoral Areas altered. As regards roads in the district, he pointed out that the public road between Avoca and Arklow had been reconstructed in recent years at very substantial cost. A scheme for the improvement of the water supply had been prepared, and would be considered by the members that day. He assured the members of the deputation that the interests of Avoca were well looked after by the Council's representatives from the Arklow Electoral Area.

Mr. Byrne thanked the members for their reception of the deputation.

Extension to Avoca Water Supply

The County Manager stated that the Deputy County Engineer had submitted plans for the improvement of the Avoca water supply which involved the extension of the intake by the laying of a 4-inch pipe, 520 lineal yards upstream to avoid danger of contamination. The works consisted of the laying of pipe, provision of extension to intake works, erection of fencing and a gate and the estimated cost was £420. The Assistant County Engineer stated that, in his opinion, the works would improve the quality of the water supplied and also generally improve the existing supply throughout the area. As it was desired to carry out the works during the present year, the County Manager suggested that the Council might authorise excess expenditure on the Council's Account during the present year to defray the cost of the improvements.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved :—

"That we approve of the carrying out of improvements to Avoca water supply according to the plans submitted by the Deputy County Engineer, and authorise expenditure of £420 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of these improvements."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that representations be made to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of a sub-Post Office at Arklow Rock.

Councillor W. Lawless asked that further representations be made to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of a public kiosk at Blacklion.

Councillor Senator McCrea inquired concerning the proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme for the Avoca area. In reply, the County Manager stated that a report would be obtained in regard to the proposed Regional Scheme, but pointed out that the cost of such a scheme would be heavy and that it appeared that comparatively few houses would require a water supply.

ITEM NO. 4—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Having considered letter of 5th October, 1954, from the Prioress, Dominican Convent, Wicklow, in regard to the renewal of scholarship for Miss Ellen Long, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter from the school authorities, we approve of the renewal of the scholarship under the Council's Scheme for Miss Ellen Long for a further year."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Education had indicated that the Department would not be prepared to sanction the renewal of the scholarship for Mr. John J. N. Furlong for the school year 1954/55, unless it was clear from the report of the manager of the school to which he had been transferred, that his conduct, progress and attendance had improved considerably. The report had now been obtained from the headmaster of the school in question stating that Mr. Furlong's attendance, progress and general conduct had been satisfactory.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That having considered correspondence from the school authorities, and the Department of Education, we approve of the renewal of the scholarship for Mr. John J. N. Furlong for a further year."

Passed unanimously.

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

Primary Branch,
Marlborough Street, Dublin,
6 Deireadh Fomhair, 1954.

R.O.2/87825.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, Co. Wicklow

A Chara,

With reference to the copies forwarded by you of the draft Scholarship Scheme for 1955, I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Education has approved, under the powers conferred on him by Section 2 (3) (b) of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, of the scheme submitted by you subject to the following condition:—

Clause I

In view of the provision mentioned in your letter of the 14th September, 1954, it is desirable that the scholarship values be set out in the following manner:—

"The value of each scholarship to be awarded in Category 1 (a) shall be as follows:—

(i) To a pupil who resides in a Boarding School, or who attends a Day School situate more than 10 miles from his or her home—£80 in the first year, and £70 in the second and each subsequent year;

To a pupil who attends a Day School or Vocational School at a distance not more than 10 miles from his or her home—£30 in each year.

Provided that the value of each scholarship to be awarded in Category 1 (a) shall be limited to £30 in each year if there is an available approved secondary school within 10 miles of the student's home residence.

(ii) The value of the scholarship to be awarded in Category 1 (b) shall be £25 in each year.

Provided, however, that if there is not an available approved secondary school within reasonable distance of the student's home residence, the annual value of the scholarship may, with the approval of the Minister for Education, be increased to £80 in the first year and £70 in the second and each subsequent year."

Application Form

Q.5. The sentence "not more than two may be presented" should be altered to read "candidates will not receive credit at the examination for more than two optional subjects."

I am to refer to the terms of Section 2 (4) of the Act, and to ask that the Minister be informed in due course whether the Council have determined to carry into execution the scheme as approved. If the Council so determine, please forward for official purposes twelve copies of the scheme when printed for circulation.

Mise, le meas,

D. O LAOGHAIRE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 6th October, 1954, from the Department of Education, we determine to carry into execution the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1955, as approved by the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN ROADS OF TOURIST VALUE

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

Custom House, Dublin,
20 Mean Foghair, 1954.

RGR/33/3.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 23rd ultimo and previous correspondence on the subject of the improvement of certain roads of tourist value in County Wicklow and to state that a further grant of £20,000 will be made available for this work. Particulars of the schemes proposed to be carried out under such grant should be furnished on forms 11 and 11A, together with such other documents as may be appropriate.

It is to be noted that it will be a condition of the grant that works must be completed by the 31st March, 1955.

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

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer had recommended that the grant be utilised for the continuation of the work on the Sally-gap-Laragh Road.

Councillor Senator J. McCrea and other members of the Council expressed the opinion that the grant could be allocated to any county roads and urged that these moneys be made available for the improvement of certain county roads. The County Manager stated that he was of the opinion that the grant already notified was intended for the improvement of roads of tourist interest and that the grant had been allocated consequent on the representations made by the Council over a number of years for the provision of special grants to enable the Council to improve the road from Sallygap via Laragh, Drumgoff and Aughavannagh, and for improvements in the Glendalough area. He referred to the Department's letter of the 22nd May, 1954, which had indicated that a Road Fund Grant of £20,000 would be available for road works of tourist interest in the county, consisting of the improvement of the road referred to and the improvements in the Glendalough area. He was of the opinion that the grant of £20,000 now allocated was intended to enable the Council to continue the works on the Sallygap-Laragh Road. The County Manager explained that in addition to providing a road of tourist interest, the improvement of the road in question would assist in the dilution of traffic from the city to County Wicklow and consequently reduce the volume of traffic on the main roads on the eastern side of the county.

On the suggestion of Councillor Senator J. McCrea it was decided to adjourn the matter to the meeting to be held on the following Monday, for the purpose of dealing with the remaining items on the Agenda, and, in the meantime, to inquire from the Department as to the conditions under which the grant was allocated.

ITEM NO. 6—PLANTING OF ROADSIDE TREES

The following letter from Irish Roadside Trees Association was submitted:—

Ard na Rae,

Deerpark Road,

Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin.

29th September, 1954.

The Chairman,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am asked by a resident in your county to draw the attention of your Council to the need for more and better planting of roadside trees in the planting season now beginning. This Association wishes particularly to advocate the desirability of deliberate planning rather than haphazard planting of mixed varieties and to urge the necessity of skilled attention in the subsequent care of the trees.

Last January a circular was issued to all County Councils drawing attention to the economic benefits which might be derived from spinneys of commercial timber in the many waste places left after road alterations, and offering particulars of such a scheme carried out in Warwickshire. No acknowledgment of this circular was received from the County Wicklow Secretary. There are many such waste places on the County Wicklow roads, and the Council might find the project feasible.

Yours faithfully,

A. L. KATHLEEN KING,

Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the letter received in January from the Irish Roadside Trees Association had been brought to the notice of the Council, but the Council had at that time decided to adjourn the matter. The County Secretary stated also that the Wicklow Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association had made representations to the Council that suitable trees be planted along the land side of the new road at the Silver Strand. The Council had deferred this matter for further consideration in October.

The County Manager stated that it would be possible to carry out planting of spaces left after road alterations if the Council agreed.

The Council approved of the planting of trees in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the County Manager, and agreed that expenditure of up to £300 might be incurred on such work. The Council also agreed that local committees in the various districts be consulted in regard to the planting of trees.

ITEM NO. 7—ROAD AT KILLALESH

The following memorial from Killalesh Local Council was submitted:—

August 20th, 1954.

To: The Wicklow County Council,

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the ratepayers and people of Killalesh, we the members of the Killalesh Local Council do hereby submit the following resolution passed by us at our meeting held to-night, August 20th. As our recent resolutions and demands to carry out repairs to Killalesh Road have met with very little success, once again we ask that attention be given to the matter. At our meeting here to-night we have with us Mr. M. Deering, T.D.; Mr. P. Brennan, T.D.; Mr. G. Timmins, M.C.C., and Mr. P. Kehoe, M.C.C., who have seen for themselves the disgraceful condition of the road referred to and are in full agreement with us that the condition is unfitting and unfair to the people of Killalesh. We, therefore, ask that immediate attention be given to the matter and have repairs done without delay.

We trust that the hardships endured by the people who had to travel the Killalesh Road last year will not be repeated this winter.

We further ask that a public pump be erected at Killalesh Upper, where five families have no suitable drinking water. The water used by them has got to be carried almost one mile from a private well on the farm of Mr. D. Reynolds, who has signified his intention of closing access to the well due to damage to crops and fence.

We trust, Gentlemen, that you will give our demands or resolutions your consideration and that it will not be necessary for us to trespass further on your valuable time.

Signed:

JOHN MURPHY, Chairman,

JOHN TUTTY, Vice-Chairman,

MICHAEL CLYNCH, Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the matter had been considered by the Council at a recent meeting, and the Council agreed that it would not be possible to provide funds in the present year for the repair of the road. The Council agreed that should extra grants for the improvement of county roads be made available during the present year, the question of repairing Killalesh Road would be reconsidered.

ITEM NO. 8—ROAD FROM TINAHELY TO GOREY

The following resolution from meeting of ratepayers at Killaveney was submitted:—

"This meeting of the adjoining ratepayers of the Killaveney Road leading from Tinahely to Gorey call on Wicklow County Council to take all necessary steps to have this main artery from Wicklow County to County Wexford border brought up-to-date for all the modern requirements. This road has been neglected for years—almost impassable now save for iron-shod vehicles. Let it be pointed out that Wexford County Council is at present bringing its portion up-to-date, and will complete it in 1955. Nothing has been done on the Wicklow end so far. This must end. The ratepayers, who alone pay heavy direct taxes, should get first claim instead of continental trippers, who contribute nothing."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the meeting to be held on the following Monday, with a view to ascertaining if a grant might be available for the improvement of the road.

ITEM NO. 9—IMPROVEMENTS IN KILMACANOGUE

The following particulars in regard to improvements sought in the Kilmac-anogue area had been submitted by Councillor J. O'Toole:—

1. **Extension of Water Supply to Rocky Valley.** At present the supply only goes to fountain situated about 150 yards from hotel. Rocky Valley is only now being developed and water supply is most essential.
2. **Sewerage for Village.** There is no sewerage in village. Sewage is being disposed of by the following methods: (1) Private septic tanks; (2) dry lavatory; (3) chemical lavatory. Kilmacanogue is one of the few villages in north Wicklow that has no main sewerage. As the water is available here, main drainage should not be insurmountable.
3. **Road Improvement.** The road commonly called Goats' Pass—from Post Office box at Rocky Valley to Glencormac—is in very bad condition. In addition, it requires to be widened. There are a number of car owners living on this road, but it is only wide enough to take one car.
4. **Footpath from Village to Glen of the Downs.** This road carries a very big volume of traffic and is very dangerous for pedestrians. On one side of the road there is a bank of approximately 7 feet in depth from road to hedge; it is impossible to walk on the bank, especially in bad weather.
5. **Improvement of Pathway from Jameson's Corner to Village.** Complaints about this path were made by residents; the result was that a few loads of rough gravel were spread on the worse parts.

The Council noted the report of the County Medical Officer of the 8th October, 1954, but agreed that the provision of a sewerage scheme for the district would be extremely costly. The Council agreed that a report be obtained from the County Engineer in regard to the extension of the water supply, and the provision of a sewerage system. The Council noted also that the widening and improvement of the road called Goats' Pass would be very costly, and that no funds would be available for such work in the present year.

ITEM NO. 15—HOUSING SCHEME AT ENNISKERRY

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of Draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £32,000 for the scheme for erection of 20 cottages at Enniskerry, and authorise the affixing of the seal of the Council to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year."

Passed unanimously.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting to be held on Monday, 18th October, 1954, at 11 a.m.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council, for the purpose of dealing with the remaining items on the Agenda for the meeting held on 11th October, 1954, was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th October, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. Ua Tuathail, Ed. Byrne, L. O Laoighleis, Wm. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; P. N. Murdoch, J. Jacob, M. J. Brennan, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

AGENDA

10. Local Authorities Works Act—Schemes for 1954/55. (List of Schemes circulated.)
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., for rescinding of resolution passed at meeting of Council on 13th September, 1954, in relation to the revision of salary scales for engineering staff.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor E. J. Byrne re salary scale of County Manager, and revision of salary of County Secretary.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless re increase in differential to overseers and assistant overseers.
14. Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of the Council's Accounts for two years ended 31st March, 1952.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Reilly re water supply at the National School, Manor Kilbride.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., re water supply for village of Redcross.
18. Rathdrum water supply.
19. Water supply at Ballycumber.
20. Agreement with Corporation of Dublin re extension of watermain from Kilquade to Kilcoole.
21. Site for new dispensary at Carnew.
22. Repairs to Tinahely Courthouse.
23. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond re itinerants.
24. Resolution from Offaly County Council requesting the Government to empower the Land Commission to erect houses on certain holdings.
25. Resolution from Offaly County Council re return of remains of the late James Daly and Comrades of the Connaught Rangers to Irish soil for reinterment.
26. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the following letter from the Minister for Local Government:—

Office of the Minister for Local Government,
Dublin.

9th October, 1954.

Dear Manager,

I should like, having completed the programme of conferences on the management system, to express to the local bodies who were represented at them, to their representatives and to yourself, my thanks for the very generous co-operation of all local authorities concerned in arranging the conferences and in placing before me the useful and informative views which the public representatives had to express. I should like, also, to thank the elected members and managers who made themselves responsible for functions associated with the conferences.

These conferences enabled me to acquire an understanding of the merits and demerits of the management system from the point of view of the local representatives and this understanding will influence very considerably the recommendations which I will make in due course for the amendment of the law relating to management.

I should be glad if you would place this letter before each local authority which took part in the conference in your area.

Yours sincerely,

County Manager,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

PAYMENT OF RATES

Councillor Senator J. McCrea referred to the issue of six days' notices for the payment of rates in certain cases, and asked that having regard to the late harvest, that the qualifying date for payment of bonus to Rate Collectors be put back to the 31st October, 1954, in order that greater time might be allowed for the payment of rates.

ITEM NO. 10—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT: SCHEMES FOR 1954/55

A list of proposed schemes for 1954/55, arranged following consultation with members of the Council for each area, had been circulated to the members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of schemes to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act during the year 1954/55, as submitted by the Deputy County Engineer to this meeting."

Councillor W. Lawless asked that a scheme to relieve flooding at cottages at Ballybawn be included.

Councillor G. Timmins asked that provision be made to remedy flooding on the road at Fortgranite, Baltinglass.

Councillor T. O'Reilly asked that a scheme be included to relieve flooding on roads at Kylebeg.

ITEM NO. 5—GRANT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS OF TOURIST VALUE

The County Manager informed the Council that he had been in communication with the Department of Local Government in regard to the grant of £20,000 allocated for the improvement of roads of tourist interest, and that he had been informed that this grant had definitely been allocated for the continuing of work on the road from Sallygap via Laragh, Glenmalure and Aughavannagh. He advised that the Council should continue the work on the Sallygap-Laragh Road

with the funds now made available, and suggested that it would be undesirable to commence another section of the road until the Sallygap-Laragh section had been completed.

In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Manager stated that it was likely that the greater part of the monies available from the next grant allocation for this purpose would be devoted to the section of the road from Laragh to Glenmalure, once the Sallygap-Laragh Road had been completed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 20th September, 1954, from the Department of Local Government, we approve of the Deputy County Engineer's recommendation for the continuation of work on the Sallygap-Laragh Road with the aid of the grant of £20,000 allocated by the Department."

Passed unanimously.

Grants for Main and County Roads

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.

Ref. R/201/7/2C

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that a grant of £28,000 is being made available to Wicklow County Council from the Road Fund (supplemented by the National Development Fund) for further works of road improvement in the current financial year. Of this amount a sum of £11,000 is allocated for the improvement of arterial route sections as set out below. Forms II and IIA and detailed plans should be submitted for this work.

The balance of the grant (£17,000) is allocated for the continuation and extension of the Council's main and county road improvement programmes. In the selection of suitable works, consideration should be given to local employment conditions, and reference can be made to the local offices of the Department of Social Welfare for information on this aspect, if necessary.

A numbered list of the main and county road improvement works, which it is proposed to undertake, should be submitted, showing main road works separate from the county road works, together with Forms II and IIA and in the case of main road works involving realignment, detailed plans. Pending examination of this list, work may proceed on any county road improvement schemes submitted, provided they are in accordance with the county council's five-year county road improvement plan.

Separate records should be kept of the expenditure to be financed out of this grant. Particulars of the monthly expenditure should be returned in Columns 5 and 10 of Table E.2 referred to in this Department's circular letter RGM/201/513 of 16th January last, the headings of these columns being amended to read "increased grants referred to in circular of the 14th October, 1954, R/201/7/2C."

Mise, le meas,

J. GARVIN.

Arterial Route

T7

Sections to be Improved

Continue improvement by vertical and horizontal realignment.

The County Secretary pointed out that of the total grant of £28,000 now allocated, £11,000 was reserved for the improvement of Road No. T.7, that is the Main Road from Bray to Arklow. The County Manager stated that the balance of £17,000 could be expended on either main or county roads as the Council desired, but if the Council decided on county roads, which were not included in the Council's five-year plan, sanction would have to be obtained before the work could commence. If the monies were allocated to county roads included in the plan, the work could proceed without specific sanction.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Brennan, seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett, the Council agreed that the £17,000 be expended on county roads, and that as far as possible the monies be allocated equally between the four engineering districts. The Council decided to hold meetings of the members of the Council for each of these areas, to consider the allocation of the monies available. It was decided that the members for the Bray Electoral Area and the Wicklow Electoral Area would meet together to consider the allocation of the monies available in Assistant County Engineer Fenlon's area. The members of the Wicklow Electoral Area and the members of the Arklow Electoral Area who were interested, would also meet to consider the allocation of the monies in Assistant County Engineer Caffrey's area.

ITEM NO. 11—REVISION OF SALARY SCALES FOR ENGINEERING STAFF

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary

"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering revision of salaries of engineering staff."

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the Council's Law Agent explained the provision of the Standing Orders in relation to the suspension of Standing Orders.

A vote having been called for on the motion to suspend Standing Orders, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, T.D.; William Cleary, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, Ed. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne 17

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea and J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice 2

The suspension of Standing Orders was declared passed by seventeen votes in favour to two against.

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved:—

"That we rescind resolution passed at meeting of Council on 11th September, 1954, in relation to revision of salary scales of engineering staff."

The motion, having been put to the Council, was declared passed, Councillors J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, and Senator J. McCrea, dissenting.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the application of revised salary scales for engineering staff as sanctioned by the Department of Local Government in letter of 19th July, 1954, with effect as from 1st September, 1954, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of the revision of salaries."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill

"That the revised salary scales for engineering staff be applied as from 1st January, 1953, and we authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of the revision of salaries."

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

In Favour—Councillors P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill 2

Against—Councillor Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and H. J. Byrne 17

The amendment was declared defeated by seventeen votes against to two votes in favour.

The resolution in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., was then put to the meeting, and a vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, J. O'Toole, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, J. Jacob, and H. J. Byrne 12

Against—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, W. Hammond, T. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, and Miss E. F. Bobbett 5

Councillors P. McCarthy and J. O'Neill did not vote.

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

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, alleged that travelling expenses had been paid to engineers for travelling to canvass members. He asked that details of the areas in which engineers were paid for travelling be submitted.

With reference to the scales of salaries, the County Manager stated that the Engineers' Association were seeking higher scales. He explained that the former distinction between Class I and Class II, county engineers, had been removed.

ITEM NO. 12—SALARIES OF COUNTY MANAGER AND COUNTY SECRETARY

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the payment of revised salary scale to the County Manager as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, with effect as from 1st January, 1953, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to meet the cost of the revision of salary."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we recommend that the County Secretary be placed on a salary scale corresponding to that approved for County Engineer and County Medical Officer."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13—ALLOWANCES TO OVERSEERS, ASSISTANT OVERSEERS AND GANGERS

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the cost of increasing the differential to overseers, assistant overseers, gangers and chargehands. Overseers were at present paid at the rate of 9/- per day, and the maximum differential was 10/- per day. The cost of applying the maximum differential would be £294 12s. in one year. The present allowance for assistant overseers was 6/- per day, and the maximum was 7/- per day. To provide for an increase of 1/- per day would cost £171 12s. per annum. The present differential for gangers was 2/- per day; the maximum was 4/- per day. To provide for an increase of 2/- per day to the maximum would cost £686 8s. per annum.

The County Secretary stated that employees' unions had asked that the maximum differential be allowed in each case, and also that the allowance to chargehands be increased to 2/6 per day from the present allowance of 1/3 per day. The cost of such increase in the case of chargehands would amount to £370 10s. per year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

"That we approve of the payment to overseers, assistant overseers, gangers and chargehands of the increased differential of 1/- over road labourers' rate of pay, as authorised in letter of 23rd December, 1950, from the Department of Local Government, with effect from 1st September, 1954."

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

In Favour—Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. O'Toole, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; J. Jacob

Against—Councillors W. Hammond and H. J. Byrne

The resolution was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to two against.

The Council asked that a list be circulated to the members, of overseers, assistant overseers and gangers, and the number of men employed in each area, together with road mileage in each overseer's area.

ITEM NO. 14—REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR

The following report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1952, had been circulated to the members.

Wicklow County Council,

Dublin,
20th July, 1954.

A Chara,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1952. Certified copies of the abstracts of accounts for each year are transmitted herewith.

A comparative statement of the rate in the £ levied for the service of the three years ended 31/3/52 is given hereunder:—

Services	1949/'50 Pence	1950/'51 Pence	1951/'52 Pence
Roads	59½	65½	89½
Public Assistance	71½	62½	63
Mental Hospital	29½	29½	31
Health	9½	7½	7½
Sanitary	26½	17½	18½
Housing	18½	25½	26½
General Purposes	35½	38½	39½
	251½	247	276

The following additional rates in respect of Separate Charges were also levied:—

Area	Separate Charge	1950/'51 Pence	1951/'52 Pence
Arklow, Ballinacor, Newcastle, Shillelagh	Wicklow Harbour Loan	1.3	—
Former Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.	Repayment of Union Loans	.5	.67
County at large (exclusive of Bray U.D.)	Vocational Education	5.79	6.19
Rathdrum R.D.	Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	—	.46

Receipts and Expenditure, excluding Transfers, on the Revenue Account are summarised in the following statement:—

	1950/'51 £	1951/'52 £
Receipts		
Rates	176,512	200,562
Agricultural Grant	88,677	96,899
Other State Grants	214,344	258,037
Other Receipts	39,385	44,792
Amount charged to Urban Districts	45,653	44,514
	564,571	644,804
Expenditure		
Roads	155,226	181,995
Public Assistance	106,525	130,386
Mental Hospital	41,949	52,180
Health	65,943	74,367
Sanitary	15,684	20,253
Housing	66,222	73,552
General Purposes	118,935	109,103
Separate Charges	7,667	8,115
	578,151	649,951

The net balance to credit on the Revenue Account at 31/3/52 was £2,230, as compared with £5,578 at 31/3/51.

Following is a return of the Rate Collection for the two years under audit:—

	1950/'51 £	1951/'52 £
Arrears from previous Warrant	1,448	1,428
Assessment for year	168,721	190,720
Total for collection	170,169	192,148
Amount collected (including discounts)	168,333	190,476
Arrears carried forward	1,428	1,512
Irrecoverable arrears	408	160
Percentage of rate collected	98.88	99.13

Expenditure from rates on road works was:—

	1950/'51 £	1951/'52 £
Main Roads	55,019	65,372
County Roads	36,930	51,245

Forty per cent. of the expenditure on main roads is recouped from State funds. In addition, further expenditure, totalling £44,377 in 1950/'51 and £44,249 in 1951/'52, was defrayed wholly from State Grants.

An analysis of the Public Assistance Services for the three years ended 31/3/'52 is set out hereunder:—

	1949/'50 £	1950/'51 £	1951/'52 £
Assistance in District Institutions	33,570	41,108	54,477
Assistance in Extern Institutions	8,584	11,418	14,784
Medical Assistance (other than in Institutions)	19,799	20,961	23,808
Home Assistance	26,635	25,843	27,486

Expenditure on Health Services for the same period was:—

	1949/'50 £	1950/'51 £	1951/'52 £
	£52,459	£65,971	£74,398

Housing Services required £60,737 in 1949/'50; £68,437 in 1950/'51; and £76,211 in 1951/'52. Particulars of the Rent Collection for the two years under audit are given in the following table:—

	1950/'51 £	1951/'52 £
Arrears from previous year	668	726
Rents and Purchase Annuities accrued	21,641	23,613
Total for Collection	22,309	24,339
Collected	21,504	23,711
Percentage Collected	96.387	97.426

Transactions on the Capital Account were as follows:—

	1950/'51 £	1951/'52 £
Receipts		
Instalment of loans	121,110	96,136
Grants	73,934	27,077
Other Receipts	1,123	2,211
Totals	196,167	125,424
Expenditure		
Roads	20,352	19,340
Housing	133,634	157,924
Sanitary	10,727	12,295
Public Assistance	2,679	10,653
General Purposes	—	2,503
Reserve Stocks	—	47,686
Totals	167,392	250,401

The total indebtedness on foot of loans at 31/3/'52 was £1,143,168 as compared with £979,756 at 31/3/'51.

In pursuance of an agreement under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, between the County Council and the Urban District Councils the County Council undertook to administer the fire service for the entire county. Expenditure under this head has been treated as a county at large charge in the accounts for the period under review. Since the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, provides that the expenses of a fire service should be levied on the county health area it will be necessary to adjust the chargeability in the succeeding accounts.

The accounts of the farm attached to the County Home disclosed a deficiency at 31/2/'52. The official who was in charge of the farm attributed the loss to (a) the death of a number of pigs, and (b) a cheque for £110, which was overlooked and subsequently became out-of-date and which could not be credited to the account. The cheque in question represented the proceeds from the sale of pigs. The purchasers state that they later paid the amount in cash but were unable to produce a receipt therefor. In the absence of satisfactory evidence to support his statements the official concerned was held accountable for the loss. The amount of the deficiency was recovered from him and lodged to the Council's credit in the following financial year.

In the accounts for the year ended 31/3/'52 expenditure on "Secondary or Vocational Scholarships" is shown as a charge against the county health area. This is properly a charge against the county at large and should be adjusted in the current accounts.

Insurances and fidelity bonds are in order.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) J. E. CURRAN,

Local Government Auditor.

The Minister for Local Government,
Dublin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That we note the submission of the report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1952."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 16—WATER SUPPLY FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL AT MANOR KILBRIDE

With reference to the notice of motion handed in by Councillor T. O'Reilly, the County Manager stated that this matter had been considered by the Council in March, 1953, when it had been proposed to pipe water from a spring on the lands of Mr. J. Flood. Mr. Flood wished to have a guarantee that sufficient water would be available for him at all times, and that he would have first right to use the water from the spring. The amount of compensation sought was £20. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the Council could not give such an undertaking, and that the spring had gone dry in the year 1949. The Council, at meeting held on 9th April, 1953, decided not to proceed with the proposal as the source of supply was unreliable. In July, 1950, the former County Medical Officer, in report on the matter, had stated that he was not prepared to recommend the provision of a public water supply as the population did not justify it. The County Manager pointed out that it was not the responsibility of the Council to provide water for the National School. The Health Inspector had recently reinvestigated the matter and had reported that the owner of the land on which the spring was situate was not prepared to consider any proposal in regard to water rights. There were no County Council cottages in the vicinity of the school.

The Council noted the position in the matter. The Council asked, however, that a further report be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer, and also from the County Medical Officer.

ITEM NO. 17—WATER SUPPLY FOR VILLAGE OF REDCROSS

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the following report of the Health Inspector was submitted:—

Public Health Offices,
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.
8th October, 1954.

Dr. D. F. McCarthy,
Chief Medical Officer,
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

re Redcross Water Supply

A Chara,

I have carried out a survey of the above-mentioned village in connection with the provision of a new water supply there, and the following are my observations.

There are a total of 29 families in the village with a total of 102 persons, two schools with a total of approximately 60 children, and one church. Three of these families have their own private pumps; these three families total eight persons, leaving a total of 94 people depending on the village pump for their water supply. This pump is situated in the middle of the village and is within reasonable distance from all the dwellings, with the exception of three which are approximately 450 yards away.

I feel that the need for an improved water supply for this village is not an urgent one, in view of the fact that there are a number of larger villages in the county in much more urgent need of a wholesome water supply.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) PETER P. DUFFY,
Health Inspector.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had indicated that he was in agreement with the report of the Health Inspector and that Redcross was No. 21 on the Priority List and he saw no reason for altering the position on the list. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the cost of a water supply would be about £7,000.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he understood that flush lavatories had been provided in some houses in Redcross and that they were drained into an open drain. He asked that the matter be investigated.

ITEM NO. 18—RATHDRUM WATER SUPPLY

The County Secretary stated that complaints had been received in regard to the water supply in Rathdrum and the matter had been examined by the Council's engineers. The County Engineer had advised that a 3-inch diameter asbestos pipe be laid from the fairgreen through the convent grounds to link up with the existing old main on the road between Mescal's Corner and The Copse. The distance would be about 350 yards, and the cost would amount to £350. The County Engineer also recommended that a 3-inch diameter asbestos main be laid at the Ballygannon cottage scheme, so as to increase and balance the pressure and quantity. The distance would be 400 yards and the cost about £400. The total cost of the improvements would amount to £750.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the Deputy County Engineer for improvements to Rathdrum Water Supply, and hereby authorise the raising of loan of £750 from the Council's Treasurer, payable over a period of 15 years, with interest at the appropriate rate, to defray the cost of these works."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 19—WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYCUMBER

The County Secretary stated that a request had been received from six residents at Ballycumber that the Council provide a water supply. The Health Inspector had reported that the majority of the persons concerned were farmers

and that, in his opinion, the Council should not be responsible for providing the supply. The Assistant County Engineer agreed with the recommendation of the Health Inspector and pointed out that until the Council's cottages had been catered for, the provision of water supplies for farmers should be deferred. The cost of the erection of a fountain would be about £210. The Council suggested that the persons concerned might apply for a grant towards the cost of a private water supply, and asked that the Department of Agriculture be approached on the matter.

ITEM NO. 20 — AGREEMENT WITH CORPORATION OF DUBLIN
RE EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN FROM KILQUADE TO KILCOOLE

The County Secretary stated that the agreement received from the Corporation, for sealing by the Council in respect of the extension of the watermain from Kilquade to Kilcoole, provided that the Council should, if required by the Corporation, provide a reservoir to contain a seven days' supply. The Council considered that the provision of such a reservoir should not be necessary as the existing reservoir at Kilcoole could provide two to three days' supply. The Council directed that this be brought to the notice of the Corporation of Dublin, and, in the meantime, the agreement should not be sealed.

ITEM NO. 21—SITE FOR NEW DISPENSARY AT CARNEW

The County Secretary submitted report of the Council's Architect in regard to the conditions for the acquisition of the site from Mr. Fitzpatrick for new dispensary at Carnew. Councillor Senator J. McCrea stated that, in his opinion, this was the only suitable site, and that the conditions were reasonable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the acquisition of site at Carnew for new dispensary, from Mr. Fitzpatrick, at price of £130."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 22—REPAIRS TO COURTHOUSE, TINAHELY

On the suggestion of Councillor Senator J. McCrea and Councillor J. O'Neill the Council agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 23—ITINERANTS

In accordance with Notice of Motion, the following resolution was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we recommend the Government to take steps to deal with the matter of the habitual itinerants now increasingly causing a condition to trespass and unseemliness on our country roads, and suggest, as calculated to train them to become more useful citizens, the procuring or erecting of suitable residences in appropriate areas as vocational schools for all the children of same from 6 to 16 years of age, making attendance of all such compulsory thereat. Further, for the purpose of identification and effecting essential contact, that all over 16 be compelled to carry registration cards, discs or similar. We direct that copies of this resolution be sent to all other county councils in the country."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 24—ERECTION OF HOUSES ON CERTAIN HOLDINGS
BY LAND COMMISSION

The following resolution received from Offaly County Council was marked "read."

"That in view of the inability of many small holders of the five- to ten-acre class to build their own houses even with the aid of available housing grants, and loans, the Government be requested to empower the Land Commission to erect houses on such persons' holdings with the aid of the grants from the State and County Council, and to collect balance of the cost in the holder's land annuity."

ITEM NO. 25—REMAINS OF THE LATE JAMES DALY AND HIS COMRADES

On the proposal of Councillor W. Cleary, seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly, the Council adopted the following resolution received from Offaly County Council:—

"That we the members of Offaly County Council assembled at Tullamore on 16th August, 1954, request the Government to take steps to have the remains of the late James Daly and his Comrades of the Connaught Rangers who were executed for their part in the Mutiny in India, 1921, in protest against Black and Tan atrocities in Ireland, returned to Irish soil for reinterment."

HEALTH CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed that two representatives from each of the groups on the Council be nominated as members of the Health Consultative Council. The names, however, had not yet been received. It was decided to include the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Dermot B. Nagle, St. Anthony's, Royal Marine Terrace, Bray, stating that he was unable to avail of the University Scholarship awarded to him. The next qualified candidate was Mr. Michael J. Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Seapoint Road, Bray.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Dermot B. Nagle, St. Anthony's, Royal Marine Terrace, Bray, we note that he is unable to avail of the scholarship awarded to him under the Council's Scheme, and accordingly approve of the award of the remaining University Scholarship to Mr. Michael J. Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Seapoint Road, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. John P. Hayden, who held a University Scholarship from the Council, had failed in Chemistry in his Second Year College Examination, and would not be allowed to proceed for his final year until he had reached the required standard. He had written to ask that his scholarship be suspended for one year while he qualified.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter from John P. Hayden, 2 Trafalgar Road, Greystones, who was awarded a University Scholarship in 1952, we approve of his scholarship being suspended for one year to allow him to obtain his Second Year College Examination."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Kevin C. Brennan, 2 Marine Terrace, Greystones, who had been awarded a University Scholarship in the present year,

wished to enter the faculty of medicine, and wished to know if his scholarship would be renewed by the Council until his full medical course was completed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Mr. Kevin C. Brennan, 2 Marine Terrace, Greystones, we approve of his availing of University Scholarship in the faculty of medicine."

Passed unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The Council considered letter from Mr. William Graham, Ballynerrin, Marlton Road, Wicklow, in regard to his son, Patrick Graham, whom, he stated, intended to do an ecclesiastical course and had found it necessary to attend at the Carmelite College, Kinsale. Mr. Graham asked that his son's scholarship be increased to enable him to go to this special college. The Council agreed that the scholarship be increased to £65 for the remaining years of tenure.

ROUNDWOOD PUBLIC LIGHTING

The following reply received from the Electricity Supply Board in regard to the estimate for the provision of public lighting in Roundwood was submitted:—

Dublin No. 2 District Office,
41 Merrion Square, Dublin.
9th October, 1954.

Ref.: /J.

Staff Officer,
Wicklow County Council,
Housing and Sanitary Services Sections,
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

re Public Lighting at Roundwood

A Chara,

The installation charge of £135 15s. 0d. cannot be reduced as it covers not alone standard public lighting brackets and fittings, but separate public lighting wire and time-switch control so that the lighting may be on only during hours of darkness, and to extent desired during those hours. It is understood that the former public lighting came on and off with the general supply, which was limited to evening hours only, whereas the Board supply will be 24 hours.

The annual consumption of around £50 covers lighting of the proposed 10-200 watt. lamps for half an hour after dusk to midnight throughout the year; of course, if the lamps were to be reduced to 100 watt. the current used would be only one half, but all urban and rural public lamps are now standardised at 200 watt.

The maintenance charge of £9 covers two annual replacements of the 200 watt. lamps and one annual cleaning of equipment, as the Board generally charges for such service.

I am obliged to say that as the charges in question are those applied to all such public lighting installations, it is not possible to reduce the figures unless your Council would be satisfied with a reduction in the wattage of the lamps or in the number.

The existing supply will cease on Friday, the 15th instant, as from which date the new network will be connected to the national mains for 24-hour supply.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) R. A. H. JACKSON,
District Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Keenan, who had previously provided the public lighting service, had informed him that the bulbs were 60 watt., and that the poles, brackets, fittings, etc., would not be suitable for use by the Electricity Supply Board. He pointed out that the existing supply would cease on 15th October, 1954, as from that date the network would be connected to the national mains for 24 hours supply.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 9th October, 1954, from the Electricity Supply Board, we approve of the acceptance of the tender from the E.S.B. for the provision of ten 200 watt. lamps in Roundwood, at an inclusive sum of £135 15s."

Passed unanimously.

CAR PARK AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

Letters addressed to the Chairman of the Council from Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Newtownmountkennedy, were submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had investigated the matter, and that the removal of the wall referred to by Mr. O'Brien was desirable to improve the entrance to the car park. The Council noted the correspondence received, and the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 26—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that the County Manager inquire into the question of the period for the supply of eggs by contract to the Council's institutions, and stated that a former contractor had been unable to fulfil the contract.

Road Signs

Councillor Senator J. McCrea asked that a danger sign be erected on the approaches to Aughrim Bridge, and also on the bridge on the Aughrim-Carnew road.

The County Manager reported that Ballyteigue Bridge had been found to be dangerous, and that it would be necessary to carry out repairs to it immediately. It would be necessary to close the bridge while the repairs were being carried out.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor M. Brennan, the Assistant County Engineer stated that Tomriland Bridge had been inspected and arrangements were being made to have the masonry pointed.

Salaries of Assistance Officers

Councillor J. O'Neill stated that in County Kildare Assistance Officers were regarded as wholetime and permanent, but that this was not so in Wicklow, and consequently their salaries did not compare with those paid in County Kildare. It was decided to adjourn the matter in order to obtain information from other counties, and to have the matter included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the County Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

By Councillor J. O'Neill

That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that Rent Collectors be granted travelling expenses owing to the onerous duties they have to perform.

By Councillor J. O'Toole

That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that provision be made for (1) sewerage at Monastery, Enniskerry; (2) extension of watermain from Monastery to County Brook; (3) public lighting at Enniskerry—Monastery Water Gaps; (4) repairs to footpaths on main Dublin Road from Monastery Cross to the Village; (5) Dustbins—collection for the village; (6) Ballyreagh and Ballybree Roads to be included in next list of roads for improvement.

By Councillor P. McCarthy

That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council that the Minister for Local Government be asked to implement a revised salary scale for the clerical staff of Wicklow County Council.

EXAMINATION FOR CLERK-TYPISTS

The following report received from the Examiner on results of examination for clerk-typists was submitted:—

"Nineteen candidates entered for this examination, and fifteen of these were present for examination, Nos. 2, 8, 10 and 16 being absent.

Of these fifteen, fourteen passed the examination according to the statutory regulations laid down, while one candidate, No. 7, failed to reach the required standard in typewriting only, and was very poor in spelling.

The marks of all candidates will be found on attached Schedule (in duplicate) with the successful candidates arranged in order of merit. The marked papers of all candidates, with the papers of each candidate bound together, are being forwarded under separate cover.

It will be observed that comparatively few marks separated the candidates in many cases. This necessitated a re-scrutiny of the papers in many cases, so as to ensure correct order of merit on the work done by each candidate.

All fifteen were perhaps the best lot I have ever examined for clerk-typists anywhere, very well conducted and careful in their work.

The arrangements at the Technical School were as usual in Wicklow, excellent, and there was no trouble in carrying out the tests and interviews. My thanks are due to the Secretary of the County Council and his assistant, Mr. King."

(Signed) JOHN M. BREEN, B.A.

Examiner to Dept. of Education.

October 13th, 1954.

The results of the examination were as follows:—

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR CLERK-TYPISTS—SEPTEMBER, 1954

Order of Merit	Exam. No.	Name and Address of Candidate	Irish 300	English 300	Arith. 300	Short-hand 700	Type-writing 700	Inter-view 300	Total
1st	9	Kavanagh, Sheila J., Ballinallea, Ashford	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	685	583	260	1528
2nd	5	Doyle, Margaret, Railway Road, Gorey	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	645	610	245	1500
3rd	6	Doyle, Mary B., 60 Main St., Arklow	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	625	578	250	1453
4th	11	Kennedy, Mary B. P., The Glebe, Ballinahown, Athlone	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	640	556	230	1426
5th	13	Lee, Vera B. P., Barrettstown, Newbridge	Ex.	Ex.	192	509	661	240	1410
6th	17	O'Neill, Elizabeth M., 80 St. Peter's Place, Arklow	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	599	556	250	1405
7th	18	Walsh, Bridget Mary, 17 Rafter Street, Enniscorthy	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	646	504	250	1400
8th	15	Mellon, Patricia J., 28 South Main Street, Naas	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	621	446	240	1307
9th	12	Lavery, Josephine, Main Street, Dunlavin	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	590	468	230	1288
10th	14	McGuire, Elizabeth, 8 St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion	120	Ex.	Ex.	368	523	260	1151
11th	4	Doyle, Elizabeth A., Duffry Hill, Enniscorthy	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	411	370	220	1001
12th	3	Dowling, Carmel M., 14 Lr. Pembroke Street, Dublin	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	375	401	210	986
13th	19	Wickham, B. P., Bree, Enniscorthy	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	381	377	200	958
14th	1	Birchistle, Dorcas A., 5 Main Street, Arklow	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	330	347	200	877
	7	Grainger, Alice, Killeel, Naas	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	464	(130)	260	—

Note—Numbers in brackets denote failure in that subject.

"Ex." signifies that candidate is exempt from examination in that subject.

The County Secretary stated that at present there was no vacancy for a clerk-typist, but it was likely that a clerk-typist would have to be recruited shortly for the County Medical Officer's Office, in connection with the B.C.G. Scheme, as already reported to the Council. Any vacancy arising for clerk-typist during the following two years would be filled from the panel created on the results of the examination.

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, 8th November, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless, W. Cleary, C. M. O Broin, J. Jacob, M. J. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

BUSINESS

- Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during the month of October, 1954.
- Housing Scheme at Blessington—Acquisition of Land.
- Housing Scheme—O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy—Graded Rents.
- Enniskerry Housing Scheme—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage for Loan of £32,000.
- Letter from Bray and District Trades Council re Kindlestown Housing Scheme.
- Report of Consultant on Regional Water Supply Scheme—Estimate of Cost.
- Report of Consultant on tenders for Enniskerry Water Supply Filter Plant.
- To approve of Draft Deed of Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £22,500 for Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme.
- To approve of Draft Deed of Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for Loan of £4,420 for laying of Water Main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium.
- Water Supply at Ballyrahan, Tinahely.
- Water Supply at Ballybeg, Ballinglen.
- Water Supply at Ballard, Shillelagh.
- Water Supply at Templelyon, Redcross.
- Water Supply at Mullinacuffe.
- Water Supply at Annacurra Road, Aughrim.
- Water Supply at Ballinclair, Arklow.
- Water Supply at Ballytunney, Brittas Bridge.
- Disposal of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely.
- Public Lighting at Oldcourt Park, Bray.
- Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
- Unfit houses at Kilpedder.
- Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
- Application for Grant in respect of erection of new house.
- Repairs carried out during the month of October, 1954.
- Authorisation of repairs.

ITEM No. 1—HOUSING SCHEMES—PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1954

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1954, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Housing Section

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
5th November, 1954.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—Month of October, 1954

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 407 (including 47 by Contract).

Under the Kindlestown Schemes, 30 houses have been completed; a further ten houses are in progress.

At O'Neill Park, Newtown, 16 houses have been completed.
At Kilmagig, Avoca, 12 houses are in progress and nearing completion.

The total number of men employed on Housing during October, 1954, was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilmagig (Avoca)	6	7
Kindlestown (No. 3)	9	10
Totals	15	17

The total expenditure to date under the scheme is £384,252 10s. 1d., made up as follows:—

Wages	£153,887	2s. 9d.
Materials	£193,556	18s. 5d.
Payments to Contractors	£36,808	8s. 11d.

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

Northern Area, 1946 Scheme:

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1954	185
Cottages completed during October, 1954	nil
Total completed	185
Completed under Newtown Scheme	16
Completed under Kindlestown Scheme	30
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10
Total completed	56

In Progress: Kindlestown (No. 3)

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1954	80
Cottages completed during October, 1954	nil
Total completed	80
In Progress, (1946 Scheme), Kilmagig Avoca	12

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1954	54
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff	3
Total completed	57
In Progress	nil

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1954	88
Cottages completed during October, 1954	nil
In Progress	nil
Total completed	88

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Schemes during the month of October, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

Access Road to Kindlestown Housing Scheme

Councillor W. Lawless, supported by Councillor E. Byrne, stated that there was need for public lighting on the access road to Kindlestown Housing Scheme. It was agreed to obtain a report from the Council's Engineer, and an estimate from the Electricity Supply Board.

ITEM No. 2—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that an area of 1 acre, 3 roods, 24.7 perches of land was required from Mr. Arthur O'Leary, The Demesne, Blessington, for the purpose of the Blessington Housing Scheme. When the Scheme had been initiated in 1951 Mr. O'Leary had informed the Council that he was prepared to sell the land to the Council at the rate of £150 per acre. The Council had offered to acquire the land at the rate of £100 per acre. In reply to a recent inquiry Mr. O'Leary had confirmed that he was willing to sell the land required at the rate of £150 per acre as previously indicated.

Having considered the matter in relation to the prices paid by the Council for land in other parts of the county, the Council agreed that an offer to purchase the land at the rate of £125 per acre be made to Mr. O'Leary.

ITEM No. 3—HOUSING SCHEME AT O'NEILL PARK, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY: GRADED RENTS

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

Custom House,
Dublin.
29th October, 1954.

Ref. 27/15/5.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 15th ultimo, regarding the Scheme of 16 Houses at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, and to state that he has approved of the system of graded rents proposed. Having regard to the economic rent of these houses, and in the light of possible changes in family circumstances, I am to suggest that an extension of the system of grading beyond 13/- per week might be considered, if that has not already been done.

Mise, le meas,
G. A. MEAGHER.

The County Secretary stated that the existing scale of graded rents applied to serviced houses ranged from a minimum of 8/- per week in respect of weekly incomes not exceeding £4 10s. 0d. to a maximum of 13/- per week, where the weekly income exceeded £6 10s. 0d. In the case of the houses at O'Neill Park, there was a family income of £10 14s. 6d. per week in one instance, and of £10 in another case, and of £9 per week in two other cases.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that the scale be extended to a maximum of 15/- per week.

ITEM No. 4—LOAN FOR ENNISKERRY HOUSING SCHEME

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £32,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—KINDLESTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

The following letter from the Bray and District Trades Council was submitted:—

Bray and District Trades Council,
Bray Trades Hall,
7 Main Street,
Bray,
Co. Wicklow.
11th October, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

A report on the progress of the Kendalstown Housing Enquiry and the abortive meeting held in the Town Hall, Bray, on the 23rd August, came before the monthly meeting of the Bray and District Trades Council on Wednesday last, the 6th October.

Having considered the report fully, the Trades Council desires to draw attention to the fact that the setting up by the County Council of a Committee to enquire into the charges made by the Trades Council and Union representatives indicates quite clearly that the Co. Council felt there was something to investigate. Furthermore, for an enquiry to be satisfactory, it is essential that it should be conducted on mutually agreeable lines.

The method of procedure decided on by the Committee on the 23rd August was, as already explained, a method which would violate fundamental trade union principles, and is contrary to the methods of enquiry adopted by the Labour Court, which have been tested by years of experience and accepted by the trade union movement generally.

The Trades Council regrets that this enquiry should have been frustrated by a technical point of procedure; so long as such a position of stalemate exists it can only result in an injustice being done. As it is quite evident that grounds for an enquiry do exist the Trades Council again requests that the Committee meet to investigate the charges made, such investigation to be, as suggested, on the lines of Labour Court procedure. The Trades Council also felt that the late hour at which the enquiry started was not helpful in settling a mutually agreeable method of procedure. Please place this letter before the next meeting of the County Council.

Yours faithfully,
Signed: ROSS CONNOLLY,
Secretary.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea, the Council agreed to make arrangements for the holding of another meeting of the Committee to inquire into matters in relation to the Kindlestown Housing Scheme and the termination of the employment of Mr. Furlong.

Following a discussion in regard to the procedure to be followed at the enquiry, it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, that the Secretary of the particular worker's Union be permitted to be present when such worker was giving evidence to the Committee. The Council agreed to this procedure and the Secretary was directed to write to the Secretary, Bray and District Trades Council, and inform him that the Council was prepared to re-open the matter, and to indicate to him the procedure proposed to be followed by the Council. If the Bray and District Trades Council agreed to the procedure proposed, it was suggested that the meeting be held at the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 22nd November, 1954, at 2.30 p.m.

ITEM No. 6—REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The County Manager stated that Professor P. F. Purcell, Consultant Engineer, had submitted report on the proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme, together with an estimate of the cost. The County Engineer had examined the Consultant's report and agreed with his recommendations.

The Scheme provided for the taking of a supply from the Vartry River near Annagowlan Bridge. The filters would be placed near the Devil's Glen Waterfall and the main pipeline would extend from the filters to a clear water tank in the Devil's Glen, and from thence via Ashford and Rathnew to a new service reservoir approximately at the top of the Greenhill Road, Wicklow. The route of the pipeline between Rathnew and Wicklow would follow approximately the road known as the Rocky Road. The Scheme would provide a supply of 240,000 gallons per day, and, should it be found necessary, it could subsequently be extended to Lough Dan, or connected with the E.S.B. Hydro-Electric Scheme, if that Scheme were proceeded with. The supply accordingly could be increased to 428,000 gallons per day. A sufficient supply would be available to cater for any further extension of the pipeline to serve Brittas Bay. The Scheme, however, as designed, would cater for Ashford, Rathnew and Wicklow Town. The estimated cost of the Scheme was £100,000, and the Loan Charges on this sum, based on a 25-year Loan at 4½% interest, would amount to £6,885 approximately per annum. It was expected that a State contribution of 38½% of the Loan

Charges would be available, and this would reduce the annual charges by £2,600 to a figure of £4,285 per annum. It had been agreed that the cost of the Scheme would be shared by Wicklow Urban Council and the County Council in the proportion of 30% by Wicklow Urban Council and 70% by the County Council. The sum of £1,285 would accordingly be chargeable to the Urban District Council, which would be equivalent to a rate of about 2/8 in the £, and the sum of £3,000 would be chargeable to the County Health District, and would be equivalent to a rate of approximately 3d. in the £.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea,

and resolved :—

"That having considered report of Professor P. F. Purcell, Consulting Engineer, together with preliminary estimate of cost, we approve of his proceeding with the preparation of Contract Drawings and detailed Bill of Quantities for Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme to serve Wicklow Town, Ashford, Ballinalea and Rathnew, subject to agreement of Wicklow Urban District Council, and sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY—FILTRATION PLANT

The County Manager stated that the Consultant Engineer had had discussions with the Candy Filter Co. Ltd., whose tender had been recommended for acceptance and had agreed upon certain amendments to the plans, which would lead to economy in maintenance and would effect a saving of about £200 in the tender figure. On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, the Council approved of the recommendation of the Consultant Engineer for the acceptance of the tender of the Candy Filter Co. Ltd.

ITEM No. 8—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved :—

"That we approve of draft Deed of Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Loan of £22,500 for Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme, and hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—WATER MAIN FROM NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY TO NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved :—

"That we approve of the draft Deed of Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £4,420 for laying of water main from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Sanatorium and hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of existing loans will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYRAHAN, TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that there had been a proposal to pipe water from a well on the lands of Miss M. Byrne to the roadside for use by three cottage tenants, who had had access to the well in Miss Byrne's yard. The cost of building up and covering the well, taking copper pipe to the house and road, and fitting of two taps, would be £25. Miss Byrne's brother, however, had stated that they would not accept less than £100 by way of compensation. When recently interviewed by the Assistant County Engineer, Miss Byrne had indicated that she would be prepared to accept £50 compensation. The Assistant County Engineer did not recommend the proposal to protect the well and provide taps, as the supply from the well was uncertain, and suggested that it would be better to provide a well and pump at a cost of £210.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

and resolved :—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump to provide a water supply at Ballyrahan, Tinahely, at a cost of £210, the work to be included in Priority List and cost defrayed from Loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYBEG, BALLINGLEN

The Council's Health Inspector had reported that there were three County Council cottages in the Ballybeg area, with a total population of 14 persons. Water was obtained from a surface well in a field the property of Mr. O'Toole, and the supply was open to animal pollution and was unsuitable unless protected. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that the Council fence off the entrance from the road to the well, leaving the overflow to Mr. O'Toole. It was understood that Mr. O'Toole was prepared to accept a nominal sum for compensation. The Assistant County Engineer suggested a sum of £1. The cost of the work was estimated at £25.

It was

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

and resolved :—

"That we approve of fencing off an entrance from the road to well on lands of Mr. Patrick O'Toole, Ballybeg, Ballinglen, and protection of the well at estimated cost of £25, subject to completion of necessary Agreement with Mr. O'Toole for compensation in the sum of £1."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—WATER SUPPLY, BALLARD, SHILLELAGH

The Council's Health Inspector had reported that there were four County Council cottages and also a privately-owned cottage at Ballard, with a total of 25 occupants. The occupant of the privately-owned cottage obtained water supply from tap in the yard of his employer, but the occupants of the four County Council cottages obtained water from a fountain in Shillelagh, three-quarters of a mile distant. The Health Inspector and the Assistant County Engineer recommended that a well and pump be provided at a central point, at a cost of approximately £220.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved :—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 30th September, 1954, we approve of the provision of a well and pump to provide a water supply for cottages at Ballard, Shillelagh, at estimated cost of £220, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from Loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—WATER SUPPLY AT TEMPLELYON, REDCROSS

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were four cottages, Ryans, Murphys, Fagans and Kellys, situate along a distance of one-and-a-half miles of road at Templelyon, Redcross. Ryans obtained water from Lambs, Murphys at Sheanes and Kellys at Pikes. The only cottage in a difficult position for drinking water was Fagans. If a well were sunk at this point it would serve Murphy's cottage also. The Health Inspector stated that there were a total of 27 people in the four cottages, and recommended that a well and pump be provided.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer and report of Health Inspector, we approve of the provision of a well and pump to provide a water supply for cottages at Templelyon, Redcross, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from Loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—WATER SUPPLY AT MULLINACUFFE

The Health Inspector had reported that three families, with total of 16 persons, at Mullinacuffe, depended on a water supply from a spring in Mr. Kiely's field. The spring was well protected and flowed through a pipe for about half-a-mile to the well used by the tenants. The approach to the well was across 200 yards of bogland and was difficult to traverse. The Health Inspector recommended the provision of a well and the erection of a pump. The Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of providing a well and pump at £220. He estimated the cost of piping water from the well at present in use to the roadside at £40, but in this case the water would be 200 yards from one cottage and 550 yards from two cottages. Accordingly, he recommended the provision of well and pump.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of the provision of a pump to provide a water supply for cottages at Mullinacuffe, Tinahely, at an estimated cost of £220, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from Loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—WATER SUPPLY AT ANNACURRA ROAD, AUGHRIM

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the tenants of four cottages on the Annacurra Road, Aughrim, for an extension of the water supply from the Railway Bridge to serve their houses, a distance of approximately 580 yards. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the cost of extending the water supply would be £600. The tenants at present obtained water from a well, the rights of which were purchased by the Council for use by the cottage tenants some years ago. The weekly rents payable by the occu-

pants of the four cottages were 2/6 in two cases, 2/3 and 1/2. The County Secretary suggested that if the present water supply were inadequate, the provision of a pump would be cheaper than the extension of the water supply.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"Having considered application from tenants of cottages at Annacurra Road, Aughrim, and report of Assistant County Engineer, we approve of the provision of a well and pump to provide a water supply, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from Loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—WATER SUPPLY, BALLINCLAY, ARKLOW

The Council's Health Inspector had reported that there were four cottages, three the property of the County Council, at Ballinclay, Arklow, with a total of 27 occupants. The water supply was obtained from a stream, which was open to pollution. The Assistant County Engineer recommended the provision of a well and pump at a cost of £250.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of provision of a well and pump at estimated cost of £250, to provide a water supply for cottages at Ballinclay, Arklow, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from Loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—WATER SUPPLY, BALLYTUNNY, BRITTAS BAY

Application had been made for a water supply for two Council cottages at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay. The tenants of these cottages obtained their water supply from a well on the lands of Mr. W. G. T. Collings, Raherd, Brittas Bay. His solicitor had indicated that the well was required for Mr. Collings's own use, and he was not prepared to allow the Council to protect it and pipe it to the roadside as had been suggested by the Assistant County Engineer. The matter had been re-examined by the Health Inspector who recommended that a well be provided. In view of the fact that there were only two cottages involved and the estimated cost would be in the region of £240, it was considered that the work should not be given precedence over areas where a greater population existed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Health Inspector, dated 11th October, 1954, we approve of the provision of a well and pump at estimated cost of £240, to provide a water supply for two cottages at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from Loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER AT CHURCHLANDS TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that in 1952 the Council had approved of the expenditure of £400 for works for the disposal of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely. It had not been found possible, due to pressure of work, to have the work carried out within the financial year. The County Engineer had reported that the revised estimate for the work was £539, including compensation for land. No special provision had been made in the Estimates for the work in the current year.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was decided not to proceed with the work at present, and it was noted that the disposal of the waste water could be included with a sewerage system to serve the cottages at later date.

ITEM No. 19—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT OLDCOURT PARK, BRAY

The County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received from the residents of Oldcourt Park for the provision of three lights on the road. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the road was approximately 900 yards in length, and that there were no public lights on it. The road, which serves 36 houses, has a very high amount of pedestrian traffic and is dark and dangerous. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that four public lights be installed on it at the points marked on the map submitted. There were no poles on the road which could be used, but the switch wire could be connected to the existing system of lighting on Boghall Road.

The Council agreed that a quotation be obtained from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of lights as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 20—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Alfred Phillips, Architect, on behalf of Mr. W. R. Lendrum, for approval in principle to the use of a site at Killickabawn, Delgany, for the erection thereon of a number of bungalows. The site contained something near three acres and the density of the proposed scheme would be three to four to the acre. The Council's Architect had reported that the site lay between the village of Kilpedder and Willow Grove, and approval to the proposal would extend the area of housing development along that section of the road, leading to the possible connection of Kilpedder and Willow Grove in ribbon-like development. The improvements recently carried out on the road could in fact be nullified eventually by the encouragement of development such as that proposed. He did not consider that approval could be recommended. The Deputy County Engineer agreed with the views of the Council's Architect and pointed out also that any exits from the site would be connected on a bend of the main road carrying very heavy and fast traffic.

The Council agreed that the applicant be informed that the Council would not be prepared to approve of the use of this site for the erection of houses.

ITEM No. 21—UNFIT HOUSES AT KILPEDDER

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Michael Heffernan had submitted proposals in 1952 for the reconstruction of cottages at Kilpedder. The cottages had previously been condemned by the Council, and Mr. Heffernan proposed to reconstruct them into two houses. The documents submitted were inadequate and permission for the work was refused. Subsequently, however, plans were submitted but again they were found to be unsatisfactory and permission was refused by the Council. It had recently been found that Mr. Heffernan had proceeded with the work on the houses, though no permission had been given. The premises had been inspected by the Council's Architect, who, in report of 16th October, 1954, which was submitted to the Council, indicated the works which would be necessary in his opinion to render one of the houses, "Waycot," fit for human habitation.

The Council agreed that a Repairs Order be served on the owner requiring the carrying out of the repairs considered necessary by the Council to render the house fit for human habitation.

The County Manager stated that Mr. Heffernan occupied a cottage at Tinnapark, Kilpedder, which had been vested in him under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. Mr. Heffernan had applied for permission to sell the cottage, and the matter would be before the local Housing Committee.

ITEM No. 23—APPLICATION FOR GRANT IN RESPECT OF NEW HOUSE

The Council considered particulars in regard to the application of Mr.

Stephen Kennedy, Shraughmore, Roundwood, for a supplementary grant from the Council in respect of the erection of a new house. The Council did not approve of the making of a Grant in this instance.

ITEM No. 24—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Council noted list of repairs to cottages carried out during the month of October, 1954, as submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 25—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

Kilcoole Water Supply

Councillor W. Lawless drew attention to the condition of the water in the river at Kilcoole, and pointed out that it was impossible to use the water even for washing due to the condition of the river as a result of operations by the Kilquade Sand Company. He asked if arrangements could be made for the extension of the water main from Kilcoole as agreed to by the Council at a recent meeting. The Council had agreed to extend the main along the Newtownmountkennedy Road, and Councillor W. Lawless asked if it would be possible to extend the main also some distance towards the cottages at Cooldross. The Council noted that the main could be extended along the Newtownmountkennedy Road and for a distance towards the cottages at Cooldross at an estimated cost of £200, and approved of this work being carried out.

Examination for Clerical Officers

The Council noted the following report of the Examiner on the examination for Clerical Officers held on 30th September, 1st and 2nd October, 1954.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL EXAMINATION FOR CLERICAL OFFICERS, OCTOBER 1954 REPORT OF EXAMINER

Forty-two entries were received for this examination, which was carried out in the New Vocational School, Wicklow, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 30th, October 1st and 2nd, 1954.

Thirty-eight candidates were present at the examinations. Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 22 were absent.

Eighteen candidates were successful in the tests according to the statutory regulations laid down, while twenty failed to qualify in one or more of the obligatory subjects.

Schedule A (herewith in duplicate) contains the marks of the eighteen successful candidates arranged in order of merit, and Schedule B shows the marks in detail of the twenty unsuccessful candidates. The answer books, which have not already been forwarded, are being sent under separate cover.

First Place is obtained by No. 2 with a grand total of 1,882 marks, followed in Second place by No. 32 with a total of 1,869 marks. Both of these candidates obtained over 72% of the full marks, in a set of examination papers which were well above average difficulty for Clerical Officers' standard. The marks of the other successful candidates do not call for any comment, except that No. 16 failed to qualify in Latin, and No. 29 in History; their marks in these subjects are not included in the totals for these candidates.

Sixteen candidates failed to qualify in Mathematics, thirteen in Irish and six in English.

The conduct of all candidates during the tests were exemplary and all seemed to come from very good homes.

Arrangements were perfect, as is usual in Wicklow, and much trouble must have been taken by the County Secretary and his staff.

I wish to thank him and them for all their co-operation and assistance which made my work easy and pleasant.

Signed: JOHN M. BREEN, B.A.,

(Examiner to Dept. of Education.)

Oct. 26th, 1954.

The following list of successful candidates was submitted:—

SCHEDULE A—MARKS OBTAINED BY EIGHTEEN SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES—CLERICAL OFFICERS
OCTOBER, 1954

Order of Merit	Exam. No.	Names	Oral Irish 60	Writ. Irish 340	Eng. 400	Maths. I 300	Maths. II 300	Hist. 400	Geog. 400	Latin 400	French 400	Total
1st	2	Henry Byrne, "Wilton," Meath Road, Bray	45	205	280	280	293	215	246	318	—	1,882
2nd	32	Noel Mulqueen, 9 Fairgreen, Dundalk	60	271	263	199	188	300	238	350	—	1,869
3rd	30	Honoria Maloney, Cordarra, Kiltimagh, Mayo	52	261	264	158	97	223	—	325	286	1,666
4th	26	Frances Kelly, Killoney, Dunmore, Galway	60	244	162	152	187	239	255	—	279	1,578
5th	37	Kevin Roberts, New Street, Kilkenny	36	200	212	158	120	270	240	338	—	1,574
6th	40	Patrick S. Serton, Charle- ville, Co. Cork	36	232	167	229	172	175	247	289	—	1,547
7th	42	Catherine C. Walsh, 38 Parnell Street, Wexford	42	258	183	208	188	175	246	—	228	1,528
8th	39	Cornelius F. Ryan, Water- loo Road, Wexford	34	205	220	169	200	162	192	271	—	1,453
9th	16	Ed. J. Flannery, Tyone, Nenagh	30	197	197	188	196	198	199	227	—	1,432
10th	18	Elizabeth J. Forde, Rath- donagh, Co. Mayo	38	227	263	134	106	230	184	—	227	1,409
11th	21	Elizabeth Halpenny, Arklow	50	173	254	100	164	—	160	179	280	1,360
12th	33	John G. O'Connor, Nenagh	40	212	160	183	153	220	206	180	—	1,354
13th	35	Geo. B. O'Sullivan, Droma- hane, Mallow	46	207	227	97	143	160	160	298	—	1,338
14th	3	Mary P. Byrne, Arklow	30	192	245	116	124	211	168	—	226	1,312
15th	8	Mary T. Cooney, Clonmel	40	238	208	124	127	177	174	187	—	1,275
16th	15	William Duffy, Enniscorthy	50	206	160	170	188	237	227	(81)	—	1,238
17th	29	Thomas N. Magee, Main Street, Wicklow	40	176	187	202	147	(127)	217	257	—	1,226
18th	10	Fintan B. Croke, Bray	30	199	239	178	103	—	169	169	—	1,087

Note—Numbers in brackets denote that the candidate has failed to qualify in that subject. These marks are not included in the total for candidate.
26/10/54.

Signed: JOHN M. BREEN., B.A., Examiner.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor W. Lawless, the County Secretary stated that a candidate who had qualified at the previous examination was at present employed temporarily at the County Council Offices, Rathdrum. The vacancy would have to be filled permanently by the appointment of the first qualified candidate at the recent examination. The previous panel had expired prior to the occurring of the present vacancy at the Rathdrum office. Members of the Council recommended that representations be made to the Minister for Local Government in regard to the appointment of Mr. A. Phillips as a clerical officer in view of his having qualified at the previous examination, and of his satisfactory service.

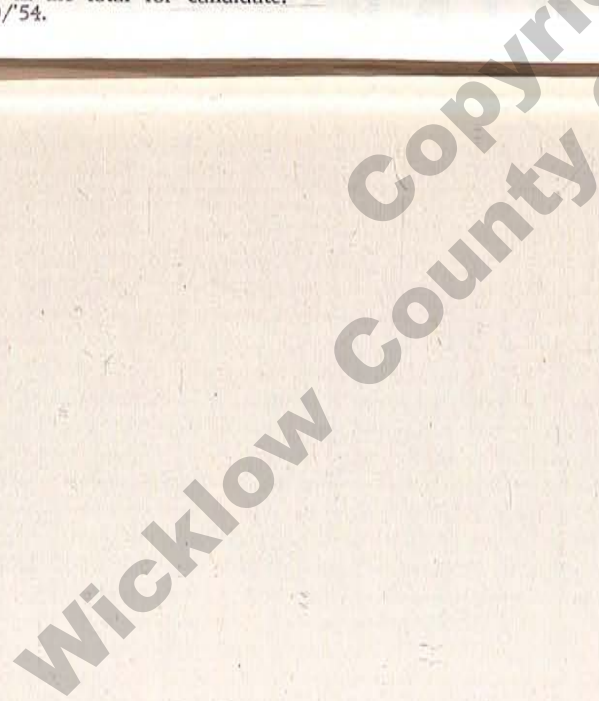
The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

By Councillor W. Lawless:

Please take notice that I or some other Councillor for me will move at the next meeting that this Council again consider the advisability of purchasing the premises used at present by the staff of the Committee of Agriculture.

By Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that we request the General Council of County Councils to make representation to the Minister for Local Government to ensure that in future more powers will be given to County Councils in the expenditure of all grants for County Roads and remove the restrictions on making of county roads 16 feet wide.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th November, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, S. O. Tuathail, W. Lawless, William Cleary, C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, M. J. Brennan.

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

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 6th and 13th September, 1954.
2. Renewal of University Scholarships—Report from University College, Dublin.
3. Road Grants—Letter from Department of Local Government and report of meetings of local Councillors re allocation of monies available from grants for road works.
4. Inquiries by Councillor Senator J. McCrea re road matters.
5. Improvements to Roundwood Water Supply—To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to mortgage from the National Bank Ltd. for loan of £1,600.
6. Water supply for district between meetings and Avoca Bridge—Report of County Medical Officer.
7. Carnew Water Supply improvements.
8. Public lighting at Blessington.
9. Extension of Protestant burial ground at Glenealy.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Toole in regard to roads, sewerage, etc., at Enniskerry.
11. Letter from the Society of Medical Officers of Health re revision of salaries of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers.
12. Appointment of Consultative Health Committee.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill re travelling expenses to Rent Collectors.
14. Salaries of Assistance Officers.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy re salary scales for clerical staff.
16. Courthouse, Tinahely—Proposed repairs, etc.
17. Enniskerry Library—Recommendation of County Library Committee re use of library building, etc.
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless re premises used by staff of Committee of Agriculture.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

In the absence of the Chairman, it was proposed by Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, and passed unanimously, that the Vice-Chairman take the Chair.

ITEM NO. 1—MINUTES

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th and 13th September, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

University College,
Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin.
25th October, 1954.The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council

Dear Sir,

I wish to report on the recent Autumn Examination results of the following:—

Mulcahy, Joseph A.—Rejected at the Third (M. & E.) Engineering Examination. Recommend that the scholarship be suspended until he passes the Third Examination and is entering on the courses of the fourth year.

O'Callaghan, William C.—Passed the Examination for the B.E. (Civil) Degree with First Class Honours.

Marah, Denis—Passed the B.Comm. Degree Examination with Second Class Honours.

Hayden, John P.—Rejected at the Second Science Examination. Recommend that scholarship be suspended for a year until he passes the Second Examination and is entering on the courses of the third year for the General Degree.

Murphy, Joseph T.—Passed the First Science Examination. Renewal of scholarship recommended.

O'Malley, Leonard—Passed the First Engineering Examination. Renewal of scholarship recommended.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. J. HOGAN,
Registrar.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for Joseph T. Murphy and Leonard O'Malley for a further year."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the scholarship for Joseph A. Mulcahy be suspended until he had passed the third examination and was entering on the course of the fourth year.

ITEM NO. 3—ROAD GRANTS

The County Secretary submitted the following summary of the recommendations of the Local Committees of the Council for the allocation of the additional road grants.

Distribution of £17,000 and £11,000—Total £28,000. Grant Ref. R201/7/2C

Northern Area:

Main Road No. 5, T.7—£6,500: Easement of corners and re-alignment at Kilmurray North—Wicklow-Bray Main Road.

Co. Road Nos. 28 and 30—£3,250: Windgates, Templecarrig to Glen of Downs and towards Delgany (on 5-year plan).

Co. Road No. 103—£1,000: Wicklow Urban towards Kilpool and Magherymore (not on 5-year plan).

Total £10,750

South-Eastern Area:

Main Road No. 186, T.7—£4,500: Easement of corners and re-alignment of road south of Arklow Town towards Co. Wexford Bounds.

Co. Road No. 162—£1,000: Castlemacadam-Carty's Corner. (not on 5-year plan.)

Co. Road No. 157—£2,250: Rathdrum-Kilmacurragh-Barndarrig (on 5-year plan).

Co. Road No. 137—£1,000: Aughrim-Aughavannagh (on 5-year plan).

Total £8,750

Southern Area:

Co. Road No. 214—£1,250: Coolboy Streets-Coolafancy (not on 5-year plan).

Co. Road No. 204—£2,000: Willoughbys at Togher, to Co. Wexford Bounds (not on 5-year plan).

Co. Road No. 222—£1,000: Umrigar Lane (not on 5-year plan).

Total £4,250

Western Area:

Co. Road No. 274—£500: Blessington-Kilbride (on 5-year plan).

Co. Road No. 325—£1,200: Knockenarrigan-Seskin Bridge (on 5-year plan).

Co. Road No. 261—£2,550: Rathdangan to High Park and Rathdangan to Killamoate (on 5-year plan).

Total £4,250

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the schemes of road works as agreed upon by local committees of the Council and request that the Minister sanction such works."

Passed unanimously.

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

Custom House, Dublin.
1st November, 1954.R.27/4/2
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence regarding the suggested transfer of portion of the main road improvement grant to county road works and to state that he regrets that it is not possible to approve of the use of portion of the main road improvement grant for county roads. Main and county road improvement grants are determined each year on the basis of the problem to be dealt with in each category of road and any alterations during the course of the year would defeat this primary object. Apart from these general considerations it must be pointed out that the County

Council have received exceptional treatment in the matter of road grants. A grant of £20,000 has been made available for the improvement of certain county roads which are of use to tourism and, in addition, the Council can devote a large part of the recent grant of £28,000 to county road improvement works.

It will be noted that it is a condition of the grant of £37,500 notified on 24th February last that the work is completed by the 31st March next. If loss of part of the grant is to be avoided, the necessary documents for the balance of the scheme should be submitted without delay.

Mise, le meas,

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

Having noted letter of 1st November, 1954, from Department of Local Government, we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the expenditure of main road improvement grants as follows:—

Northern Area:

NM.4—Rathmore—Courtfoyle—Coyne's (realignment)	£4,000
NM.5—Kilmurray (realignment)	£3,000

South-Eastern Area:

Scheme EM2—Arklow—Kish (realignment, corners, etc.)	£2,375
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Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—ENQUIRY RE ROAD MATTERS BY COUNCILLOR SENATOR J. J. MCCREA

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea stated that he had intended to enquire in regard to the commencing of certain road works in the southern district, but that these works had since been started.

ITEM NO. 5—IMPROVEMENTS TO ROUNDWOOD WATER SUPPLY

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Brennan,
Seconded by Councillor E. Bobbett,

and resolved:—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated the 6th day of October, 1954, the sum of £1,600 be borrowed from The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement of Roundwood Water Supply to be repaid within fifteen years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to The National Bank Ltd."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—WATER SUPPLY FOR DISTRICT BETWEEN MEETINGS AND AVOCA BRIDGE

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Health Inspector had carried out a survey of the area between the Meetings and Avoca Bridge and had found that of the 19 premises in the area, only 7 had not water laid on, but, in his opinion, they had an adequate supply. These premises had a total of 14 persons and only one was Council property. Under the circumstances, the Health Inspector was of opinion that the stretch of road was well catered for as regards water supply. The Council's Engineer had reported that it would cost over £5,000 to extend the watermain from Avoca to the Meetings and that he would not

recommend that such work be done, as there were only a few houses along the road and most of them had their own water supply. The County Medical Officer had also examined the suggestion and could not agree that it would be justified. He pointed out that there were other priority list cases on which money would be better spent. The Council noted the reports submitted, but asked that a further special report be obtained from the Engineer on the matter of providing a water supply between the Meetings and Avoca.

ITEM NO. 7—CARNEW WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS

The County Secretary stated that a report had been obtained from a water diviner on the possibility of augmenting the existing water supply by taking in additional springs. The water diviner was of opinion that the existing springs which are collected at ground level are only a portion of the underground water available and suggested that cuttings be made to intercept the water and lead it to the existing collecting points. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that this suggestion be tried and estimated the cost of excavating the cuttings and (if found satisfactory) the construction of a low wall or dam to be £180.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the Deputy County Engineer in letter of 5th October, 1954, for improvements to Carnew Water Supply at estimated cost of £180 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of the work."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BLESSINGTON

The County Secretary stated that a report had been obtained from the E.S.B. in regard to proposed improvement in the public lighting system at Blessington. The existing system consisted of 15 lamps and the E.S.B. were prepared to replace all existing equipment by new and improved type lanterns and fittings without initial cost to the Council. The annual maintenance cost would be £76, which was the same as at present payable. With regard to additional lights, the E.S.B. were prepared to provide 14 additional lights, making a total of 29 to eliminate major public lighting faults. The initial capital cost would be £20 and the annual maintenance charge would be £130 10s. 0d. The Assistant County Engineer had recommended the provision of 8 additional lamps to make a total of 23, and these could be provided at a capital cost of £20, and the annual maintenance charge for 23 lights would be £113 0s. 0d. Particulars were submitted of the populations in various towns and villages and the number of public lights in such places, and the County Manager pointed out that the provision of 29 public lights in Blessington would hardly be justified, having regard to the population.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of revised scheme for public lighting at Blessington to provide for 23 public lights at annual charge of £113, together with initial capital cost of £20."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—EXTENSION TO BURIAL GROUND AT GLENEALY

The Committee noted letter from Rev. Reginald K. Lowe, The Rectory, Rathdrum, asking that his thanks and that of the Select Vestry of Glenealy Parish be conveyed to the members of the County Council for their help in connection with the extension of the burial ground and stating that it was very much appreciated.

ITEM NO. 10—IMPROVEMENTS SOUGHT AT ENNISKERRY

Councillor J. O'Toole drew attention to various matters at Enniskerry, which he asked should receive attention. He referred to the question of the provision of a sewerage scheme at Monastery. The County Manager stated that a scheme had been prepared some years ago and at that time the estimated cost was £4,500. The scheme had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval, but the Department had not sanctioned the scheme and were doubtful of the need for such a scheme. In regard to the application for the provision of a new public light at Water Gaps, the County Manager stated that the cost of providing this light would be about £40, but that the light had been asked for on a mass path and as this was not on a public road, the Council could not provide it. With reference to the need for a light at the public convenience, the County Manager stated that this matter had been taken up with the E.S.B. with a view to having arrangements made for a light at the convenience, to be switched on and off with the general public lighting. In regard to the application for the extension of watermain from Monastery to County Brook, the County Manager stated that the cost of such an extension would be £750, and that the Council had recently cleaned, repaired and fenced the well from which water was obtained by the persons in the area. In relation to the question of domestic scavenging service, the County Manager pointed out that such a service was normally only provided in an urban area and that a scheme of this nature would be very costly.

The Council noted the position and asked that further reports in regard to the cost of providing a sewerage scheme at Enniskerry and a domestic scavenging service be submitted.

ITEM NO. 11—REVISION OF SALARY SCALE OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICERS

The following letter from the Society of Medical Officers of Health was submitted :—

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
County Offices, Wicklow,
A Chara,

Public Health Department,
Courthouse, Carlow,
7th October, 1954.

With reference to previous representations made by the Society of Medical Officers of Health on behalf of the Wicklow Chief Medical Officer and the Assistant Chief Medical Officer for salary revision, I am to state that the Society learns with surprise that the Wicklow County Council has not implemented the general salary revision that has become approved generally throughout the country with effect from 1st January, 1953. I am to request that the Wicklow County Council would be so good as to apply similar salary revision to our members.

Mise, le meas,
DOMHNAILL O BRIAN,
Hon. Secretary.

As the matter had been discussed at the recent meeting and as all the members of the Council were not present, Councillor Senator McCrea suggested that it might be included on the Agenda for the next meeting. Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he would hand in Notice of Motion for the suspension of Standing Orders at the next meeting for the purpose of considering date from which revised salary for County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer would be paid.

ITEM NO. 12—APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The following letter from the Irish Dental Association was submitted :—
73 Lr. Baggot Street, Dublin.

8th November, 1954.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the formation of a health committee in your area, I am directed by my Council to stress the importance of your having a dental representative on such body.

Limerick County Council, which is appointing a consultative health committee under Section 48 of the Health Act, 1953, have informed us that they will have a dental representative and have asked us to nominate a local member who would act on the committee.

My Council hopes you will take similar action in regard to the establishment of your health committee.

Yours sincerely,

TERENCE W. BRADLEY,

Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had already agreed on the constitution of the Consultative Health Committee and had indicated that six members of the Council would be appointed on the Committee. On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, Councillors H. J. Byrne, Chairman, and Miss E. F. Bobbett, were appointed to fill two of the places on the Committee. The Council agreed that the remaining places would be filled at the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 13—TRAVELLING EXPENSES FOR RENT COLLECTORS

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved :—

"That Rent Collectors be paid travelling expenses on the same basis as Assistance Officers."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor Miss Bobbett,

and resolved :—

"That we defer the matter."

Following a discussion, Councillor O'Neill, with the agreement of Councillor Senator McCrea, decided to withdraw the motion.

ITEM NO. 14—SALARIES OF ASSISTANCE OFFICERS

Members of the Council had received copies of a letter submitted by James Brophy, Assistance Officer, in relation to the salary scales for Assistance Officers. The County Manager stated that there were substantial differences in the various counties in regard to both salary scales of Assistance Officers and the duties discharged by the Officers. In some counties, Assistance Officers also acted as Rent Collectors. The County Manager agreed that extra duties had been imposed on Assistance Officers in connection with the Health Services. In view of these duties it was proposed to ask the Department of Health to recoup portion of the salaries of Assistance Officers from the Health Grant. Discussions were proceeding with the Department of Health and the Department of Social Welfare in regard to the determination of the duties of Assistance Officers and the County Manager hoped to be in a position at the next meeting to make a more definite statement in regard to the matter. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting and asked that in the meantime the scales of salaries of Assistance Officers be circulated to the members.

ITEM NO. 15—SALARY SCALES FOR CLERICAL STAFF

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved :—

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to review the salary scales for clerical staff."

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that since the salary scales for Clerical Officers and Clerk-Typists were the same in all counties, any revision of the scales would normally be negotiated by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union with the Minister in the first instance. He noted the points made by the Council in regard to an increase in the minimum of the scales and an increase in the increments.

ITEM NO. 16—COURTHOUSE, TINAHELY

The County Secretary submitted particulars furnished by the Assistant County Engineer in regard to repairs required to the Courthouse at Tinahely and stated that the Department of Justice were pressing that these repairs be carried out. The following letter had been received from Miss M. Walsh, Secretary to a meeting which had taken place at Tinahely:—

Bridge Hotel, Tinahely,
6th November, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

At a large and representative meeting of all classes and shades held in Tinahely Courthouse, it was unanimously decided, in view of the changed situation existing for some years, to request the County Council concerned to have the position explored afresh in the light of its resolution of August, 1947.

This building has not been used for some years for its primary purpose. Its needs have been catered for elsewhere with no disturbance or loss to the body politic and there is now an overwhelming case for the suggested course with a view to adaptability of all local wants and comforts.

Trusting your Council will agree to meet the wishes of the local community in this respect.

Faithfully yours,
—(Miss) M. WALSH,
Secretary to the Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That we request the Minister for Justice to transfer courts from Tinahely to Shillelagh."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 17—ENNISKERRY LIBRARY

The County Secretary submitted letter dated 28th October, 1954, from the County Librarian conveying recommendation made by the County Library Committee at their meeting held on 19th October, 1954, in regard to Enniskerry Library. The Council decided that an inspection of the library premises be made by the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area in company with the Chairman of the County Library Committee and the County Librarian, and also that the views of the local clergy and parishioners in Enniskerry in regard to the use of the premises be obtained.

ITEM NO. 18—PREMISES USED BY STAFF OF COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

With reference to Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Lawless that the Council again consider the advisability of purchasing the premises used at present by the staff of the Committee of Agriculture, the County Manager explained the Council's position in the matter as indicated to the Council at previous meetings. He pointed out that the matter was one primarily for the Committee of Agriculture and that the County Council would be concerned only in the event of a loan

being raised. Councillor Hammond enquired if accommodation for the staff of the Committee of Agriculture could be found in the Courthouse and Councillor Senator McCrea suggested that a report be obtained as to the cost of erecting new premises on the site adjoining the County Council offices. Councillor Lawless stated that he would raise the matter at the Committee of Agriculture.

ITEM NO. 18—COUNTY ROADS

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. F. Bobbett,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That we request the General Council of County Councils to make representations to the Minister for Local Government to ensure that in future more powers be given to County Councils in the expenditure of all grants for county roads and remove the restrictions of making county roads 16 feet wide."

Passed unanimously.

ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

and resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of twenty-two thousand five hundred pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1954."

Passed unanimously.

LAYING OF WATERMAIN FROM NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY TO NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

and resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of four thousand four hundred and twenty pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1954."

Passed unanimously.

AUGHRIM-MONEYMEEN ROAD

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had approved of works proposed to be carried out for the reconstruction of portion of the road from Aughrim to Moneymeen, the work to be defrayed by loan. The Department had indicated that it would be necessary to borrow the moneys from the Council's Treasurer and that the maximum period for repayment would be 10 years.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,000 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the appropriate rate to defray the cost of reconstruction of portion of the road from Aughrim to Moneymeen."

Passed unanimously.

ERECTION OF STATUE AT KILLALISH

The following letter was submitted:—

Killalish, Kiltegan,
Co. Wicklow,
10th November, 1954.

Dear Sir,

As the people of the townland of Killalish have decided to erect a statue or shrine to commemorate the Marian Year, I wish to ask the permission of the Co. Council.

The statue will be erected about 10 feet from the roadside at a point close to Miss Fitzpatrick's shop. The width of the road at this point is about 22 feet from ditch to ditch.

As we are anxious to get going with the work and hope to be ready for the opening ceremony on Sunday, December 5th, we will be thankful if you would introduce the matter at your meeting on Monday next.

Thanking you,

I am, yours truly,

(Signed) M. CLYNCH.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had indicated that there did not appear to be any objection to the proposal. The Council agreed that permission be given for the erection of the statue.

INQUIRY RE KINDLESTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

The following letter from Bray and District Trades' Council was submitted:—

Bray Trades' Hall,
7 Main Street, Bray,
12th November, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 9th November, indicating that the Committee of the Council has agreed to hold a further meeting, I note that Monday, 22nd November, is suggested.

Our objection to the method of procedure does not appear to have been fully understood. The procedure now suggested in your letter under reply appears to be precisely the same suggestion as was made to the workers' side by the Chairman, Mr. H. J. Byrne, on the occasion of our last meeting in the Town Hall. This procedure was not acceptable, because, while the workers' side made it clear that any union members giving evidence would have to be accompanied by his Union Secretary or official in any case, the objection, the fundamental objection I may say, was on the grounds that the Committee would only agree to interview each person giving evidence on his own (subject to his union representative being present, of course). The General Secretary of the Plasterers' Society made it clear to the Chairman that he could not give any evidence to the Committee unless the representatives of the Trades' Council were present, and the Trades' Council representatives could not present their case unless all concerned were present also.

When we wrote you on the 11th October, in our last paragraph we asked that the enquiry should be conducted on the lines of a Labour Court investigation. When the Labour Court investigates a dispute both parties appear before the Court, the representatives of each side making their case in turn. Having heard each others case, each side replies in turn, the members of the Court ask further questions to clarify the issues, and make their findings known at a future date. The Council will examine witnesses also when required. Such a method would be in accordance with tested and acceptable practice, giving a full opportunity to both sides to have all the issues clarified, and a better opportunity to the

Committee of arriving at a full understanding of all the issues involved in the case. The procedure suggested in your letter of hearing each witness privately and independent of all other witnesses would deprive each side of the opportunity of challenging any statements made which appear to be incorrect or misleading, or of reconciling apparent contradictions. The Trades' Council feels strongly that an enquiry on these lines could not possibly be a full and satisfactory one.

As your letter of the 9th November does not rule out completely (except by implication, which may not be justified) an enquiry on the lines of a Labour Court investigation, I should be glad if you could possibly get further clarification of the matter before the Trades' Council holds its next meeting on the 17th November when this correspondence will be discussed.

A reply to reach me not later than the 17th November would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ROSS CONNOLLY,
Secretary.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we agree to the adoption at the inquiry of the procedure set out in letter from Bray and District Trades' Council."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

and resolved:—

"That procedure determined at last meeting be adhered to."

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

In Favour — Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; William Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. O'Toole, W. Lawless, M. Brennan, C. M. Byrne, E. F. Bobbett, and H. J. Byrne	..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... .....	11
Against — Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, T. O'Reilly, and J. Jacob	..... ..... ..... ..... .....	5

The amendment was declared passed by 11 votes in favour to 5 votes against, and adopted as a substantive motion on the same voting.

O'NEILL PARK HOUSING SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the local housing committee had recommended that the road leading to 16 new houses at O'Neill Park be named "St. Patrick's Road," O'Neill Park. The Council confirmed the recommendation of the local housing committee.

ENNISKERRY

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that permission was sought by residents in Enniskerry to erect a Christmas tree in the centre of the village and to take a lighting connection for the Christmas tree from the existing lamp on the Clock Tower. The Council agreed that permission be given for the erection of the tree and for the taking of the connection from the clock provided the E.S.B. agreed. The Council agreed also that the Assistant County Engineer call on the chemist in Enniskerry in regard to his objection to the position of the public light.

CEMETERY AT ARKLOW

Councillor McCarthy stated that the cemetery at Arklow was badly waterlogged. The Council asked that the County Engineer report on possible arrangements for drainage.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Michael Doyle, road overseer. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

By Councillor W. Cleary:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the Council consider the possibility of building a new road connecting Arklow via Arklow Rock through golf links to Wexford boundary so as to continue the new tourist roads already built from Wicklow to Arklow."

By Councillor P. McCarthy:

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of dealing with revisions of salaries of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers for the purpose of granting retrospective salaries."

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 December, 1954, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, C. M. O Broin, 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, J. P. Caffrey, C. J. Byrne, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley, attended.

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during month of November, 1954.
2. Housing Scheme at Blessington—Acquisition of land.
3. Water Supply for Council cottages at Tigroney East, Avoca.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Notification from Department of Local Government of reduction in rate of interest in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund.
6. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. Fencing of allotments at Tomacork.
8. Repairs carried out during month of November, 1954.
9. Authorisation of repairs.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of November, 1954, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow,
3rd December, 1954.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—Month of November, 1954

Gentlemen,

During the month of November satisfactory progress was maintained on all schemes in spite of inclement weather.

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 407 (including 47 by Contract).

Under the Kindlestown Scheme, a further 10 houses are in progress.

During the month the site at Kilgarron was entered on and preparations are being made for the commencement of 20 houses.

At Kilmagig, Avoca, 12 houses are nearing completion. The total number of men employed during November, 1954, was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilmagig, Avoca	3	6
Kindlestown (No. 3)	10	11
Kilgarron (20)	2	1
Totals	15	18

The total expenditure to date under the scheme is £384,750-10-11, made up as follows:—

Wages	£153,946	1s.	1d.
Materials	£193,996	0s.	11d.
Payments to Contractors	£36,808	8s.	11d.

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

Northern Area: 1946 Scheme

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1954	185
Cottages completed during November, 1954	nil

Total completed

185

Completed under Newtown Scheme	16
Completed under Kindlestown Scheme	30
Completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10

Total completed

56

In Progress: Kindlestown (No. 3)	10
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Total in Progress

10

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1954	80
Cottages completed during November, 1954	nil

Total completed

80

In Progress: (1946 Scheme), Kilmagig, Avoca	12
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Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th November, 1954	54
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff	3

Total completed

57

In Progress	nil
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Western Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1954	88
Cottages completed during November, 1954	nil

Total completed

88

In Progress	nil
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J. T. O'BYRNE
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of November, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

In regard to Enniskerry Housing Scheme, the County Manager stated that work had commenced on the foundations of the boundary wall and on the development of the site.

ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT BLESSINGTON

The County Secretary stated that an offer of £125 per acre had been made to Mr. Arthur O'Leary, Blessington, in respect of lands required from him for the purpose of housing scheme. Mr. O'Leary had replied stating that his price was £150 per acre. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that the Solicitor for Mr. Kelly, the owner of the portion of land adjoining the Main Street, which had been acquired by the Council under Compulsory Purchase Order, had been asked to submit his application for compensation but that this had not yet been received.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey,

and resolved:—

"That we agree to purchase area of land required for housing scheme at Blessington from Mr. Arthur O'Leary at price of £150 per acre."

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the local members of the Council might interview Mr. Kelly with a view to reaching agreement on the price to be paid to him for the lands acquired under the Compulsory Purchase Order.

For the information of the members of the Council, the County Manager gave particulars of the numbers of houses built in Blessington area in recent years. Twelve houses had been erected at Blessington in 1936, a further ten in 1939 and 13 houses were provided during the period from 1942 to 1946. In addition, 11 houses were provided in or adjacent to the town during the period 1948 to 1950, making a total of 46 houses in all. It would be clear, therefore, that the Council had not been neglectful of the housing needs of the district.

Councillor Lawless suggested that applicants for houses in Blessington should be informed that the rents would be from 8/- to 15/- per week, as these were serviced houses. Councillor Kehoe pointed out that the applicants had been made aware of the approximate rents which would have to be charged.

Site at Bawnogue, Baltinglass: Councillor Kehoe asked that arrangements be made to provide two houses on site owned by the Council at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to accommodate persons at present living in unfit houses at Belan Street, Baltinglass. The Council agreed that the matter be examined by the County Manager.

ITEM No. 3—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT TIGRONEY EAST, AVOCA

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received for the provision of a water supply for three County Council cottages at Tigroney East, Avoca. The Assistant County Engineer suggested that a well and pump be provided as the supply at present in use was over a quarter-of-a-mile from cottages and the supply was subject to pollution. The Health Inspector had reported that there was a total of 16 persons residing in these three cottages and depending on the well for a water supply. He recommended that a well and pump be provided. On the proposal of Councillor M. Brennan, seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council approved of the provision of a well and pump, the work to be defrayed from loan and included on priority list.

ITEM No. 4—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The County Manager stated that Messrs. Watson and Johnson, Greystones, had indicated that they wished to proceed with the erection of a filling station and motor showrooms on a site at the junction of Victoria Road and Church

Road, Greystones. An application under the Town and Regional Planning Acts for approval to the erection of filling station and motor showrooms on the site had been made in 1948 and permission had been refused. An objection had been received at the time from the Architect, on behalf of Mr. Morris, owner of the adjoining lands which were being developed for housing, that the amenities of the housing development would be affected by the erection of the filling station and showrooms. At the time it had been suggested to the Architect for Messrs. Watson and Johnson, Ltd., that the matter might be discussed with the Architect for the housing development with a view to reaching agreement on the matter. The Council in 1948 had passed a resolution recommending that permission be granted for the erection of the filling station and showrooms. Work on the site had, however, commenced only recently. Messrs. Watson and Johnson, Ltd., had agreed to submit detailed plans and specification for the work and they had been informed that pending the granting of permission by the Council work should not be proceeded with. The Council agreed that there was no objection in principle to the use of the site for a filling station and showrooms subject to plans and specification being found satisfactory and agreed also that it was desirable that the agreement of the owner of the adjoining lands be obtained.

House at Kilmacanogue for Mr. O'Connor: The County Manager stated that it was proposed to refuse permission for the erection of a house for Mr. O'Connor on a site at Kilmacanogue, and indicated the grounds on which it was proposed to refuse permission. Following a discussion on the matter, it was decided that the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area would inspect the site on the following day and that the matter would be considered again by the Council at the Meeting to be held on 13th December, 1954.

Application for approval in principle to use of Site at Brittas Bay for Erection of House for Mr. Salmon: Having considered sketch plans submitted and reports of Architect and Engineer and Chief Fire Officer, the Council agreed that permission might be given for the use of the site for the purposes of a building of the type indicated on the plans.

ITEM No. 5—RATE OF INTEREST ON ISSUES FROM LOCAL LOANS FUND

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

Custom House,
Dublin
25th November, 1954.

Circular No. H.12/54.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that the Minister for Finance in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, has given a direction under Section 12 of the Act fixing at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 1st December, 1954.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) J. GARVIN.

The Council noted that the new rate of interest for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts would be 5% as from 1st December, 1954, and that issues from the Local Loans Fund as from that date would be at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS

Having considered application on behalf of Mrs. Marie M. Hugentobler, Vallemount, for a loan of £1,200, the Council indicated that they were not disposed to recommend the making of a loan in this case.

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Mr. O'Connor, Kilmacanogue, for a loan under the S.D.A. Acts, pending the decision in regard to the application under the Town and Regional Planning Acts in respect of house at Kilmacanogue.

Having considered letter from Solicitor for Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, Sirhowy Villa, Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, in regard to proposed sale of his house in respect of which a loan of £950 had been made by the Council, the Council indicated that they were not prepared to approve of the transfer of the loan to the purchaser in this case.

Having considered reports of Council's Architect and Assistant County Engineer in regard to the house being erected by Peter Burke, Coolgarrow, Woodenbridge, and having noted amount of grant allowed by the Department of Local Government, the Council recommended that a loan of £300 be made to Mr. Burke under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Council also confirmed their approval of the making of a Supplementary Grant to Mr. Burke in respect of the erection of a house.

ITEM No. 7—FENCING OF ALLOTMENTS AT TOMACORK

In reply to Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, who had stressed the need for the erection of a fence at the allotments at Tomacork, the County Manager pointed out that when the access to the water supply and the lands for allotments had been acquired from the adjoining Landowner, Mr. O'Loughlin, he had agreed to erect a fence and had received payment of the cost of providing a fence. The fence, however, had not been erected. The Council's Solicitor had advised that it would be necessary for the tenants to take proceedings against the landowner in respect of damage caused to their crops, etc., due to the non-erection of the fence and that he would act for the tenants if they would agree to prosecute. The Council's Solicitor, who attended the meeting, explained the legal position in the matter. The Council noted the report of the Council's Solicitor and asked that an estimate of the cost of erecting the fence be submitted.

ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1954

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of November, 1954, as submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 9—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

Cottage at Rosbawn: Tenant, Thomas King—Following a discussion on the subject of the application of Thomas King for provision of a range in the cottage, the Council recommended that a sum of 1/- per week be paid by Mr. King for a period of three years towards the cost of providing the reconditioned range in the cottage.

Works at Christmas—In reply to enquiry from members, the County Engineer stated that certain additional road works would be commenced shortly and agreed that he would arrange for the employment of extra men if possible.

Accommodation Road: Castle View and Carrig Villas, Killincarrig—In reply to Councillor Lawless, the Assistant County Engineer stated that arrangements would be made to carry out some repairs to the accommodation road at these places.

G.A.A. Grounds at Auhtrim—Councillor Lawless stated that portion of the grounds were being flooded from the adjoining road. The Assistant County Engineer stated that this matter was receiving attention.

Road from Tomriland to Moneystown—The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government were loath to agree to the allocation of a road grant for improvement of road between Tomriland and Moneystown as it was possible that this road might be submerged if the E.S.B. decided to proceed with the Hydro Electric Scheme from Lough Dann. The Council agreed that in the circumstances the moneys be transferred to the Tomriland—Annamoe road.

Public Lighting in Roundwood—Councillor M. Brennan asked that an additional public light be provided at Roundwood. It was decided to obtain an estimate of the cost from the E.S.B.

Lighting of Coolboy Village—In reply to Councillor Senator McCrea, it was stated that an estimate was being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of a public light in the village.

Avondale Park: Sewage Disposal—The County Manager stated that the County Engineer had submitted a report in regard to complaint received that a nuisance arose from the sewage disposal system serving the houses at Avondale Park. The effluent from the septic tank flowed into a pond in the grounds of Killarney Wood and thence in a stream to the Dargle River. Apparently, however, the pond was acting as a settling tank and, consequently, a nuisance arose in dry weather. The County Engineer had met representatives of the owners of the lands in question and proposed that the effluent be piped along portion of Herbert Road and thence to the stream at a cost of £300. On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. Lawless, the Council approved of the County Engineer's recommendation.

Flooding of House at Boghall Road—The Chairman stated that there was a danger of houses at Boghall Road being flooded following heavy rains. The tenant of No. 17 was prepared to lay pipes, if the pipes were supplied by the Council, and also would provide new flooring, if the floor-boards were supplied. He pointed out that it would be necessary for the Portland Glass Co. to provide a proper culvert as the existing pipe across the entrance was not sufficient to take the water.

Sewerage at Laragh—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that a report be submitted in regard to the ruins of houses in the village of Laragh.

Appointment of Clerical Officer—The following letter from the Department of Local Government was submitted and noted by the Council:—

Custom House,
Dublin.

25th November, 1954.

E.L.27/9.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 12th November, 1954, and to state that he regrets that he cannot accede to the wishes of the Council in regard to the filling of a vacant office of Clerical Officer by the appointment of a candidate from the panel which had already expired at the occurrence of the vacancy. In accordance with normal practice no appointment may be made from a panel compiled from a competition held more than two years previously, and it would not be feasible to relax this rule in favour of individuals, especially in view of the fact that the panel from which Mr. Phillips was recruited has been superseded by a panel prepared from the competition held recently.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) F. G. CONLON.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th December, 1954, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. MacCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O Tuathail, E. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. N. Murdoch, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

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

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

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 11th October, 1954.
2. Overdraft accommodation on Capital Account and General Account for the quarter ending 31st March, 1955.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1955: To approve draft Scheme.
4. Applications from University Scholarship holder for the suspension of scholarship for one year.
5. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.
6. Applications for renewal of Cinematograph Licences.
7. Reconstruction of road from Dunlavin to Tuckmill: To authorise Loan.
8. Memorial re Old Long Hill Road Kilmacanogue.
9. Letter from Wicklow Tourist Development Company Ltd. in regard to the Main Roads serving Wicklow Town.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Cleary re proposal to construct new road from Arklow via Arklow Rock to Wexford boundary.
11. Draft Financial Scheme for 1955/56 from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
12. Enniskerry Library: Report of meeting of local committee.
13. Public lighting at Manor Avenue, Greystones.
14. Dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy.
15. Provision of fountain at Coolfancy, Tinahely.
16. Revision of salary scales of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy.
17. Appointment of Consultative Health Committee.
18. Maintenance of patients in Extern Hospitals.
19. Town and Regional Planning Acts: Application for approval to the erection of house at Kilmacanogue and Loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
20. Replies from Department of Posts and Telegraphs in regard to provision of telephone kiosk, etc.
21. Resolution from Tralee Urban District Council requesting the Minister for Industry and Commerce to consider the feasibility of building a trans-Atlantic liner.
22. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
23. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

It was Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 11th October, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. Bobbett,

and 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 31st March, 1955, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor Miss Bobbett,

and 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 31st March, 1955, shall not exceed £27,400."

Passed unanimously.

In connection with the overdraft on the Council's General Account, the County Secretary stated that a sum of over £105,000 was due to the Council in respect of Road Grants. The Council asked that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for the payment of road grants in future more promptly and at more frequent intervals.

ITEM No. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1955

The draft University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1955 was submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of draft University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1955, as submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—SUSPENSION OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from John P. Hayden, 2 Trafalgar Road, Greystones, for the suspension of his University Scholarship for one year, as he had failed in Chemistry in his second year College Examination and would not be allowed to proceed to his third and final year until he had reached the required standard in Chemistry. The County Secretary stated that the authorities of University College had recommended that the Scholarship be suspended for one year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the suspension of University Scholarship for John P. Hayden for one year to allow him to reach the required standard in Chemistry."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The County Secretary stated that three candidates, Dorothy P. Darcy, Phelim Cullen, and Andrew J. Dunne, passed the Intermediate Certificate Examination during the present year but had not obtained honours and, consequently, did not comply with the terms of the Council's Scheme. Reports had been obtained from the Patrician College, Ballyfin Demesne, Mountrath, in regard to Phelim Cullen, and from De La Salle College, St. Joseph's, Wickow, in regard to Andrew J. Dunne, and in both cases the renewal of the scholarship was recommended. In the case of Miss Dorothy P. Darcy, it had been reported that she was now doing a commercial course in a commercial college.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letters from De La Salle College, St. Joseph's, Wickow, and Patrician College, Ballyfin Demesne, Mountrath, we approve of the renewal of Secondary School Scholarships for Andrew J. Dunne and Phelim Cullen."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—RENEWAL OF CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES

The County Secretary stated that satisfactory reports had been received from the Chief Fire Officer in regard to Bradley's Cinema, Baltinglass; Carnew Cinema, Carnew; Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, and Ormonde Cinema, Greystones. In the case of Bradley's Cinema, Baltinglass, the Chief Fire Officer pointed out that this was the only cinema which had not got secondary lighting. In view, however, of the works carried out by the owner at the request of the Council in the previous year, the Chief Fire Officer suggested that the licence might be renewed subject to secondary lighting being installed during the coming year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the renewal of Cinematograph Licences in respect of the following cinemas: Bradley's Cinema, Baltinglass; Carnew Cinema, Carnew; Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum; Ormonde Cinema, Greystones; subject, in the case of Bradley's Cinema, Baltinglass, to the installation of secondary lighting during the coming year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—ROAD FROM DUNLAVIN TO TUCKMILL

The County Secretary stated that the scheme for the reconstruction of the road from Dunlavin to Tuckmill had been approved by the Department of Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,
Seconded by Councillor A. Toomey,

and resolved:—

"We hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £4,000 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of reconstruction of road from Dunlavin to Tuckmill."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—MEMORIAL RE OLD LONG HILL ROAD, KILMACANOGUE

A memorial received from residents on the Old Long Hill Road, Kilmacanogue, requesting that the road be tarred from its junction with the Kilmacanogue-Enniskerry Road to Reddan's was submitted to the Council. The County Engineer reported that while the road was in need of repairs, there were many more important roads in urgent need of improvement and there was not sufficient funds available to carry out all the improvements necessary. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration when the Roads Estimates were being examined.

ITEM No. 9—MAIN ROAD SERVING WICKLOW TOWN

The following letter received from An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain Teo was submitted:—

Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow,
22nd November, 1954.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Road Maintenance

A Chairde,

At the meeting of the above Board of Directors of An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain on Friday, 19th instant, a resolution, proposed by Mr. J. Clancy, seconded by Mr. A. D. Finlayson, was passed unanimously, requesting Wicklow County Council to include in their annual Road Works' Scheme a full reconstruction and widening plan for the two major roads converging on the town. As I was asked to give the County Engineer information on the same matter, I am sending him a copy of this letter at the same time as I address it to the Secretary.

In the discussion which took place, stress was laid on the fact that the Rathnew-Wicklow road, Coolbeg-Wicklow road, were in a condition which urgently demanded attention. Ever increasing traffic had been noted, and now with so many persons cycling into the town to work and schools, so many tourists coming through the town, funerals taking place from Wicklow to Rathnew Cemetery, which call for large attendances of the public, it was the opinion of the members that the roads referred to call for widening as well as a full reconditioning of the surfaces.

The new coastal road has resulted during the summer, despite unfavourable weather, in a big increase in fast motor traffic, especially at week-ends, and both these roads, as well as the connecting road between Rathnew and Coolbeg Cross, are obviously going to be the heaviest carriers of traffic in future in this county. It is also the case that these are the same roads which comprise the motor course, used for two international motor racing events in the year, with their attendant two-day practices, and this is a further reason why they should be made as safe as possible, particularly as there is every prospect that both these events are going to develop rapidly and attract large numbers of visitors to the county at the period of the races. For all those reasons the Company asks for urgent consideration of this whole matter.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) P. J. NOONAN,
Secretary.

The County Engineer reported as follows:—
22nd November, 1954.

County Secretary.

Re: Wicklow-Rathnew Road T.7 No. 66

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter dated 19th instant from the Secretary of the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce which refers to meeting of that body held on 9th instant, and wherein the condition of the Wicklow-Dublin Road between Rathnew and Wicklow was discussed. A copy of the letter is attached for your information and I agree that its contents are substantially correct.

The members of the County Council will, I am sure, fully concur with the necessity for the improvement of this most important portion of the road, which carries traffic at the rate of about 3,000 vehicles per normal day of 24 hours.

The least expensive method of improving the route, in so far as its surface is concerned, would be to use the new Barber-Greene Tarmac type of surfacing, which makes it unnecessary to level depressions or scarify the existing surface, but which will provide a smooth-running carpet, both pleasant for travelling and economical in maintenance.

The estimated cost of doing the road from the Grand Hotel to the village of Rathnew would be £7,800. There would be in addition the easement of bends and widening to be undertaken to make the job as up-to-date as possible.

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

The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration in connection with the Roads Estimate for the coming year.

ITEM No. 10—PROPOSED NEW ROAD FROM ARKLOW VIA ARKLOW ROCK TO WEXFORD BOUNDS

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor Cleary proposed that the County Engineer investigate the possibility of building a new road connecting Arklow via Arklow Rock to the Wexford boundary so as to continue the new tourist road along the coast from Wicklow to Arklow. Councillor McCarthy seconded the proposal and the Council agreed that the matter be examined by the County Engineer and a report submitted.

ITEM No. 11—DRAFT FINANCIAL SCHEME 1955/56 FROM COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following letter from the Chief Executive Officer, County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee was submitted:—

Technical School,
Wicklow,
30th November, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

My Committee, at its meeting held on 23rd November, approved of the Draft Financial Scheme for 1955/56 as prepared by the Financial Sub-Committee. The Scheme, as approved, calls for an increase of 1½d. in the amount of the annual local contribution from your Council, i.e., an increase from 7½d. to 8¾d. in £. Under the terms of Paragraph 3 (1 a) of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950, it is now necessary for me to submit a copy of the Financial Scheme for your Council's consideration, as the amount of the annual local contribution demanded for 1955/56 exceeds the corresponding contribution for 1954/55 by more than the rate of one penny in the £.

Under the terms of Paragraph 4 (1) (d) of the same Act, if the increased contribution now sought is to be granted, it will be necessary for your Council:—

- (1) Not later than 31st December, 1954, to pass a resolution approving of increase of 1½d. in the amount of the annual local contribution.
- (2) To send a copy of such resolution to the Minister for Education.

A copy of my Committee's Scheme for 1955-56 is enclosed herewith.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) A. O. CROTAIGH,
Príomh Oifigeach Feidhmiúchain.

It was
Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,
and resolved:—

"That having considered draft Financial Scheme for 1955/56 as prepared by the Financial Sub-Committee of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, we approve of the proposed increase of 1½d. in the amount of the annual local contribution for the coming year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—ENNISKERRY LIBRARY

The County Secretary submitted report of meeting of the Local Committee of the Council held at Enniskerry on the 15th November, 1954. Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. O'Toole and P. N. Murdoch had met Very Rev. Fr. Lillis, P.P., Chairman of the County Library Committee, the County Librarian, Clerk of Works and County Secretary, to consider the recommendation of the County Library Committee in regard to the use of Enniskerry Library. The Committee agreed that the smaller room in the Library be reserved for use for the purpose of a library and that the larger room continue to be used as a temporary classroom pending the erection of a new classroom at the National School. When the larger room was vacated, the Committee considered that consideration might then be given to making available the larger room for local purposes. The Committee agreed that pending the vacation of the larger room, it would not be possible to allow the premises to be used by the Local Committee.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
and resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the local Committee in regard to the use of the library buildings at Enniskerry."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT MANOR AVENUE, GREYSTONES

Having considered quotation from E.S.B. for the provision of a public light at Manor Avenue, Greystones, at a cost of £10, together with an annual charge of £6, the Council decided to defer the matter as they were not satisfied that there was a great need of an additional light at present.

ITEM No. 14—DUMPING GROUND AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The following report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to the acquisition of a site for a dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

2nd December, 1954.

A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer,
Rathdrum.

Proposed Dumping Ground at Newtownmountkennedy

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, I agree with Mr. Duffy, Health Inspector, that the site at Kavanagh's Glen is suitable for a dumping ground, and enclose herewith two copies of map showing the area required and the right-of-way to the proposed site. The area shown is 2 roods, 6 sq. perches, the value of which is estimated at £43. It will be necessary to erect a new fence and gate, as shown on plan, and clean, strengthen, widen and gravel the existing

right-of-way from the school entrance to the dumping ground. The estimated cost is as follows:—

Fencing and Gate	£71	0	0
Repairs to right-of-way	£65	0	0
Compensation for land	£43	0	0
	£179	0	0

Misc. le meas,
(Signed) R. M. FENLON,
Asst. County Engineer.

The Council noted that the amount of compensation proposed in respect of the land was rather high but, having regard to all the circumstances and the need for the provision of a dumping ground, decided to approve of the proposal. The Council also noted that landowners in the area were reluctant to make a site available on their lands for use as a dump.

It was
Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,
and resolved:—

"Having considered reports of Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer we approve of the acquisition of proposed dumping ground at Kavanagh's Glen, Newtownmountkennedy, at price recommended by Assistant County Engineer, and approve also of works proposed by Assistant County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—PROVISION OF FOUNTAIN AT COOLFANCY, TINAHELY

Having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector in regard to need for the erection of a fountain to serve four families, a total of nine people, at Coolfancy, their present water supply being approximately half-a-mile from the cottages, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of a fountain at Coolfancy, Tinahely, at estimated cost of £45, to serve three Council cottages as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—REVISION OF SALARY SCALE OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICERS

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the date of application of revised salary scales of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers.

Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,
and resolved:—

"That we rescind resolution passed at meeting of Council held on 13th September, 1954, in relation to the date of application of revised salary scales for County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers.

Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,
and resolved:—

"That we approve of the application of revised salary scales for the County

Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers with effect as from 1st January, 1953, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this revision of salaries.

A vote having been called for, the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, James O'Neill, Thomas O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Paul Kehoe, Andrew Toomey, James O'Toole, William Lawless, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. Byrne, J. Jacob 14
Against—Councillors W. Hammond, Edward Byrne, P. Murdoch, M. Brennan, Miss E. F. Bobbett and H. J. Byrne 6

The resolution was declared passed by 14 votes in favour to 6 votes against.

ITEM No. 17—APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
 Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Health Act, 1935, we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Consultative Health Committee for Wicklow County:—

Dr. D. F. McCarthy, County Medical Officer
 Dr. J. P. Conniffe, Medical Officer, St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium
 Dr. T. P. Fyans, representing Irish Medical Association
 Dr. W. T. Micks, representing Irish Medical Association
 Councillor H. J. Byrne
 Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett
 Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.
 Councillor W. Cleary
 Councillor Senator McCrea
 Councillor E. Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS IN EXTERN HOSPITALS

The County Secretary stated that from an examination of the Council's Accounts to date during the present year, it was anticipated that the amount provided in the Estimates for the maintenance of patients in Extern Hospitals would not be adequate and that an additional provision of about £6,000 would be required. An extra sum of £2,500 would be required to meet the cost of maintenance of patients in Extern Sanatoria, but this expenditure would be offset by a saving of about £4,000. The County Manager stated that the additional authorisation required in respect of maintenance of patients in Extern Hospitals was due partly to increase in the number of patients, but was also due to the fact that many patients were sent to Loughlinstown Hospital, where the rate of charge was £8-13-10 per week, as compared with £5-12-0 per week in other hospitals. It was estimated that of the extra expenditure which would be incurred in the year, about £2,500 was occasioned by the high rate of charge applied at Loughlinstown Hospital. The County Manager stated that originally ten beds had been made available for patients from County Wicklow in this Institution and also six for maternity cases. It had been intended that the Hospital would serve the Bray, Delgany and Powerscourt Dispensary Districts. It had been found, however, that patients were being sent for treatment in the Hospital from many other dispensary districts and there were at present 36 patients from County Wicklow in Loughlinstown Hospital. The additional beds had been made available as a result of patients suffering from T.B. having been accommodated elsewhere. The difference in the rate of charge per patient in Loughlinstown might be due in part to the repayment of loans in respect of capital works and also to an element of subsidy reflected in the charges made by Dublin Hospitals.

The Council noted the report and agreed that an effort be made to limit as far as possible the numbers of patients sent to Loughlinstown Hospital, having regard to the high rate of charge in that Institution.

Cottage Repairs

The County Secretary stated that expenditure to date in the current financial year in respect of cottage repairs amounted to £12,573, whereas the amount provided in the current year's estimates was £12,000. It was estimated that the provision in the Estimates would be exceeded by about £6,100 by the end of the year. Forty-one cottages had been vested between 1st April, 1954, and 30th November, 1954, and it was estimated that by 31st March, 1955, at least 100 cottages would have been vested during the year. Councillor Senator McCrea urged that a loan be raised to defray the cost of repairs to cottages in anticipation of their being vested, and asked that the County Engineer prepare a summary of all such cottages for submission to the next meeting of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. O'Reilly,
 Seconded by Councillor J. Jacob,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimate in respect of the following services:—

Housing Services—Cottage Repairs	.....	£6,100
Assistance Services—Extern Hospitals	.....	£6,000

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 19—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Mr. Patrick O'Connor, for approval to the erection of a house at Kilmacanogue.

ITEM No. 20—PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK, ETC.

The following letters received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs were submitted:—

Telephone Headquarters,
 Hammam Buildings,
 Dublin.

13 Samhain, 1954.

M.1891/53.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 15th October, regarding inter alia the provision of telephone kiosks at Blacklion, Greystones, and Ballyknockan, Valley-mount, we have to say that telephone kiosks are erected only in populous areas where they are likely to pay their way. Telephone kiosks are not erected in semi-rural areas, such as Blacklion and Ballyknockan, as the receipts from them would be inadequate to cover the relatively heavy charges on the erection and maintenance of a kiosk.

We are sorry, therefore, to be unable to accede to your request in this regard.

Mise, le meas,
 I, Ni MHIODHCHAIN.

Dublin,
 17 Samhain, 1954.

P.8672/54

A Chara,

With further reference to that part of your letter of the 15th October requesting the establishment of a Sub-Post Office at Arklow Rock and the provision of a letter box and stamp vending machine in Avoca village, I wish to inform you that these matters have been examined.

It is found, however, that the amount of business likely to be transacted at a Sub-Office at Arklow Rock would not warrant the cost of establishing and

maintaining an office. Nor would the provision of a letter box in Avoca Village be warranted in a centre of its size where posting facilities are already available at the local Post Office.

With reference to the question of providing a stamp-vending machine, we do not instal such machines except where the demand for stamps outside normal Post Office hours is heavy, having regard to population and other considerations. These requirements would not be met in the case of Avoca.

The Council asked that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to reconsider their decision in regard to the erection of a telephone kiosk as requested by the Council.

ITEM No. 21—RESOLUTION RE BUILDING OF TRANSATLANTIC LINER

The Council decided to mark "Read" the following resolution received from Tralee Urban District Council:—

"That we request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to consider the feasibility of building a trans-Atlantic liner which would help very considerably our commerce and tourist trade, and in doing so we ask him to bear in mind the outstanding possibilities that are at present existing in America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and England, where millions of our emigrants are settled, to offer on their markets, as well as at home, Bonds and Shares for the raising of such moneys that would be necessary for such an undertaking, as we feel our people abroad would be only too delighted to help in the National effort as they did before whenever called upon. Apart from the commercial investment point of view, in this way the burden of such an undertaking would not fall directly on the Irish Taxpayers.

Copies of this resolution to be circulated to each Urban, County, City and Borough Corporation throughout the country for their consideration and guidance to the Minister.

ITEM No. 22—MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 5th August, 1954.

Kindlestown Housing Scheme

The following letter from Bray and District Trades Council was submitted:—

Bray Trades Hall,
7 Main Street,
Bray,
9th December, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Bray and District Trades Council held yesterday, the correspondence relating to an enquiry into complaints regarding the Kindlestown Housing Scheme was considered, and it was noted that the County Council has refused to accede to the request of this Trades Council that Labour Court procedure should be adopted by the Committee of Inquiry when making its investigation.

The Trades Council now desires to point out, as the County Council is no doubt aware, that the Minister for Local Government has announced in the Dail that a Bill will be introduced in the present session which will amend the Industrial Relations Act, 1946, and give the Labour Court jurisdiction to investigate disputes affecting employees of Local Authorities.

As this announcement was made subsequent to the decision of the County Council above referred to, and as it is now clear that the Government is

satisfied that the Labour Court is a tribunal competent to conduct investigations into disputes affecting County Council employees, the Trades Council desires to know if the County Council still propose to adhere to its refusal to conduct its investigation along Labour Court procedure?

As there has already been an unreasonable delay of eight months since this dispute arose, the Trades Council has requested that there should be an immediate reply to this letter.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) ROSS CONNOLLY,
Secretary.

The Council decided that the procedure already defined was suitable.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1954/55

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

Roads,
Custom House,
Dublin,
9 Nodhlaig, 1954.

W.27/1/6
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the programme of works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, proposed for execution in the current financial year and to enclose herewith on Schedule A a list of works which have been approved. The Scheme in Part I of the programme submitted has likewise been approved.

In the case of Scheme No. A134, marked with an asterisk on the Schedule, it will be noted that the amount approved is less than that proposed. It is considered that the lesser amount is sufficient for the satisfactory execution of the work. Before this work is undertaken, however, it should be ascertained whether the area will not be flooded by any hydro-electric development.

Scheme C.69 also on Schedule A should only be put in hands if weather conditions are favourable.

In the case of the remaining schemes included in the programme, the following remarks apply:—

Scheme A.132—Further information should be furnished as to how the work proposed under this scheme is considered to be related to the terms of the Act.

Scheme C.65—As the benefits likely to accrue from the execution of this scheme would not appear to justify the expenditure involved, it cannot be approved as a work suitable for execution under State Grant.

Scheme D.132—Formal approval of this scheme is deferred pending the submission of Forms 11 and 11a.

Schemes A.123, A.131, A.123—A further communication will issue with reference to these schemes.

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

Mise, le meas,
S. O SIODHACHAIN.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, regretted that a decision had not yet been received in regard to scheme for relief of flooding in the Boghall Road area and asked that the Department be requested to convey sanction to the scheme as soon as possible. Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked that the Department be requested to reconsider their decision in regard to Scheme C.65.

The County Engineer reported that considerable damage had been caused to roads as a result of flooding in the previous week. The extent of the damage was estimated at £5,000. The Council agreed unanimously that application be made to the Department of Local Government for extra grants to assist the Council in repairing the roads which had been damaged by flooding. The

Council agreed that where the County Engineer was satisfied that schemes approved under the Local Authorities (Works) Act could not be carried out during the current year, that the moneys allocated for such schemes be expended, subject to the approval of the Department, on the repair of roads in the same district damaged by flooding.

Sympathy to People in Flooded Areas

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor Miss Bobbett, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the people in the areas affected by flooding.

Remuneration of Assistance Officers

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Manager stated that it was his intention to revise the salaries of assistance officers and to grade them as whole-time officers. He was awaiting an indication from the Department of Health in regard to the proposal that portion of the salaries of assistance officers be recouped from the Health Grant.

Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowance) Regulations

In reply to enquiry from members, the County Manager explained the provisions of the Health Act in relation to payment of allowances to disabled persons. He stated that if members submitted particulars of cases which they considered should not have been refused, he would convey the reasons for the decision in each case.

Appointment of Clerical Officer

On the proposal of Councillor W. Lawless, the Council agreed that further representations be made to the Minister for Local Government to agree to the appointment of Mr. A. Phillips, as a permanent clerical officer and that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation from the Council in connection with the matter. The Council appointed the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne; Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea and Councillor W. Lawless to act on the deputation.

Road from Ballisland to Park Bridge

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea handed in a memorial in connection with the road from Carnw to Tullow via Ballisland and Park Bridge, and asked that the County Engineer investigate the matter and submit a report.

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

By Councillor P. McCarthy

"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council, that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering revision of salaries of engineers with a view to granting retrospective payment as from 1st January, 1953."

By Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea

"I wish to give notice that with a view to having the Cottage Purchase Scheme implemented, I will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Assistant Engineers be requested to make a survey of all cottages in their area needing repairs, giving an estimate of the total cost, and that a loan be raised for this purpose."

By Councillor M. J. Brennan

"That I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that this Council requests the Department of Justice to inquire into the advisability of considering whether, in the interests of safe driving, the use of fully lighted head lamps on thoroughfares sufficiently well lighted be made an offence under the Road Traffic Act."