

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 Carnew 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."

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd January, 1955, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:-

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, Thomas O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, Wm. Cleary, C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

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

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during month of December, 1954.
2. Housing Scheme at Kilcoole—Report of Council's Architect re proposed site.
3. Leasing of Site at Kindlestown.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Applications under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea re making of survey of cottages requiring repairs prior to vesting and raising of loan to defray cost of such repairs.
7. Report of County Engineer on repairs carried out during month of December, 1954.
8. Authorisation of repairs.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, informed the members that Rev. Fr. Traynor, C.C., Bray, had died suddenly on that morning. The Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of the late Fr. Traynor and with the Parish Priest and the Priests of the Parish.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report on the progress of housing schemes during the month of December, 1954, was submitted:-

Wicklow County Council
Housing Section
County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.
31st December, 1954

Housing Progress Report—Month of December, 1954

Gentlemen,
During the month of December, 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 site at Kilgarron is now being developed for a 20 House Scheme. At Kilmagig, Avoca, the Scheme for 12 houses was completed during the month. The accommodation road to these houses, however, has not yet been surfaced owing to inclement weather.

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The total number of men employed during December was—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilmagig, Avoca	2	3
Kindlestown (No. 3)	10	11
Kilgarron (20)	2	1
Totals	14	15

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £387,760-11-4, made up as follows—

Wages	£155,481	1	6
Materials	£195,471	0	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 November, 1954	185
Cottages completed during December, 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 30th November, 1954	80
Cottages completed during December, 1954 (Kilmagig, Avoca)	12

Total completed 92

Southern Area—

Cottages completed to 31st December, 1954	54
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff	3
In Progress	Nil

Western Area—

Cottages completed to 31st December, 1954	88
In Progress	Nil

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
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 December, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiries from members the County Manager stated that the tenders for the 1952 Housing Scheme were under examination by the Department of Local Government and that further particulars which had been sought by the Department had been furnished. The Council asked that the Department be requested to issue sanction to proceeding with the scheme as soon as possible.

Avondale Park Housing Scheme—Councillor E. Byrne stated that portion of the floor at No. 3 Avondale Park had collapsed and appeared to be affected by dry rot. He stated also there was a crack in one of the walls. The County Engineer stated that he would investigate the complaint. Councillor M. Brennan stated that he was aware of cracks having appeared in the walls of about 20 houses and stated that he would give particulars to the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 2—KILCOOLE HOUSING SCHEME

The County Manager gave particulars of the site proposed to be acquired at Kilcoole for the purpose of a housing scheme. It was proposed to purchase two acres of land from Mrs. Toner at a price of £225 per acre. While the price might appear high, he pointed out the difficulty of obtaining suitable land in the district and that the site in question could be serviced. The cost per house for the site would work out at approximately £45, which compared favourably with prices for sites of separate cottages in the rural areas. It would be necessary also to erect a concrete wall along portion of the eastern side of the site, but it was expected that the cost would not exceed £100. Concrete posts and wire fencing would be provided on the southern boundary. A gateway which at present gave access to the site from the lane would be removed and re-erected on the main road.

It was

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

and resolved—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the local Housing Committee for acquisition of site at Kilcoole from Mrs. Toner for purposes of housing scheme on terms submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—LEASING OF SITE AT KINDLESTOWN

The County Secretary stated that the necessary notice had been given to each member in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, in regard to the leasing of portion of a site at Kindlestown to Thomas Kilbride as a site for a house and shop.

It was

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

and resolved—

"That we hereby approve of the leasing of a site containing 35 square perches at the Council's Housing Site at Kindlestown to Mr. Thomas Kilbride, Delgany, for the erection of a shop and dwelling house; the lease to be for a period of 150 years from 1st November, 1954, at an annual rent of £20 payable half-yearly; Mr. Kilbride to erect on this site, within a period of nine months, a Shop and Dwellinghouse to the value of £1,900 in accordance with plans submitted and approved by the Council."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The Council considered again the application of Mr. A. P. Glynn, Architect, for approval to the erection of a house for Mr. P. O'Connor on a site at Kilmacanogue. The site had been inspected by members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area. The County Manager indicated that he was not favourably disposed to granting permission for the erection of a house on the site as the site was low-lying and disposal of sewage by the septic tank, as proposed to be sited, was not considered suitable. In addition, the erection of single houses at this place, which was adjacent to a main road carrying heavy traffic, was inadvisable, and it was considered inadvisable that further single houses should be sited in sporadic fashion along the main road. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council recommended that permission might be granted for one house on the site.

The Council noted that there was no objection in principle to the erection of a garage on an adjacent site at Kilmacanogue.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the application of Mr. P. O'Connor, Hoeyfield House, Delgany, for a loan in respect of the erection of a house on the site at

Kilmacanogue, the County Manager stated that he could not recommend the making of a loan to Mr. O'Connor in respect of the erection of a house on the site in question. Following a discussion on the matter, it was decided to defer the application.

Having considered letter from Thomas Kilbride, Monumental Sculptor, Delgany, requesting an increase in the amount of the loan from £1,350 to £1,450, the Council noted that it would not be possible to increase the amount of the loan already approved.

ITEM No. 6—LOAN TO DEFRAY COST OF REPAIRS TO COTTAGES FOR VESTING

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea urged that a survey be carried out of cottages requiring repairs in order that a loan might be raised to defray the cost of such repairs. The County Manager pointed out that it would not be good financial policy to raise a loan for normal repairs to cottages, but only for repairs to cottages prior to being vested in the tenants.

The Council agreed that the County Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of carrying out repairs to cottages where application had been made for vesting in order that a loan might be raised to defray the cost of such repairs.

Cottages at Churchlands, Tinahely—In reply to Councillor J. O'Neill, the following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted—

Courthouse, Tinahely,
Co. Wicklow.

30th December, 1954.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

County Secretary,

A Chara,

Reference the repairs to Brennan's cottage, Lugduff, which were deferred at last month's meeting pending an inspection by me of the adjoining cottages. There are two cottages, Clare's and Cullen's, at a higher level and behind Brennan's and Copeland's cottages. Cullen's cottage has an indoor tap and sink and the waste water from this, together with the roof water, runs down beside the house and forms an ugly pond before draining into Brennan's plot.

Much the same thing obtains between Clare's and Copeland's. The roof water could be drained to the road nearby as the water would not be objectionable but it would be very undesirable to let the outlet from the sinks out on the road. The cost of draining the roof water would be about £14 for the two cottages.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) C. J. BYRNE,

Assistant County Engineer.

Councillor O'Neill urged that a sewerage scheme be provided to serve the cottages at Churchlands. The Council agreed that particulars of the scheme be submitted for consideration by the Council at the next housing meeting.

St. Colman's Hospital—Councillor O'Toole referred to an inspection at St. Colman's Hospital carried out by himself and Councillor Lawless and stated that the heating in the wards of the Hospital was very unsatisfactory. He asked that coal be provided for the fires in the wards as the turf was not up to a proper standard. The County Manager stated that he was obtaining an estimate of the cost of the supply of coal for the remaining portion of the year for submission to the Council on the following Monday.

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

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that the road at Ballyknocker which leads to four Council cottages and a Church be put into reasonable repair. I may mention that this road has been severely damaged by the recent floods."

Henry Byrne

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th January, 1955, 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, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, Seamus O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, W. Cleary, C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Joseph Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and M. J. Brennan.
The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Assistant County Engineers C. J. Byrne, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley attended.
During the absence of the Chairman for the earlier part of the meeting, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, took the Chair.

AGENDA

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 18th October and 8th November, 1954.
- Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1955; to consider applications to compete under Council's Scheme.
- University Scholarships; letter from formal Scholarship holder.
- Reconstruction of portion of Aughrim-Moneymeen Road; to authorise affixing of seal to Mortgage for loan of £3,000.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Neill re repairs to road at Ballyknocker.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy, for suspension of Standing Orders for purpose of considering revision of salaries of Engineering Staff.
- Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union re payment of temporary allowance for period from 1st November, 1952, to 31st March, 1953.
- Letter from Department of Health re fees and allowances to Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum; estimate of cost of additional supply of coal.
- Public Lighting at Lacken.
- Public Lighting at Oldcourt Park, Bray.
- Public Lighting at Ballinalea, Ashford.
- Burial Grounds in Shillelagh area—Report of County Medical Officer recommending closing of certain burial grounds.
- Letter from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce re bus service from Brittas to Wicklow.
- Letter from County Councils' General Council re resolution submitted by Council.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Brennan re use of fully lighted head lamps on thoroughfares sufficiently well lighted.
- Resolution from Kildare County Council re increase in grants for County Roads for coming year and earlier notification of extent of grants proposed to be made.
- Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

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 18th October and 8th November, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1955

The County Secretary stated that 63 applications had been received to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1955. Particulars of the applications received were submitted to the Council and considered in Committee.

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

and resolved:—
"That we approve of applications to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1955 as submitted to this meeting, with the exception of the following—

Byrne, Luke
Downes, Mary
Leggett, Joan
Long, Mary
Loughlin, William Joseph
McDonnell, Josephine
McLoughlin, Patrick Joseph
Moran, Raymond
Quigley, Veronica
Rourke, Patricia
Weadick, Joseph

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred for further examination the following applications:—
Sarah Allen, James P. Cullen, John J. Jones, Christopher J. Kearney, Jane M. Wall.

ITEM No. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

The following letter received from William O'Callaghan, B.E., was submitted:—

"Lismaura,"
Galtrim Road,
Bray,
29th December, 1954.

Dear Sir,

I feel the Council will be interested and, I hope, pleased, to learn of the successful conclusion of the course of study I pursued at U.C.D. with the assistance of the University Scholarship which they awarded me three years ago.

I qualified in September with a First Class Honours Degree in Civil Engineering, obtaining second place in my class.

Please convey to the Council my gratitude for all they have done for me.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) WILLIAM O'CALLAGHAN.

The Council directed that the County Secretary convey to Mr. O'Callaghan the Council's appreciation of the terms of his letter.

ITEM No. 4—RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTION OF AUGHRIM-MONEYMEEN ROAD. AUTHORISATION OF LOAN OF £3,000

It was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That, pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 26th day of November, 1954, the sum of £3,000 be borrowed from The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of portion of Aughrim-Moneymeen Road 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 to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates. And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—ROAD AT BALLYKNOCKER

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor O'Neill proposed that the road at Ballyknocker which leads to four Council cottages and a Church be put into reasonable repair and stated that the road had been severely damaged by the recent floods. The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Tinahely,
8th January, 1955

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

A Chara,

With reference to the road at Ballyknocker raised by Councillor O'Neill at the last meeting. This is not a road maintained by the Council and Councillor O'Neill raised the matter with a view to the Council taking over the road. The lane serves four B.O.H. cottages and two farm houses. I inspected part of the lane but as one part of it appeared to be impassable by car I was not able to inspect it completely in time for this report.

The lane is a cul-de-sac approximately 1,350 yards long and varying in width from 18 feet to 10 feet between fences. Most of the lane appears to be rather narrow so that there is no room for proper drainage channels or for two cars to pass.

The road could be made to link up with another Council road by taking over a private roadway from Coollattin Estate and replacing an existing wooden bridge over the Derry river with a proper concrete bridge.

Subject to a more complete examination I would say the cost of putting the lane in repair and draining it to some extent would be about £400. The cost of the bridge referred to for the purpose of linking up the two roads would be about £1,800, all the estimates being subject to a more detailed and complete inspection.

Mise, le meas.
C. J. BYRNE,
Asst. County Engineer.

Councillor Hammond pointed out that in the case of the road at Woodmount, local residents had to subscribe the sum of £64 in order to obtain a grant from the Special Employments Schemes Office to have the road put into repair before the Council would consider taking it over as a public road and he considered that the same procedure should be followed in the case of the road at Ballyknocker. Councillor Senator McCrea stated that the road at Ballyknocker served four Council cottages and was also used by a number of people in going to the Church, and stated that he would hand in notice of motion for the taking over of the road as a public road.

Road at Iron Grange: Councillor Kehoe asked that the Council's Engineer report on the condition of the road at Iron Grange.

ITEM No. 6—REVISION OF SALARIES OF ENGINEERING STAFF

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 considering revision of salaries of Engineering Staff with a view to granting retrospective payment as from 1st January, 1953.

Passed unanimously.

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

and resolved:—

"That we rescind resolution passed at meeting of the Council held on 18th October, 1954, approving of the application of revised salary scales for Engineering Staff as from 1st September, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

It was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of application of revised salary scales for the Engineering Staff 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 the revision of salaries."

As an amendment it was

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

"That the revised salary scales for Engineering Staff apply from 1st September, 1954."

Following a discussion, Councillor Miss Bobbett, with the consent of Councillor W. Hammond, agreed to withdraw the amendment and the resolution proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill for the application of revised salary scales for Engineering Staff with effect as from 1st January, 1953, was declared passed, Councillors Miss E. Bobbett, W. Hammond and E. Byrne dissenting.

ITEM No. 7—TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS

The following letter from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union was submitted:—

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION
Head Offices: 29 Lower Ormond Quay
Dublin

Phone 78661. 12th October, 1954

To each City and County Manager
To the Manager of each Mental Hospital Authority
Dear Manager,

The following self-explanatory letter was addressed by my Union to the Minister for Local Government on 26th June last. Similar representations were also made to the Ministers for Health, Social Welfare, Education and Agriculture.

"I am directed to refer to the recent announcement by the Minister for Finance to the effect that salary adjustments granted to Civil Servants as from 1st April last year will now take effect as from 1st November, 1952, as recommended by the Civil Service Arbitration Board, and to draw your attention to the fact that during discussion with the then Minister for Local Government which preceded the granting of corresponding salary adjustments to officers of Local Authorities, your predecessor made it clear that same would have to be strictly along the lines of the adjustments in the Civil Service. Accordingly, he refused to approve of the proposal submitted by Local Authorities that the adjustment should operate from 1st November, 1952, and authorised payment of the increase involved as from 1st April, 1953, only.

"Though my Union strongly opposed—as it has always opposed—the suggestion that the salaries of its members or any adjustments therein should be determined by a Court to which it has no access, the Minister adhered to the attitude that the lines of the adjustments for officers of Local Authorities should be governed by the Civil Service Arbitration Award.

"Now that the adjustments for Civil Servants are to have effect as from 1st November, 1952, I am to make a formal application that you would be good enough to approve of the proposals already submitted by the Local Authorities and indicate to them that the "temporary allowance" increase of last year may be paid to local officials as from 1st November, 1952, as was originally intended and proposed by them."

During a recent discussion in the Department of Local Government it transpired that the Minister would not be inclined to issue approval to the operation of the increase in question as from 1st November, 1952, as requested, unless local authorities resubmitted the proposal. There has not, I would emphasise, been any suggestion that the Minister was in any way opposed to the application of the increase as from 1st November, 1952; his reluctance to accede to the Union's request to issue approval arises merely from the traditional departmental policy and procedure in cases of reconsideration of Ministerial decisions following the issuing thereof.

My Union can see little justification for adherence to this policy and procedure in the exceptional circumstances surrounding the present issue, but as it is anxious that no foreseeable hitch should be allowed to stand in the way, it now asks that you be good enough to resubmit your original proposal to each of the Ministers concerned.

Yours faithfully,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

The County Secretary stated that the net cost of paying the temporary allowance for the period from 1st November, 1952, to 31st March, 1953, would amount to approximately £1,770.

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union we approve of the payment of arrears of temporary allowance in respect of the period from 1st November, 1952, to 31st March, 1953, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the arrears of temporary allowance.

Passed; Councillor W. Hammond and Miss E. Bobbett dissenting.

ITEM No. 8—FEES AND ALLOWANCE TO REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 21st December, 1954, from the Department of Health, the Council was notified of the regulations made by the Minister altering the fees payable by public assistance authorities to Registrars in connection with the registration of births, deaths and marriages with effect as from 1st July, 1953. It was stated that in the determination of the increase in fees and allowances regard was had to the fall in the value of money since they were fixed, and also to the fact that additional work would fall on registrars under the Vital Statistics Regulations, 1954. These latter regulations provided for an improvement and extension of statistics collected.

In relation to births and deaths the County Secretary stated that the increase in the fees would amount to £270 in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1954, and £360 in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1955.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That we note letter of 21st December, 1954, from Department of Health, in regard to fees and allowances to Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and authorise the expenditure of £630."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM

The County Secretary stated that if coal were to be used exclusively as fuel for St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium instead of turf, the additional quantity of coal required to be purchased would be approximately 600 tons a year. At present the Council purchased 100 tons a year in addition to the Council's turf supplies. Following the representations made by the members of the Council at a previous meeting an additional quantity of coal had been purchased and supplied to the wards in St. Colman's Hospital. The supply of additional quantities of coal would involve excess expenditure in the Estimates for the current year.

It was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the purchase of such additional quantity of coal as may be required for St. Colman's Hospital and St. Kevin's Sanatorium and authorise any necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the additional cost of fuel arising."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LACKEN

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the provision of one public light at Lacken would be adequate to serve both the Post Office and the School. He pointed out that the school was used rarely at night except for occasional dances. Councillor T. O'Reilly asked that a light be provided at the Cross Roads.

It was Proposed by Councillor T. O'Reilly,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer we approve of quotation being obtained from the E.S.B. for the erection of one public light at Lacken to be erected on a pole as near as convenient to the Post Office and School.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT OLDCOURT PARK, BRAY

The Council considered quotation from the E.S.B. in the sum of £201, for the erection of four public lights at Oldcourt Park, Bray. The quotation included for the provision of seven wood poles, three ground stays, switch wire extension, three time switches, etc. There were 36 houses on the road.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of quotation from the E.S.B. in the sum of £201 for the erection of four public lamps at Oldcourt Park, Bray, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimate.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BALLINALEA, ASHFORD

The Council considered the quotation from the E.S.B. in the sum of £45 for the provision of four public lights at Ballinlea, Ashford, to be erected on existing poles. A switch wire extension would be necessary.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
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 £45 for the provision of four public lights at Ballinlea, Ashford."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—BURIAL GROUNDS IN SHILLELAGH AREA

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Medical Officer some time ago had submitted a report indicating that certain burial grounds in the south-west area were overcrowded and that Closing Orders should be obtained. The matter had been considered by the Local Housing Committee for the Shillelagh area and the Committee were of opinion that the following burial grounds should be closed as alternative accommodation either existed or was no longer required:— Crosspatrick, Lugduff, Knockananna, Kilpipe, Knocklow. It would be necessary for the Council to pass a resolution requesting the Minister to hold a Local Inquiry into the proposed closing of these burial grounds.

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered report and recommendation of County Medical Officer dated 15th December, 1954, we request the Minister for Local Government in accordance with Sections 162 and 163 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, to hold a local inquiry into the need for the closing of the following burial grounds:—

- (1) Cronepatrick (R.C. Section)
- (2) Kilpipe
- (3) Knockananna (Old)
- (4) Lugduff
- (5) Knocklow."

Passed unanimously.

Kilranelagh Burial Ground—Councillor A. Toomey asked to be informed of the present position in regard to Kilranelagh Burial Ground.

ITEM No. 14—ROAD FROM BRITTAS TO WICKLOW

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

Kilmartin Hill,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow,
17th December, 1954.

A Chara,

At the meeting of Wicklow Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, 14th instant, a letter was read from Mr. J. Kiely, Rockfield Hotel, Brittas Bay, asking the support of the members in seeking to establish as between that district and Wicklow an adequate bus service to facilitate residents, shoppers, workers, school-children and tourists.

The Chamber of Commerce strongly supported the proposals and decided to write to C.I.E. and to the Co. Council to ask them to give their co-operation to effect such a service. On a previous occasion when bus services were mentioned, reference was made to the fact that this route was not scheduled for omnibuses because of the state of the road and bridges en route. Now that the coastal road has become an accomplished fact between Wicklow and Arklow, it would be a great pity if its usefulness was so seriously curtailed by this prohibition over a portion of the road, and the Chamber of Commerce asked me to bring the matter before the Council for them to have the whole subject reviewed for early rectification.

I have informed Mr. Kiely of the support accorded to his proposals by the Chamber of Commerce on our part and that while we are writing to the C.I.E. and your Council, we have suggested that he and his fellow-residents who have broached the subject should also communicate direct with both bodies.

I will be glad, therefore, to receive your Council's decision and any proposals which they are prepared to make.

Mise, le meas,
P. J. NOONAN,
Secretary.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
10th January, 1955.

County Secretary.

Re: Proposed C.I.E. Bus on the Wicklow-Brittas Bay Route

Dear Sir,

I have considered the recent additional application for this bus and I regret that I cannot yet advise the County Council to alter its former opinion that the road, as it exists at present, is insufficiently wide to justify the approval of this route for a bus service.

The average width of the road from Three-Mile-Water to Brittas Bridge is 13 feet. In certain representative places, the road measures 12' 6" and 13' 6" only.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council noted that the road was of insufficient width to justify approval being given to its use for a bus service.

ITEM No. 15—LETTERS FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The following letters from the County Councils' General Council were submitted and noted by the Council:—

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin,
29 Nollaig, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,

A Chara,

At the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 16th instant, the following motion from your Council was adopted and has been forwarded to the Department:—

"That we request 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 16ft. wide."

An amendment seeking to delete the words "and remove the restrictions of making County Roads 16 ft.wide" was defeated by 22 votes to 17.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) ENRI MacDAIBHEID,
Runai.

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin.
29 Nollaig, 1954.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 16th instant, your letter regarding the provision of special schools in rural areas for the children of itinerants was read and noted.

Mise, le meas,
ENRI Mac DAIBHEID,
Runai.

ITEM No. 16—USE OF FULLY-LIGHTED HEAD LAMPS ON THOROUGHFARES SUFFICIENTLY WELL LIGHTED

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

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

and resolved:—

"That this Council requests the Department of Justice to enquire into the advisability of considering whether in the interest of safe driving the use of fully lighted head lamps on thoroughfares sufficiently well lighted be made an offence under the Road Traffic Act."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—COUNTY ROAD GRANTS

On the proposal of Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council adopted the following resolution received from Kildare County Council:—

"That the Government be requested to increase the Grants for County Roads for the coming year, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all County Councils, to County Councils' General Council, and further that Department of Local Government be requested to indicate at an earlier date than in previous years, extent of Grants proposed to be made available for ensuing financial year."

ITEM No. 18—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS:

Unfit Structure at 22 Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy

Councillor Lawless urged that the County Manager accept an undertaking that the structure in question be used only as a store. The County Secretary stated that permission had been given by the Council for the erection of this structure for use only as a store but that the owner had subsequently allowed it to be occupied by a family. The Council recommended that the undertaking be accepted in the circumstances.

Houses at Avondale Park:—The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
10th January, 1955.

County Secretary,

Re: Housing No. 3 Avondale Park, Killarney Road, Bray

Dear Sir,

With reference to complaint regarding this house, I have to say that the house has now been inspected and the flooring in the front room has been opened up for examination.

It was found that the underside and top side of the flooring were affected by damp rot and the floor joists were similarly affected throughout, particularly a few feet of the external walls. The floor was covered with a very inexpensive type of linoleum laid on newspapers.

It was found also that a concrete pathway had been laid around the house from the front door to the rear scullery door and at a level of 2"-3" above the damp proof course: on the gable end, this path was 4" above D.P.C. level to approximately 1½" above floor level. The concrete against the front wall is level with the bottom of the floor ventilation, and on the rear wall the concrete is above the level of this ventilation. The nett result is that the timber has become completely impregnated with moisture and a wet rot has injured the whole structure.

The immediate cause of the trouble is that the use of the linoleum from wall to wall prevents any ventilation, and the primary cause is the position of the concrete footway around the house in relation to the D.P.C. and the floor level.

It will be necessary to remove this concrete path which was not, of course, laid by the County Council. The floor will have to be relaid completely with joists and flooring inclusive.

It is regretted that some other cottages in this group also have been provided with concrete footpaths not laid by the County Council, and a further report will be submitted regarding these.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

Councillor Lawless pointed out that there was insufficient clearance on the gates of the houses and that they required to be altered. He asked that a report be given generally in regard to the houses.

Provision of Fencing Wire: The Council recommended that a supply of wire be given to Mrs. Keogh, tenant of cottage, for the purpose of repairing the fence. The owner of the adjoining lands claimed that there was trespass on his lands from the road due to the condition of the cottage plot.

Well-Boring Plant: In reply to Councillor Lawless the Assistant County Engineer stated that the well-boring plant for the northern area was at present working at Glendalough. Councillor Lawless asked that the plant be sent to Ballyronan, and pointed out that it had been agreed by the Council that priority in respect of the use of this plant would be given to the Bray Electoral Area.

Old Road from Kilmurray to Kilmacanogue: The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the residents at Kilmurray for the reception of a deputation by the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area prior to the Roads Estimates for the coming year in connection with the Old Road from Kilmurray to Kilmacanogue. The Council agreed that a deputation be received at the next meeting of the Local Housing Committee.

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

By Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

"That I or someone for me will at the next meeting of the County Council move: That the Council take over the portion of the Workhouse Road leading to four County Council houses for the purpose of having it repaired and maintained as part of our County Road System."

By Councillor W. Hammond:

"I hereby given Notice that at the next meeting of the County Council, I, or someone for me, will move that the road now repaired under the special Employment Scheme at Woodmount, Tinahely, be taken over by the County Council and maintained as previously provisionally promised."

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th February, 1955, 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.; J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, E. Byrne, W. Lawless, W. Cleary, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and M. J. Brennan.

The County Secretary conveyed the apologies of the County Manager for his inability to attend, as he had to attend at the Department on a deputation in relation to matters concerning Bray Urban District Council.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers 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 January, 1955.
2. 1952 Agreement Scheme: Letter from Department of Local Government re tenders received.
3. Report re proposed loan for repairs to cottages in respect of which applications have been received for vesting.
4. Proposed Housing Scheme at Laragh, Glendalough.
5. Applications under Graded Rents Scheme.
6. Applications for licences for temporary dwellings.
7. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
8. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Water supply at Croneyhorn, and Tomacork.
10. Housing repairs: Report re houses at Avondale Park.
11. Repairs carried out during month of January, 1955.
12. Authorisation of repairs.
13. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools—to consider applications deferred from last meeting.

DEPUTATION FROM BLESSINGTON

The Chairman and members agreed to receive a deputation from the Blessington District. The deputation was comprised of Rev. Fr. Lucey, P.P.; Rev. Fr. Reilly, C.C.; Mr. Chambers, Sergeant Bohan and Mr. Quinn. Rev. Fr. Lucey stressed the need for the Council proceeding as soon as possible with the housing scheme at Blessington and stated that there were 35 persons in the district who needed houses. He undertook to submit a list of the names of persons concerned. The Chairman of the Council pointed out the difficulties which the Council had experienced in obtaining a site for the housing scheme at Blessington. The deputation was informed that the Council, during the previous week, had obtained

the sanction of the Department of Local Government to the acquisition of lands required from Mr. Arthur O'Leary and that the Council expected to be in a position to enter on the site to commence building in a very short time. In view of the statement made by Rev. Fr. Lucey of the numbers of persons needing houses in the district, the Council agreed that an inquiry be held at Blessington into the need for the provision of further houses. The members of the deputation expressed their thanks to the Council for their reception. Before holding an inquiry, it was decided that Fr. Lucey be asked to submit the names of applicants.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING SECTION

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

1st February, 1955.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—month of January, 1955

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 419 (including 12 recently completed by direct labour at Kilmagig, Avoca and 47 by contract).

The site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, is now being developed for a 20 house scheme.

The total number of men employed during December was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kindlestown (No. 3)	10	10
Kilgarron (20)	2	5
Totals	12	15

The total expenditure to date under the scheme is £391,143 2s. 10d., made up as follows:—

Wages	£157,671	2	7
Materials	£196,663	11	4
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 December, 1954	185
Cottages completed during January, 1955	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
Kilgarron	20
Total in progress	30

South-Eastern Area:—

Cottages completed to 31st December, 1954	92
Cottages completed during January, 1955	nil
Total completed	92

Southern Area:—

Cottages completed to 31st January, 1955	54
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff	3
Total completed	57

In Progress

Western Area:—

Cottages completed to 31st January, 1955	88
Total completed	88

In Progress

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of January, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—1952 AGREEMENT SCHEME

The Council considered letter of 13th January, 1955, from Department of Local Government, in which approval was conveyed to the Council's carrying out the work of erecting cottages in Groups A, B and C by direct labour, subject to savings to the extent of approximately £47 per cottage by the omission or use of alternatives in the case of certain items being adopted. The Council noted the list of omissions and alternatives submitted by the County Engineer in his report of the 29th January, 1955. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Michael Lyons, whose tender for the erection of three cottages in Group D had been accepted provisionally, had been asked what credits he would be prepared to give on his original tender for the items listed by the County Engineer. The County Secretary gave particulars of the cost of the scheme and stated that a loan of £51,440 would be required. As the subsidy was limited to £1,000 capital cost in respect of unserviced houses, the sum of 17/4 per week would have to be met from rent and rates. If the rents were taken at the minimum of the graded scale of 8/- to 13/-, the Council's contribution from rates would amount to £995 per annum in respect of 41 houses or approximately 1d. in the £. The County Secretary pointed out that subsidy was given in respect of serviced houses up to a capital cost per house of £1,500 and that, consequently, the charge on the rates in respect of the provision of serviced houses would be less than that in respect of unserviced houses on the basis of the tenders received.

Members of the Council referred to the cost of erection of unserviced houses in Wexford, Longford and Westmeath, and the Council decided to adjourn further

consideration of the scheme to the next meeting and in the meantime to obtain particulars from the counties mentioned of the cost of erecting serviced houses and of the plans and specification of the houses erected in these counties.

ITEM No. 3—HOUSING REPAIRS

The County Secretary stated that from an examination of the expenditure on cottage repairs during the years 1951/52, 1952/53, 1953/54 and 1954/55, it appeared that the average cost of repairing a cottage for which an application for purchase had been received was £50. The average cost of repairs to other cottages was £34. As had been indicated in the Estimates for the year 1955/56, as circulated to the members, provision had been made in the coming year for the raising of a loan of £20,000, which would enable the Council to carry out repairs to approximately 400 cottages. In addition, provision had been made of £10,000 to meet ordinary repairs to cottages and this would allow of about 300 cottages being repaired. The Council decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the Estimates meeting.

ITEM No. 4—PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT LARAGH, GLENDALOUGH

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the proposed housing scheme at Laragh had been considered by the local Housing Committee at their meeting held on the 17th January, 1955, and that the Committee had unanimously agreed that a housing scheme on the lines suggested by the Council's Architect be proceeded with. A copy of the draft layout of the scheme was submitted to the Council. The Council agreed that plans and specification of the proposed scheme be prepared.

ITEM No. 5—GRADED RENTS SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that at a recent meeting of the local Housing Committee for the Wicklow area, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, had recommended that the Council's Graded Scale of Rents be brought into operation in the Wicklow Electoral area for existing tenancies and had asked that details of incomes of all families occupying Council cottages in the area be obtained and submitted to the Committee with a view to revising the rents where appropriate. The County Secretary stated that it was desirable that a Graded Rents Scale as applied to existing tenancies be made applicable in all areas of the county at the same time. Several members of the Council stated that they would not be agreeable to the application of the Graded Rents Scale to existing tenancies and it was decided to defer the matter for the attendance of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

Having considered application from Mr. C. G. Cooney, Kilpoole Farm, for permission to use lands at Magherymore for temporary dwellings and reports of the Health Inspector and County Medical Officer, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the issuing of a licence under Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, to Mr. C. G. Cooney, Kilpoole Farm, Wicklow, for the retention of three temporary dwellings and three caravans on his lands at Magherymore, Wicklow."

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

In Favour:—

Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; William Cleary, Paul Kehoe, Andrew Toomey, Edward Byrne, William Lawless, Malachy Brennan, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett

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Against:—

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, Thomas O'Reilly, G. Timmins, Joseph Jacob, H. J. Byrne

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The resolution was declared passed by 11 votes in favour to 7 votes against.

ITEM No. 7—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS

The Council recommended that a loan of £1,000 be made to Michael Hudson, Ballinacor, Kilbride, Wicklow, in respect of the erection of a house at Ballynerrin Lower, Wicklow. The Council also approved of the making of a supplementary grant to Mr. Hudson in respect of the erection of the house. The Council deferred for the purpose of obtaining further information the applications of Kevin Glynn and George Glynn for loans in respect of houses to be erected at Rathdown Road, Greystones.

ITEM No. 9—WATER SUPPLY AT CRONEYHORN AND TOMACORK

In reply to Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council's Engineer stated that the provision of a well at Croneyhorn and Tomacork would be commenced immediately the work on which the well-boring plant was engaged was completed.

ITEM No. 10—HOUSING REPAIRS—AVONDALE PARK, BRAY

The County Secretary read report of the 7th February, 1955, from the County Engineer in regard to his inspection of houses at Avondale Park Housing Scheme. The Council noted the terms of the report and referred the matter for consideration by the local Housing Committee. The Council agreed that members of the County Council for the area might inspect the houses with the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 11—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1955

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of January, 1955.

ITEM No. 12—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

ITEM No. 13—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The County Secretary stated that six applications for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools had been deferred from the previous meeting pending further investigation as to the eligibility of the applicants. The County Secretary submitted further particulars received in respect of these applications, and it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the following applications to compete under the Council's Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools Scheme, 1955:—

Sarah Allen,
John T. Jones,
Christopher J. Kearney,
Jane Wall,
Raymond Moran."

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred to the meeting to be held on Monday, 14th February, the final decision in regard to the application of James Peter Cullen, 2 St. Columba's Terrace, Arklow.

GLENDALOUGH BURIAL GROUND

The following representations in regard to Glendalough Burial Ground were received by members of the Council:—

The Wicklow County Council, acting on the recommendation of a local Committee representative of the residents of the area served by Glendalough Burial Ground, has recently provided an additional 140 grave spaces in the cemetery, as a result of the removal of a large ditch which formed part of the boundary fence.

Whilst appreciating fully the highly commendable action of the Council in providing the additional much-needed accommodation, the Committee regret that they are not in agreement with the Council's proposal to limit the right of burial therein exclusively to the residents of Roundwood Parish. The Committee desire to emphasise that at no stage did they envisage that such a limitation would operate, they being unanimously of opinion that the burial needs of the residents of the townlands in Rathdrum Parish immediately adjoining the boundary of Roundwood Parish should also be taken into consideration. The townlands in question, and the number of grave spaces required in respect of each, are as follows:—

Lickeen	----	----	----	2
Trooperstown	----	----	----	4
Ballard	----	----	----	4
Clara	----	----	----	2
Cullentra	----	----	----	2
Ballylug	----	----	----	3
Ballyhad	----	----	----	3
Knockrath	----	----	----	2

			Total	22

The reason for the small number of grave spaces required in the case of each townland is that owing to their mountainous nature they are sparsely populated, and, further, the great majority of the families residing therein have already acquired burial rights in the addition to Glendalough Burial Ground provided some twenty odd years ago.

The Committee consider that their proposal for the inclusion of the above townlands must be considered to be reasonable, and, accordingly, would ask the Council to accede to it, on the strict understanding, however, that in accordance with the Council's existing regulation, each grave space may only be purchased when required for an immediate interment.

Note:—The above-mentioned figures may, the Committee submit, be accepted by the Council as being accurate, as they have been compiled following a careful survey of the burial needs of all the families in the townlands indicated.

The Council recommended that the application of the Committee be granted.

DONARD BURIAL GROUND

In reply to enquiry from members of the Council the County Secretary stated that it was proposed to appoint a Registrar only for Donard Burial Ground at an annual remuneration of £12. The maintenance of the burial ground would be undertaken by the Council's road staff. The Council recommended that a Registrar/Caretaker be appointed at the same remuneration as previously applied and expressed the opinion that the burial ground would be better cared for by a caretaker than by the roads staff.

MEETING AT GREYSTONES

Councillor W. Lawless expressed regret that the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area had not been invited to attend the recent meeting held at Greystones in connection with improvements to the harbour and also that Senator J. J. McCrea had not been invited to attend.

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 16th February, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, T.D.; T. O'Reilly, S. O Tuathail, W. Cleary, C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and M. J. Brennan.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson took the chair.

The Table Explanatory of the Estimates and the County Manager's Statement thereon had been circulated to each member of the Council. Councillor Hudson expressed appreciation of the manner in which the Estimates had been prepared by the County Manager and stated that the explanations given were very comprehensive and of great assistance to the Council. Councillor C. M. Byrne and other members of the Council also expressed appreciation of the manner in which the Estimates had been presented.

In reply to members of the Council, the County Manager stated that no information had yet been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Road Grants for the year 1955/56. Provision had been made in the Estimates for similar amounts in respect of grants as had been allocated at the beginning of the current financial year. An extra sum had been provided to allow for the increase in road workers' wages so as to enable the Council to carry out a similar volume of work as in the current financial year.

Members of the Council referred to the amount of grants for roads and expressed the opinion that the greater proportion of the grants should be allocated to county roads. Councillors M. Brennan and P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the increase in traffic on county roads in the collection and distribution of milk and also in respect of beet transport.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea suggested that consideration of the Estimates might be deferred to 1st March, 1955, so as to ensure that particulars of the Road Grants allocated for the coming year would be available for the members when considering the Estimates.

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

and resolved:—

"That consideration of the Estimates be adjourned to Tuesday, 1st March, 1955, at 11 a.m."

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor T. O'Reilly and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I or some one for me will move that a water supply be provided at Corrig, Blessington, by extending the pipeline from Lacken."

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Henry Brennan

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The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st March, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, Patrick McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T. D.; James O'Neill, W. Cleary, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O. Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, M. Brennan, and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

The Chairman stated that he wished to make a protest in regard to the meeting held on 16th February, 1955, and stated that he understood that there was to have been no discussion at that meeting in regard to the Estimates, and that the meeting would formally adjourn to the 1st March. It appeared that there had been a discussion at the meeting, and no indication had been given of the prior arrangements made by the Council in regard to adjourning the meeting.

The County Manager explained that in reply to inquiries from members at the meeting, he had stated that particulars of the Road Grants for the coming year were not available, and there had been a short discussion in regard to the matter.

Councillor C. W. Hudson obtained the permission of the Council to raise a matter of special importance. He stated that a large number of men employed at the Fertilisers Factory at Wicklow might have to be dismissed due to the Irish Sugar Company not accepting supplies of fertilisers from the factory, and wishing to obtain an import licence for fertilisers.

It was Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved:—

"We are of the opinion that every effort should immediately be made to solve the difficulty regarding the supply to Irish Sugar Company of fertilisers by Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. The Council unanimously protest against, and view with grave concern, the proposal to grant a licence for the importation of fertilisers which would result in depriving Irishmen of employment."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that in view of the urgency of the matter, the terms of the resolution be sent by telegram immediately to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and the Minister for Agriculture.

ESTIMATES

The Council agreed to proceed to examine the Estimates in detail.

Roads—The County Manager stated that no notification had yet been received in regard to Road Grants for the year 1955/56. He pointed out that it had been a condition in previous years that the Council provide at least the same amount of money from rates for roads as had been provided in the previous year to qualify for the Road Grants, and it would be expected that a similar condition would be imposed in respect of any Grants for the coming year.

It was Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson

"That we provide a similar amount for maintenance and reconstruction of roads, as was provided in 1954/55."

Councillor P. McCarthy pointed out that it would be likely that the Council would receive an application for an increase in wages of road workers, and urged the need to provide for such an increase in the Estimates for the coming year.

As an amendment, it was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill

"That a sum be provided in the Estimates for the year 1955/56 to meet the cost of any revision of road workers' wages."

As a further amendment, it was Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary

"That we provide the amount included in the Estimates as submitted for maintenance and reconstruction of county roads and provide a similar amount for maintenance and reconstruction of main roads as was provided in the current year (1954/55)."

As a further amendment, it was Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy

"That we provide the amount for road services as submitted in the Estimates."

Councillor P. McCarthy, with the consent of Councillor J. O'Neill, and the Council, and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., with the consent of Councillor W. Cleary and the Council, withdrew their proposals.

The amendment in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill was then put to the meeting, and it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour:—
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill,
T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, Ed. Byrne, W. Lawless,
J. Jacob 9

Against:—
Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary,
G. Timmins, J. O'Toole, M. Brennan, C. M. O Broin, C.
W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett, and H. J. Byrne 10

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

The original resolution, proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne and seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, was then put to the meeting and declared passed on the same voting.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

In view of the effect of the payment of Disabled Persons' Allowances, the Council decided to reduce the amount provided for Home Assistance by £1,000.

MENTAL HOSPITALS

The Council noted the amount of the demand by Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

HEALTH CHARGES

The Chairman referred to the extra burden imposed on the Council by the provision of hospital treatment for insured persons and pointed out that formerly the full cost of such treatment was borne by the State from National Health Insurance Funds. The Council was now responsible for the provision of hospital treatment for insured persons, and only 50% of the cost was met by the State. The Council noted, however, that it was a statutory duty of the Council to provide for such treatment.

Fuel Supplies—The Council agreed that it would be desirable to use coal for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, in the coming year instead of turf, as it had been found that the use of turf had not provided satisfactory heating in that institution.

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

and resolved:—

"That we reduce the amount provided for St. Colman's Hospital by £3,000 and approve of the use of coal instead of turf in that institution."

Passed: Councillors M. Brennan and W. Lawless dissenting.

The Council decided to reduce the amount provided for the Fever Hospital by the sum of £2,000.

Dental Services—The County Manager submitted letter from the Department of Health in regard to the need for an improvement in the Dental Services in the county. The Council noted that to meet the requirements of the Department, it would be necessary to have eight full-time dentists instead of the present establishment of one full-time dentist and two part-time dentists. The County Manager stated that the cost of such dental staff and equipment would amount to about £12,000 in a full year. The Council agreed that two extra dentists should be provided during the present year, and approved of the amount provided in the Estimates under this heading.

SANITARY SERVICES

The Council reduced the amount provided under the heading "Parks and Open Spaces" by the sum of £200.

HOUSING

The Council approved of the proposal to raise a loan of £20,000 to defray the cost of repairs to cottages for which applications for vesting were received. The Council decided to reduce the amount provided for normal repairs by the sum of £3,000.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Public Libraries—The Council noted that the amount estimated for public libraries exceeded the amount provided in the current year by over £1,000, and decided to reduce the provision by an amount of £600.

Fire Brigades—The Council considered recommendation of the Chief Fire Officer for the disbandment of the brigades at Blessington, Carnew, and Tinahely, and instead an additional mobile fire engine be provided.

The Council was not prepared to agree to the disbandment of the smaller brigades, and approved of the amount as included in the Estimates submitted.

The County Secretary stated that the alterations made by the Council in the Estimates would reduce the amount to be provided by approximately 10d. in the £.

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and adopt the Estimates (Form E.1) now submitted to us as amended, and determine the rates in the £ to be levied in the county by means of county rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1956, as follows:—"

Name of Service	Rate in the £	
	s.	d.
Road Charges	9	7.90
Health Charges	7	1.41
Mental Hospital Charges	2	2.69
Assistance Charges	1	8.59
Sanitary Charges	2	1.84
Housing Charges	3	2.75
General Purposes	5	1.82
	31	3

Passed unanimously.

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Form E.1, and the Valuation Lists, do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1955, as follows:—"

	Arklow		Bray		Wicklow	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Roads	2,107	10 9	9,043	19 2	1,747	19 7
Public Assistance	921	14 1	4,157	8 4	736	17 0
Mental Hospital	1,578	5 4	6,775	1 7	1,278	4 5
Health	4,306	5 1	18,406	10 11	3,575	5 4
General Purposes	761	15 7	3,312	0 3	640	4 0
Separate Charges	418	17 1	279	7 11	340	11 6
	£10,094	7 11	£41,974	8 2	£8,319	1 10

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager's statement on the Estimates, as circulated to the members, was as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council
5th February, 1955.

Estimates for Financial Year, 1955/1956

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending on 31st March, 1956, together with Tables giving details of how the totals for each Service are made up, are attached.

The total expenditure estimated for the coming year is £838,023. Receipts are estimated at £385,137. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £452,886.

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

Gross Expenditure	£783,021
Receipts	£363,632

Net amount to be levied from Rates £419,389

The total rate required for the coming year, if these Estimates were approved, would be 32/1 in the £, which would be an increase of 2/5 over that levied in the present year, which is 29/8.

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

	1955/56	1954/55	Increase/ Decrease
	d.	d.	
Roads	119.92	114.45	5.47 inc.
Public Assistance—Home Assistance	21.33	20.30	1.03 inc.
Public Assistance—Institutions	—	46.25	—
Health Services	86.98	29.13	11.60 inc.
Mental Hospital	26.69	27.47	.78 dec.
Sanitary Services	26.03	24.38	1.65 inc.
Housing	41.65	36.42	5.23 inc.
General Purposes	62.40	57.60	4.80 inc.

The Rate increase of 2/5 is in great part due to the Health Services. When submitting the Estimates in recent years I have stressed the effect on expenditure of the bringing into operation of the new Health Services. Two years ago it was pointed out that in the early stages of the new Schemes the additional costs could be expected to involve a rate increase of about 2/- in the £.

Last year the increase was 1/3, and for the coming year it is almost a further 1/-. But the entire Services to be provided will not be in operation in the coming year, and, as indicated on previous occasions, the rate for Health Services can be expected to rise for a number of years. Probably it will be three or four years from now before there will be any degree of stability in the costs of these new Health Schemes, and the effect on rates may be a further increase of 3/- in the £ or more.

The rate for Housing again shows a rise, owing to outlay on Repairs. The increase for the coming year is about 5d., last year it was 8d.

Increased provision for Roads accounts for 5½d. of the increased rate.

The expenditure on General Purposes will be higher by over 4½d. in the coming years, owing to provision for Elections, Overdraft Interest and Public Libraries.

Under the heading of Sanitary Services, it is necessary to provide for the cost of new water supplies and this is equal to a rate increase of almost 2d.

The layout of the Estimates shows some alterations for the coming year. The service headings remain the same, but expenditure formerly included under Public Assistance now appears under Health Services. The alteration has been made consequent on the coming into fuller operation of the Health Acts, and the new format has been prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, 1954.

This alteration in layout has, in certain respects, made comparisons with previous years and explanations of costs rather difficult, but full details of all the main variations in costs will be found under the various Service headings.

ROADS

The Rate Estimate for Roads is 9/11.92d.; in 1954/55 it was 9/6.45d.

Most of the items under this heading show little variation from the costs in the present year. The increase of 5.47d. is mainly due to the provision being made for the wages increase granted to road workers some months ago; it was felt that this would have to be done if the volume of employment and the programme of works were to be maintained at the same level as in the present year. The cost would be £2,860 for both Main and County Roads, but part would be recoupable from the State Grant for Main Road maintenance, so that the net cost to be met from rates would, in consequence, be £4,528.

Loan charges show an increase of £559, as provision has to be made for new loans for improvements to Roads in Glen of Imaal and Dunlavin and Aughrim districts. In the past few years the expenditure on loan charges for Roads has increased by over £3,000.

To meet the cost of acquiring plots of land in connection with Improvements for which State Grants are being obtained, an additional sum of £500 is included under the heading of Contingencies.

No information is yet available as to the Road Grants which will be available in the coming year; the Receipts from Grants as shown in the Estimates are the same as in the present year.

The Council during the present year has continued the programme of improving County Roads, which was determined on a five year basis, three years ago. Next year will be the fourth year of this programme. Since 1949, 160 miles of County Roads have been improved by rolling and tarring. In the present year 25 miles of such roads have been resurfaced. Apart from the five year programme towards which State assistance is given, the Council has been spending substantial sums from Rates in improving County Roads, and as already mentioned new Loans have recently been raised for some of these works.

The volume of traffic on most of the roads in the County continues to increase, and some roads may, in consequence, not be equal to present-day requirements. For example, bus services recently were sought for certain routes which were, however, found to be too narrow for such services. Touring buses now use roads the width of which sometimes is scarcely adequate for such types of vehicle. The widening of these roads, however, would be very costly, as in most cases they run through uneven and difficult terrain.

The Scheme for improving mountain roads which can be regarded as important tourist routes was carried further in the present year. The improvement of the road from Glendalough to Hollywood, via Wicklow Gap, was completed, and a good part of the Laragh-Sallygap road via Glenmacness Waterfall, has been reconstructed. Special State Grants were obtained towards the cost of these works.

Since 1950 the Rate levy for Roads has doubled. In 1950 it was 4/11½d.; the Estimate now submitted would provide for a rate of 9/11½d. An examination of this increase of 5/- shows that about 2/9 is accounted for by wage increases; 3d. is due to the loan charges to be met for new works; 9d. would be absorbed by the rise in prices of materials, principally tar; and the remainder, 1/3, would have been available for new works, reconstruction and improved types of maintenance.

TURF PRODUCTION

It was decided to cut Turf again in 1954 to meet the fuel needs of County Institutions. The total quantity cut was 1,710 tons, but the continuous wet weather made the saving of the turf almost impossible. The turf-cutting was done in bogs at Sally Gap, Fairbrega and Ballinagee. The quantity taken off the bogs was 864 tons, and much of it could not be regarded as being in a sufficiently dry condition for immediate use. Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the turf, the Council recently has had to purchase coal for some of the institutions.

Having regard to the experience in connection with Turf in recent years, it would be advisable to consider carefully any proposal for a production scheme in the coming year. Complaints have been frequently received from the County Institutions regarding the quality of the turf and its unsuitability for open fires in wards, especially in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The Council has been producing turf on mountain bogs since 1942, with the exception of the years 1948, 1949 and 1950. In most of the years during which turf was cut the weather rendered saving very difficult and in consequence quality was not satisfactory. In only about four years were the weather conditions favourable and the condition of the saved turf and its cost reasonably satisfactory.

The measure of employment given in turf production requires to be weighed against the most satisfactory results from the use of other fuel and the saving in costs, as undoubtedly other fuel would result in an economy in the running of institutions.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Under this heading formerly was included the outlay on County Institutions, the cost of treatment of patients in Extern Institutions (i.e., in hospitals in Dublin and elsewhere), and the Dispensary Medical Service, in addition to Home Assistance and some other items. The expenditure on Institutions and the Dispensary Medical Service is now shown under the Health Services, and the term Public Assistance is limited to services of a welfare character which provide social benefits not necessarily associated with health conditions.

The cost of Home Assistance (£21,000) shows no change. Likewise the cost (£1,550) of Footwear for children in families with low incomes is unaltered. The cost of Burials (£450) shows an increase of £150.

Salaries of Assistance Officers are estimated to cost £990 more in the coming year. There has been an expansion in their duties in recent times, and they are now regarded as whole-time in the service of the Council. Consequently it was decided to revise their remuneration, but it is felt that the Department of Health should recoup from the Health Grant part of the outlay as the extra duties all relate to the Health Services.

The Fuel Scheme, under which fuel is provided free of charge to families receiving Home Assistance in Urban Areas, is again expected to cost £1,200.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages at £825 shows an increase of £325. Some months ago the Registrar General decided to alter the forms of

records of vital statistics and this entails additional work for Registrars (the Dispensary Medical Officers act as such). In consequence, it was decided to increase the fees for the work involved.

Receipts show a reduction of £145 in respect of repayments of Home Assistance.

The net cost of the Service is £29,020, which is £1,610 higher than the present year, and represents a rate increase of 1.03d.

HEALTH SERVICES

Once again the expenditure on the Health Services shows a marked increase. As previously mentioned, this is a trend which must be expected to continue for some time to come.

Reference already has been made to the alterations in accounting classification consequent on which items, such as maintenance and treatment in Institutions and Hospitals, formerly shown under Public Assistance, are now grouped under the Health Services.

The total expenditure on the Health Services is estimated at £254,023. The Receipts are estimated at £136,628, of which £125,312 come from State Funds. The net cost is £117,395, which would require a rate of 7/2.98d., an increase of 11.60d. over the rate in the present year.

Since the beginning of 1954 the new and extended Health Services have been gradually introduced. The first item introduced was the payment of Maternity Cash Grants to mothers regarded as being in need of such Grants. This was followed by the arrangement for special payments to medical practitioners for attendance in maternity cases. The Council was made liable for the cost of hospital treatment for insured persons, and was directed to commence, from 1st August, 1954, the preparation of what is described as the General Medical Services Register. This is a Register in which is kept the names and addresses of persons and their dependants who are entitled to free medical service. When registered, such persons are issued with a Medical Card which they can produce to the District Medical Officer (the new title for the Dispensary Medical Officer) when seeking treatment. Up to the time of preparing these Estimates almost 1,800 applications have been received. They are still being received and examined and it will be a considerable time before all eligible persons have applied and been registered. Persons eligible are those who are unable, from their own resources, to meet the cost of any type of medical treatment, i.e., those in what is now known as "the lower income group."

Like-wise as from 1st August, 1954, special arrangements in connection with the affording of medical care to mothers and infants were introduced. Mothers in the lower income group could exercise a choice of doctor, i.e., they could nominate the local District Medical Officer or any other doctor. Payments to medical practitioners for attendance are at the rate of £5-5-0 for full treatment, and £3-3-0 if the confinement is in a Hospital. Agreements in connection with this matter are completed between the County Council and the doctors who provide the service. Thus far 22 doctors have completed such Agreements. Over 350 mothers have applied under the arrangements, and have exercised the right to choose their doctor.

In the present year the Council also received a direction to arrange for the payment of special maintenance allowances to disabled persons, i.e., persons whose parents or immediate relations were not in a position to support them. So far up to 300 applications have been received.

A Consultative Health Committee composed of members of the Council, and of representatives of the medical profession in the County, was set up recently. This type of Committee is provided for in the Health Act, 1953. It is expected to act generally in an advisory capacity in connection with health matters.

The Department of Health has indicated that in the coming year the Council will have to make provision for further extensions of the Health Services. At present all services are generally provided for persons in the lower income group, and hospital treatment is provided by the Council for insured persons. As from 1st October next, however, the Council will be required to meet the cost of hospital treatment for persons in the so-called "middle income group." This group is composed of persons belonging to households with incomes under £600, or farmers the valuations of whose holdings do not exceed £50. If any contribution to the cost of treatment is required, it cannot exceed 6/- per day, or £2-2-0 per week.

The Dental Services, especially in relation to schoolchildren, will be extended in the coming year, and this eventually will entail very considerable cost.

General Medical Services. This, to help to simplify matters, is the new name for what was formerly called the Dispensary Service, and, as already mentioned, the Dispensary Medical Officers are now known as District Medical Officers. Generally, the costs show no change for the coming year, except that about £200 extra is being provided to meet the loan charges in respect of the capital costs of new Dispensaries. Arrangements have been made to erect new Dispensaries at Carnew, Aughrim, Rathdrum and Baltinglass. It is expected that tenders will be invited shortly for the erection of these buildings.

Institutional Services: Under this heading there appears the cost of running the Council's own hospitals and of treatment in hospitals in Dublin and other places. Sanatoria and tuberculosis hospitals are also included.

The cost of the County Hospital at Wicklow shows no change, but there is an increase of £3,800 for Baltinglass Hospital. The improvements at Baltinglass Hospital, which include new buildings and better equipment and services, were recently completed and the institution now has 45 beds as compared with 35 previously. About two-thirds of the capital costs of the improvements are being met by Hospital Trusts Grant, and the balance from a loan borrowed by the Council. The necessary provision for loan charges and the cost of maintenance of additional patients accounts for the increase of £3,800.

The cost of St. Anne's Maternity Hospital is shown separately this year, formerly it was included with St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, to which it is attached. There is no change in cost (£3,200).

The Tuberculosis Hospital (St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum) shows no alteration in cost (£10,056), and £4,000 is again provided for the former Fever Hospital at Wicklow, which may be used as a Preventorium for Children under the Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under "Home for the Aged and Infirm" is shown the cost of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. There is no alteration in the cost of this institution (£26,668).

The cost of "Extern Institutions" includes outlay on the treatment of patients in General Hospitals and Maternity Hospitals in Dublin, treatment in Tuberculosis Hospitals, Fever Hospitals, Homes for the Aged and Infirm, and Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.

The cost (total £73,300) of treatment in the foregoing extern institutions (which are not under the control of the Council in any way) shows a rise of £13,200 for the coming year. This is a very marked increase and is due to a number of causes. For part of the coming year it will be necessary to provide for hospital treatment for persons in the Middle Income Group and this is estimated to cost £4,800. In subsequent years it may cost very much more. The cost of maintenance of a number of old persons who have been for a period in the Countess of Wicklow Memorial Hospital, Arklow, has now to be met by the Council, and will be about £1,500. The charge in this institution is £5-12-0 per week, whereas in the Council's own institution (St. Colman's Hospital) the cost is much less—£2-2-8 per week. The cost of treatment in General Hospitals is up by £3,400, which is accounted for by the increasing use made of St. Colmille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. Originally it was intended only for patients from the Dispensary Districts of Bray, Enniskerry and Delgany (the former Rathdown area), but recently there has been an increasing tendency to send patients from other dispensary districts, on the plea that beds could not be obtained in Dublin Hospitals. It has been found, however, that the

capitation charge (based on actual running costs) for this hospital is £3 per week higher than for Dublin hospitals. There is a further increase of £3,500 arising mainly from the cost of treatment for insured persons. Up to 1952 the cost of treating insured persons entitled to benefit was wholly defrayed from National Health Insurance funds. From 1952 the cost to be borne by such insurance funds was limited to six weeks' treatment—after that the patient from his own resources, or the local authority if he could not do so, had to meet the cost. This generally resulted in the local authority paying for anything in excess of six weeks. Now, however, the full cost must be borne by the local authority. Admittedly, the local authority receives 50% of the cost from the State Health Grant, but it seems that this measure of recoupment scarcely could equal the amount previously spent on the hospital treatment of insured persons with the aid of National Health Insurance funds administered by the Central authority.

Maternity and Child Health Services: The expenditure now grouped under this heading was last year classified in a different manner. Some of the items show no variations with last year's costs but a number show substantial increases.

Fees to Medical Practitioners: The provision made in last year's Estimates for payments for attendance by medical practitioners on mothers in their own homes was £3,500, and for the coming year the cost is estimated at £4,275—an increase of £775. The estimate is based on 750 cases at an average cost of £4-10-0 each. In addition to the payments to medical practitioners, a sum of £1,425 is being provided to cover the cost of obstetrical requisites—this is a new item of expenditure. The payments of Maternity Cash Grants (£4 per case) are expected to reach £3,000, an increase of £1,750 over the provision made in the current year. The number of births per year in the County averages about 1,400, so it will be seen that Maternity Cash Grants are being paid in respect of over 50% of births each year.

The other main items included under Maternity and Child Health Services, and which show no appreciable change in cost from last year, are:—Midwifery and Nursing Services, £4,055; Milk for Mothers and Children, £3,200; Child Welfare Service (i.e., the service given for children through the Clinics and Dispensaries), £3,102; School Health Service (formerly called School Medical Service), £3,050.

Briefly, the aim of the Maternity and Child Health Services is to provide medical care and special assistance for (1) mothers and infants up to six weeks of age; (2) children, through the Clinics, Dispensaries and visits from nurses and doctors until they reach school-going age (say 5 or 6 years); (3) children attending national schools through periodic inspections in the schools by the Council's medical, nursing and dental staff, and the subsequent provision of any necessary treatment.

Tuberculosis and other infectious diseases: The only change in the costs under this heading is that £1,250 extra is being provided to meet the cost of B.C.G. vaccination. The main item of expenditure is the payment of Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances, for which £9,500 is again provided.

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services: Provision has been made for an increase of £1,500 in the cost of dental services. This possibly is a conservative estimate as there is no previous experience on which to base the cost of the new items which will have to be provided.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons: No provision was made last year for the payment of allowances to Disabled Persons, but the Council is already required to pay them, and hundreds of applications have been received. The cost for the coming year is estimated at £5,620.

Boarding out, etc., of Children: The payments to foster parents are estimated to cost £620 more in the coming year. (Cost last year was £5,000.) This is due to a revision of the scale of allowances some time ago.

Ambulance Service and Transport of Patients: The cost (£3,800) is estimated at £800 higher than for the current year. This is due to greater demands made on the service for the transport of patients. At present the Council has five ambulances and three drivers and in addition, by special arrangements, ambulances are on call in Bray and Arklow.

Supervision of Food and Drink: The remuneration of Health Inspectors and Sanitary Sub-Officers is included under this and shows no change from the current year.

Other Health Expenses: The remaining items in the Health Services Estimate show no appreciable change from the current year.

Receipts: Of the total receipts of £136,628, the recoupment from State Health Grant amounts to £125,312.

MENTAL HOSPITALS

The Demand from Grangegorman Mental Hospital is £59,491 as compared with £58,060 last year, but receipts from the Health Grant also show an increase and the net cost in consequence is down by £773. The cost of this Hospital has increased each year, but the rise has been offset by the receipts from State Grants. The number of patients from County Wicklow also continues to increase; in the past five year it has risen by 50, and is now 340. A somewhat similar increase in the number of patients has occurred for the other two areas (Dublin City and Dublin County). This, however, does not appear to indicate any increase in the incidence of mental diseases. It seems to result from (1) an increase in population in the areas in question and (2) the admission of persons for short-term courses of treatment.

SANITARY SERVICES

The total expenditure is estimated at £30,784 and receipts at £3,795. The net cost is £26,989, which compares with £25,191 for the present year. The Rate required is 2/2, as compared with 2/- for 1954/55. This increase of 2d. is mainly due to the loan charges on new Water Supplies. The Rate for this service has increased by 10d. in the past six years, the rise being due to the cost of new amenities provided. Public Lighting now costs £3,300; six years ago the cost was £1,750. The maintenance of Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes cost £3,000 in 1949; it now costs £6,000. Under maintenance each year is included a number of new minor works for which borrowing could not be arranged, such as extensions of mains, minor improvements and installation of small water supplies. The loan charges for capital works will reach £12,127 in the coming year; in 1949 they were £5,450—an increase of £6,677.

Public Lighting: This shows an increase of £300. Arrangements were made for the installation of public lighting in the past year at the following places: Ballyconnell, Ballyknockan, Kilquiggan, Manor Kilbride and Willow Grove. An improved service was installed in Roundwood. Extensions of public lighting were arranged for Balinglass, Blessington, Castlemacadam (Avoca), Tinahely, Rathdrum, and Boghall Road outside Bray. Recently the Council approved of the installation of lighting in Lacken, Oldcourt Park (Bray), Ballinalea (Ashford), and Coolboy.

Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes: The expenditure on the maintenance of water supplies and sewerage installations shows an increase of £500, but this is offset by a reduction of a like amount under the heading of remuneration of caretakers. The reason for this is that as caretakers fall out the work of maintenance is being taken over by the Council's direct labour staff, which has been found to be a more satisfactory arrangement.

Loan charges show an increase of almost £3,000 and after deducting the additional State subsidy to such loan charges, the net increase to be met from rates is £2,109.

In the coming year it is necessary to include some provision for the loan charges on the following new capital works:—

Scheme	Capital Cost
Enniskerry Water Supply	£22,500
Newtown-Newcastle new Watermain	£4,500
Roundwood Water Supply Improvements	£1,600
Aughrim Sewerage Scheme	£14,600
Provision of Pumps and Wells at various places	£20,000

In addition, it has been arranged to erect a public sanitary convenience at Balinglass at an estimated cost of £670, and another at Aughrim at £500. A Special Grant is being obtained towards the cost of the new sanitary convenience at Glendalough.

At present there are piped water supplies in 26 towns and villages in the County Health District—this means that piped supplies of water are available to about 11,000 people, or more than a fourth of the population of the County (excluding the Urban Districts). Sewerage services have been provided in 13 towns and villages.

Sixty-eight wells and pumps have been provided in the past five years at a cost of almost £17,000. These have brought an improved water supply to about 1,400 people. New supplies of this type are being sought at every Council meeting, and at present there is a waiting list for 49 new pumps. Four boring plants are now being operated by the Council's Staff—one in each electoral area.

Open Spaces: Work on the large new car park at Glendalough made satisfactory progress during the year. The bridge giving access from the public road to the site has been completed and it is expected that the surfacing of the car park will be finished in another two or three months. The building of the sanitary convenience, on a site adjoining the car park, will be started shortly.

HOUSING

The total outlay from Revenue on Housing is estimated at £102,262; Receipts at £65,088. The net amount is £37,174, which is an increase of £2,554 over the estimate approved for 1954/55. In the coming year provision must be made for the liquidation of a debit balance of £6,000 which occurs on this account in the current year. This debit balance arises from expenditure on repairs in excess of the amount provided in the Annual Estimates. The inclusion of this debit balance brings the expenditure from rates to £43,174, which would require a rate of 3/5.65d., a levy which is 5½d. in excess of that in the present year.

Loan Charges: Whilst these charges show an increase of £2,248 in the coming year, it is offset by increases in receipts from State Housing Subsidy and Rents.

Repairs: The amount allowed for repairs in the present year is £12,000; the sum originally included in the Estimates was £15,000. Some time ago, however, it was found that the provision made had been exhausted and in order to permit the carrying out of repairs during the remainder of the year the Council agreed to vote an extra £6,000. The outlay on repairs has been affected by the Cottage Purchase Scheme, as it was found that the older cottages in many instances require much repair. The Council on a number of occasions recently discussed the raising of a loan to meet the cost of repairs on houses for which application to purchase had been received. The sum of £12,850 now included in the Estimates is made up of £10,000 for normal repairs and £2,850 loan charges (being the annual charge on a loan of £20,000 repayable in 10 years, which might be obtained for repairs to houses coming under the Cottage Purchase Scheme). As mentioned in submitting the Estimates last year, an increasing outlay on repairs and maintenance was to be expected, having regard to the fact that all building costs are now over three times beyond the 1939 level, and the Council's difficulty arises from the fact that rents fixed 20 to 40 or 50 years ago have not been adjusted to meet in any way the rise in costs of repairs and maintenance.

Reconstruction Grants: Much advantage is being taken of the facilities under the Housing Acts whereby small farmers and others can obtain Grants from the State and the Council towards the cost of reconstructing their dwellings. The Grants can be paid to farmers whose valuation does not exceed £35, and to persons with incomes not greater than £8 per week, whose dwellings are in fair condition, and would permit of reconstruction or improvement. The charge for the loan obtained by the Council for the purpose of making these Grants is estimated at £275.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: The loan charges are estimated at £6,188, but these are offset in full by the repayments by borrowers to the Council. The number of loans made up to the present date is 96.

Housing Programme: The total number of Council houses now is 3,236, and of these 2,232 were erected in the past 22 years.

At present work is in progress on the erection of 30 houses, but it is hoped to start work at an early date on the Scheme for erection of houses on sites being acquired by agreement together with special schemes for some villages. In all the number of houses to be erected under the new schemes is 77.

GENERAL PURPOSES

The net charges, after deducting receipts, are:—Chargeable to County-at-large, including Urban Districts, £20,288; chargeable to County Health District, £49,277. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were £17,527 and £46,100. There is an increase, therefore, of £2,761 in that part of the expenditure which is chargeable both to the County Health District, and the Urban Districts, and of £3,177 in the expenditure chargeable to the County Health District.

The increase in the outlay which is chargeable to the County-at-large area is mainly due to the necessity to provide in the coming year for the cost of local elections, and in the case of the County Health District expenditure, the rise is due principally to increased provision of £1,000 for overdraft interest and £1,200 for public libraries.

Public Libraries: The County Library Advisory Committee has approved of improvements in the Library Service, which would entail additional expenditure of £1,200 in the coming year. The increased outlay is considered necessary in order to maintain book stocks at a satisfactory level. New purchases and renewals and bindings are necessary and the prices of all these items have risen in recent years.

Local Elections: It is understood that these will be held in the present year and £2,000 is included to meet the cost, which is nowadays twice that in 1945. The increase is due to the rise in costs of printing and stationery.

Fire Brigades: Whilst the cost is practically the same as last year, it should be mentioned that the County Fire Officer recommended that special towing vehicles should be procured for the fire pumps in Balinglass, Tinahely and Grey-stones and that a self-propelled unit be stationed in the town of Wicklow instead of the existing fire pump which requires to be towed. These proposals would involve heavy capital outlay and the resulting annual loan charges (for a 10 years' loan) would be £450. Provision has not been included for this outlay, but it is suggested that if some of the smaller stations were closed down, the efficiency of the service would not be affected in any way and the saving in costs might be applied towards the loan charges on new capital equipment. The new fire station building at Bray is now almost completed and will be ready for occupation shortly.

Overdraft Interest: For the present year the amount allowed to meet the interest on overdraft on Current Account was £4,500, but this is being exceeded and consequently the provision for next year at £5,500 shows an increase of £1,000. The resort to overdraft does not indicate that the Council is in a position of chronic financial indebtedness on its Revenue Account, it results instead from the fact that throughout a great part of the year the scale of expenditure is much in excess of the inflow of receipts. To avoid these interest charges it

would be necessary to have substantial credits—to the extent of say about one-sixth of the annual expenditure—in hands so that expenditure which fluctuates, especially on road works (due for example to the purchase of large quantities of tar in the first six months of the financial year) could be met without temporary borrowing, but in particular State Grants should be paid earlier. The time lag between the spending of large sums on Road Works and Health Services, and the receipt of State Grants, makes temporary borrowing and charges for bank interest inevitable, especially as about 40% of Road Works expenditure is recouped from the Road Fund and 50% of the cost of the Health Services is met by the State Health Grant.

Separate Charges—Vocational Education Committee: The cost of this service is levied by way of a separate charge as Bray Urban Council has its own scheme. The demand for the coming year is £10,033, which is £1,463 higher than the present year. This increase in the demand, however, is offset by a credit balance in the Council's Account, and a reduction in superannuation costs. The rate for Vocational Education in the coming year will in consequence show no increase.

Separate Charges—Malicious Injuries: There is a levy, as a County-at-large charge, of £477 in respect of a Court award for a motor car which was found burnt out at Brockagh, Glendalough, and which it appears had been stolen from a car park in Dublin. In addition, there is a levy on Shillelagh Rural District of £44—an award for damage to crops, and on Bray Urban District there is a levy for four Malicious Injuries awards totalling £146.

The Trend of Rates: Once again an estimate is submitted for your consideration, which provides for an increase in the rate levy. It is difficult to say when stability in local rates may be expected. The continuous rise is due to rising prices, new Social Services, and the provision of new amenities. There has been a three-fold increase in most commodity prices in the past fifteen years. Here it might be mentioned in defence of local authorities that their rates generally have not risen to the same extent as the general price level, and this notwithstanding that provision has had to be made by them for many new services and extensions of existing ones. Even if the Council stood still and added nothing to the commitments of, say, the year 1939, the costs, if they followed the general trend of industrial business and farming products might be expected to-day to be somewhere about three times the level of fifteen or sixteen years ago. In the intervening period, however, there have been introduced many new items, entailing new expenditure. Some of it may be met in part from State Grants, but generally a substantial part falls on the rates.

Many examples can readily be given. In 1939 there were 276 miles of tarred roads in the county; to-day the mileage of such roads is 511. Of the expenditure on roads about 40% is met from the Road Fund (i.e., from the funds derived from the tax on vehicles) and the balance must be found from rates.

Since 1939 the Council has built about 750 houses and these require a measure of subsidy from rates towards the rents charged. The increased costs of any type of building work inevitably are bound to show in the outlay on the repairs and maintenance of over 3,200 houses.

Radical changes have occurred in the Services for treatment of disease. At present about £42,000 is being spent annually on the institutional treatment of tuberculosis, which is from five to six times the outlay in 1939. Almost £10,000 is being spent each year in the payment of maintenance allowances (introduced six years ago) to persons who have been so unfortunate as to contract this disease and in consequence cannot provide for themselves or their dependants.

Hospitals have been improved and people resort to them more frequently. Mass radiography is being made available and the estimates contain evidence of the use generally being made of X-ray facilities. In the coming year treatment and maintenance in hospitals and special homes (excluding those for tuberculosis) will cost £102,000.

It is intended under recent Health Legislation to provide a wide range of medical services for mothers and infants, pre-school children and school-going children—these being the three groups to be catered for in the Maternity and Child Health Services. In the coming year these Services, most of which have just been introduced, will cost over £22,000. Grants to disabled persons (also recently introduced) will, it is expected, cost over £5,000 next year.

In addition to improvements sought for roads, there has been an insistent demand for new amenity services. Public lighting has been installed at many places in recent years—it is still being sought. The number of lamps is now up to twice that in 1939. New water supplies have been provided and existing ones have been extended and improved in many instances.

This brief summary may perhaps serve to explain how some of the rates extracted from a reluctant ratepayer are being spent. Frequently the only evidence he can see of any value for the rates paid are road works, and having regard to the variety of the commitments and the responsibilities of local authorities to-day, this reaction is quite understandable—especially if the ratepayer be outside the so-called lower and middle income groups.

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

To you, Mr. Chairman, and the members of the Council, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the co-operation and valued assistance which have been afforded me in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,
County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1956

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works:—	£	£	£	£
Maintenance and reconstruction	76,096	73,236	75,042	72,182
Loan Charges	1,965	1,965	5,109	5,109
Contingencies	750	750	750	750
Special Grant Works:—				
Road Fund	37,500	37,500	38,700	38,700

Other Purposes:—				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	2,920	2,920	4,262	4,262
Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistants	950	950	1,900	1,900
Salary and Travelling Expenses of Temporary Engineer			800	800
Salaries—Clerical Staff—County Engineer's Office			1,493	1,493
Retiring Allowance—Ex-County Surveyor	507	507	551	551
Superannuation—Employees Printing, Stationery and Advertising	927	927		
Postage and Telephone	50	50	450	450
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	130	130	160	160
Road Openings and Reinstatements	130	130	130	130
Miscellaneous (including E.L. Claims)	300	300	120	120
	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£122,325	£119,465	£130,967	£128,107

Nature of Income	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Road Fund:—	£	£	£	£
Maintenance Grant	30,436	29,294		
Special Grant	37,500	37,500	38,700	38,700
Other Receipts:—				
Estate Duty Grant			1,200	1,200
Road Openings and other Refunds	300	300	120	120
Miscellaneous Receipts (including Refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,500	1,500
Proportion of Salaries and Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	1,935	1,935	3,081	3,081
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	160	160
Weighbridge Receipts	60	60		
Railway Overbridges	75	75		
Contributions from established servants (Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948)	700	700	800	800
	£71,246	£70,104	£45,561	£45,561

HEALTH

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
General Medical Services:—		
Salaries—District Medical Officers	15,354	15,354
Fees for Professional Assistance	50	50
Medicines	2,750	2,750
Medical and Surgical Appliances	750	750
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	2,660	2,660
Insurance, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	802	802
Institutional Services:—		
County Hospital	10,600	10,600
District Hospital—Baltinglass	19,500	19,500
Maternity Hospital—St. Anne's, Rathdrum	3,200	3,200
Tuberculosis Hospital—St. Kevin's, Rathdrum	10,056	10,056
Fever Hospital	4,000	2,000
Home for the Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's, Rathdrum	26,688	23,688
Extern Institutions:—		
General Hospitals	28,800	28,800
Maternity Hospitals	2,900	2,900
Tuberculosis	32,000	32,000
Fever Hospitals	5,000	5,000
Homes for the Aged and Infirm	1,500	1,500
Homes for Mental Defectives, Deaf and Dumb, etc.	3,250	3,250
Homes for other Persons	850	850

Maternity and Child Health Services :-		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants :-	4,275	4,275
Fees to Medical Practitioners	200	200
Fees for Professional Assistance	4,055	4,055
Midwifery and Nursing Services	1,425	1,425
Obstetrical Requisites	3,200	3,200
Milk for Mothers and Children	3,000	3,000
Maternity Cash Grants	3,102	3,102
Child Welfare Service	3,050	3,050
School Health Service		
Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases :-		
Tuberculosis :-	2,532	2,532
Salaries	1,430	1,430
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses		
Domiciliary Welfare Service :-	700	700
Food	550	550
Clothing	300	300
Bedding	707	707
Mass Radiography Service	1,250	1,250
B.C.G. Service	250	250
Provision of Extra Rooms (Chalets)		
Other Expenses :-	300	300
Fees to District Medical Officers	950	950
Fees to District Specimens		
Analysis of Specimens		
Other Infectious Diseases :-	500	500
Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease		
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of Clothing and Bedding	150	150
Notification and Prevention of Disease	150	150
Maintenance Allowances to Persons suffering from Infectious Disease	9,500	9,500
Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services :-		
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	1,543	1,543
Fees for Professional Services	1,150	1,150
Dental, Optical and Aural Appliances	2,000	2,000
Extern Institutions—Out-patient Services	50	50
Furniture and Equipment	750	750
Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	50	50
Specialist Services :-		
Salaries and Fees	450	450
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	20	20
X-ray Services	2,000	2,000
Other Expenses—Fees for Physiotherapists	200	200
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons :-		
Cash Grants	5,460	5,460
Other Expenses	100	100
Boarding-out, etc., of Children :-		
Maintenance, Clothing and Education	5,620	5,620
Approved Schools	450	450
Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients		
	3,800	3,800
Supervision of Food and Drink	2,903	2,903
Contributions to Societies	1,105	1,105
General Administration :-		
Salaries :-		
County Medical Officer and Staff	2,986	2,986
General Office Staff	2,868	2,868
Travelling Expenses	600	600
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage and Telephone Charges	950	950
Other Expenses :-		
Heating, Lighting, etc.	200	200
Insurances	100	100
Assessment—Nurses Act, 1950	50	50
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	2,850	2,850
Other Expenses :-		
Fees and Travelling Expenses—Mental Treatment Act	20	20
Proportion of Salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	1,412	1,412
Analyst	150	150
Loan Charges		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£254,023	£249,023

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grants—Health Grant	£ 125,312	£ 122,812
Contributions from Patients for Institutional Services	4,500	4,500
Other Receipts :-		
Hire of Ambulances	50	50
Sales of Farm Produce	900	900
Sales of Offal and Old Stores	15	15
Rents and Insurance Refunds, etc.	300	300
Officers' Emoluments	4,425	4,425
Contributions to Superannuation	1,126	1,126
	£136,628	£134,128

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Home Assistance	£ 21,900	£ 20,900
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	825	825
Salaries	3,850	3,850
Retiring Allowances	350	350
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,200	1,200
TOTAL	£30,125	£29,125

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	£ 775	£ 775
Other Receipts :-		
Repayments of Home Assistance	100	100
Repayments of Burial Expenses	5	5
Refund of Fees	225	225
	£1,105	£1,105

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money supplied to Joint Committee	£ 59,491	£ 59,491

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947	£ 23,173	£ 23,173

SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries—Office Staff	£ 1,020	£ 1,020
Carotakers		
Water and Sewerage Schemes		
Dumping Grounds and Sanitary Conveniences	2,200	2,200
Burial Grounds	1,300	1,300
Engineering Staff—Proportion of Salaries and Travelling Expenses	1,919	1,919
Shops Acts—Inspectors	35	35
Analyst—Proportion of Salary	40	40
Superannuation	223	223
Water Supplies, Sewerage Systems and Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	6,020	6,020
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	400	400
Burial Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	1,250	1,250
Public Lighting	3,300	3,300
Maintenance of Open Spaces	500	300
Loan Charges—Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	12,127	12,127
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
	£30,784	£30,584

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	£ 1,695	£ 1,695
Water Undertakings	1,600	1,600
Burial Fees	300	300
Miscellaneous	200	200
	£3,795	£3,795

HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers Acts :-	£	£
Salaries	1,280	1,280
Retiring Allowances	850	850
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (Portion)	2,782	2,782
Rent Collector's Poundage	2,975	2,975
Cottage Repairs	12,850	9,850
Loan Charges	62,505	62,505
Insurances	1,100	1,100
Rates on Cottages	10,302	10,302
Other Labourers Acts Expenses	255	255
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,188	6,188
Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948		
Office Expenses	300	300
Loan Charges :-	500	500
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants	275	275
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES	£102,262	£99,262

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers Acts—	£	£
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	31,750	31,750
Housing Subsidy	26,700	26,700
Other Receipts	150	150
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,188	6,188
Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	200	200
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	100	100
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS	£65,088	£65,088

GENERAL PURPOSES

Nature of Income	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture			7,217	7,217
Public Libraries			5,720	5,120
Town and Regional Planning Acts			50	50
Tourist Development	500	500		
Scholarships—				
Secondary	2,860	2,860		
University	1,300	1,300		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes	25,000	25,000		
Other Purposes—				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	3,905	3,905	7,885	7,885
Cost of Rate Collection			11,533	11,533
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,000	1,000
Tramway Employees' Pensions			705	705
Pensions—				
Late Union Officers	737	737		
Late R.D. Council's Officers			188	188
Co. Officers and Servants	100	100	2,728	2,728
Franchise and Jurors' Lists	1,926	1,926		
Election Expenses	2,000	2,000		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			100	100
Coroners and Inquests	280	280		
Postage and Telephones	300	300	600	600
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	75	75	900	900
Assessments—				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act	380	380		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	250	250		
Carried forward	£39,788	£39,788	£38,626	£30,026
Brought forward	39,788	39,788	38,626	38,026
Fire Brigades			7,861	7,861
Drainage of Land	50	50		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	2,000	2,000		
Conveyance of Prisoners	150	150		
Weights and Measures	340	340		
Food and Drugs	150	150		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme	2,000	2,000	430	430
Milk and Dairies Acts				
Road Fund Expenses	260	260		
Blind Persons Act	983	983		
Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses	120	120		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts			350	350
Diseases of Animals—				
Veterinary Inspectors	530	530		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,450	1,450		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	320	320		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	300	300		
Courthouses and Offices—				
Repairs and Renewals	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses	500	500	350	350
Courtkeepers and Office Attendant	135	135	270	270
Loan Charges			738	738
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			700	700
Travelling Expenses, Co. Councilors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	330	330		
Interest on Overdraft—General Account			5,500	5,500
Miscellaneous	30	30	150	150
Materials Expense (Balance)				
Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	£52,296	£52,296	£55,750	£55,150

Nature of Income	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grants—Drainage Schemes—Local Authorities (Works) Act	£	£	£	£
Contributions to Retiring Allowances	25,000	25,000		
Licence Fees—				
Poison	60	60	30	30
Cinematograph	5	5		
Fines under Food and Drugs Act	30	30	7	7
Public Libraries			180	180
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme—Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments—				
Franchise and Jurors Expenses	380	380		
Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses	120	120		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts			240	240
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			1,873	1,873
Diseases of Animals—				
(a) General	264	264		
(b) Sheep Dipping	700	700		
(c) Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	300	300		
Fees Refunded by Co. Secretary—				
(i) Franchise and Jurors	300	300		
(ii) Motor Registration	1,669	1,669		
(iii) Valuation Certificates			3	3
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance and Housing Services			547	547
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health and Sanitary Services	150	150		
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			2,583	2,583
Rents from County Property	120	120	60	60
Contributions to Superannuation	800	800	400	400
Miscellaneous	170	170	500	500
	£32,068	£32,068	£6,473	£6,473

SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Vocational Education Committee—	£	£	£	£
Demand	10,033	10,033		
Repayment of Loans	2,464	2,464		
Retiring Allowances	808	808		
Criminal Injuries—				
Bray Urban District	146	146		
Shillelagh R.D.			44	44
County-at-Large	477	477		
Total for Separate Charges	£13,928	£13,928	£44	£44

Receipts	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Recoupment from Department of Education—one half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	£	£	£	£
Recoupment proportion of Pensions—				
Department	1,232	1,232		
Leitrim			£404	
Sligo			£9	
Kildare			£6	
Total			£50	
Contributions to Superannuation	469	469		
	60	60		
	£1,761	£1,761		

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICES	Estimated GROSS EXPENDITURE of the County on each Service for the Financial Year		Estimated INCOME of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service, being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5		Net Amounts Chargeable to Districts				Calculation of Net Sum Required to be Raised			
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	Urban District of ARKLOW Val. £14,782.099196190	Urban District of BRAY Val. £54,377.166491887	Urban District of WICKLOW Val. £10,048.032603617	COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT Val. £248,795.761768366	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
ROADS	119,465	128,107	70,104	45,561	49,361	82,546	1,932	8,218	1,609	120,148	£	£	£	s. d.
HEALTH	249,023		134,128*		114,895		4,497	19,129	3,746	87,523	1,011		88,534	9 7.90
MENTAL HOSPITAL	59,491		23,173		36,318		1,421	6,047	1,184	27,666			27,666	7 1.41
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	29,125		1,105		28,020		1,097	4,665	913	21,345			21,345	2 2.69
SANITARY		30,584		3,795		26,789				26,789			26,789	1 8.59
HOUSING		99,262		65,088		34,174				34,174			40,174	2 1.84
GENERAL PURPOSES	52,296	55,150	32,068	6,473	20,228	48,677	792	3,368	659	64,086	6,000		64,086	3 2.75
	£509,400	£313,103	£260,578	£120,917	£248,822	£192,186	£9,739	£41,427	£8,111	£381,731	£7,011		£388,742	5 1.82
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Humphreys

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council, for the purpose of dealing with housing matters, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th March, 1955, 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, Wm. Cleary, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O Tuathail, W. Lawless, C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, J. Jacob, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

The County Secretary conveyed the apologies of the County Manager for inability to attend as he was engaged on the preparation of Estimates for Arklow Urban Council.

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

BUSINESS

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during month of February, 1955.
2. To authorise the raising of Loan of £20,000 for repairs to cottages prior to vesting.
3. Circular from the Department of Local Government re Road Fund Grants for the year 1955/56.
4. Report of Committee appointed by the Council to inquire into complaints made by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.
5. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Report re proposed sale of vested cottage at Tinnahinch, Kilpedder.
8. Letter from the Secretary, Clann na Poblachta, Maud Gonne McBride Craobh, Bray, re sewerage scheme for cottages at Boghall and Monastery.
9. Letter from An Bord Failte re improvements at Greystones Harbour.
10. Secondary Schools Scholarships Scheme — Further correspondence re applicant.
11. Letter from Department of Local Government re appointment of clerical officer.
12. To fix a date for meeting of Consultative Health Committee.
13. Repairs carried out during the month of February.
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 February, 1955, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Housing Section
 Co. Engineer's Office,
 Courthouse,
 Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members of
 Wicklow County Council,
 3rd March, 1955.

Gentlemen,
 During the month of February satisfactory progress was maintained on all Schemes

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The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 419 (including 47 by Contract).

The site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, is now being developed for a 20 House Scheme.

The total number of men employed during February was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kindlestown (No. 3)	10	8
Kilgarron (20)	3	8
Totals	13	16

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £391,633-0-5, made up as follows:—

Wages	£157,793	2 11
Materials	£197,031	8 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 31st January, 1955		185
Cottages completed during February, 1955		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
Kilgarron		20
Total in Progress		30
South-Eastern Area:		
Cottages completed to 31st January, 1955		92
Cottages completed during February, 1955		nil
Total completed		92
Southern Area:		
Cottages completed to 28th February, 1955		54
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff		3
In Progress		nil
Western Area:		
Cottages completed to 28th February, 1955		88
In Progress		nil

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—
"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of February, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—LOAN FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

The County Secretary stated that the Council had provided in the Estimates for the coming year for Loan Charges on Loan of £20,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of repairs to cottages for which applications for vesting were received.

It was Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly,

and resolved:—
"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £20,000 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of ten years, with interest at the appropriate rate, to defray the cost of repairs to cottages for which applications for vesting have been received."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor W. Hammond suggested that repairs in certain areas might be carried out by contract.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that there had been cases where tenants had applied to purchase their cottages, but had withdrawn their applications when the cottages had been repaired. The Council directed that list of such persons who withdrew applications be submitted to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 3—ROAD FUND GRANTS

The County Secretary read letter of 2nd March, 1955, Ref. RGM/201/4/3, from the Department of Local Government in regard to Road Fund Grants for the year 1955/56. The Council noted that the Main Road Improvement Grant would be £32,100, and that the County Road Improvement Grant would be £49,900. The corresponding figures for the current year were £37,500 and £38,700. The Council noted also report of the County Engineer dated 5th March, 1955, in which he drew attention to the reduction in the Main Road Improvement Grant, and to the reference in the Circular to the need for providing for increases in wages which had occurred during the current year. A copy of the County Engineer's proposals for the apportionment of the monies available for road works in the coming year, as between the four Engineering Districts, had been circulated to the members.

It was Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor G. Tummins,

and resolved:—
"That we note circular from Department of Local Government dated 2nd March, 1955, in regard to the allocation of road grants for the year 1955/56, and approve of the County Engineer's recommendations for the apportionment of the moneys available for road works in the year 1955/56 in the respective Engineering Districts."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the meeting of the members for the Baltinglass Electoral Area be held on the 11th March, 1955, at Baltinglass, to consider road works to be carried out during the coming year. The Council agreed that the dates for meetings of members for the other Electoral Areas would be fixed at the meeting of the Council to be held on 14th March.

ITEM No. 4—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO INQUIRE INTO COMPLAINTS MADE BY COUNCILLOR SENATOR J. J. MCCREA

The County Secretary read the report of the Committee which had been appointed by the Council to inquire into complaints made by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

"That we approve of the report of the Committee appointed by the Council to inquire into complaints made by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea in regard to Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne, as submitted to this meeting."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

"That the report be circulated to members and considered at the next meeting of the Council."

Councillor W. Cleary, with the agreement of Councillor O'Toole, withdrew his proposal and the Council agreed that the report be circulated to the members and considered at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 14th March, 1955.

ITEM No. 5—LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council approved of the making of a Loan of £1,100 to Mr. Kevin Glynn, in respect of the erection of a house at Rathdown Road, Greystones.

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Mr. T. J. Hegarty for Loan, pending verification of income.

The Council also deferred, for verification of income, the application of Francis and Margaret Everard, Delgany.

Members of the Council raised the question of a Loan to Mrs. M. Hugentobler in respect of the erection of a house at Baltinglass, and suggested that the question of obtaining a guarantee from her parents might be considered.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The Council were informed that there were no applications requiring consideration at that meeting.

ITEM No. 7—REPORT RE PROPOSED SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT TINAPARK, KILPEDDER

The County Secretary stated that a Mr. Michael Heffernan, of Kilpedder, had obtained the tenancy of a Council cottage at Tinnapark in 1935, and applied to purchase the cottage in 1948. The cottage was vested in him on 1st October, 1950. Mr. Heffernan obtained an allocation of land from the Land Commission and then applied for a Consolidation Order under the terms of the Labourers Act, 1936. It had been found that Mr. Heffernan had contracted to sell the holding, which included the cottage, and that the Land Commission consented to the sale. The Council had no information that a Consolidation Order had been made. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Heffernan had purchased some unfit houses at Kilpedder some years ago and had carried out works on these cottages although the Council had refused permission. The Council had subsequently to serve Repairs Orders in respect of these cottages. The Council agreed that the proposed sale of the holding should be opposed strongly, and that the facts of the matter be brought to the notice of the Land Commission.

On the suggestion of Councillor W. Lawless it was agreed that Mr. Heffernan be invited to attend the next meeting of the Housing Committee for the Bray Electoral Area.

ITEM No. 8—SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR COTTAGES AT BOGHALL AND MONASTERY

The following letter from the Secretary, Clann na Poblachta, Maud Gonne McBride Craobh, Bray, was submitted:—
28th February, 1955.

A Chara,
At a meeting on Monday, 14th instant, of the above Craobh, the following motion was passed:—

"That we of this Craobh view with concern the conditions that exist at Boghall Cottages and Monastery Cottages regarding sewerage. We therefore urge that there be main sewerage laid in these two places as soon as possible."

I would be glad if you would call the attention of the members of the County Council to this at their next meeting.

Mise, le meas,
S. O. DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

The Council directed that a reply be sent indicating the actions which had been taken by the Council in regard to this matter in previous years.

ITEM No. 9—IMPROVEMENTS TO GREYSTONES HARBOUR

The County Secretary stated that An Bord Fáilte in letter of 25th February, 1955, had indicated that the Board had decided to accept responsibility for the cost of certain works of improvement at Greystones Harbour up to a maximum of £900. The works envisaged were improvements in the approach to the pier and on the straight run on the east side of the old dock. These works were estimated to cost £91-5-0 and £232, respectively. They also included for three two-way shelters as suggested by the County Engineer at a cost of £350 and improved access by terracing and steps with hand rail at the south beach. This latter work was estimated to cost £172. The total estimated cost of the work was £843-5-0. The Board hoped that every effort would be made to have as many of these works as possible carried out before the 31st March.

The Council noted the terms of the Board's letter, and agreed that the work be put in hand without delay. The County Engineer pointed out that it was unlikely that he would be able to complete the works by the 31st March.

ITEM No. 10—SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Having considered further correspondence in connection with the application of James Peter Cullen, it was

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered further correspondence in connection with the application of James Peter Cullen for permission to compete under the Council's Scholarships Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1955, we accept the application."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL OFFICER

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

Custom House,
Dublin,
23rd February, 1955.

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Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 16th December, 1954, in connection with the filling of an office of Clerical Officer which became vacant on 31st August, 1954, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has reconsidered the matter and regrets that he is unable to agree to the wishes of the Council regarding the appointment of Mr. Phillips to this post in a per-

manent capacity. The rules governing the recruitment of officers from examination panels have been set out in Department's letter of 25th November last. All permanent vacancies should now be filled from the panel formed on the results of the examination held between 30th September and 2nd October, 1954, and there appears to be no justification for depriving the persons on that panel of an offer of permanent employment with the County Council. Furthermore, apart from the rights of those persons on the current examination panel, it would not be just to offer a permanent appointment to Mr. Phillips in preference to the two persons who obtained higher places than he did at the examination held in July, 1952, and to whom no such offer was made.

In view of the serious objections outlined above, the Minister considers that he would not be justified in agreeing to the appointment of Mr. Phillips, and in the circumstances it would serve no useful purpose to put the members of a deputation to the trouble and expense of attending to discuss the matter.

Mise, le meas,
F. G. CONLON.

The Council noted the decision of the Department of Local Government in the matter.

ITEM No. 12—MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Council deferred to the next meeting the question of fixing a date for the next meeting of the Consultative Health Committee.

ITEM No. 13—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The Council noted list of repairs carried out during the month of February as submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 14—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

Resolutions of Sympathy

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing sympathy of the members of the Council with the wife and family of the late Senator W. Quirke.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Cleary, the Council passed a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the person who had been shot in Northern Ireland by the B Specials.

Notice of Motion

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

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the area of employment for Coolroe Quarry be defined."

Henry Byrne

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th March, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

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

In the absence of the Chairman during the earlier part of the meeting Councillor C. W. Hudson took the Chair.

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

BUSINESS

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 15th November, 6th and 13th December, 1954, and 3rd and 10th January, 1955.
2. To authorise overdraft on General Account and Capital Account for quarter to 30th June, 1955.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1955.
4. Appointment of Nominee of Council to attend meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
5. Report of Committee appointed by Council to enquire into complaints made by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea regarding Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne (copy attached).
6. To fix dates for meetings of Local Committees to determine allocation of moneys for road works for year 1955/56.
7. Letter from Ballybrew Quarries, Ltd., asking for easing of corner at junction of Enniskerry-Glencree Road with Glencullen Bye-Road.
8. Memorial in connection with condition of Coolflake Road.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors E. Byrne and W. Lawless for erection of improved warning signs at "Half-Moon" turn at Kilruddery; erection of bollard at island at Blacklion; repair of Church Lane; public lighting of housing scheme at Kindlestown.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins for raising of loan of £5,000 for reconstruction of part of road from Grangecon to Baronstown, and Five Cross Roads to Ballynure.
11. Recommendation of County Engineer for electrification of Ballinclare Quarry.
12. Report on work carried out on public convenience at Roundwood.
13. Redford Water Supply; report of County Engineer.
14. Hollywood Water Supply; resolution from residents at Hollywood.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. Toomey for erection of pump at or near Hearn's Cross, Hollywood, to serve four Council houses.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Reilly, for provision of water supply at Corrig, Blessington, by extending pipeline from Lacken.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., regarding provision of water supply for tenants of cottages at Killinure, Tullow.
18. Correspondence with Department of Health in regard to utilisation of St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, and Newcastle Sanatorium.
19. Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum.
20. Reply from Department of Justice as to use of Courthouse, Tinahely.
21. Letter from Macra na Feirme, Tinahely Branch, asking for erection of weighbridge at Tinahely.
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Lawless, regarding purchase of premises used by Committee of Agriculture.
23. Letter from "Trees for Ireland" regarding Arbour Week, 1955.
24. Resolution from Kerry County Council in connection with Irish Steelholders.
25. Resolution from Galway Corporation asking that Conferences and Annual Meetings of National Organisations be held at provincial venues.
26. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

It was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—
"That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 15th November, 1954, 6th and 13th December, 1954, and 3rd and 10th January, 1955."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

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 30th June, 1955, shall not exceed £180,000."
Passed unanimously.

It was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

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 the 30th June, 1955, shall not exceed £32,400."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1955

The following letter received from Mrs. J. O'Sullivan, 60 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin, was submitted:—

8th March, 1955.

County Manager,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to you to give you the details of a problem which has confronted me recently and in the hope that you may lay these facts before your Board for their consideration. As you know, my husband, the late Dr. V. J. O'Sullivan, M.O., Aughrim, Co. Wicklow, was killed under very tragic circumstances some five years ago, leaving me with four young children. I have since then endeavoured to educate them as best I can, which I can assure you has been a desperate struggle. At the moment my eldest son is ready to take his Leaving Certificate and, on the advice of his teachers, applied to the Dublin County Council for Scholarship papers. On receiving the papers it was pointed out that I would have to be resident in Dublin for at least six years and that the boy would have had to be a pupil in a Dublin school for at least two years.

Now as you know these conditions are impossible for me to fulfil owing to the fact that I have left Wicklow a little over four years. On further investigation re Wicklow scholarships I discover that he would be eligible if he had only been left the county for three years. Again he does not come within the scope of this rule. The President of his school had advised me to press his case with the Wicklow County Council as he feels that the boy must be eligible in some county, and as he spent the greater part of his schooldays in Wicklow he should be likely to receive a more sympathetic consideration, and I felt myself that the members of the Board, having known my husband and the service he gave to the County, would be much more sympathetic towards me.

Trusting that you will put my case as strongly as possible to the Board and hoping for a favourable reply,

Yours faithfully,

J. O'SULLIVAN (Mrs.)

P.S. My son is at school at Patrician Brothers' College, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Mrs. O'Sullivan, dated 8th instant, we request Dublin County Council to allow her son to compete under that Council's University Scholarship Scheme, having regard to the special circumstances involved."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor C. M. Byrne, as our Nominee on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO INQUIRE INTO COMPLAINTS MADE BY COUNCILLOR SENATOR J. MCCREA REGARDING ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER C. J. BYRNE

The following report, copy of which had been circulated to the members, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Report of Committee appointed by Council to enquire into complaints made by Senator J. J. McCrea regarding Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne

The Committee appointed by the Council met at the Courthouse, Shillelagh, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 28th February, 1955. The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors Miss E. F. Bobbett, P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Kehoe and W. Lawless.
The County Manager and County Secretary were present.

The Committee agreed that Councillor Senator McCrea and Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne would both be present while witnesses were being examined.

1—Water Supply for Croneyhorn

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that the Assistant County Engineer had told one of the tenants, John Somers, that the position of the pump to be provided at Croneyhorn was being changed in order to allow P. Somers, tenant of a cottage some distance away, to avail of the water supply. Senator McCrea also stated that the Assistant County Engineer had informed the tenant that consequent on the change in the site, the sinking of the well would be deferred for 12 months. Mr. P. Somers confirmed that he did not approach Senator McCrea for a water supply and stated that he had a supply available to him from a well on his own lands. John Somers confirmed that the Assistant County Engineer had informed him that the site of the pump was being changed following representations by Senator McCrea, but added that no statement had been made that the sinking of the pump had been deferred. The Assistant County Engineer agreed with the statements made by both Patrick Somers and John Somers. He stated that at a meeting of the Council, Senator McCrea had complained that the site for the pump was not suitable and he understood that him to say that it was too far from Somers' cottage. He understood that Senator McCrea wished the pump to be located so as to serve the cottage occupied by Patrick Somers. He was aware that Mr. Patrick Somers was not seeking a water supply, but thought that it might be more suitable to site the pump where it would be available to any subsequent tenant of the cottage.

The Committee considered that there had been generally a misunderstanding on the part of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the question of the siting of the pump and that possibly this could have arisen owing to the fact that two persons named Somers were involved.

2—Complaint by John Doyle, Kiltavan, Carnew, re Drainage Scheme

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that Mr. Doyle had complained that the Assistant County Engineer when carrying out drainage works on the road adjoining his premises had refused to pipe water across gateways to Mr. Doyle's fields and had told Mr. Doyle that he would have to do the work himself. Senator McCrea stated also that when the Assistant County Engineer had informed Mr. Doyle to this effect he also said that Mr. Doyle could go and see his Solicitor and that Mr. Doyle took this to mean himself (Senator McCrea). Mr. Doyle, when interviewed by the Committee, complained that the drainage work had not been completed and that the position as regards the normal fall on to his lands was worse than previously. He admitted that the Assistant County Engineer had not mentioned Senator McCrea's name in his conversation with him. The Assistant County Engineer stated that a scheme for drainage at this place had been submitted, which included putting pipes across the road. He did not at any time promise to pipe water across the gateway to the fields as this would be the duty of the landowner.

The Committee noted that the Assistant County Engineer made no derogatory remarks in regard to Senator McCrea.

3—Employment of James Lennon as Carter

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that James Lennon had been employed as a carter by the Council for 30 years. He had been told by the Assistant County Engineer that there was no work for him and told to go to him (Senator McCrea) for work. The Assistant County Engineer agreed that James Lennon had worked for the Council for a long time. He had been employed in Doyle's quarry but had complained that the journey there was too long. Mr. Lennon had told the Chargehand that he would not come any more. The Assistant County Engineer agreed to give him work on roads. Mr. Lennon subsequently enquired again about employment as a carter, and informed the Assistant County Engineer that he had been told by Senator McCrea that there was plenty of carting work available. The Assistant County Engineer stated that he was not aware of any carting work available and that he should enquire from Senator McCrea what works he was referring to. The Committee interviewed James Lennon, who complained that the distance to Doyle's quarry was too great and stated that carting work was available at Coolroe, much nearer to his house. The Committee also interviewed the foreman of quarry and Mr. P. Keating, Overseer.

The Committee noted that Coolroe quarry was in another district to that in which Mr. Lennon lived and that there would have been objections to his being employed outside his own district. The Committee was satisfied that there was no evidence of any discrimination on the part of the Engineer against Mr. Lennon.

4—Pump at Tombrean

Senator McCrea enquired why a pump had been provided at Tombrean which would serve only two families prior to the provision of the pump at Croneyhorn which would serve a much larger number. The Assistant County Engineer stated that it might have been that the pump at Tombrean was put in hands pending the determination of the site for the pump at Croneyhorn.

It has been ascertained from the Council's records that the pump at Croneyhorn and that at Tombrean were approved by the Council at the same meeting, i.e. in June, 1952.

5—Fencing of Allotments at Tomacork

Senator McCrea referred to payment made to Mr. O'Loughlin for land acquired from him at Tomacork and such payment provided for the erection by Mr. O'Loughlin of a fence. Senator McCrea stated that the Council had recently agreed to erect a fence. The County Secretary stated that the Council had not agreed at any time to erect a fence.

The Committee considered that there was nothing in the matter requiring special investigation by the Committee and that such matter could more appropriately be raised at a Council meeting.

6—Complaints of Political Victimization

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that workers had complained to him that they had been victimised by the Assistant County Engineer on account of their political views. Mr. Christopher Murphy was interviewed by the Committee and stated that he was a permanent road worker and that following his having taken a prominent part at a Labour meeting he had been transferred to work on a road section to work in a quarry, and that he had been sent to work for farmers during the threshing. The Assistant County Engineer pointed out that workers had to be changed from one type of work to another at various times in the year and stated that no complaint had been received by him from Mr. Murphy.

Having interviewed Overseer P. Keating, the Committee agreed that there was no evidence of political victimisation.

Mr. J. Murphy, Tombrean, complained of having been knocked off work and of other men who had lesser service having been continued in employment. He said that another worker had told him that unless he voted in a certain way he would not get work. Having questioned the Overseer, the Committee agreed that there was no evidence of political victimisation.

7—Complaints of unfair treatment by Assistant County Engineer

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that he had received complaints from workers of unfair treatment by the Assistant County Engineer. Peter O'Rourke, carpenter, who had been employed by the Council, had been discontinued, and another man had been employed in his place, although the Engineer had informed Senator McCrea that Mr. O'Rourke was a very good worker and that he would give him employment when the housing scheme started.

Having interviewed Mr. J. Murphy, Timekeeper, the Committee noted that both Mr. O'Rourke and the man who replaced him in employment were regarded as very good workers and that the Assistant County Engineer wished to divide the work fairly between them.

Michael Somers stated that he had been employed on machinery for a period of 13 years and expected he would have obtained employment on machinery in the Rock Quarry, but did not do so. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the men recruited for employment as machinery attendants at the new quarry had been selected from the panel formed following tests for lorry drivers and machinery attendants held at Tinahely, and that the men had been employed on instructions from the County Engineer. The Council's records show that the advertisement inviting applications specified both Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants. The County Engineer informed the Committee that Mr. Somers had been tested but did not qualify.

James Mulhall complained that he had obtained no work for three months during the previous summer and alleged that other men working at the time owned land. The Assistant County Engineer stated that it had been necessary to reduce the number of men employed towards the end of the summer and that Mr. Mulhall had been let go at the same time as other workers. He was now employed again by the Council.

Patrick Kehoe, Ballisland, stated that he had undergone the test for lorry drivers and machinery attendants at Tinahely and claimed that he had been placed first at the test but subsequently found that he was only third. He complained also that he had not received the proper amount of wages during the period 17th December, 1954, to 17th January, 1955, and also that he had not been supplied with protective clothing. In reply to enquiry from the Committee, Mr. Kehoe admitted that he had not communicated with the Council offices in regard to his claim that he had been underpaid, and he had not approached the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the need for protective clothing.

The Committee were of opinion that here had been no evidence that any workers had been treated unfairly by the Assistant County Engineer.

8—Extension of Water Supply at Tinahely

In connection with the extension of the water supply at Tinahely to serve the Vocational School, Councillor Senator McCrea stated that the Engineer had sought a contribution of £2 each from two persons whose houses could be served by the extension, and had informed them that there would be a further charge of £1 each for resurfacing the road. He contended that these persons should not have been asked to make a contribution. The Assistant County Engineer stated that he had investigated the application for an extension of the water supply at the Vocational School and had noted that if the water supply were extended it could serve the two houses referred to. He had enquired from the occupants if they wished to avail of the water supply and had informed them that the Council might consider the proposed extension more favourably if they were willing to contribute towards the cost. In conversation with them he had mentioned that a contribution of £2 might be accepted by the Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Engineer's report in regard to the proposed extension of the water supply which included a reference to the proposed contribution had been submitted to the Council at the meeting held on the 16th August, 1954, and that the Council approved of the extension, the cost of which will be £240.

The Committee was satisfied that the Assistant County Engineer in this matter was carrying out the normal procedure based on Council policy and noted

that in other districts the Council had required contributions from occupants of houses towards the cost of extending a water supply.

Councillor C. W. Hudson, supported by Councillor W. Hammond, suggested that the Council should form a Committee, and that every employee should be informed that he could submit any complaints for investigation by such Committee. Councillor W. Hammond suggested that the local Committees in the respective areas might act in this respect.

Councillor P. McCarthy pointed out that if workers had a grievance their proper action was to report the matter to their Union.

Councillor Senator J. McCrea stated that he had received numerous complaints from workers, but that only a few of these had been the subject of the inquiry, and maintained that he had received representations from all over the County of victimisation of workers.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we adopt the report of the Committee appointed by the Council to inquire into complaints made by Councillor Senator J. McCrea, in relation to Assistant County Engineer C. J. Byrne."

Passed; Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea and W. Lawless dissenting.

ITEM No. 6—MEETINGS OF ROADS COMMITTEES

Meetings of the Local Roads Committees were fixed to be held as follows:—
Northern Engineering District at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 22nd March, 1955, at 7.30 p.m.

South-Eastern Engineering District at Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st March, 1955, at 7 p.m.

Southern Engineering District at Courthouse, Shillelagh, on Monday, 21st March, 1955, at 3 p.m.

ITEM No. 7—LETTER FROM BALLYBREW QUARRIES LTD.

The Council referred to the meeting of the Roads Committee the correspondence with Ballybrew Quarries Ltd. in regard to the need for easing of corner on the road leading to the Quarries from the Glencree-Enniskerry Road.

ITEM No. 8—COOLAFLAKE ROAD

The Council referred for consideration by the local Roads Committee the memorial received from residents in regard to the road at Coolaflake.

ITEM No. 9—WARNING SIGNS AT "HALF-MOON" BEND; REPAIR OF CHURCH LANE; PUBLIC LIGHTING OF HOUSING SCHEME AT KINDLESTOWN

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors E. Byrne and W. Lawless, the County Secretary stated that warning signs had been prepared and would be erected very shortly at the "Half-Moon" Bend at Kilruddery.

The Council referred for consideration by the local Roads Committee the question of the erection of a bollard at the island at Blacklion, and the repair of Church Lane, and the provision of public lighting for the housing schemes at Kindlestown.

ITEM No. 10—RECONSTRUCTION OF PART OF ROAD FROM GRANGECON TO BARONSTOWN, AND FROM FIVE CROSS ROADS TO BALLYNURE

Councillor G. Timmins stated that as some monies were being allocated for work on the roads referred to during the coming year, he would propose that a loan of £2,600 only be raised.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That a Loan of £2,600 be raised from the Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, repayable over a period of ten years with interest at the usual rate, to defray the cost of reconstruction of part of the road from Grangecon to Baronstown and Five Cross Roads to Ballynure.

Following a discussion in the course of which it was pointed out that supplementary grants might be made available later in the year, Councillor G. Timmins, with the consent of Councillor P. Kehoe, agreed to the adjournment of the proposal.

ITEM No. 11—ELECTRIFICATION OF QUARRY AT BALLINCLARE

The report of the County Engineer, dated 14th March, 1955, in which he recommended that Ballinclare Quarry be operated by electricity, was considered by the Council. The Council noted that it was estimated that the initial cost of materials, gear, wire and installations would be £3,500, and that the annual electric power cost would be £2,100. The County Engineer estimated that there would be a saving in running costs of £400 per annum.

The Council agreed that tenders might be obtained from firms for the electrification of the Quarry, in order that a more detailed estimate could be prepared and submitted to the Council.

The County Secretary submitted letter from Rev. John Archdeacon, C.C., Donard, urging that Newtown Quarry, Donard, be operated by electric power, and pointed out that such a proposal would assist in the representations being made from the district for the extension of the rural electrification scheme.

The Council agreed that the County Engineer investigate this suggestion.

ITEM No. 12—PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT ROUNDWOOD

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on 23rd February, 1955, that the public convenience at Roundwood was in course of construction, but that work had been delayed for some time due to lack of materials and to inclement weather. The materials had now been delivered to the site, and it was expected that the public convenience would be completed very shortly.

The Council noted the report on the matter.

ITEM No. 13—REDFORD WATER SUPPLY

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
17th February, 1955.

County Manager,
Co. Council Offices,
Rathdrum.

Re: Water Supply at Redford

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 7th instant, I am not yet in a position to submit to you any reliable report on this matter as I must await the dry weather period so as to ensure accurate gaugings of minimum available supply at Templecarrig.

Should the supply be adequate, it could be extended to Redford without affecting the present supply to Windgates by (a) laying a 4" dia. pipe from the existing tank at Templecarrig along the road to Redford and Co. Council cottages, a distance of approximately 2,300 lineal yards; (b) extending the existing supply from Belvedere Hall lodge across to a 3,000 gallon storage tank in

Windgates near the junction of Ennis's lane and the Main Road, and from this tank to lay a 4" dia. main to Redford and Co. Council cottages, a distance of approx. 1,700 lineal yards (as shown in red on the enclosed print).

I estimate that the cost of (a) would be £3,000, and (b) £2,600.
I would like to point out, however, that the Templecarrig supply is dependent on springs which will have a very limited supply and would be very difficult to augment. Consequently, any extension to the present supply may, at some future date, seriously affect the whole supply, and I would therefore again like to mention that to extend the Dublin Corporation supply would only entail laying approx. 800 lin. yards of pipe at an estimated cost of £1,000 with the assurance of an adequate and continuous supply of water.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been in communication with Dublin Corporation, and that the Corporation would be prepared to agree to a connection to their water supply. The estimate at £1,000 would provide for the laying of pipe to connect the Dublin Corporation supply to the existing fountains.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer in relation to the improvement of Redford Water Supply for the extension of the Dublin Corporation supply, and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of such scheme."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—HOLLYWOOD WATER SUPPLY

The following letter from Mr. Michael O Ceallaigh, The Grove, Hollywood, was submitted:—

16th February, 1955.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

At a largely attended meeting of the people of Hollywood held last evening and of which I acted as Secretary, I was instructed to forward to you the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:—

"Proposed by Mrs. Gretta Taylor,
Seconded by Mr. Thomas Murphy,

Resolved:—That we the residents of Hollywood assembled in meeting hereby request the Wicklow County Council to forthwith proceed to instal a proper piped water supply in the district, that we are altogether opposed to the erection of pumps as failing to meet the situation, that we would remind the Council that we are as much entitled to a proper supply as other villages in the County such as Vallemount, Lackan, Donard, Knockanarrigan and Stratford, and that there are at least 15 labourers' cottages with no water supply whatsoever."

I would be glad if you would bring this resolution before the next meeting of your Council.

Mise,

M. O CEALLAIGH.

The County Secretary stated that the question of the improvement of the water supply at Hollywood had been considered by the Council on several occasions in recent years. At the meeting held on 13th September, 1954, the Council considered report of the Assistant County Engineer in relation to the augmenting of the supply by taking in two additional springs, constructing a tank and laying 3" main to connect to the existing supply. The cost of the work was estimate at £1,000. Previously a scheme for the improvement of the supply, and the laying of branch mains to serve Rathattan and Ballinacrow at an estimated cost of £3,367 had been considered by the Council, but the Chief Medical Officer had not recommended that scheme, and had advised that the water supply should be confined to the limits of the village. At the meeting referred to the Council had approved of an alternative recommendation for the sinking of two wells and the provisions of pumps to serve cottages at Hollywood North Cross Roads and Bonagrow, and the Council noted that the new school would have to provide its own extension to the existing supply.

The Assistant County Engineer stated that the existing supply at Hollywood was just adequate for the needs of the village.

The Council agreed that work should proceed on the sinking of the wells as already approved by the Council.

ITEM No. 15—PUMP AT HEARN'S CROSS, HOLLYWOOD

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had reported that there were four houses at Hearn's Cross, Hollywood, depending on a nearby stream for a water supply. Having discussed the matter with the Assistant County Engineer he recommended that a pump be erected. The Assistant County Engineer reported that a suitable site could be obtained within fifty yards of the cottages on the side of the public road, and that the depth of the pump required would be between 30 and 35 feet, and the cost about £75.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of a pump at Hearn's Cross, Hollywood, the work to be included on Priority List and defrayed from Loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—WATER SUPPLY AT CORRIG, BLESSINGTON

The Health Inspector reported that it would not be possible to carry out Councillor O'Reilly's proposal to extend the pipeline from Lacken to provide a water supply at Corrig, Blessington, as the distance involved would be at least 1½ miles. The Health Inspector stated that there were ten houses in Corrig with a total of 30 persons, and he understood that during the dry season there was a scarcity of water. There were a number of very good spring wells around Corrig, and the Health Inspector suggested that the Engineer be asked to examine the possibility of piping one of these springs into Corrig, or the erection of a pump at Corrig.

The Council agreed that the Assistant County Engineer carry out an investigation as suggested by the Health Inspector.

ITEM No. 17—WATER SUPPLY AT KILLINURE, TULLOW

The Assistant County Engineer reported that there were three cottages at Killinure with seven adults and seven children. Until recently they went about 400 yards to a field to obtain water from a spring, but there was no proper access and the well was liable to contamination. Recently the owner told the tenants not to come there any more, and he has made a private pump nearby available to them as a temporary measure until a public pump is provided. The Assistant County Engineer recommended the provision of a new pump at a cost of about £200.

The Council approved of the provision of the pump, the work to be included on Priority List and defrayed from Loan.

ITEM No. 18—UTILISATION OF ST. KEVIN'S SANATORIUM

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:

Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin,
10 Feabhra, 1955.

D.32/37

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has requested me to refer to the County Wicklow return of tuberculosis patients awaiting beds at the 31st January last, and to state that it is noted that whilst there were two vacant beds for female patients in St. Kevin's Sanatorium, four female patients were stated to be awaiting beds in Newcastle Sanatorium. It is not clear why two of these latter patients could not be accommodated in St. Kevin's Sanatorium unless, of course, the reason is that they require some specialised treatment which can only be provided in Newcastle Sanatorium.

The return also indicated that there were 62 County Wicklow patients in Newcastle Sanatorium on the 31st January last. In this connection the Minister desires me to explain to the Council that Newcastle Sanatorium is one of the large institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis patients from certain areas, including County Wicklow. The other areas are Counties Cavan, Donegal, Kildare, Laois, Longford, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly and Westmeath, and the patients in question are those who cannot be accommodated locally or who require specialised treatments which can only be provided in an institution such as Newcastle Sanatorium. In these circumstances, the Council will appreciate that it is necessary that the fullest use should be made of the local institutions such as St. Kevin's Sanatorium, so that beds in Newcastle Sanatorium, which may be needed for patients from other areas, will not be unnecessarily occupied by County Wicklow patients.

The Minister understands that some consideration has been given locally to a suggestion that St. Kevin's Sanatorium might be used for other hospital purposes if sufficient accommodation for County Wicklow patients were obtained in Newcastle Sanatorium and he desires me to state that he would not be prepared to agree to a proposal on these lines until he is satisfied in general that the position as regards bed accommodation for tuberculosis patients has been reached when every patient needing a bed can be accommodated immediately the need arises. The Minister desires me to add that the position in regard to beds for tuberculosis patients is under continuous review and that a special review will be made next July when it is expected that the new Regional Sanatoria in Dublin, Cork and Galway will be in full operation. At that stage the Minister will, if desired, be prepared to consider the question of the release of St. Kevin's Sanatorium from the tuberculosis service. I am to request the co-operation of the Council with a view to ensuring that, in the meantime, the greatest possible use is made of St. Kevin's Sanatorium for County Wicklow patients who can be satisfactorily treated in that institution.

Mise, le meas,

An Runai,
Comhairle Chonntae Chille Manntain.

With reference to the first paragraph of the Department's letter, the County Medical Officer had reported that these two patients were awaiting admission to Newcastle Sanatorium for specialist treatment.

The County Manager stated that this matter had arisen following a discussion at a meeting of the Consultative Health Committee, at which it was represented that patients in County Wicklow often wished to obtain accommodation in Newcastle Sanatorium rather than in St. Kevin's, Rathdrum, possibly because the Sanatorium at Newcastle was more convenient for visiting. The County Manager agreed that certain treatment was provided at Newcastle which could not be made available at St. Kevin's. In view of the terms of the Department's letter, the Council agreed to await the special review of sanatoria accommodation to be made by the Minister next July.

ITEM No. 19—DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT RATHDRUM

The Council considered in committee the correspondence in connection with Rathdrum Dispensary Residence, including report of the Assistant County Engineer dated 16th December, 1954, and the advice of the Council's Solicitor as given in his letter of 7th January, 1955.

The Council noted that the lessors were not prepared to accept the surrender of the Lease. The Council recommended that an effort be made to dispose of the Council's interest in the premises.

ITEM No. 20—USE OF COURTHOUSE, TINAHELY

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

Dublin,
2 Marta, 1955.

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A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 16th November, 1954, regarding Tinahely Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Justice to state that he is prepared to discontinue temporarily sittings of the District Court at Tinahely, and that he has no objection to the Courthouse being converted into a Parish Hall on the understanding, firstly, that the Hall will be available for Court Sittings should it be decided to resume sittings in Tinahely at a future date and, secondly, that the repairs required in the Courthouse accommodation at Shillelagh, as will be indicated to your Council by the District Court Clerk, should have immediate attention.

I am to request that you will inform this Department at your early convenience that your Council are prepared to comply with the Minister's requirements as indicated above.

Mise, le meas,

J. J. DONNOLLY.

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

The following letter from the District Court Clerk was also submitted:—
8th March, 1955.

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

A Chara,

I am requested by Mr. MacDonagh, District Justice, to draw your attention to correspondence which has taken place between the Department of Justice and your Council in connection with the Minister for Justice's intention to discontinue temporarily the sittings of the District Court at Tinahely, as to one of the conditions laid down by the Minister:— "That the necessary repairs be carried out on Shillelagh Courthouse."

The District Justice states that the matter is urgent; at present the Courthouse at Shillelagh is unsuitable for the holding of Courts there.

Mise, le meas,

MATTHEW CULLEN,

District Court Clerk.

The County Secretary stated that the Shillelagh Courthouse was the property of the Coollatin Estate Company, and that the Company were responsible for repairs. It would be necessary to obtain from the District Court Clerk particulars of the repairs required and inform the Company.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 21—APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE AT TINAHELY

The following application from Tinahely Branch, Macra na Feirme, was submitted:—

Bridge Hotel,
Tinahely,
3rd March, 1955.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the above held on Tuesday, March 1st it was decided to request the County Council to consider the possibility of erecting a weighbridge at Tinahely for the use of the public at the south of the County.

It was the general opinion at the meeting that such a weighbridge is a dire necessity for this area.

We would appreciate very much if you would consider the matter at your next meeting.

Thanking you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

BRIDIE McGRATH (Miss)

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been advised that there was no statutory liability on the Council to provide a weighbridge. The Council could provide a Weighbridge under the Merchandise and Transport Acts, but if this were done it would be obligatory on the Council to charge such tolls as would cover the full cost of the provision of the weighbridge and its maintenance.

The Council directed that the Tinahely Branch of Macra na Feirme be informed of the position.

ITEM No. 22—PREMISES USED BY COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor W. Lawless proposed that the Council proceed to purchase the premises used by the County Committee of Agriculture, and that the Council send a recommendation to the Minister for Local Government.

The County Manager again explained the position in regard to the proposal to purchase the premises. He pointed out that while provision was made in the Agricultural Act, 1931, for the renting of premises for the Agricultural Committee, it was doubtful if there was any provision which would enable the Council to borrow for the purpose of purchasing the premises.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 23—TREES FOR IRELAND

The Council noted the following letters received from "Trees for Ireland,"

Dublin:—
30 Westmoreland Street,
Dublin,
20th February, 1955.

Dear Sir,

As in other years, Arbor Week, 1955, has been fixed for the week commencing 10th and ending the 17th March. Already plans have been made for the holding of a National Arbor Day ceremony in Ringsend Park, Dublin, with the kind help and co-operation of the Dublin Corporation.

My Committee is anxious that similar ceremonies should be held in country towns and villages and it earnestly requests your Council to enlist the help of public representatives and officials, the clergy and teachers, in arranging a function which will catch the interest of all, particularly the schoolchildren, and so gain valuable publicity.

I would be grateful for information on any plans by your Council for an Arbor Day ceremony so as to get all possible advance publicity in the Press and on the radio. Even a bare outline of your plans will be of help.

Yours faithfully,

S. CAHILL,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,

Hon. Secretary.

ITEM No. 24—RESOLUTION FROM KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL RE IRISH STEELHOLDERS

The Council adopted the following resolution from Kerry County Council:—
"That we request the Government not to place any restriction on the import of galvanized iron until such time as The Irish Steelholders will supply the galvanized material to traders on the same basis as the material can be obtained at present, namely, in 6-ton lots, as we are of the opinion that the proposal to supply in 32-ton lots only would have the result of making it available to the privileged few only and that it was contrary to normal trade conditions and detrimental to public interest. That a copy of this resolution be communicated to all public bodies in the country."

ITEM No. 25—RESOLUTION FROM GALWAY CORPORATION RE DECENTRALISATION AND ANNUAL MEETINGS OF NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Galway Corporation:—

"That since the much-discussed policy of decentralisation has been defeated by the attitude of the Dublin Civil Servants our efforts should be directed to persuading organisations to hold their conventions and annual meetings at provincial venues, and that to this end representations be made to such National organisations. Copies of this resolution to be sent to Urban and County local authorities."

The Chairman read the following extract from letter received by Councillor C. W. Hudson from Messrs. Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.:—

"We would like through you to express our thanks to the members of Wicklow County Council for the public support and help which they gave by passing a resolution and by contacting the Department of Industry and Commerce. I trust that you will convey to the members of that body our sincere thanks for their efforts on our behalf."

(Signed) VAN DEN BERG.

Tenders for Laragh Bridge

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the reconstruction of Laragh Bridge were opened in the presence of the members of the Council.

The following tenders were received:—

Roe Quarries Co. Ltd	£16,587	8	0
W. Clarke, Esq., Wicklow	£18,757	15	6
W. Lee, Esq., Arklow	£11,461	1	6
Ed. Lee, Arklow	£14,309	10	5
A. F. Hastings, Dublin	£11,422	11	6
Messrs. Reed and Mallick Ltd.	£20,478	13	6

The Council directed that the tenders be forwarded to the Council's Consultant for his examination and recommendation.

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 a water supply be provided for the tenants of the Council cottages at Toberpatrick. I may add that the tenants have to carry water a considerable distance and they trespass on an adjoining farm."

By Councillor Senator J. J. McGrea:
"That the amount of material supplied by Roadstone Ltd. for roads in County Wicklow, giving each Engineer's district, be submitted to next meeting."

By Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:
"I or someone for me will move at the next ordinary meeting of the Wicklow County Council that the Council proceed to have plans and specifications prepared for water supplies and sanitary services to all villages that are at present on the Priority List, and if necessary, to employ a Consultant to carry out the said works. The Council to raise a loan from the Local Loans Fund to defray the costs."

By Councillor J. O'Toole:
"I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of the Council the following matters:—
Greystones Area: Surfacing of road opposite Carrig Villas, Killincarrig-Greystones main road stretch alongside new houses at Manor Avenue: Water lodges heavily here, suggest proper footpath be provided.
Kilmacanogue Area: Public lighting in the Village.
Bray Area: Repair path at end of lane between Nos. 7 and 8 Quinsboro Road, leading to Messrs. Johnston Mooney and O'Brien's yard and stores."

Brockagh Pump
Councillor M. Brennan asked that the cost of work at Brockagh Pump be submitted to the next meeting.

Fire at Avoca Hand Weavers
Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the fire which had occurred at the premises of Messrs. Avoca Hand Weavers Ltd., and congratulated the members of the Council's Fire Brigade on the efficient work carried out at the fire. The Council passed a vote of sympathy to the owners of the premises in the loss which had been sustained.

Consultative Health Committee
The Council decided that the next meeting of the Consultative Health Committee be held at 2.30 p.m. on 12th April, 1955.

Henry Brennan

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2 p.m., on Monday, 4th April, 1955.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McGrea, P. McCarthy, P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, J. O'Neill, Wm. Cleary, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, C. M. O Broin, Joseph Jacob 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.

Resolution of Sympathy

On the proposal of
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

The Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Cosgrave, Editor of "The People" newspapers.

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Scheme during month of March, 1955.
2. 1952 Housing Scheme (Agreed Sites): Report on cost of erection of cottages.
3. Blessington Housing Scheme: Estimate of cost of erection of Tenant Purchase Houses.
4. Cottage Purchase Scheme: Order of Minister declaring that Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 2 shall come into operation on 31st March, 1955.
5. Report regarding repairs carried out to cottages in respect of which applications to purchase had been made and subsequently withdrawn.
6. Housing Scheme at Kindlestown: Provision of Public Lighting.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Neill for provision of water supply to cottages at Tubberpatrick.
8. Water supply for cottages at Killinure.
9. Water supply at Timmore, Newtownmountkennedy.
10. Pump at Brockagh: Cost of work.
11. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
12. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
13. University Scholarship Scheme: Letter from Corporation of Dublin.
14. Repairs carried out during month of March, 1955.
15. Authorisation of Repairs.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of March, 1955, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING SECTION

Co. Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,

To: Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council, Wicklow, 1st April, 1955.

Housing Progress Report—Month of March, 1955

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 419 (including 47 by Contract).

The site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, is now being developed for a 20 House Scheme; the boundary wall is in course of erection.

The total number of men employed during March was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kindlestown (No. 3)	6	6
Kilgarron (20)	4	8
Totals	10	14

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £391,907-8-3, made up as follows:—

Wages	£157,793 2 11
Materials	£197,305 16 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 28th February, 1955	185		
Cottages completed during March, 1955	nil		
Total	185		
Cottages completed under Newtown Scheme	16		
Cottages completed under Kindlestown Scheme	30		
Cottages completed under Killincarrig Scheme	10		
Total completed	56		
In Progress:			
Kindlestown (No. 3)	10		
Kilgarron	20		
Total in Progress	30		
South-Eastern Area:			
Cottages completed to 31st March, 1955	92		
In Progress	nil		
Southern Area:			
Cottages completed to 31st March, 1955	54		
Cottages completed under separate scheme at Lugduff	3		
In Progress	nil		
Western Area:			
Cottages completed to 31st March, 1955	88		
In Progress	nil		

J. T. O'BYRNE, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.,
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 Housing Schemes during the month of March, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillor E. Byrne, the County Engineer stated that he expected that the 10 houses at Kindlestown would be finished in about five weeks.

ITEM No. 2—1952 HOUSING SCHEME—AGREED SITES

The Council considered the report of the Council's Architect of 2nd April, 1955, and report of County Engineer of 4th April, 1955, in regard to the comparison of standards of accommodation, constructional standards and costs of cottages in Counties Westmeath, Longford, Carlow and Wexford in relation to a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to invite tenders again for the cottages in Groups A, B and C with an indication that the Council would consider a tender for any one or more cottages. The Council also decided to have 20 of the total of 41 cottages erected by contract if satisfactory tenders were received and the remaining 21 erected by direct labour. The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the scheme was £47,582.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £47,582 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years, to defray the cost of erection of 41 houses under the 1952 Agreed Scheme."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of erection of the Tenant Purchase Houses at Blessington was £1,617 per house and the all-in cost, including land, would be £1,780 per house. The weekly charge by way of annuity would be approximately 36/8 per week. Rates would be payable in addition and would bring the total payment to about two guineas per week. The all-in cost of labourers' cottages of fully serviced type to be erected on the site would be £1,450 per house and, consequently, an amount of 15/10½ per week would have to be met from rent and rates. The Council noted the details given and approved of the submission of the plans for the Tenant Purchase Houses to the Department of Local Government.

ITEM No. 4—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME

The Council noted letter of 26th March, 1955, from Department of Local Government, forwarding copy of Order made by the Minister for Local Government on the 25th March, 1955, declaring that Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 2 would come into operation on the 31st March, 1955. The Council noted also that the necessary statutory notices had been published.

ITEM No. 5—REPORT REGARDING REPAIRS TO COTTAGES FOR VESTING

The County Secretary submitted list of cases where tenants had applied to purchase their cottages and had repairs carried out to the cottages, but had not proceeded with the arrangements for vesting. There were a total of 97 cases on the list and in 25 of the cases replies had been received from tenants stating that they were not satisfied that all the repairs had been done. In the remaining 72 cases repairs had been carried out but the tenants had not returned the form certifying that they were satisfied that the cottages were in a position for vesting and had not replied to enquiries sent to them. The Council decided that details of the cases be sent to the local housing committees for consideration by them.

Proposed Sale of Vested Cottage

The County Manager referred to discussion at previous meeting of the Council in regard to proposed sale of a vested cottage and read letter received from the Irish Land Commission following representations made by the Council stating that the Land Commission had decided not to make a Consolidation Order in respect of the cottage and lands pending a decision on the matter by the Council. A letter had also been received by the Council's Solicitor submitting the name of a prospective purchaser, who, it was contended would fulfil the requirements of the Act as an agricultural labourer. The Council confirmed that the proposed sale of the cottage be opposed as strongly as possible.

ITEM No. 6—HOUSING SCHEME AT KINDLESTOWN: PUBLIC LIGHTING

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that four public lights be provided on the main access road at Kindlestown Housing Scheme and stated that E.S.B. poles were available in suitable positions. The Council agreed that a quotation be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of public lighting as recommended by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 7—WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT TUBBERPATRICK

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported on the 4th April, 1955, in regard to the provision of a water supply at Tubberpatrick. The Health Inspector had not yet submitted a report on the matter. The Council decided to defer the matter pending the receipt of a report from the Health Inspector.

ITEM No. 8—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT KILLINURE

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer of 11th March, 1955, and report of Health Inspector of 10th March, 1955, the Council approved of provision of a well and pump to provide a water supply at Killinure at an estimated cost of £220, and agreed that the work be included on the Priority List and the cost defrayed from loan.

ITEM No. 9—WATER SUPPLY AT TIMMORÉ, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received from tenants of cottages at Timmore, Newtownmountkennedy, in regard to the water supply. The Council having considered the report of the Health Inspector of 3rd March, 1955, and the reports of the Assistant County Engineer of 5th March, 1955 and 24th March, 1955, agreed that the more permanent solution to the problem would be to sink a new well at Timmore.

It was

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

and resolved:—

"Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 24th March, 1955, we approve of his recommendation for sinking a new well at Timmore at an estimated cost of £250, the work to be defrayed from loan and included on Priority List."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—PUMP AT BROCKAGH

The County Engineer reported that in 1953 work began on well boring in the Brockagh area. Two wells were attempted and in both cases the Council failed to obtain water. Work was abandoned until December, 1954. On resuming, it was found that some progress was made through the rock, but again the machine failed to drill a very hard vein, which was also encountered in a bore-hole at Knockin. The County Engineer stated that in his opinion the Council's present machinery was not able to pierce the extremely hard material in the Glendalough area. The bore-hole was 25ft. deep when it was abandoned in March. The cost to date was £139-2-0. The County Engineer stated that at a later stage it was proposed to try another type of machine, i.e., a rotary machine. Councillor Brennan stated that in his opinion it should have been possible to obtain a supply of water by gravity instead of sinking a well. The Council agreed that the County Engineer investigate the matter of providing a water supply for the Glendalough area generally.

ITEM No. 11—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS

The Council deferred the application of Richard Kelly for the transfer to him of a loan granted to Pierce O'Brien in respect of house at 4 Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, which Mr. Kelly proposes to purchase from Mr. O'Brien. The Council asked that further information be obtained in regard to the income of the applicant.

The Council deferred the application of Mr. Pierce O'Brien for the transfer to him of a loan granted to A. J. McKeown, at Ballinahinch, Ashford, which Mr. O'Brien proposed to purchase from Mr. McKeown pending a decision in regard to Mr. Kelly's application.

The Council deferred the application of Timothy J. Hegarty, Newtownmountkennedy, for a loan pending the receipt of further particulars in regard to income.

The Council refused the application of Frank and Margaret Everard for a loan in respect of a house at La Touche Road, Greystones.

The Council noted that the house at Tinnahinch, Enniskerry, in respect of which a loan was advanced by the Council to Edward Sheehy had not yet been completed and directed that a further letter be addressed to Mr. Sheehy on the matter.

ITEM No. 12—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The Council noted letter from the Department of Local Government in regard to the appeal of Charles Evans, Greystones, against the refusal of the Council to grant permission for the erection of a garage at Eden Road, Greystones, and stating that the Minister had allowed the appeal and granted permission for the erection of the garage. The Council agreed that in the circumstances there was no objection to permission being granted for the erection of two petrol pumps, the County Engineer having indicated that he had no objection.

ITEM No. 13—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Having considered letter of 28th March, 1955, from the Corporation of Dublin, the Council directed that the Corporation be informed that the Council will now be prepared to agree to reciprocal acceptance of residence in the area of either Dublin Corporation or Wicklow County as complying with the qualifying condition for residence for the purposes of University Scholarship Scheme. In the event of the Corporation of Dublin still being unwilling to accept the application of Mrs. O'Sullivan for permission for her son to compete for a University Scholarship under the Corporation, the Council agreed that he be allowed to compete for a scholarship under the Co. Wicklow Scheme.

ITEM No. 14—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1955

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of March, 1955, as submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 15—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

Cottage Purchase Scheme for Serviced Houses

The Council asked that this matter be examined and proposals for a scheme in respect of serviced houses be submitted to the Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

By Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

1. That I or some one for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council the question of providing a water supply for Council houses at Tombrean, Carnew.

2. The question of providing a sewerage scheme for 18 houses at Quarry St., Shillelagh. Memorial signed by tenants attached.

3. To consider the question of University Scholarship Scheme, particularly as it affects the Faculty of Agriculture.

4. To consider the question of charges demanded by the Council on persons desiring to connect with the public water supply in towns and villages.

By Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

That I or some one for me will move that the delay in providing a water supply for eight County Council tenants at Cronyhorn and Knockloe be considered.

By Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett:

That I or some one for me will move that as the Government can make provision by agreement with the bank to get money for industrial purposes at 2½%, we request the General Council of County Councils to make representations to the Government to provide money for housing and other Local Authority requirements at 2½%.

By Councillor Edward Byrne and Councillor W. Lawless:

We hereby give notice that we will move at the next Statutory Meeting of this Council:

1. That this Council make representations to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of a telephone kiosk at Kilmacanogue.

2. The provision of a fountain or pump at Rocky Valley.

3. Report on housing in this area.

4. Cottage repairs.

By Councillor T. O'Reilly:

That I or someone for me will move that the pipeline at Oldcourt, Blessington, be extended to the Crossroads and a fountain erected there, so as to provide a water supply for the residents living there.

By Councillor A. Toomey:

That I or someone for me will move that danger signs be erected both sides of the new school at Donard.

Edward Byrne

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th April, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

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

During the absence of the Chairman at the earlier part of the meeting, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. W. Hudson, took the Chair.

AGENDA

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th and 14th February, 1955.
- Letter from An Bord Fáilte in regard to An Tostal.
- Vesting of Bogs for season 1955.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea for considering question of University Scholarship Scheme, particularly in relation to the Faculty of Agriculture.
- Application from Leinster Motor Club Ltd. for closing of roads at Wicklow and Rathnew for the purpose of Motor Cycle Race and Practices on 16th, 17th and 18th June, 1955, and for Motor Car Race and Practices on 7th, 8th and 9th July, 1955, and also for closing of Rocky Road, Wicklow on 10th July, 1955, for purpose of Hill Climb.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. Toomey regarding provision of danger signs at new school at Donard.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea in regard to defining of area of employment for Coolroe Quarry.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea requesting details of amount of materials supplied by Messrs. Roadstone Ltd. for roads in Co. Wicklow in each Engineering District.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Toole in regard to works required in Greystones-Kilmacanogue-Bray District.
- To fix date for Local Elections between 23rd June and 1st July, 1955.
- Public Lighting, Annamoe: To consider quotation from E.S.B.
- Application for provision of public lighting on Blacklion-Delgany road at Upper Kindlestown.
- Site for dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy.
- Water Supply for Council Cottages at Grangecon Rocks.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Neill for provision of water supply for cottages at Tubberpatrick.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea for provision of water supply for Council houses at Tombrean, Carnew.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea for provision of water supply for cottages at Cronyhorn and Knockloe.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. O'Reilly for extension of pipeline at Oldcourt, Blessington, to Cross Roads and erection of fountain.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne for provision of fountain or pump at Rocky Valley.
- Report on water supply at Grangecon.

- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., for preparation of plans and specifications for water supplies and sewerage services to all villages at present on priority list.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea for provision of sewerage scheme for 18 houses at Quarry St., Shillelagh, and memorial received from residents.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea regarding question of charges demanded by Council from persons wishing to connect with public water supply in towns and villages.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne regarding report on housing in Kilmacanogue area.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne regarding cottage repairs.
- Letters from Government Departments regarding issue of Home Assistance to persons in receipt of Disablement Allowances.
- Application from Federation of Rural Workers for an increase in wages of road workers.
- Application from Federation of Rural Workers for 2 weeks holidays with pay for road workers.
- Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne regarding making of representations to Department of Posts and Telegraphs for provision of telephone kiosk at Kilmacanogue.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillors Miss E. Bobbett regarding making of representations to the Government for provision of moneys for housing and other requirements of local authorities at 2 1/2%.
- Letter from Honorary Secretary, Tinahely Branch Macra Na Feirme, regarding erection of weighbridge at Tinahely.
- Resolution from Cumann Briseadh Na Teorann "regarding making of protest to the English Government concerning the recent atrocities by B. Specials in the Six Occupied Counties."
- Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. N. J. Byrne, Rate Inspector, on the death of his father. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole.
Resolved: That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 7th and 14th February, 1955.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—LETTER FROM AN BORD FAILTE IN REGARD TO AN TOSTAL

The following letter from An Bord Fáilte was submitted:—
12th April, 1955.

M. Flannery, Esq.
County Manager.

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, one of the principal objectives of An Tostal is to encourage our people to take a greater pride in the appearance of their towns, villages and countryside. It is felt that such a spirit would not merely benefit our tourist industry but would react favourably on our whole way of life and would inculcate in the young generation a sense of civic pride and responsibility.

For An Tostal, 1953 and 1954, appeals were issued for the holding of what amounted to a national spring clean; and this year we hope, by enlisting your own good offices, that this appeal will have the most successful results to date.

Accordingly, I wish to ask if you would be kind enough to bring this request to the notice of the local authorities in your area, and to afford us the great advantage of lending your own personal support in the matter. What we have in mind is, briefly, as follows: That unsightly dumps on the outskirts of towns and villages and on waste patches of ground should be removed and replaced with floral or grass plots, no matter how simple in design; that river-beds, unsightly scrap, etc.; that houses and boundary walls should, where necessary, be cleaned and either painted or whitewashed; and that overgrown hedges should be trimmed and lowered so that the surrounding countryside may be seen. Any centre which faithfully carried out these requirements would make itself a great deal more attractive, and if it contributed nothing more to An Tostal it would still have done an excellent day's work.

It may here be opportune to quote from a statement made recently by the Minister for Industry and Commerce when speaking on the Tourist Traffic Bill in the Seanad:

There is another aspect of An Tostal which I think is important, and that is the kind of national spring cleaning which takes place in connection with the festival. Anybody passing through our towns or even our cities and villages will note that there are many aspects of our life which could do with some refurbishing. There is the old ruin which is usually a dump for tin cans, old bicycles, bedsteads and everything else on the main roads where they can be seen by tourists. If An Tostal could only induce us to devote a few weeks of the year to a national spring-cleaning of the country, I think that alone would justify it. I hope this aspect of the value of An Tostal will be emphasised so as to ensure that for 1955 we will get the best and most comprehensive clean-up of these imperfections.

Finally, I may point out that, as a result of representations made by An Bord Fáilte, the Revenue Commissioners have decided that reasonable expenditure not of a capital nature, incurred by business firms in the decoration of their own business premises for An Tostal, will be allowed as a deduction in the computation of profits for income tax purposes.

Trusting that we may have the benefit of your co-operation.
I am, yours faithfully,

J. A. NUGENT, Chairman.

The Council agreed that as far as possible everything should be done to carry out the suggestions of An Bord Fáilte.

ITEM No. 3—VESTING OF BOGS FOR SEASON, 1955

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.
Resolved: That we hereby approve of the vesting of the following bogs for the period to 31st March, 1956:—

Bog	Area	Owner
Ballygreen	513 0 0	Capt. Kemmis, Ballinacor House, Rathdrum.
Ballynabrockey and Ballinastoe	200 0 0	Col. D. G. F. Darley.
Coragh	63 2 3	Marquis of Waterford.
Granamore	40 3 2	Do.
Garryknock	20 2 0	Mrs. Mary Barnes.
Ballinagee	37 2 0	Late personal representatives of the late Mr. Robert Laurie.
Knocknaboley	34 2 10	Peter Murphy, Knocknaboley.
Clohoge	125 0 0	Viscount Powerscourt.
Do.	240 0 0	Do.
Do.	195 0 0	Do.
Do.	480 0 0	Do.

Bog	Area	Owner
Kippure	193 1 22	Viscount Powerscourt.
Do.	440 0 0	Lady Oranmore and Browne.
Do.	7 0 0	Do.
Do.	190 0 0	Do.
Do.	1,150 0 0	Do.
Do.	190 0 0	Do.
Rathduffmore	15 1 23	P. Foley, Trustee of Trust Estate, Knockananna, Ballinglen.
Knocknaskeagh	14 2 4	S. Keogh, Trustee of the Trust Estate, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown.
Aughavannagh	306 0 0	Frederick Jones, Woodside, Hacketstown.
		John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan.
		Laurence Byrne, Farbreaga, Aughrim.
		Peter O'Toole, do. do.
		Thomas Byrne, do. do.
		John O'Toole, do. do.
		John Byrne, Aughavannagh.
		Mrs. Mary Byrne, Farbreaga.
		Irish Land Commission.

Passed unanimously.

In a discussion regarding turf production, it was pointed out to the members that at the Estimates Meeting of the Council on 1st March, 1955, it had been decided not to use turf in St. Colman's Hospital in the present financial year and to use coal instead, and thereby effect a reduction of £3,000 in the Estimates.

ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

At the request of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea the question of the University Scholarship Scheme in relation to the Faculty of Agriculture was deferred to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FROM LEINSTER MOTOR CLUB FOR CLOSING OF ROADS

Having considered application, dated 4th April, 1955, from the Leinster Motor Club, for the closing of roads at Wicklow and Rathnew for the purpose of motor cycle and motor car races and for the closing of Rocky Road, Wicklow, for speed hill climb, and the County Engineer having indicated that he had no objection to the proposals, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

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 roads at Wicklow and Rathnew as set hereunder at the following times:—

Thursday, 16th June, 1955—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Friday, 17th June, 1955—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Saturday, 18th June, 1955—2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.
Thursday, 7th July, 1955—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Friday, 8th July, 1955—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Saturday, 9th July, 1955—2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SCHEDULE

- Road No. 66 from 100 yards north-west of junction with Road No. 112 at Rathnew to junction with Road No. 100 at Wicklow.
- Road No. 100 from 220 yards west of junction with Road No. 66 at Wicklow to junction with Road No. 110 at Beehive.
- Road No. 110 from junction with Road No. 100 at the Beehive to junction with Road No. 112 at Rathnew Station.
- Road No. 112 from junction with Road No. 110 at Rathnew Station to junction with Road No. 66 at Rathnew.
- Road No. 102 from junction with Road No. 100 to junction with Road No. 101.
- Road No. 108 for a distance of 440 yards south-westwards from junction with Road No. 100 at Woolaghan's Bridge.
- Road No. 113 for a distance of 440 yards westwards from junction with Road No. 110 at Beehive.

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

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 Rocky Road, Wicklow, from its junction with the main Wicklow-Rathnew Road at Friar's Hill to its junction with Waterworks Lane on Sunday, 10th July, 1955, from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m."

ITEM No. 6.—PROVISION OF DANGER SIGNS AT NEW SCHOOL, DONARD

In report of 15th April, 1955, the County Engineer indicated that the danger signs had been sent to Donard and would be erected during the coming week.

ITEM No. 7—DEFINING OF AREA OF EMPLOYMENT FOR COOLROE QUARRY

After a discussion on the matter, Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked that there would be no discrimination against employees whose names had been mentioned at the recent Local Inquiry in connection with employment in Coolroe Quarry, and this was agreed.

ITEM No. 8—ROAD MATERIALS

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse,
Wicklow,
16th April, 1955.

County Engineer.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Item No. 8 on the Agenda for Meeting of the County Council on Monday next, the amount of material obtained from Messrs. Roadstone Ltd., in year ending 31st March, 1955, was:—

3,760 tons Tarmac (3,060 cu. yds.)
1,158 tons Stone and Chippings (940 cu. yds.)

4,918 tons

The quantity of stone and chippings produced for roads by County Council direct labour staff was 95,000 cu. yards.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council asked that a report be furnished as to whether it would be more economical to purchase the requisite machinery and produce all tarmac required, rather than purchase it from other sources.

ITEM No. 9—WORKS REQUIRED IN GREYSTONES-KILMACANOGUE AREA

(a) After a discussion it was agreed to provide two public lights at Kilmacanogue.

(b) The question of repairs required to the Greystones-Kilmacanogue road was deferred and the County Engineer was asked to submit a report on the condition of the road and on any repairs required.

ITEM No. 10—LOCAL ELECTIONS, 1955

After a discussion as to suitability of dates it was agreed, on a show of hands, 10 votes for and 7 against, that the date of the forthcoming Local Government Elections be fixed for Thursday, 30th June, 1955.

ITEM No. 11—PUBLIC LIGHTING, ANNAMOE

The following quotation from E.S.B. was submitted:—
27 Lower Fitzwilliam St.,
Dublin.

30th March, 1955.

Staff Officer,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

re: Public Lighting, Annamoe:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant in above connection, I would inform you that three 200 watt public lighting lamps can be erected on existing poles as requested, together with switchwire extension and solar dial time switch control, at a total cost to your Council of £48 2s. 6d.

The Board will effect two mass replacements of the lamps each year, one during the month of April and one during the month of November, and all the equipment shall be cleaned once during each year at an annual charge of £3 0s. 0d., payable in six equal instalments, which will be added to the Board's bimensal accounts for electricity.

This quotation is issued subject to the Board's conditions for supply of Public Lighting in Rural Areas, dated 24/5/1950, copy of which is attached. Please complete and return enclosed application and agreement form, together with your official order for the work if quotation is accepted.

I am returning herewith second copy of print enclosed with your letter.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) R. A. H. JACKSON,
District Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor M. Brennan,

and resolved:

"That we approve of the acceptance of tender of E.S.B. in the sum of £48 2s. 6d. for the provision of three public lamps at Annamoe.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—PUBLIC LIGHTING ON BLACKLION-DELGANY ROAD

The Council asked that the County Engineer submit a report to the next meeting as to the necessity for providing public lights on this road.

ITEM No. 13—SITE FOR DUMPING GROUND AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

After a discussion it was agreed that the Council cease negotiations for an alternative site and take appropriate steps to procure Magee's site.

ITEM No. 14—WATER SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL COTTAGES AT GRANGECON ROCKS

The following reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector were submitted:—

Blessington,
30th March, 1955.

A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer.

re: Water Supply for Cottages at Grangecon Rocks

Dear Sir,

I examined the site where there are three cottages at Grangecon Rocks and also two private dwellings, and I wish to report that there is a supply of water available. It is an open stream, and consequently liable to contamination. Water can be obtained at a depth of 25 feet, and a pump sunk there would cost £100.

This pump would also benefit some private houses on the O'Mahony Estate and also a gate lodge.

In this connection I may mention that the original site for these cottages was near a water supply, but an alternative site was accepted subsequently.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. J. FOLEY,
Baltinglass.

re: Water Supply at Grangecon Rocks:

A Chara,
There are three new County Council cottages and a gate lodge and one privately owned cottage at above area, the tenants are:—

- Rd. Courtney, Builder's Labourer, County Council Cottage, 3 persons.
- James Byrne, Farm Labourer, County Council Cottage, 6 persons.
- Richard Whelan, Postman, County Council Cottage, 2 persons.
- Patrick Hackett, Cattleman, "The O'Mahony" Cottage, 5 persons.
- Mrs. O'Connor, O.A.P., O'Mahony Gate Lodge, 2 persons.

A protected surface spring in O'Mahony's field is availed of for a supply of water by the above families. This spring is about 500 yards from the Council cottages; two fences have to be crossed to get to it. The tenants allege that Mr. O'Mahony strongly objects to their trespass on his lands, and they, therefore, have to procure their water supply after dark.

In my opinion this spring is in an inaccessible position and too great a distance from the users. I accordingly recommend the erection of a pump in this area.

Is mise, le meas,
(Signed) JOHN COMYN.

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector we approve of the provision of a well and pump at estimated cost of £100 to provide water supply for cottages at Grangecon Rocks; the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT TUBBERPATRICK

The following reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector were submitted:—

The Courthouse,
Tinahely,
4th April, 1955.

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

re: Tubberpatrick Water Supply:

A Chara,

Reference the above supply there are two Council cottages and one small thatched house involved. They are James Dickson and wife, B.O.H. cottage; Patrick Lawless, wife and 9 children, B.O.H. cottage; and Michael Quail. They have to travel about 600 yards to a field where there is an open spring, although it appears that a neighbouring farmer, Mr. Doyle, gives them small quantities of water from his own private supply.

I would recommend the erection of a pump at a cost of £200.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) C. J. BYRNE,
Assistant County Engineer.

Baltinglass,
7th April, 1955.

re: Water Supply for Cottages at Tubberpatrick:

A Chara,
On investigation of above I found three cottages (2 Council, 1 private) were using a surface well about 500 yards away unprotected, and goes dry in Summer months, a total of 11 persons.

I would recommend they be given a pump.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) WILLIAM PURCELL.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. 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 Tubberpatrick; the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—WATER SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL COTTAGES AT TOMBREAN, CARNEW

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—
Courthouse,
Tinahely,
15th April, 1955.

A. O'Connor, Esq.,
Staff Officer.

A Chara,

Reference your letter of the 15th instant, regarding water supply at Tombrean. About five years ago there was an open spring alongside the avenue and the Council agreed to build a wall around it and put steps down to it as it was lower than the avenue itself.

The position now is that the well is free from pollution except that buckets must be dipped into it for water. This cannot be avoided, as the water will not rise high enough to flow out through a spout.

The well is about six yards off the avenue and there are three steps leading down to it.

If those features are considered undesirable the solution would be to remove the roof and lower it to avenue level and put a pump on it. The cost would be about £40.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) C. J. BYRNE,

Assistant County Engineer.

The Council approved of the provision of a well and pump at this place, the cost to be defrayed from loan and work to be included on priority list.

ITEM No. 17—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT CRONEYHORN AND KNOCKLOE

Following a discussion, the Council agreed that the priority list for the southern area be amended to allow of the following three pumps being erected immediately:—

- (i) Croneyhorn (Doyle's Cross Roads).
- (ii) Knockananna.
- (iii) Knockloe.

ITEM No. 18—EXTENSION OF PIPELINE AT OLDCOURT, BLESSINGTON, TO CROSS ROADS AND ERECTION OF FOUNTAIN

The Council having discussed the matter requested the County Engineer to furnish a detailed report to the next meeting as to the cost and the feasibility of having the work carried out.

ITEM No. 19—PROVISION OF FOUNTAIN OR PUMP AT ROCKY VALLEY

The Council agreed that the County Engineer submit a report to the next meeting of the Council as to the necessity for erecting a fountain or pump on site near Hickey's cottage at Rocky Valley, together with an estimate of the cost.

ITEM No. 20—WATER SUPPLY AT GRANGECON

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked to submit a report as to whether a second pump would meet requirements in this case and to submit an estimate of the cost of providing same.

ITEM No. 21—WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE SERVICES

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., urged that the Council would endeavour to carry out at least one scheme each year. The Council requested that the Priority List be circulated to all members so that the amendment of same may be considered.

ITEM No. 22—SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR 18 HOUSES AT QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH

At the request of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, consideration of this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 23—CHARGES FOR CONNECTIONS MADE TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

At the request of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, consideration of this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 24—HOUSING IN KILMACANOGUE AREA

Councillor W. Lawless drew attention to a County Council cottage at Ballybawn, which was alleged to be in a bad state of repair. On the suggestion of Councillor Lawless it was agreed that the County Engineer would examine the housing repair organisation with a view to securing greater speed in the carrying out of repairs to cottages in that area.

ITEM No. 25—HOUSING APPLICATIONS IN KILMACANOGUE AREA

After a discussion on the matter and after the County Manager had given details of some applications received, the Council agreed that these matters could appropriately be examined by the local Housing Committee at their next meeting.

ITEM No. 26—HOME ASSISTANCE TO DISABLED PERSONS

The County Manager pointed out that at the time of the Estimates Meeting, it was made clear that it did not necessarily follow that recipients of Home Assistance, who became entitled to disablement allowance under the Health Acts, would continue to receive the same amount of public assistance as they received prior to their becoming entitled to a disabled persons allowance. The Council, moreover, having considered the matter, decided to reduce the Estimate for Home Assistance by £1,000. The County Manager stated that should he receive notice of any specific cases he would furnish reports to members interested.

ITEM No. 26 (a)—DENTAL SERVICES

This matter was deferred for the preparation of a special report by the County Manager, showing the costs which would be involved by the new Dental Services.

ITEM No. 27—APPLICATION FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS FOR INCREASE IN WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS

The Council deferred consideration of this application.

ITEM No. 28—APPLICATION FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS FOR TWO WEEKS ANNUAL HOLIDAYS WITH PAY FOR ROAD WORKERS

The application of the Rural Workers' Federation for two weeks holidays with pay was submitted. It was pointed out that at present the Council's Road Workers were receiving a greater number of holidays than workers in many other employments, as in addition to one week's annual leave with pay, they receive eight Church Holydays as well as six Public Holydays. The Council noted that apart from Public Holydays the workers received 14 days annual leave with pay if Church Holydays be taken into account.

ITEM No. 29—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

It was explained to the Council that Mrs. Kelly's mother (Mrs. Swanton) was prepared to guarantee the loan to be transferred to Mr. Richard Kelly. The Council agreed that the loan advanced to Pearse O'Brien might be transferred to Mr. Richard Kelly, provided that the Council secured a Charge on Mrs. Swanton's property against the amount of the loan originally advanced to Pearse O'Brien, Esq.

ITEM No. 30—PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT KILMACANOGUE

Having considered this question, it was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—
"That we request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk at Kilmacanogue.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 31—INTEREST RATES

The Council having discussed the matter, agreed that the following resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils,
Proposed by Miss E. Bobbett,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—
"That as the Government can make provision by agreements with the Banks to get moneys for industrial purposes at 2½%, we request the General Council of County Councils to make representations to the Government to provide moneys for housing and other local authority requirements at 2½%.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 32—APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE AT TINAHELY

Having discussed this matter, the Council agreed that in view of the cost involved, and the lack of an assured income from weighings, the Council would not be justified in providing a weighbridge at Tinahely.

ITEM No. 33—RESOLUTION FROM CUMANN BRISEADH NA TEORANN

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the following resolution submitted by Cumann Briseadh Na Teorann was adopted:—
"That the Irish Government make a vigorous protest to the English Government concerning the recent atrocities by B Specials in the Six Occupied Counties."

The Council directed that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Department of External Affairs.

Flying of National Flag—Members of the Council noted that the National Flag was not flown from the Courthouse, Wicklow, during Easter week, and the Council requested that the Flag be flown from the Courthouse on all appropriate occasions in future.

The Council also directed that a copy of the 1916 Proclamation be displayed in the Council Chamber.

Liscolman Water Supply—Councillor J. O'Neill asked that a report in regard to Liscolman Water Supply be submitted to the next meeting.

Waste Water at Churchlands—Councillor J. O'Neill asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting regarding the disposal of waste water at Churchlands.

Avondale Park Housing Scheme—Members of the Council asked that the septic tank at Avondale Park Housing Scheme be inspected at an early date, and a report submitted.

Deerpark, Manor Kilbride, Water Supply—The Council asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting in regard to Deerpark, Manor Kilbride, Water Supply.

Tinahely Courthouse—The question of the letting of Tinahely Courthouse having been raised, the Council agreed that, provided the Department of Justice had no objection, the Courthouse could be let to a suitable tenant.

Councillor J. O'Neill asked that a report be submitted in regard to the provision of a van in Tinahely district.

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

By Senator J. J. McCrea:

"I will move at the next meeting of the Housing Meeting that we consider the question of cutting a supply of turf for our Institutions somewhat similar to 1954-55 scheme."

By Councillor T. O'Reilly:

"I, or someone for me, will move that two extra public lights be provided at Manor Kilbride, Blessington."

By Councillor P. Kehoe:

"I, or someone for me, will propose at the next meeting of the Council the provision of water supply for cottages at Raheen, Baltinglass."

By Councillor P. McCarthy:

"I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council the provision of water supply for Arklow Cemetery."

Henry Byrne

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd May, 1955, 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., J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O'Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. O'Broin and M. J. Brennan.

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

AGENDA

- 1. Report of the County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of April, 1955.
2. Letter from Department of Local Government dated 18th April, 1955, concerning proposal for erection of 15 serviced houses at Kilcoole.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, regarding the cutting of turf by the County Council during the season 1955-56.
4. University Scholarship Scheme—Application of John A. O'Sullivan.
5. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Repairs carried out during the month of April, 1955.
8. Authorisation of repairs.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of April, 1955, had been circulated to the members:—

Wicklow County Council

Housing Section

County Engineer's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow.

30th April, 1955.

To: Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—Month of April, 1955.

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date under the 1946 Scheme is 419 (including 47 by Contract).

During April, a further 10 houses were completed at Kindlestown, Greystones, and keys were handed over. These 10 houses bring the total completed under this scheme to 40.

The site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, is now being developed for a 20 House Scheme; the boundary wall is in course of erection.

The total number of men employed during April was:—

Table with 3 columns: Location, Skilled, Unskilled. Rows include Kindlestown (No. 3), Kilgarron (20), and Totals.

The total expenditure to date under the Scheme is £392,121.7-7 made up as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows include Wages, Payments to Contractors, and Materials.

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

Table with 2 columns: District/Scheme, Cottages Completed. Rows include Northern Area (1946 Scheme), South-Eastern Area, Southern Area, and Western Area.

J. T. O'BYRNE, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., County Engineer.

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

and resolved:— "That we approve of the County Engineer's report on the progress of housing scheme for the month of April, 1955." Passed unanimously.

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy—The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Nicholas Byrne, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, asking that the sincere thanks of his family and himself be conveyed to the members of the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of his father.

ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILCOOLE

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government, in letter of 18th April, 1955, had indicated that there was no objection to the acquisition of the site of approximately 2 acres from Mrs. Toner at Kilcoole for the purpose of the erection of 15 serviced houses. The Department stated that the purpose of the erection of 15 serviced houses. The Department stated that the purpose of the erection of 15 serviced houses.

ITEM No. 3—TURF PRODUCTION

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor Senator McCrea proposed that the Council proceed with the cutting of a supply of turf for the Council's Institutions, and suggested that from 1,500 to 1,600 tons of turf be cut. Coun-

...cillor Hammond suggested that the County Manager be requested to arrange that when good quality turf was available at a price comparable with coal, having regard to the relative heating and burning quality, that such turf be procured and used where found suitable. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council had decided at the Estimates Meeting to use coal instead of turf for St. Colman's Hospital and had reduced the provision in the Estimates for fuel by a sum of £3,000. Consequently, funds were not available to provide for a turf production scheme. The County Engineer had reported in September, 1954, that of 1,610 tons of turf cut, only 620 tons had been saved up to that date. Weather conditions in 1954 had been very bad for the production of turf. Assistant County Engineer, J. P. Caffrey, had reported that the bog at Farbreaga was now covered with 1953 and 1954 turf, which could not be got off in those years. In his opinion it would not be possible to cut any new turf in the present season. 250 tons had been cut in 1954, but it had badly deteriorated and the Council would be fortunate if they could get half of the turf saved. A sum of £358 had been spent in footing, ricking and clamping the turf and it was estimated that approximately £350 in addition would be required if even 160 tons of turf were to be saved. The County Engineer stated that up to the present date it had not been possible to enter on the bog at Sallygap. Assistant County Engineer Foley stated that it would be possible to cut about 200 tons of turf at Ballinagee Bog if required.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly,

and resolved:—

"That we proceed with the production of such quantity of turf as may be considered possible by the County Engineer during the current year and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimate to meet the cost of such production." Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME—APPLICATION OF JOHN A. O'SULLIVAN

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Corporation of Dublin indicating that it would not be possible in the present year to amend the Corporation's scheme to allow of John A. O'Sullivan's competing for a University Scholarship. The advice of the Council's Solicitor had been sought in regard to amending the Council's scheme to enable the boy to compete for a scholarship, but the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council could not amend the scheme with retrospective effect. The Council noted with regret that it would not be possible to arrange for the candidate to compete for a scholarship in the present year.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council agreed that the application of Timothy J. Hegarty, Newtownmountkennedy, for a loan be refused, as it had not been found possible to verify the income in the case.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

Having considered application for approval to the development of lands at Schomberg, Killarney Road, Bray, for housing, the Council recommended that provision be made for a service road. The Council noted that the views of the County Medical Officer were being obtained in regard to the question of sewerage for the houses.

ITEM No. 7—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1955

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of April, 1955, as prepared by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 8—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

Letting of Cottage at Ballinglen—The Council recommended that the letting of the cottage at Ballinglen, for which a Mr. Dillon, Ballinglen, was an applicant, be deferred for one month.

Acquisition of Land for Road Widening on Bray-Wicklow Road—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, asked that particulars be submitted of the amounts paid in respect of the acquisition of lands for road widening on the Bray-Wicklow road.

Ambulance Service—The Council asked for a report in regard to the provision of a deputy for Ambulance Drivers during their absence on annual leave or sick leave and asked that a report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting of the Council, together with particulars as to hire of ambulances in Bray and Arklow.

Report on Rent Collection to 31st March, 1955—The County Secretary submitted Statement showing the position of the Rent Collection as at 31st March, 1955. The arrears at 1st October, 1954, amounted to £371 and the total for collection during the half year was £16,580. The amount collected was £16,772, and the arrears at 31st March, 1955, amounted to £215, showing a reduction of £156 in the arrears over the half year. The Council noted that the report was very satisfactory and expressed appreciation of the work of the rent collectors.

Tenders for Printing and Stationery—The following tenders for printing and stationery, received in response to public advertisement, were opened in the presence of the Council:—

- 1. Athlone Printing Work Ltd., Athlone.
2. Roscommon Herald, Boyle, Co. Roscommon.
3. Wicklow Press, South Quay, Wicklow.
4. North Wexford Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., Ennisclorthy.
5. Donegal Democrat, Ballyshannon, Donegal.
6. William Warren and Son, 15 Lt. Ormond Quay, Dublin.
7. Powell Press Ltd., 22 Parnell Street, Dublin.

The tenders were referred for examination by the County Secretary.

Handwritten signature: Henry Byrne

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th May, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D., James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, S. O'Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, C. M. O Broin, C. W. Hudson, Miss E. F. Bobbett and M. J. Brennan.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors P. N. Murdoch and P. McCarthy.

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

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th February 1st and March 7th, 1955.
2. University Scholarships Scheme, 1955: To consider applications under Council's Scheme for year 1955.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator McCrea for considering question of University Scholarship Scheme in relation to Faculty of Agriculture.
4. Declaration of roads at Tomnafinogue and Ballard, Shillelagh, to be public roads.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for taking over as public roads, roads at Ballanagh and Avoca.
6. Purchase of lands for road widening—Bray/Wicklow Road.
7. Reconstruction of Laragh Bridge: Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to acceptance of tender.
8. Proposed provision of Car Park at Vale of Clara.
9. Rathdrum Water Supply: To authorise additional improvements to the supply.
10. Water supply at Liscolman.
11. Disposing of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely.
12. Water supply at Deerpark, Manor Kilbride.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe in regard to provision of water supply for cottages at Raheen, Baltinglass.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Reilly for provision of additional public lights at Manor Kilbride, Blessington.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for provision of water supply for Arklow Cemetery.
16. Burial Ground at Kilcoole: To consider closing of burial ground.
17. Dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy.
18. Sewerage Scheme at Quarry St., Shillelagh.
19. Health Services: Disabled Persons Allowances and Ambulance Services.
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Reilly for provision of new road to cottages at Troopersfield, Blessington.
21. To receive tenders for erection of cottages under 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme.
22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless regarding purchase of premises occupied by Committee of Agriculture.
23. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 16th December, 1954.
24. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resignation of Member of Council—The following letter from Councillor J. Jacob was submitted:—

Fatima House,
Rathnew,
Co. Wicklow.
5th May, 1955.

Dear Mr. Manager,

Owing to my very uncertain state of health and advanced age I feel obliged to tender my resignation as a member of your County Council.

In doing so, I would like to have it recorded how very much I have appreciated the services and sincere wholehearted efforts of the respective Chairmen and my other colleagues on the Council during the past three decades. It always was a source of pleasure to me to note that Party differences never at any time caused too much painful unpleasantness, and that even occasional over-robust debates always ended in the proper Christian spirit, each Councillor only out to press home his particular point for the betterment of the County generally.

It affords me great pleasure also to pay a final tribute to you, Mr. Manager, to the County Secretary, the County Engineer and to all your able staff. I have always found that efficiency and harmony prevailed, and shall not soon forget the help and kindness I have at all times received.

May God direct all your efforts towards the continued good progress of the County.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) JOSEPH JACOB.

The Chairman and members of the Council paid tribute to the services rendered by Mr. Jacob during his long period as a member of the Council and expressed regret that he did not propose to seek re-election to the Council. The Secretary was directed to convey to Councillor Jacob the best wishes of the members of the Council for his happiness in his retirement.

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy—The County Secretary stated that the family of the late Senator William Quirke had returned sincere thanks to the Council for their expression of sympathy.

Resolution of Sympathy—On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members of the Council with the widow and relatives of Sergeant Scanlan, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Bray.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 16th February, 1st and 7th March, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1955

The County Secretary gave particulars of the applications received to compete under the Council's Scheme for University Scholarships, 1955.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the following applications for permission to compete under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1955":—

Terence F. Brennan, 2 Marine Terrace, Greystones.

Annie Teresa Byrne, Tourboy, Rathdangan.

David J. Hughes Dempsey, "Laurisdene," Putland Road, Bray.

Niall Joseph Keeney, 4 Galtrim Road, Bray.

Patrick J. W. McGarry, St. Anthony's, Meath Road, Bray.

Elizabeth T. M. Moran, Ashtown, Roundwood.
Patrick Joseph Murphy, Aughrim.
Margaret M. O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray.
Elizabeth Mary O'Toole, Tinahask, Arklow.
James Oliver Reynolds, Mentone, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Edward Byrne raised the question of the application of John O'Sullivan for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme. The County Manager referred to the advice of the Law Agent, which had been submitted to the last meeting, but suggested that the Council might wish to obtain the Opinion of Counsel on the Council's powers to amend the scheme so as to allow John O'Sullivan to compete. The Council agreed that Counsel's Opinion on the matter be obtained.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SENATOR MCCREA REGARDING UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that he considered the income limits prescribed in the Scheme to be too low under present conditions and referred to a particular case which had to be rejected in the present year as the income of the guardian was in excess of the limit prescribed in the Scheme. The Council agreed to re-consider the matter of income limits when the Scheme for the following year was being prepared.

ITEM No. 4—DECLARATION OF ROADS AT TOMNAFINOGUE AND BALLARD, SHILLELAGH, TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That in pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare the following road to be a public road to be maintained by Wicklow County Council—

Road in townland of Tomnafinogue from Cross Roads Junction with County Road 216 to County Road 231 to junction with County Road 216 near County Road 215, length 990 yards."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That in pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare the following road to be a public road to be maintained by Wicklow County Council—

Road in townland of Ballard and Ballyknocker, Shillelagh, from junction with County Road 232 to Martin Whelan's cottage, length 880 yards."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY FOR TAKING OVER AS PUBLIC ROADS, ROADS AT BALLANAGH AND AVOCA

In the absence of Councillor McCarthy, the Council decided to defer this matter to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 6—PURCHASE OF LANDS FOR ROAD WIDENING, BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD

The County Manager stated that the price paid for lands acquired for the widening of the Bray-Wicklow Road was generally at the rate of 10/- per perch, i.e. £80 per acre. In two cases payment was made at higher rates in view of the special circumstances applying. In these cases the amenities of the premises had been affected injuriously. The Council agreed that the rates paid for lands acquired by the Council had been reasonable.

ITEM No. 7—RECONSTRUCTION OF LARAGH BRIDGE

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government conveying approval to the acceptance of the tenders of Messrs. A. F. Hastings Ltd., Dublin, in the sum of £11,422 11s. 6d. The Council's Solicitor was preparing the Contract documents. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 8—PROPOSED PROVISION OF CAR PARK AT VALE OF CLARA

The County Secretary stated that An Bord Failte had informed the Council that Very Rev. Fr. Power, P.P., Rathdrum, proposed to lay out a plot, approximately 1/2 acre in extent, between the Church of Clara and the River as a picnicking ground, with some seats and a small car park. The Board was prepared to allocate a grant of the order of £100 on works at this point provided the park site was dedicated to public use. The Board hopes that if the project had general approval, that the works would be undertaken by the County Council. The County Engineer agreed that it would be possible to provide a small car park at the place mentioned within the amount suggested. Members of the Council, having referred to the steep gradient of the road leading down to the village of Clara and to the possibility of traffic difficulties, the Council adjourned the matter for a more detailed report from the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 9—RATHDRUM WATER SUPPLY

The County Secretary stated that at a recent meeting, the Council had authorised the raising of a loan of £750 to defray the cost of improving Rathdrum Water Supply. The proposals included the provision of a 3" asbestos main to serve houses at Ballygannon to replace existing 2" pipe at an estimated cost of £400. The County Engineer had now recommended that a "loop" pipeline be provided from St. Kevin's Sanatorium to St. Colman's Hospital at an estimated cost of £275 and stated that this "loop" pipeline would be necessary in the event of an increased draw off during the summer months. The County Engineer suggested that the proposed pipeline at Ballygannon be deferred for the present due to the improvement in the general supply.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of the County Engineer of the 15th April, 1955, we approve of the provision of a "loop" pipeline from St. Kevin's Sanatorium to St. Colman's Hospital at estimated cost of £275, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the estimates to meet the cost of this pipeline."

"That we approve also of the deferring of the provision of 3" asbestos main to serve cottages at Ballygannon as recommended by the Council Engineer at estimated cost of £400."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—LISCOLMAN WATER SUPPLY

The County Secretary stated that the provision of well and pump at Liscolman was included on the Priority List. It would not be possible, however, to have the work carried out for some time, as certain other works must receive priority.

ITEM No. 11—WASTE WATER AT CHURCHLANDS, TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council, and it had been decided to defer consideration of any scheme for dealing with the waste water pending the provision of a sewerage scheme for the cottages. The tenants of the cottages had been asked if they would be agreeable to pay an increased charge of 4/11 per week to meet the cost of providing the sewerage scheme. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 12—WATER SUPPLY AT DEERPARK, MANOR KILBRIDE

The Assistant County Engineer stated that he was unable to identify the district referred to, but that a report had already been submitted in connection with the proposal to provide a water supply at Monaspick.

ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. KEHOE REGARDING PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT RAHEEN, BALTINGLASS

In the absence of Councillor P. Kehoe it was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR T. O'REILLY REGARDING PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTS AT MANOR KILBRIDE, BLESSINGTON

On the proposal of Councillor T. O'Reilly it was agreed that a report be obtained from the Council's Engineer in regard to the need for the provision of additional public lights at Manor Kilbride.

ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY FOR PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR ARKLOW CEMETERY

In the absence of Councillor P. McCarthy the Council deferred this matter to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 16—BURIAL GROUND AT KILCOOLE

The County Secretary stated that reports of the Health Inspector and of the Chief Medical Officer recommending that the burial ground at Kilcoole be closed had been considered by the Housing Committee on the 25th April, 1955, and the local Housing Committee had decided to submit the matter to the Council for the passing of the formal resolution requesting the Minister to hold a local inquiry into the closing of the burial ground.

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered report and recommendation of the County Medical Officer, we request the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with Sections 162 and 163 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, to hold a local inquiry into the need for the closing of burial ground at Kilcoole."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—DUMPING GROUND AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The County Secretary stated that at the previous meeting of the Council, the Council had considered representations received from residents in Newtownmountkennedy objecting to site proposed for dumping ground. The Council's Solicitor had forwarded a letter received from Mr. John Kavanagh, the owner of the lands, stating that he understood a number of objections had been raised locally to the site and that he wished to withdraw his agreement to the sale of the land. The Council, at the previous meeting, had agreed to the acquisition of the site on the lands of Miss Magee, Kilmullen. Mr. Daniel J. Dunne, Newtownmountkennedy, had forwarded a letter from Miss Magee stating that she was quite willing to let the Council have the site on her lands and that if the Council wished they could have the site they chose first, which she considered the more suitable, but, if not, the Council could have another site. Miss Magee stated that she would be home for holidays at the end of May and could meet the Council's Engineer at that time. The Council agreed that the Council's Engineer meet Miss Magee on the lands with a view to agreeing on the most suitable site. With reference to the use of the proposed dumping ground for refuse from Newcastle Sanatorium, the County Manager stated that the Health Inspector had reported that the type of refuse which the Sanatorium authorities proposed to dump at the dumping ground was broken delph, empty fruit tins and waste after combustion in the incinerator. The Chief Medical Officer had recommended that permission for the dumping of such materials be granted.

ITEM No. 18—SEWERAGE SCHEME AT QUARRY ST., SHILLELAGH

At the suggestion of Councillor Senator McCrea the Council agreed that the County Engineer submit proposals for the provision of a sewerage scheme to serve the 18 houses at Quarry St., Shillelagh.

ITEM No. 19—HEALTH SERVICES: DISABLED PERSONS ALLOWANCES AND AMBULANCE SERVICES

The County Manager explained to the members the provisions of Section 50 of the Health Act, 1953, under which disabled persons allowances were granted. Referring to statements made by the Minister for Health concerning the action of local authorities in reducing allowances of home assistances in cases where disabled persons allowances had been made, the County Manager pointed out that contributions by a local authority to subsidise any allowance under Health or Social Welfare legislation would appear to be contrary to the spirit of such legislation. With reference to the cost of Health Services, the County Manager stated that the Health Services in Britain were defrayed almost entirely by the State, but that in this country half the cost was defrayed by the State and the remaining half by rates. Particulars had been obtained of the cost of Health Services in the adjoining counties and it was found that the cost varied from over 9/- to over 11/- in the £, or little short of one-third of the total rate.

Ambulance Services

The County Manager gave particulars of the ambulance services provided by the Council and of the arrangements for the hire of ambulances in Bray and Arklow when required. The County Manager stated that it had been found difficult to find relief drivers for the ambulances during the absence on annual leave or sick leave of the ambulance drivers. The Council asked that the question of having relief drivers available be investigated.

ITEM No. 20—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR T. O'REILLY FOR PROVISION OF NEW ROAD TO COTTAGES AT TROOPERSFIELD, BLESSINGTON

On the proposal of Councillor O'Reilly the Council agreed that the Council's Engineer be asked for a report on the condition of the road leading to the cottages at Troopersfield, Blessington.

ITEM No. 21—TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF COTTAGES UNDER 1952 AGREED SITES SCHEME

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

Name and Address of Tenderer	Cottages Tendered For	Amount £ s. d.
Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca.	2 at Tigroney and Kilmacoo.	2,174 5 2
Michael Moore, The Roundwood, Grangecon.	5 at Monatore, Cryhelp, Ballynacrow, Bawnogue.	5,706 0 0
William T. Leeson, Mongnacool, Ballinaclesh.	7 at Kirikee.	7,609 0 0
Messrs. Lennon and Leeson.	2 at Aughavannagh	2,174 0 0
Messrs. McNulty Bros., 27 Patrick St., Dun Laoghaire.	7 at Kirikee.	7,379 9 10
John Norton and Thomas Dooly, Baltinglass.	2 at Bawnogue.	2,048 0 0
Francis Tutty, Hollywood.	3 at Hempstown, Rockstown Lr., Cryhelp.	3,405 0 0
Francis Tutty, Hollywood.	4 at Bawnogue, Monatore, Ballynacrow.	4,800 0 0
C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown.	7 houses in Group A	8,808 0 0

The Council referred the tenders for examination by the County Engineer and for his recommendation.

ITEM No. 22—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS REGARDING PURCHASE OF PREMISES OCCUPIED BY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

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

and resolved:—

"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of re-considering the purchase of the premises occupied by the Committee of Agriculture."

Passed unanimously.

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

and resolved:—

"That we enter into negotiations with a view to the purchase for the Committee of Agriculture of the premises occupied by them at the Market Square, Wicklow."

Passed; Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

ITEM No. 23—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON 16th DECEMBER, 1954

The Council directed that copies of the Minutes be circulated to the members.

ITEM No. 24—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

Mine River—Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea asked that representations be made to the Minister to extend the period for the completion of works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act to the 30th June, 1955, in order that the work on the Mine River would be completed.

Milland River—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that a scheme be submitted in conjunction with Wexford County Council for the cleaning of the Milland River.

Water Supply for Houses at Tullowclay—Councillor J. O'Neill asked that a report be submitted in regard to a water supply at Tullowclay.

1952 Agreed Sites Scheme—The Council agreed that the County Engineer proceed with the erection of cottages by Direct Labour on sites for which no tenders had been received.

Works at Delgany, etc.—Councillor W. Lawless asked that the work of providing an extension to the water main at Three Trout River be put in hand as soon as possible. He asked also that the extension of the water main at Delgany and the alteration to the position of the fountain be carried out. Councillor Lawless referred also to a fountain which was out of order at the Downs and asked that arrangements be made for its replacement as soon as possible.

Henry Brennan

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 June, 1955, 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, T. O'Reilly, P. Kehoe, A. Toomey, S. O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. O Broin, M. J. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during the month of May, 1955.
2. Report of County Engineer and Architect on tenders received for erection of cottages under 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme.
3. 1952 Housing Scheme—Report regarding site at Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, No. 1041.
4. Application for licence for use of lands for temporary dwellings.
5. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Proposed water supply at Carrigacurra.
8. Water supply for cottages at Crosskeys, Dunlavin.
9. Water supply for cottages at Raheen, Baltinglass.
10. Water supply at Tullowclay.
11. Supplementary grants—Report regarding grants allocated and paid to 31st March, 1955.
12. Report regarding road to cottages at Troopersfield, Blessington.
13. Report of Assistant County Engineer regarding repairs to fence of cottage of Michael Conway, Muskeagh.
14. Application for provision of ranges in cottages at Ballinglen and Moyno.
15. Repairs carried out during month of May, 1955.
16. Authorisation of repairs.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of May, 1955, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Housing Section

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
3rd June, 1955.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

HOUSING PROGRESS—MONTH OF MAY, 1955

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

Under the 1952 Housing Scheme, sites at Ballynerrin and Furzeditch are being fenced and building will commence almost immediately.

The total number of houses completed to-date are as follows:—

1946 Housing Scheme	419
Newtownmountkennedy	16
Killincarrig and Lugduff	13
Kindlestown	40
Total	488

The total number of men employed during May was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry (20)	6	7
1952 Scheme	3	1
Total	9	8

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

Northern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1955:—	185
1946 Scheme	16
Newtownmountkennedy	10
Killincarrig	40
Kindlestown	—
Total	251

Cottages in progress at 31st May, 1955:—

Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
1952 Scheme (Ballynerrin and Furzeditch)	2
Total	22

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1955	92
In progress	Nil

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1955:—	54
1946 Scheme	3
Lugduff Scheme	—
Total	57
In progress	Nil

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1955	88
In progress	Nil

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor Miss E. F. Bobbett,

and resolved:—
"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of May, 1955."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—1952 AGREED SITES SCHEME: TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF COTTAGES

The County Engineer reported on the tenders received for the erection of cottages under the 1952 Scheme, and recommended the acceptance of tenders as follows:—

Site No.	Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender per Cottage
1001	Francis Tutty, Hollywood	£1,116 13 4
1003	Francis Tutty, Hollywood	£1,116 13 4
1007	Francis Tutty, Hollywood	£1,096 13 4
1006	Michael Moore, The Roundwood, Grangecon	£1,125 4 0
1009	Michael Moore, The Roundwood, Grangecon	£1,024 0 0
1010	Norton and Dooley, Baltinglass	£1,024 0 0
1011	Norton and Dooley, Baltinglass	£1,073 12 7
1024	W. Leeson, Mongnacool, Clash	£1,073 12 7
1024A	W. Leeson, Mongnacool, Clash	£1,073 12 7
1027	Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca	£1,073 12 7
1028	Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca	£1,040 14 3
1032	Messrs. McNulty Bros., Dun Laoghaire	£1,040 14 3
1038	Messrs. McNulty Bros., Dun Laoghaire	£1,040 14 3

Proposed by Councillor A. Toomey,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer and Council's Architect for the acceptance of tenders for the erection of cottages under the 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—1952 HOUSING SCHEME: SITE No. 1041

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had refused approval to Site No. 1041 on the lands of William Burke, Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy (applicant James Kavanagh, Trudder), as the water supply was considered unsuitable. It had been indicated by the Department that if the Council improved the water supply by protecting the well, sanction to the site would be forthcoming. The Council's Architect had reported that the spring could be protected by provision of a fence and low concrete kerb wall around the spring and that the access could be improved by forming a small gateway in the road fence. The estimated cost of the work was £48. The Council's Architect stated that the existing water supply served a number of small private dwellings in the immediate area as well as the 5 existing Council cottages, four of which were considerably further distant from the spring than the proposed site. The owner of the lands had granted permission provided that she was not deprived of a supply of water for her own stock, as this was the only water supply on her land.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the expenditure of £48 on improvements to water supply to serve Site No. 1041, under 1952 Scheme, on lands of William Burke, Ballinahinch, in accordance with estimate of Council's Engineer."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR RETENTION OF TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

Applications for Renewal of Licence were submitted in respect of the following lands:—

- Lands of William Staunton for 30 caravans.
- Lands of Paul Costello for 4 caravans.
- Lands of Mrs. Aileen Byrne for 1 caravan.
- Lands of D. Sharpe, Ballymoyle, for 8 caravans.

The Council noted that the Health Inspector had recommended the renewal of licences in these cases, but deferred the applications for the recommendation of the County Medical Officer.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Having considered letter of 9th April, 1955, from William Leggett, "St. Teresa's," Lr. Kindlestown, Greystones, and report of Council's Architect, dated 6th June, 1955, the Council recommended that a supplementary loan of £150 be made to William Leggett in respect of house erected at Lr. Kindlestown.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

Having considered report of Council's Engineer and Architect in regard to application for use of sites at Lr. Dargle Road for the purpose of petrol filling stations, the Council agreed that permission could not be given for the use of the sites for this purpose in view of proposed road re-alignment and the lack of depth to the sites.

The Council noted the report of the Council's Architect on sketch plan submitted in respect of proposed public hall at Newtownmountkennedy, and agreed that the applicant be asked to submit the necessary details as indicated in the Architect's report. The Council noted that the documents submitted were not adequate for examination under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The site plan for erection of loading bank at Main Street, Blessington, and site plan for flower garden to be provided by the Irish Countrywomen's Association in the Main Street, Blessington, were submitted to the Council. The Assistant County Engineer stated that there was no objection to the proposed sites. The County Secretary stated that objections had been received from the Downshire Estate to the siting of the loading bank. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration by the local members, the Young Farmers' Club and the Irish Countrywomen's Association, with a view to overcoming the objections by the estate.

ITEM No. 7—WATER SUPPLY AT CARRIGACURRA

The County Secretary stated that a well at Carrigacurra, which served four Council cottages, was found to be open to pollution from surface water and the Assistant County Engineer had recommended that it be cleaned up, surrounded with concrete and covered, at a cost of £30. There were also 4 other houses which had not a water supply, and the owners had to cross the river to obtain water from a spring. The Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of providing a well and pump to serve these cottages at £150. It was stated by the Assistant County Engineer that for an expenditure of an additional £15 the water supply could be made suitable to serve the cottages.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly,

and resolved.

"That we approve of the provision of protective works at well at Carrigacurra to serve Council cottages, at estimated cost of £45."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—WATER SUPPLY AT CROSSKEYS, DUNLAVIN

It was reported that a water supply was required for three cottages at Crosskeys, Dunlavin, two being Council cottages; the total number of occupants was 27. It was proposed to improve the existing draw-well on the lands of Patrick Kehoe, Rosbawn. Mr. Kehoe had indicated that he would give the required permission, but that he would require a legal document safeguarding his interest with regard to the use of water for his own holding and dwelling. The Assistant County Engineer had stated that the cost of deepening the well, erecting a pump and walling off the site from Mr. Kehoe's land would be £135.

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Reilly,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the deepening and improvement of well at Crosskeys, Dunlavin, on lands of Patrick Kehoe, Rosbawn, at estimated cost of £135, as recommended by Council's Engineer, the works to be included on Priority List and costs defrayed from loan.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT RAHEEN, BALTINGLASS

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer of 5th May, 1955, in which he indicated that the cost of erecting pump to serve cottages at Raheen, Baltinglass, would amount to £250, the Council approved of alternative proposal for extending existing supply at approximate cost of £90.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of extension of water supply at estimated cost of £90 to provide water supply for cottages at Raheen, Baltinglass, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from loan."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—WATER SUPPLY AT TULLOWCLAY

The County Secretary stated that a report had been obtained from the Assistant County Engineer in regard to question of water supply for two cottages at Tullowclay. The Engineer recommended the sinking of a well and erection of pump at a cost of about £220. The Council decided to defer the matter for report and recommendation from the Health Inspector.

ITEM No. 11—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

The Council noted particulars submitted in regard to the number and value of supplementary grants made available by the Council for the reconstruction of houses and for new houses. The total value of grants allocated was £3,394, and the amount paid to 31st March, 1955, was £1,437 5s. 4d.

ITEM No. 12—REPORT REGARDING ROAD TO COTTAGES AT TROOPERSFIELD, BLESSINGTON

The Assistant County Engineer reported that the road leading to three houses at Troopersfield, Blessington, was in very good condition. There had not been much heavy traffic in recent months and it was much better than some of the County Roads. Suggestions had been made for providing a new road, but the matter was not approved and there was difficulty in obtaining land for the purpose. The cost of surfacing the road with tarmacadam was estimated at £380, but provision had not been made for this work in the current year's Estimates. The Council noted the position in the matter and recommended that the road be taken over as a public road and maintained by the road staff.

ITEM No. 13—REPAIRS TO FENCE OF COTTAGES AT MUSKEAGH, TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported regarding fence of cottage occupied by Michael Conway, Muskeagh, Tinahely, and stated that the trouble was that the fence of the adjoining empty cottage was a sod fence, which had always given trouble. This fence had collapsed and the farmer's stock got into the plot, and via the defective party fence into Conway's plot. The fence in front of the cottage was a clay bank, and it appeared that this also was too low to keep out stock. The Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of levelling the party fence and erecting a timber and wire fence and planting with quick at £28.

The Council recommended that stakes and wire be supplied to Mr. Conway, who would be prepared to erect the fence on his plot, and that the Council arrange for the fencing of the adjoining vacant plot.

ITEM No. 14—PROVISION OF RANGES FOR COTTAGES AT BALTINGLASS AND MOYNE

The County Secretary stated that applications had been received for the provision of range in cottage occupied by William Quill, Baltinglass, and that the tenant had been asked to repay the cost by weekly instalments of 2/6. The tenant had not signed the necessary undertaking to repay the cost, and Councillor J. O'Neill stated that the range had been defective when the tenant took up occupation in the cottage and that, consequently, he should not be asked to pay the cost of replacing the range.

ITEM No. 15—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF MAY, 1955

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of May, 1955.

ITEM No. 16—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

The Council approved of the carrying out of repairs in accordance with list submitted by the County Engineer:

Cottage at Kilpipe—In reply to Councillor Senator McCrea, the County Engineer stated that he had inspected the cottage at Kilpipe (tenant, Murphy) and was arranging to carry out repairs to the cottage.

Glendalough Burial Ground—Members of the Council having urged that the application of 22 persons residing just outside the parish of Glendalough for grave spaces in Glendalough Burial Ground be granted, the County Manager stated that he would look into the matter further. The County Manager pointed out the difficulties which had arisen in Glendalough in regard to the burial ground and indicated that it was unlikely that any further extensions would be granted. The Council agreed that representations would not be accepted from any other persons residing outside Glendalough Parish for burial in the Glendalough burial ground.

Car Park and Sanitary Conveniences at Glendalough—The Chairman stated that he had visited Glendalough recently and expressed appreciation of the manner in which the work of constructing the car park and sanitary conveniences had been carried out.

Roads at Roundwood—Councillor M. Brennan referred to the need for surface dressing of the roads taken over by the Council from the Dublin Corporation at Roundwood and suggested that application be made to An Bord Fáilte for an additional grant to enable the Council to carry out this work.

Road from Wicklow to Rathnew—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, drew attention to the condition of the path between Wicklow and Rathnew and pointed out that the path had been narrowed consequent on the road works, and he urged that the paths should be provided with a proper surface and stressed that trees should not be cut down. The County Engineer stated that the paths would be surfaced and confirmed that it was not intended to cut any trees.

Path at Newtownmountkennedy to Killadreenan—In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the County Engineer stated that when the ground had settled, following the laying of the pipeline, arrangements would be made for the provision of a path.

Warning Sign at Kilmacanogue—Councillor W. Lawless urged that warning signs be erected at the junction at Kilmacanogue, and Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that it would be desirable to have a public light erected at this point.

Extension of Water Supply to Charlesland and Bellevue—In reply to Councillor Lawless, the County Secretary stated that the Council had authorised the borrowing of the necessary moneys for the purposes of the extension of the water supply at Charlesland.

Road from The Lamb to Kilbride—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, stated that an application had been made to C.I.E. for the extension of the bus service along the road from The Lamb to Kilbride, but that the Council had indicated that the road was too narrow for the purposes of a bus service. It was agreed that an estimate of the cost of improving the road to make it suitable for a bus service would be obtained and that the question of carrying out this work would be borne in mind if supplementary grants for road works were made available.

Water Supply for Kilmartin, Ashford—The Chairman read Petition received on behalf of cottage tenants at Kilmartin, Ashford, for provision of water supply. The Council directed that reports be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector in regard to the matter.

Water Supply at Ashford—The Chairman read Petition received from residents of the townland of Ballinahinch requesting the fencing of a well and erection of pump as near as possible to the Post Office at Ashford, and stated that they were required to use water from streams which were contaminated and which were a source of danger to their health. The Council directed that reports be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector in regard to the matter.

Water Supply at Timore, Newtownmountkennedy—The Chairman read Petition received from tenants of cottages at Timore, Newtownmountkennedy, requesting the Council to obtain permission from the Newcastle Sanatorium Authorities to put a small gate leading to their lands at Mount John before disposing of these lands in order that the tenants might obtain water, the water from the pump being discoloured with rust. The Council deferred the matter for a report from the Council's Engineer.

Water Supply at Killadreenan—The Chairman read Memorial received from ratepayers and residents of Newcastle requesting that the Council provide a water supply from the main at the gate of Newcastle Hospital to Killadreenan, and stated that the present water supply was inadequate. The Council deferred the matter for report from the Council's Engineer.

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

Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne:

"That this Council consider the provision of a sum of £10,000 by loan for carrying out repairs to Greystones harbour."

Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne:

"That seats be provided for Kilcoole Village."

Councillor T. O'Reilly:

"That two dangerous bends on the main road from Blessington to Brittas be eased."

Councillor J. O'Neill:

"That the road leading through the townland of Killavaney to Kilpipe Church be put into a passable condition."

Henry Byrne

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th June, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D., James O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. O'Reilly, A. Toomey, P. Kehoe, S. O Tuathail, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. O Broin, M. J. Brennan and Miss E. F. Bobbett.

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

An apology for inability to attend, due to illness, was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson. The Council asked that the best wishes of the members for a speedy restoration to health be conveyed to Councillor Hudson.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th March, 4th, 18th April and 2nd May, 1955.
2. To authorise overdraft accommodation on General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 30th September, 1955.
3. To allow and make County Rate for services of financial year ending 31st March, 1956, sign and seal Rate Books, authorise affixing of Seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants and sign and seal Demands on Urban District Councils.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for taking over as public roads, roads at Ballanagh and Avoca.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Reilly in regard to easing of dangerous bends on main road from Blessington to Brittas.
6. Report of Council's Engineer in regard to condition of lane at Knockanode Upper, Avoca.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill for repair of road through townland of Killavaney to Kilpipe Church.
8. Application from Greystones Rowing Club for closing of roads at Greystones in connection with Annual Regatta, to be held on 23rd July, 1955.
9. Report of County Engineer on tenders received for electrification of Ballinclare Quarry.
10. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949: Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to 1955/56 programme, and indicating amount of grant to be made available.
11. Letter from Ratepayers' Associations of Baltinglass and District and Merginstown and West Wicklow in regard to turf production scheme in present season.
12. Resignation of Veterinary Inspector for Diseases of Animals Acts for No. 2 Rathdrum Union District.
13. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne, for provision of sum of £10,000 by loan for carrying out of repairs to Greystones Harbour.
- 13a. Provision of seats at Kilcoole.
14. Public Lighting at Manor Kilbride: Report of Assistant County Engineer.
15. Public Lighting at Laragh: Quotation of E.S.B. and recommendation of Assistant County Engineer.
16. Sewerage Scheme at Quarry Street, Shillelagh: Report of County Engineer.
17. Water Supply at Rocky Valley: Reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector.
18. Applications for renewal of licences for use of lands for temporary dwellings.
19. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding resolution submitted by County Council in relation to provision of moneys for housing and other local authority requirements.
20. Letter from Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding application for provision of public telephone kiosk at Kilmacanogue.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy—On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members of the Council with the French Government and the relatives of the persons killed at the crash during the Motor Race at Le Mans. The Council also passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. Sean Mac Cathmhaoil, who had been Town Clerk, Bray, for a great number of years.

The Council noted an acknowledgment received from the family of the late Arthur V. Leonard, Cladmore, Mowhan, Co. Armagh, of the Council's expression of sympathy.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th March, 4th, 18th April, and 2nd May, 1955.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor Senator 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, 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 30th September, 1955, shall not exceed £180,000.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor Senator 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, 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 30th September, 1955, shall not exceed £30,900."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—MAKING OF COUNTY RATE, SIGNING AND SEALING DEMANDS ON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS

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

and resolved:—

"That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1956, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collector's Warrants for the year ending 31st March, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

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

and resolved:—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands of the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1956, as follows:—

Arklow	£10,094	7	11
Bray	£41,974	8	2
Wicklow	£8,319	1	10

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—TAKING OVER OF ROADS AT BALLANAGH AND AVOCA

Following a lengthy discussion in regard to desirability or otherwise of taking over cul-de-sac roads as public roads, in the course of which the County Manager suggested that the Council should determine that there be a minimum number of houses on a road before it be taken over by the Council, and having noted that the Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of repairs to the roads at £120 and £60, respectively, it was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of roads at Ballanagh and Avoca, as reported on by the Assistant County Engineer, being taken over by the County Council."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—DANGEROUS BENDS ON ROAD FROM BLESSINGTON TO BRITTAS

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Reilly, the County Engineer reported that the easing of bends at Holy Valley, Blessington and Tinoran were not included in the current road works scheme and that, therefore, no work would be carried out thereon during the present year. Arrangements had been made, however, to have "cat's eyes" inserted in the road. The Council decided that the matter of easing the bends referred to be considered in conjunction with supplementary grants if made available later in the year.

ITEM No. 6—LANE AT KNOCKANODE UPPER, AVOCA

The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the lane at Knockanode Upper, in respect of which Senator McCrea had received a Petition, ran for about half a mile from the top of The Meetings Hill on Road 168 (Meetings to Carthy's Corner) to two houses in the townland of Knockanode. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the road was not a public road and was narrow and steep with a gradient of 1 in 7 in some places. The laneway had been repaired about 17 or 18 years ago under an Employment Scheme, but nothing had been done to it since, and principally it needed cleaning and draining. Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to defer it.

ITEM No. 7—ROADS THROUGH TOWNLAND OF KILLAVANEY TO KILPIPE CHURCH

In reference to a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. O'Neill in regard to the need for repairs to the road from Killavaney to Kilpipe Church, the Assistant County Engineer reported that he had inspected the road, which is 4.6 miles in length. The distance from Road 204 to the Protestant Church at Curralawn was 1.75 miles. The surface, with the exception of a few lengths, was good as unsurfaced roads go, and, in fact, was considerably better than some roads in the area carrying heavy traffic. The Assistant County Engineer considered that these roads should receive attention first and that later the worse portions of this road, roughly a mile at each extremity, should be widened, shaped and rolled at a cost of about £2,000. There are four bad corners which would need to be eased and fenced on this stretch. Councillor O'Neill stated that he had received a Memorial in regard to the condition of the road. The Council decided that the matter be considered in conjunction with supplementary grants if made available later in the year.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT GREYSTONES

Having considered application from the Greystones Rowing Club for permission to close roads at Greystones in connection with the Annual Regatta to be held on 23rd July, 1955, and having noted report of the County Engineer, stating that there was no objection to the proposal, it was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order for the closing of the following roads at Greystones, on 23rd July, 1955, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., in connection with Annual Regatta:—

Portions of Harbour Road, Cliff Road and Marine Road at Greystones from the junction of Harbour Road and Trafalgar Road to the junction of Marine Road with La Touche Road."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON TENDERS RECEIVED FOR ELECTRIFICATION OF BALLINCLARE QUARRY

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
10th June, 1955.

County Engineer:

re: Electrification of Ballinclare Quarry.

Dear Sir,

I have examined the tenders received in response to public advertisement in above connection, which are as follows:—

Messrs. Smiths, Church Street, Wicklow	£2,286	14	6
Mr. Thomas Walley, 28 Walsh Rd. Drumcondra	£2,375	0	0
Mr. Jas. F. Ryder, 12 Manor St., Dublin	£3,220	13	7
Electricity Supply Board, Dublin	£3,390	12	0
Messrs. Doherty Ltd., 19 Herbert Place, Dublin	£4,290	0	0

I recommend that Messrs. Smith's tender, amounting to £2,286 14s. 6d., be accepted, with an additional cost of £60, which is the estimated average cost for Power Factor Correction equipment, making the total amount of their tender £2,340 14s. 6d.

In the previous report to you I indicated that the electrification of this quarry would result in a saving of approximately £500 per annum on the running cost, but I wish to stress also that it will increase the output of crushed stone by 25% to 30%.

Regarding the electrification of Newtown Quarry, Donard, I agree that it should be done, but not at present, as, in my opinion, it is not yet sufficiently developed for the erection of permanent machinery.

The tenders are returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until the first meeting to be held after the Local Elections.

ITEM No. 10—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949

The County Secretary stated that a circular had been received from the Department of Local Government indicating that a grant of £21,000 would be made available to Wicklow County Council for the execution during the current year of approved works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949. It was stated in the circular that in recent years a supplementary grant had been made available from the National Development Fund towards the end of the year, but that that grant was merged in the present year in the allocation of £21,000, and the total grant available for the year was now being notified to enable local authorities to have ample time to plan their programmes. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Council to be held after the Local Elections. It was agreed that the County Engineer would have available for that meeting suggested schemes for consideration of the Council.

ITEM No. 11—LETTERS FROM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS REGARDING TURF PRODUCTION

The following letters, received from Ratepayers' Associations, were submitted:—

Ratepayers' Association,
Baltinglass and District.
24th May, 1955.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Baltinglass and District Ratepayers' Association, held on the 18th instant, reference was made to a recent decision of the Wicklow County Council to go ahead with the Turf Scheme. This Association view with great concern the attitude of the Council in consenting to re-introduce this scheme, as it had already been decided at the Estimates Meeting of the Council not to continue it this season, for obvious reasons. Furthermore, the season

is too far advanced for the economic saving of turf, and in addition, any expenditure incurred now in this matter will have to be met out of next year's Rates.

Therefore, this Association requests the County Council to reconsider their decision in re-introducing this uneconomic scheme.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN SHORTT,
Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Merginstown and West Wicklow Ratepayers' Association.

At a meeting of the above recently held, reference was made to a recent decision of the Wicklow County Council to go ahead with the turf scheme. This Association view with grave concern the attitude of the Council in consenting to agree to this scheme. The season is now too far advanced for such work and any expenditure incurred will have to be met out of next year's Rates. This Association requests the County Council to reconsider their decision in re-introducing this uneconomic scheme.

Please put this resolution before the next Council meeting.

Yours,
THOMAS DOWLING,
Secretary.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Council decided to mark the letters "Read."

ITEM No. 12—RESIGNATION OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, No. 2 RATHDOWN UNION DISTRICT

M.R.C.V.S., was submitted:—
The following letter from Mr. W. Richardson, M.R.C.V.S., was submitted:—
Darvari House,
Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow.

Sir,
I respectfully wish to tender my resignation from the post of Veterinary Inspector for No. 2 Rathdown Union as from the 1st June next.

I have now completed approximately 50 years service with your Council, and I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to you for your kindness to me during that period.

It is with regret, owing to growing old age, that I find I am unable to continue my work as your trusted Veterinary representative.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) WM. RICHARDSON.

The Chairman,
Wicklow County Council.

The Chairman and members of the Council expressed their appreciation of the service rendered by Mr. Richardson during his lengthy period as Veterinary Inspector of the Council, and directed that the good wishes of the members be conveyed to him on his retirement. In regard to the filling of the vacancy, the County Manager stated that the appointments held by Messrs. C. T. Jolley, A. Ross-Buckley and N. Rackard were temporary and gave particulars of the remuneration received by these officers from the Council. Mr. Trevor Scott, M.R.C.V.S., Bray, had applied for the temporary appointment. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area.

ITEM No. 13—REPAIRS TO GREYSTONES HARBOUR

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

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

That the Council authorise the raising of a loan of £10,000 to defray the cost of carrying out repairs to Greystones Harbour.

Councillor Lawless stated that portion of the harbour was in a dangerous condition and urged that steps be taken to have it put into proper repair. He stated that he understood that the maintenance of the harbour was the responsibility of the Council. The County Manager stated that certain harbours and piers constructed by the Commissioners of Public Works had been transferred to County Councils under the Adaptation of Enactments Order of 1898, and that Greystones Harbour was listed in the Schedule attached to the Act. It was not, however, quite clear as to whether the Council had a liability for maintaining the harbour. In any event, the Order made reference to tolls being available to offset the cost of maintenance, which might have been the case at the time the Act was passed or the harbour transferred. As circumstances had altered so much since the passing of the Act, the Council could hardly be expected to incur heavy expenditure in repairing and restoring the harbour. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked to submit a report on the condition of the harbour, together with an estimate of the cost of carrying out such works as would be necessary to make it safe for the purposes for which it was now used.

ITEM No. 13(a)—PROVISION OF SEATS FOR KILCOOLE VILLAGE

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

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

and resolved:—

"That seats be provided in Kilcoole Village."

The Council approved of the provision of seats.

ITEM No. 14—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT MANOR KILBRIDE

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer of 1st June, 1955, in which he stated that one light erected at Manor Kilbride covered reasonably well all the premises, i.e., one shop, church, Curate's house and village hall. The light at the Church Gate appeared to the Engineer to be sufficient to cover all these four premises. The Assistant County Engineer stated that there were no buildings at the Cross Roads and no other buildings in a group nearer than cottages at Three Castles, which were half a mile away. The only other residence was the private house occupied by Mr. Sean Newman, N.T.

The Council noted that the public light already provided appeared to be sufficient for the purpose.

ITEM No. 15—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LARAGH

The Council approved of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £33 5s. 0d. for the provision of two public lights at Laragh, as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 16—SEWERAGE SCHEME AT QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH
The Council deferred consideration of the matter pending completion of report of County Engineer in regard to proposed sewerage scheme.

ITEM No. 17—WATER SUPPLY AT ROCKY VALLEY

Having considered report of Health Inspector of 10th May, 1955, and of Assistant County Engineer of 2nd May, 1955, in regard to question of water supply for 10 houses at Rocky Valley, the Council decided to defer the matter for consideration by the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area.

ITEM No. 18—RENEWAL OF LICENCES FOR USE OF LANDS FOR TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

The Council approved of the renewal of licences for retention of temporary dwellings on the following lands, subject to satisfactory reports being submitted in each instance by the County Medical Officer:—

Lands of William Staunton	...	30 Caravans.
Lands of Paul Costello	...	4 Caravans.
Lands of Mrs. Aileen Byrne	...	1 Caravan
Lands of D. Sharpe, Ballymoyle	...	8 Caravans

ITEM No. 19—PROVISION OF MONEYS FOR HOUSING AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY REQUIREMENTS

The Council noted the following letter received from the County Council's General Council:—

1 & 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin.
16 Bealtaine, 1955.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.
A Chara.

At the meeting of the County Councils' General Council, held in Dublin on the 5th instant, the following motion from your Council was adopted and has been forwarded to the Department of The Taoiseach:—

"That as the Government can make provision by agreement with the Banks to get moneys for Industrial purposes at 2½%, we request the General Council of County Councils to make representations to the Government to provide moneys for housing and other local authority requirements at 2½%."

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) ENRI MacDAIBHEID,
Runai.

ITEM No. 20—PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK AT KILMACANOGUE

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs:—

Department of Posts and Telegraphs,
Telecommunications Branch,
Hamam Buildings,
Dublin.

M0806/50. 19 Bealtaine, 1955.
A Chara,

Please refer to your letter of the 22nd April for the provision of a public telephone kiosk at Kilmacanogue. Telephone kiosks are provided only where they are likely to pay their way. Having regard to the use being made of the Post Office Call Office at Kilmacanogue it is most unlikely that the receipts from a kiosk there would meet the very heavy charges involved on its provision and subsequent maintenance and servicing.

It should be added that the telephone in the local Post Office is provided with continuous service and is available outside normal office hours for calls of an emergency nature.

These facilities reasonably meet the local requirements and compare favourably with those in other centres of comparable size.

We regret that we are unable to let you have a more favourable reply.

Mise, le meas,
I. NI MHIODHCHAIN.

ITEM No. 21—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

Councillor P. McCarthy enquired if it had been found possible to make any arrangements for the recruitment of a substitute ambulance driver. The County Manager stated that so far it had not been found possible to make such arrangements. He pointed out, however, that the present ambulance drivers had not to undertake any undue amount of driving in the year.

Dangerous Bends at Knockieran—In reply to enquiries from Councillor T. O'Reilly, the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Irish Countrywomen's Association, Blessington Guild, asking the County Council to instruct the Engineer to increase the width of the road and to ease two very dangerous bends at Knockieran, Blessington. The Association thanked the Council for erecting two danger notices at the bends, but felt that the notices were inadequate. The Council referred the matter to the County Engineer for a report.

Loading Bank at Blessington—In reply to enquiries from members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Macra na Feirme, Blessington Young Farmers' Club, stating that the Irish Countrywomen's Association and the Young Farmers' Club were in full agreement in regard to the position of their respective projects at Blessington. The members of the Council for the area asked that permission be given for the erection of the loading bank and stated that, in their opinion, the site proposed was suitable. The Council agreed that permission be given for the erection of the loading bank and for the provision of flower garden by the Irish Countrywomen's Association.

Closing of Roads for Wicklow Regatta—The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by the Wicklow Regatta Committee for the closing of the Parnell and Stone Bridges leading to The Moorrough, Wicklow, for the period 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 1st August, 1955, in connection with the Annual Wicklow Regatta. The County Engineer had indicated that there was no objection to the proposal. On the proposal of Councillor J. Everrett, T.D., Minister for Justice, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the Council approved of application being made to the Minister for the necessary Order.

Resignation of Nurses at St. Colman's Hospital—Councillor J. Everrett, T.D., Minister for Justice, enquired whether three nurses had resigned their positions at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. The County Manager stated that this was correct, and in reply to enquiry from members, stated that he understood the nurses were obtaining positions at new hospitals in Dublin.

In reply to complaints by members of a lack of courtesy by the Staff Officer dealing with Health Services at the Rathdrum Office, the County Manager stated that he would take up this matter with the officer concerned.

The Chairman pointed out that this was the last meeting prior to the Local Elections and expressed his appreciation of the co-operation and assistance given by the members to him during his period of office as Chairman and also expressed appreciation of the services rendered by the County Manager and the officers of the Council. Councillor Senator McCrea moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his impartiality and efficiency in conducting the business of the Council. The vote of thanks was seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy and supported by all the members, who also expressed appreciation of the services given by the officers of the Council.

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

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Eugene Corrigan, 29 Craigford Drive, Abbey Park, Artane, Dublin	£22,850 0 0
Patrick J. Mullen, Schomberg, Killarney Road, Bray	£21,174 8 5
Michael Nolan, Church Road, Bunclody	£21,552 8 0
Messrs. Cunningham and Shanley, 60 Old County Road, Crumlin	£21,691 17 0
James Connellan, Clondalkin	£23,993 9 0
Michael McDonnell, Carrycourt, Brannockstown, Kildare	£18,070 0 0
Messrs. Francis Tutty and M. Fleming, Hollywood	£20,580 0 0
William Deegan and Humphrey Griffin, Whitehall, Dublin	£24,838 0 0

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

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

By Councillor James O'Neill:

"Please take notice that I or someone for me will move at the next statutory meeting of the Council that the roads leading through Shieltown, Ballymaghroe and Shamrock, in the Knockanna area, be put in a passable condition."

By Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

"I or someone for me will move at the first meeting of the new County Council the question of providing a water supply for five County Council cottages at Boleybawn, and the provision of a pump for three County Council cottages at Mountpleasant."

James O'Neill

The Annual Meeting of the newly elected members of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 14th July, 1955, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

The following members attended and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. J. McCrea, Patrick McCarthy, William Cleary, James O'Neill, Wallace Hammond, Godfrey Timmins, Paul Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D.; James Miley, Henry J. Byrne, James O'Toole, Dr. Brendan Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, William Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; Christopher M. Byrne, William Clarke, Charles W. Hudson, James D. Haughton.

AGENDA

- 1. To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.
2. To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year and until such time as his successor shall have been appointed.
3. To appoint a County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
4. To appoint a County Vocational Education Committee.
5. To appoint a County Library Committee.
6. To appoint Representatives on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.
7. To appoint Representatives on the County Councils' General Council.
8. To appoint Representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
9. To appoint Representatives to Arklow Harbour Authority and Wicklow Harbour Authority.
10. To pass a Resolution constituting the Members of the County Council for the time being as the Old Age Pensions Committee for the County Wicklow.
11. To appoint the nine Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees for the County Wicklow.
12. To appoint the Consultative Health Committee.
13. To appoint Public Assistance Committees.
14. To appoint Housing Committees.
15. To appoint Visiting Committees for the Council's Institutions.

Resolution of Sympathy—Councillor H. J. Byrne, outgoing Chairman, who presided, proposed a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of Mr. D. Beauman of London, who was killed during the Motor Race on the Wicklow Circuit on Saturday, 9th July, 1955. Councillor C. W. Hudson seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—
That Councillor H. J. Byrne, be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

Passed unanimously.
Councillor H. J. Byrne, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, expressed his thanks to the members for his re-election as Chairman of the Council.

ITEM No. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

Resolved:—
That Councillor C. W. Hudson be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow Co. Council until such time as his successor has been appointed and takes up office.
Passed unanimously.
Councillor C. W. Hudson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and expressed his thanks to the members for his re-election as Vice-Chairman.

ITEM No. 3—APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

Councillor W. Hammond suggested that it was desirable that the members appointed on the Committee of Agriculture have a practical interest in farming and urged that the Council appoint the following persons as members:—

Mr. John R. Hudson, Mr. J. V. Tyner, Mr. Joseph Kavanagh, Mr. J. J. Bourne and Miss E. F. Bobbett. It was proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea, and seconded by Councillor Lawless that the following persons form the County Committee of Agriculture:—

- Councillors: W. Hammond,
J. Everett, T.D.,
W. Lawless,
C. W. Hudson,
Senator J. J. McCrea,
G. Timmins,
J. O'Neill,
M. Deering, T.D.,
C. M. Byrne,
P. Kehoe,
Messrs: Michael Patterson,
Malachy Brennan,
T. F. O'Reilly,
John Hudson,
Joseph Kavanagh,
J. J. Bourne.

Councillor W. Cleary put forward the names of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Mr. Peter Murphy, Mr. Malachy Brennan and Mr. T. F. O'Reilly. Councillor O'Toole urged the appointment of Mr. Henry Sutton of Glaskenny. Councillor P. Kehoe put forward the name of Councillor J. Miley.

On the proposal of Councillor Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor B. Donnelly,

it was agreed that a poll be taken to select the 16 persons to form the Committee. The Council agreed that each member would write down the names of 16 persons he favoured, and the Council appointed Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, who was present at the meeting and Mr. P. J. Noonan, representative of the "Wicklow People", as scrutineers. A poll having been taken, it was found that the members voted as follows:—

- For Councillor W. Lawless—21
For Councillor McCrea—21
For Councillor G. Timmins—21
For Councillor C. M. Byrne—21
For Councillor P. Kehoe—21
For Mr. J. Kavanagh—21
For Councillor W. Hammond—20
For Mr. J. R. Hudson—20
For Mr. M. J. Brennan—18
For Councillor C. W. Hudson—17
For Mr. T. O'Reilly—17
For Councillor M. Deering, T.D.—16
For Councillor J. O'Neill—15
For Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice—15
For Mr. J. J. Bourne—15
For Mr. Michael Patterson—14
For Miss E. F. Bobbett—8
For Mr. Peter Murphy—8
For Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—8
For Councillor J. Miley—7
For Mr. M. Sutton—6
For Mr. J. Tyner—1.

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

Resolved:—
That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

- Councillors: W. Lawless,
Senator J. J. McCrea,
G. Timmins,
C. M. Byrne,
P. Kehoe,
W. Hammond,
C. W. Hudson,
M. Deering, T.D.,
J. O'Neill,
J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Messrs: J. Kavanagh,
J. R. Hudson,
M. J. Brennan,
T. O'Reilly,
J. J. Bourne,
M. Patterson.

Passed, Councillor Cleary, dissenting.

ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

that the following members be appointed on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:—

- Councillors: C. W. Hudson,
Senator J. J. McCrea,
H. J. Byrne,
C. M. Byrne,
J. Everett, T.D.,
W. Cleary,
P. McCarthy,
G. Timmins.

It was proposed by Councillor Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

that the following persons be appointed on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:—

- Councillors: C. M. Byrne,
J. Everett, T. D.,
C. W. Hudson,
Senator J. J. McCrea,
H. J. Byrne,
G. Timmins,
J. Haughton,

Canon Behan,
Very Rev. Fr. Lillis, P.P.
Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, C.C.
Mr. D. O'Driscoll,
Mr. Flood,
Canon Tamplin, Ashford,

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

that the following persons be appointed on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:—

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; Mr. K. Whelan, Kilmacanogue and Mr. Peter Murphy, Tinahely.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe, and seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, that Councillor J. Miley be appointed a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Cleary, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:—

That each group on the Council nominate an agreed number of Councillors for appointment to the Vocational Education Committee.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor W. Cleary, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In favour: Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne ... 8

Against: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, Mark Deering, T.D., G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, Dr. Brendan Donnelly, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, James Haughton, C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and H. J. Byrne ... 13

The amendment was defeated by 13 votes against to 8 votes in favour. The Council then decided to take a poll as to the persons to be appointed on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, having agreed that 8 members would be appointed and 6 non-members. The Council determined that each member would record the names of not more than 8 Councillors and not more than 6 other persons and that Mr. J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, and Mr. P. J. Noonan, representative of the "Wicklow People", act as scrutineers. It was found that the votes recorded were as follows:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne—21
Councillor P. McCarthy—16
Councillor G. Timmins—16
Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice—15
Councillor C. W. Hudson—15
Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea—15
Councillor H. J. Byrne—15
Councillor J. Haughton—15
Councillor W. Cleary—8
Councillor P. Brennan—7
Councillor J. Miley—7
Canon Behan—21
Rev. Fr. Lillis, P.P.—21
Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, C.C.—21
Canon Tamplin—21
Mr. D. O'Driscoll—15
Mr. G. Flood—13
Mr. Peter Murphy—7
Mr. K. Whelan—4

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following persons as the Council's representatives on the County Vocational Education Committee":—

Councillors: C. M. Byrne,
P. McCarthy,
G. Timmins,
J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
C. W. Hudson,
Senator J. J. McCrea,
H. J. Byrne,
J. Haughton,

Canon Behan,
Very Rev. Fr. Lillis, P.P.,
Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, C.C.,
Canon Tamplin,
Mr. D. O'Driscoll,
Mr. G. Flood.

ITEM No. 5—APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Resolved:—

"That we select and appoint to form a County Wicklow Library Committee the following persons:—

Councillors: H. J. Byrne,
W. Lawless,
Dr. B. Donnelly,
Senator J. J. McCrea,
C. M. Byrne,
P. McCarthy,
C. W. Hudson,

Mr. T. Conroy, U.D.C.,
Mr. E. Kavanagh, U.D.C.,
Mr. J. Carroll, U.D.C.,
Very Rev. Fr. Lillis, P.P.,
Very Rev. Fr. M. Blake, P.P.,
Very Rev. Fr. Power, P.P.,
Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, C.C.,
Canon Tamplin, Ashford,
Mr. J. Norton, Tournant, Dunlavin.

Passed, Councillor Cleary, dissenting.

ITEM No. 6—GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD

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

Resolved:—

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

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

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent the Council on the General Council of County Councils":—

Councillors: Senator J. J. McCrea,
C. M. Byrne,
J. O'Neill.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD

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

Resolved:—

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

Councillors: W. Clarke,
C. M. Byrne,
E. Byrne,
J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
J. Haughton,
W. Lawless,
C. W. Hudson.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ARKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY AND WICKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following members of the Council to represent the Council on Arklow Harbour Authority":—

Councillors: Senator J. J. McCrea,
P. McCarthy.

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

"That we appoint Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., as a member of Arklow Harbour Authority."

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

For Senator J. J. McCrea: Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, M. Deering, T.D.; G. Timmins, W. Lawless, Dr. B. Donnelly, James Everett, T.D.; J. Haughton, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne ... 11

For Cl. P. McCarthy: Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, M. Deering, T.D.; G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, James Miley, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, Dr. B. Donnelly, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Haughton, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne ... 14

For Cl. P. Brennan, T.D.: P. Brennan, T.D.; William Cleary, Paul Kehoe, James Miley, James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne ... 7

The resolution appointing Councillor Senator McCrea and Councillor P. McCarthy was declared passed by 14 votes for Councillor McCarthy and 11 votes for Councillor Senator McCrea.

Wicklow Harbour Authority—It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following members of the Council to represent the Council on Wicklow Harbour Authority":—

Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

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

that Councillor C. M. Byrne be appointed as a representative of the Council on Wicklow Harbour Authority.

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

For Councillor C. W. Hudson: Senator McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, M. Deering, T.D.; G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless, Dr. Brendan Donnelly, James Everett, T.D.; James Haughton, C. W. Hudson, Henry J. Byrne ... 12

For Councillor J. Everett: Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, Mark Deering, T.D.; G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, William Lawless, Dr. Brendan Donnelly, James Everett, T.D.; J. Haughton, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne ... 12

For Councillor C. M. Byrne: P. Brennan, T.D.; William Cleary, P. Kehoe, James Miley, James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne ... 7

The resolution appointing Councillors C. W. Hudson and J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, as representatives on Wicklow Harbour Authority was declared passed by 12 votes for Councillor C. W. Hudson and 12 votes for Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.

ITEM No. 10—APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

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

Resolved:—

"That all the members of the County Council for the time being be appointed to constitute the County Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—APPOINTMENT OF NINE OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES

Arklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee:—

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee":—

Miss G. M. Hoyne,
Mr. John E. McElheron,
Mr. Patrick McCarthy, M.C.C.,
Mr. William Cleary, M.C.C.,
Mr. Thomas J. Birthistle,
Rev. A. Kelly, C.C.,
Rev. E. A. Carry, M.A.,
Mr. Thomas P. Kavanagh,
Mr. Victor G. Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee—

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

Resolved:—
“That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee”:

Rev. A. H. V. Frazer,
Rev. Wm. O'Mahony, C.C.,
Rev. A. J. Kehoe, C.C.,
Councillor G. Timmins,
Councillor P. Kehoe,
Mr. Michael O'Kelly,
Mr. John J. Metcalf,
Mr. Michael Patterson.

Passed.

The Council noted that there would be one vacancy on the Committee and awaited the recommendation of the Sub-Committee for the filling of such vacancy.

Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee—

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

Resolved:—
“That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee”:

Rev. William Breen, C.C.,
Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge,
Miss M. Kelly,
Seosamh O'Cionnaigh,
Patrick Savage,
Councillor E. E. Byrne,
H. B. Hipwell,
Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Passed.

The Council noted that there was one vacancy on the Sub-Committee and awaited a recommendation from the Sub-Committee for the filling of this vacancy arising from the transfer of Rev. S. G. Poyntz.

Naas No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee—

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

Resolved:—
“That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee”:

Councillor J. Miley,
Mr. Myles Balfe,
Mr. John Byrne,
Mr. Thomas O'Reilly,
Mr. L. M. Byrne,
Col. Gilheany,
Very Rev. Fr. Lucey, P.P.,
Rev. Fr. McCabe, C.C.,
Mr. Michael Clarke.

Passed unanimously.

Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee—

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

Resolved:—
“That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee”:

Rev. E. Fitzgerald, C.C.,
Rev. J. J. Loughheed,
Mr. John Egan,
Mr. Daniel Dunne,
Mr. Thomas Keelty, N.T.,
Mr. Joseph Doyle,
Mr. Edward Power,
Mr. M. J. Brennan,
Mr. J. Keenan.

Passed unanimously.

Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee—

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

Resolved:—
“That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee”:

Very Rev. Fr. Power, P.P.,
Very Rev. Fr. Lillis, P.P.,
Rev. Fr. Begg,
Rev. Mr. Lowe,
Mr. G. F. Doyle, N.T.,
Rev. Mr. Phillips,
Councillor J. Haughton,
Mr. Seamus Hetherington,
Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee—

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

Resolved:—
“That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee”:

Joseph Ryder, Quill Farm, Kilmacanogue,
Mr. Murray, Optician, Main Street, Bray,
Norman Walker, P.C.,
Rev. Fr. Menton, C.C., Kilmacanogue,
Rev. Fr. Foley, C.C., Enniskerry,
Councillor W. Lawless,
Rev. Mr. Murray.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that there were two vacancies on the Sub-Committee and awaited the recommendation of the Sub-Committee for the filling of these vacancies.

Shillelagh O.A.P. Sub-Committee—

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

Resolved:—
“That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee”:

Very Rev. Fr. Kelly, P.P., Tomacork,
Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, C.C.,
Rev. Mr. Evanson,
Senator J. J. McCrea, M.C.C.,
P. Brennan, T.D., M.C.C.,
W. Hammond, M.C.C.,
J. O'Neill, M.C.C.,
Mr. J. J. Bourne,
Mr. J. Scanlon.

Passed unanimously.

Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee—

The County Secretary stated that there were at present two vacancies on the Sub-Committee; the existing members were:—

Very Rev. M. Blake, P.P., Wicklow,
Canon Tamplin, Ashford,
Councillors: C. M. Byrne,
C. W. Hudson,
J. D. Haughton,

Miss E. F. Bobbett,
Mr. Joseph Jacob, Senr.

Mr. Haughton stated that he did not wish to act as a member of the Wicklow Sub-Committee.

The Council agreed to the re-appointment of the remaining six existing members. To fill the three vacancies, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

“That we hereby appoint:—

Mr. E. Kavanagh, U.D.C.,
Mr. T. Conroy, U.D.C.,
Mr. P. Doyle, U.D.C.,

as members of the Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.”

It was proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

that we appoint Mr. James Cooney as a member of the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

that Mr. Thomas Byrne be appointed as a member of the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

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

Mr. E. Kavanagh: Councillors Senator McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill,
M. Deering, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, W. Lawless,
Dr. B. Donnelly, James Everett, T.D.; J. Haughton,
C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne ... 12

Mr. J. Conroy: Councillors Senator McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill,
M. Deering, T.D.; G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, W.
Lawless, Dr. B. Donnelly, James Everett, T.D., J.
Haughton, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne ... 12

Mr. P. Doyle: Councillors Senator McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill,
M. Deering, T.D.; G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, W.
Lawless, Dr. B. Donnelly, James Everett, T.D.; J.
Haughton, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne ... 12

Mr. J. Cooney: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. Kehoe,
J. Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. M.
Byrne ... 7

Mr. T. Byrne: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, P. Kehoe,
J. Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. M.
Byrne ... 7

Mr. E. Kavanagh, Mr. T. Conroy and Mr. P. Doyle were accordingly declared appointed as members of the Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

ITEM No. 12—APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee was constituted of 12 persons, and included The County Medical Officer, The Senior Medical Officer of the Council's Institution, two representatives of the Irish Medical Association and at least four members of the Council. The County Secretary read the following extract received from the Irish Nurses' Organisation:—

“That this Organisation notes with pleasure the amendment of the Health Act, 1953, to allow provision for representation of the Nursing Profession on Consultative Health Committees which may be set up by County Councils other than Dublin, Cork and Waterford under Section 48 of the 1953 Health Act. We call on all County Councils to avail of this amendment without delay.”

The County Secretary also read the following letter received from the Irish Dental Association:—

“I am directed by the Council of the Irish Dental Association to request that when the local Health Council is being formed in your area, your Council will ensure that a dental representative is appointed in accordance with the recommendation to that effect by the Minister for Health.”

The Council noted the representations made by the Irish Nurses' Organisation and by the Irish Dental Association and agreed that 6 members of the Council should be appointed on the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

Resolved:—

“That we appoint the following members on the Consultative Health Committee:—

Councillor E. Byrne,
Councillor Dr. Donnelly,
Councillor J. Haughton,
Councillor J. J. McCrea,
Councillor P. McCarthy,
Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Irish Medical Association had nominated Dr. Micks and Dr. Fyans to continue to represent the Association on the Committee. Members of the Council objected to the nomination of Dr. Fyans in view of statements made by him concerning the policy of the Council in regard to wages of road workers and asked that the Association be requested to submit an alternative nomination in place of Dr. Fyans.

ITEM No. 13—PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEES

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

“That we hereby appoint the members of the Council elected for the Arklow Electoral Area together with the members of the Arklow Urban District Council as the Public Assistance Committee for the Arklow Electoral Area, including the Arklow Urban District.”

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

“That we hereby appoint the members of the Council elected for the Baltinglass Electoral area as a Public Assistance Committee for this area.”

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the members of the Council elected for the Bray Electoral Area together with the members of the Bray Urban District as a Public Assistance Committee for the Bray Electoral Area, including the Bray Urban District.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the members of the County Council for the Wicklow County Electoral Area together with the members of Wicklow Urban District Council as a Public Assistance Committee for the Wicklow County Electoral Area, including the Urban District of Wicklow."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING COMMITTEES

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby constitute Local Housing Committees for each of the four Electoral Areas to be composed of the members of the Council elected for the respective Electoral Areas."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES FOR THE COUNCIL'S INSTITUTIONS

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following members as Visiting Committee for St. Colman's Hospital, and St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum; the County Hospital, Wicklow and Preventorium, Wicklow":—

Arklow Electoral Area: P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, P. McCarthy, Senator McCrea

Wicklow Electoral Area: J. Haughton, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. W. Hudson.

Bray Electoral Area: E. Byrne, Dr. Donnelly, H. J. Byrne, W. Lawless, J. O'Toole.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following to constitute the Visiting Committee to District Hospital, Baltinglass":—

Councillors: Senator J. J. McCrea,
M. Deering, T.D.,
G. Timmins,
P. Kehoe,
J. Miley,

Mr. Michael Patterson,
Mr. R. L. Barron,
Mr. L. K. O'Reilly.

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to hold the first ordinary meeting on Monday, 25th July, 1955, at 11 a.m.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th July, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Cleary, W. Hammond, Godfrey Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. O Broin, W. Clarke, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

AGENDA

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th May and 6th June, 1955.
- To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
- To fill vacancy on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
- City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955; Letter of 1st July, 1955, from Department of Local Government.
- Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools: Letter dated 7th June, 1955, from Dublin County Council.
- Letter dated 10th June, 1955, from An Bord Fáilte in regard to entering into agreement with the Council and provision of grants to enable suitable approved works to be undertaken.
- Greystones Harbour: Report of County Engineer and estimate of cost of carrying out repairs.
- Road Fund Grants for certain roads of tourist value: Letter from Department of Local Government and report of County Engineer.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill for repair of roads leading through Shieldstown, Ballymagrow and Shamrock in Knockanna area.
- Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949: Proposed scheme for 1955/56.
- Report in regard to Boley Lane, Carnew.
- Electrification of Ballinclare Quarry: To consider recommendation of County Engineer on tenders received.
- Blessington Housing Scheme: Report of County Engineer on tenders received.
- Kilcoole Housing Scheme: Letter of 30th June, 1955, from Department of Local Government.
- Proposed housing scheme at Laragh: Acquisition of site.
- To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from the National Bank Ltd., for Loan of £20,000 in respect of repairs to cottages.
- To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Demand for arrears of rent on Marine Hotel
- Circular letter from Department of Local Government re acquisition of sites for unserviced rural cottages.
- Protest from residents and ratepayers of Blessington in regard to proposed erection of loading bank in square at Blessington.
- Use of land for temporary dwellings: Applications in relation to lands at Brittas and Greystones.
- Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
- Proposed water supply for cottages at Tullogh.
- Proposed provision of water supply at Monaspick, Manor Kilbride.
- Proposed provision of water supply at Hillbrook.
- Water supply at Littlewood National School.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea for provision of water supply for Council cottages at Boleybawn and Mountpleasant.
- Proposed acquisition of dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy.
- Report of Rate Collection for year 1954/55.
- Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to proposal to purchase premises occupied by County Committee of Agriculture.
- Letter from Department of External Affairs in regard to resolution passed by the Council expressing sympathy with the French Government and relatives of persons killed at Le Mans.
- Resolution from Cork Corporation in regard to the bringing back to Ireland for re-interment of the remains of Fr. Dominic, O.F.M., Cap., and Fr. Albert, O.F.M., Cap.
- Resolution from Letterkenny Urban District Council in regard to affairs in Argentina.
- Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy—On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members of the Council with the widow and relatives of the late John J. Metcalfe, Ballylion, Donard, a former member of the County Council. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

The County Secretary read a letter received from Brig-General A. B. Beauman, The Flat, Orwell, Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey, conveying his appreciation of the Council's resolution of sympathy on the loss of his son, Donald Beauman.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th May and 6th June, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

Maternity Annexe at Rathdrum—Councillor P. McCarthy enquired if it was correct that the Maternity Annexe at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, had been closed, and stated that he had received objections to its closing. The County Manager explained that the Maternity Annexe had never been designed for the purposes of a maternity home and had originally been provided for confinements of unmarried mothers in the County Home. The County Medical Officer considered that this wing of the institution should be used for general cases in the County Home rather than for people who could receive treatment elsewhere. There was no difficulty in getting patients requiring treatment into other hospitals. In addition, it had been found difficult to recruit suitable staff for this section. The County Manager stated that it was intended to have the matter discussed fully at the next meeting of the Consultative Health Committee. The Council noted that the matter would be considered by the Consultative Health Committee, and decided that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday, 3rd August, 1955, at 11 a.m.

ITEM No. 2—COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The County Secretary stated that there was a vacancy on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, as Councillor P. McCarthy had been appointed a member of the Committee by Arklow Urban District Council and had also in error been appointed to the Committee by the County Council.

It was Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor W. Cleary to fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD

The County Secretary stated that there was a vacancy on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, as Councillor W. Clarke, who had been appointed as a representative of the County Council, was already a member of the Committee by virtue of his being Chairman of Wicklow Urban District Council. The Council deferred the filling of the vacancy on the Committee.

ITEM No. 4—CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955

A letter dated 1st July, 1955, from Department of Local Government in regard to the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that a Memorandum was being prepared by the Minister for Local Government for the information of individual members of local authorities, setting out briefly the powers and duties of members under the City and County Management Acts, and copies would be issued shortly. The Council deferred consideration of the matter pending the issue of the memorandum.

ITEM No. 5—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS: LETTER DATED 7th JUNE, 1955, FROM DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

The following letter from Dublin County Council was submitted:—
Dublin County Council,
11 Parnell Square,
Dublin,
Date, 7th June, 1955.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I have been directed by the County Scholarships Committee to write to you regarding the residence qualification in your University Scholarship Scheme, and in your Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme.

In the Dublin County Council Scheme for 1955 the residence qualifications is as follows:—

- (a) "No candidate shall be qualified to compete at the Scholarships Examination or to be awarded a County Scholarship unless his or her parents or guardians
- (1) were resident in the administrative County of Dublin on the 1st October, 1954, and
 - (2) have been continuously resident in the area comprised of Dublin County and Dublin City during the whole of the six years immediately preceding that date, and in the case of an applicant living with guardians unless he or she has resided with said guardians during the whole of the same period.
- (b) Applicants whose parents were resident in the administrative area of the County of Dublin on the 1st day of October, 1954, but who do not satisfy the residential condition at (a) (2) above will be allowed to compete if it is found possible to come to an arrangement with the Local Authority in whose area they previously resided."

It has normally been possible to make the reciprocal arrangements contemplated by paragraph (b). The Committee wish to extend (a) (2) by including with Dublin City and County as many other areas as possible. It is proposed to include all areas, the Councils or Corporations of which will include a corresponding clause in their own scheme.

I have, therefore, to ask you to let me know within the next month or so whether your Council/Corporation are willing to amend their scheme on the lines proposed.

Mise, le meas,
S. MacCORMAC,
Runai Ionadach.

On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

the Council approved unanimously of amending the Council's Scholarship Schemes to provide for reciprocal arrangements as regards residence with Dublin County Council.

ITEM No. 6—AGREEMENTS WITH AN BORD FAILTE

The following letter from An Bord Failte was submitted:—
13 Merrion Square,
Dublin,
10th June, 1955.

M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager,
Dear Manager,

I refer to my letter of 2nd April, 1954, with which was enclosed copy of a memorandum of the discussion between the Board and City and County Managers concerning the discharge of such functions of the Board under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, as are to a certain extent complementary to those of local authorities.

Section 59 (2) of the recently enacted Local Government Act, 1955, provides, that where a statutory body is of the opinion that any of its powers, functions or duties should be exercised or performed by a local authority and the local authority is able and willing to do so, the statutory body and the local authority may enter into an agreement for that purpose. Where such an agreement is entered into, officers of the local authority are enabled, in accordance with Section 7 of the Act, to carry out such duties, appropriate to the nature of the power or function, as the local authority may decide.

As you are already aware, the Board is of the opinion that the implementation of such of its functions as relate in particular to the provision of works of a tourist amenity character could be more advantageous and economically undertaken on behalf of the Board by local authorities which have the necessary machinery and facilities available. Accordingly, the Board is prepared to enter into an agreement with your Council and to provide grants to enable suitable approved works to be undertaken in your area. The type of works for which the Board is empowered to provide financial assistance is as set out in Section 5 of the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, an extract from which is attached for your reference.

In the circumstances, therefore, I am to invite your co-operation in bringing this matter to the attention of your Council at the earliest possible date and to say that, in the event of your Council deciding to enter into an agreement as indicated, the Board will be prepared to give favourable consideration to the provision of financial assistance for such appropriate schemes as your Council may care to submit.

I may add for your information that the Board is suggesting to Resort Development Companies eligible for the guarantee of loans under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, that they advise the local authorities in their areas of their development proposals at the earliest possible stage in order to ensure the integration of schemes by joint action.

Yours faithfully,
J. K. O'DOHERTY,
General Manager.

Extract From Tourist Traffic Act, 1952:

Section 5 (2) (c):

"to assist, financially and otherwise, in the provision, extension or improvement of facilities and amenities, at tourist resorts and elsewhere, which appear to the Board to be calculated to improve tourist traffic."

Section 5 (2) (f):

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

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

and resolved:—

"That the Council enter into an Agreement with An Bord Failte with a view to carrying out works with the aid of grants to be made available by the Board."

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager informed the Council that even in the absence of agreements, the Council had made arrangements with An Bord Failte under which parking places had been provided along the Sallygap Road and a car park and sanitary conveniences at Glendalough. The question of further work at Glendalough had been discussed with the Board and the question of access to a number of the Seven Churches was also being examined by An Bord Failte. Councillor W. Clarke suggested that grants from An Bord Failte might be availed of to open up scenic views, and referred to improvements of this type which might be made at little cost on the road from Wicklow to the Silver Strand. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked whether schemes for the erection of swimming pools would be acceptable under the terms of the letter. The Council agreed that the members of the Council for the respective areas would submit suggestions for amenity works which might be carried out with the aid of grants from the Board.

ITEM No. 7—GREYSTONES HARBOUR

The following report from the County Engineer was submitted:—
22nd June, 1955.

County Secretary,

re Greystones Harbour

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant regarding the above, I give hereunder details of estimated cost of carrying out the necessary repairs at Greystones Harbour.

East Pier: Remove stones, boulders and copings	£2,500
Break down dangerous cavities and fill in with stones, concrete, etc., and make good promenade	£3,000
Repairs to end of pier and on East (sea side) face	£2,600
Repairs to approaches and quay walling	£2,000

Total £10,100

West Pier: A rough estimate would be £11,000, but I do not think it would be desirable to restore this structure at the Land End, which, if solid, would create an erosion and scouring problem.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The Council noted that there was no provision in the estimates to enable such works to be carried out from the Council's own resources. Councillor Lawless asked that a sign be erected at the public dressing places recently provided at Greystones, indicating that they were available for use by the public generally.

ITEM No. 8—ROAD FUND GRANTS FOR CERTAIN ROADS OF TOURIST VALUE

The County Secretary submitted a letter from Department of Local Government referring to previous correspondence in regard to certain roads of tourist value and indicating that a further grant of £20,000 was being made available for the purpose of continuing work on these roads. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
7th July, 1955.

County Secretary,

re Roads for Tourist Traffic

Dear Sir,

I have read a copy of the letter you received from the Department of Local Government, dated 1st July, 1955, regarding work of improvement on certain roads of tourist value in this county and regarding which previous correspondence of a lengthy nature has taken place with the said Department.

I note that the letter referred to indicates that a further special road fund grant of £20,000 is now being made available; this grant, as you will remember, is the third sum of £20,000 which the Department had promised to make available to County Wicklow each year at £20,000 per year for the purpose of the reconstruction of the route Sallygap-Laragh-Derrybawn, Drumgoff-Glenmalure-Aughavannagh-Rathdangan. So far, in 1954, we have received £40,000 towards this work, and with the present allocation, the total sum made available to date is, therefore, £60,000. This total sum of £60,000 will be sufficient to complete the Sallygap-Glenmacnass-Laragh section, and at the present time I am making every effort to get as much work as possible done on that route this year before the winter months come upon us, as it is usually impossible to work in that district after the end of October at the very latest; in the later months of the financial year, perhaps February and March, it is usually possible to renew operations.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The members of the Council having enquired whether the grant now notified could be utilised on other roads, the County Manager pointed out that the roads to be improved by means of these special grants had been determined in 1945. The Council had agreed to the programme under which the road from Sallygap via Laragh-Drumgoff and Aughavannagh to Rathdangan was being improved with the aid of these special grants. The Council noted the position in the matter.

In regard to the road works on the road between Rathnew and Wicklow, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, asked that particulars be submitted of the expenditure of the grant of £6,000 on this work, indicating the amount charged for the use of machinery.

ITEM No. 9—ROADS THROUGH SHIELDSTOWN, BALLYMAGROE AND SHAMROCK

With reference to Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor O'Neill, the County Engineer reported as follows:—

County Secretary,

23rd July, 1955.

Dear Sir,

With regard to the roads at Shieldstown, Ballymagroe and Shamrock (Knocknashamrogue), these roads are rather backward routes and parts of them are in poor condition. Some repairs have been carried out, but due to prolonged weather conditions, the old clay surface has ravelled and we have had to cart materials to these roads during the past 10 days in unusually large quantities, and to date these repairs have cost about £130, and a further £90 will be required to make them reasonably passable.

The old foundations on these roads are very bad and would be unsafe to put a steam roller over them. Some roads in the area have suffered heavily due to forestry traffic.

I will make a further report about the matter for the next meeting. Undoubtedly, there are many small roads in that district which are still in a primitive state.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

The Council noted that a further report would be submitted by the County Engineer in regard to roads in the district.

ITEM No. 10—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949 : SCHEMES FOR 1955/1956

On the proposal of Councillor Lawless, the Council agreed that the total amount of the grants, i.e. £21,000, be divided evenly between the four electoral areas and that schemes to the value of £5,250 be submitted in respect of each electoral area. The Council decided that the schemes be considered by the members for their respective areas at meetings which were arranged to be held as follows:—

Arklow Electoral Area : At Shillelagh on 29th July, 1955, at 4 p.m.
Baltinglass Electoral Area : At Blessington on 5th August, 1955, at 3 p.m.
Bray Electoral Area : At Town Hall, Bray, on 8th August, 1955, at 7 p.m.
Wicklow Electoral Area : At Courthouse, Wicklow, on 3rd August, 1955, at 4 p.m.

ITEM No. 11—BOLEY LANE, CARNEW

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that he had asked for a report in regard to the condition of Boley Lane, Carnew, and expressed appreciation of the work carried out by the Council's staff in restoring portion of the lane which had been seriously damaged by a cloud burst towards the end of June. He suggested that consideration of taking over the road as a public road be deferred, as an application for a grant for the improvement of the lane was being sought.

ITEM No. 12—ELECTRIFICATION OF BALLINCLARE QUARRY

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at the meeting in June, but had been deferred to the meeting to be held after the local elections. The report of the County Engineer of 10th June, 1955, was again submitted to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That consideration of the tenders for electrification of Ballinclare Quarry be deferred and inquiry made by the Councillors for the area into the cost of operating the quarries."

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, referred to charges made by the Council for plant and machinery and stated that he considered an enquiry was necessary into the cost of operating the quarry. Councillor Everett handed in a list of details he required in regard to machinery charges.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"Having considered report of the County Engineer of 10th June, 1955, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Smiths, Church Street, Wicklow, in the total sum of £2,340 14s. 6d. for the electrification of Ballinclare Quarry and authorise the raising of a loan of £2,340 14s. 6d. from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., repayable over a period of 5 years for the purpose of defraying the cost of the electrification of Ballinclare Quarry."

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

In favour—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., William Cleary, W. Hammond, P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne.....8
Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, M. Deering, T.D., W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, W. Clarke, J. Haughton and H. J. Byrne.....10

The amendment was declared defeated by 10 votes against to 8 votes in favour, and the matter was accordingly adjourned for a further month.

In reply to questions by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, in regard to hire charges for machinery, the County Manager explained that these charges, which were sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government from time to time, was the book-keeping method of apportioning the cost of machinery over the works carried out in a particular year, and pointed out that no more was charged against the works than was actually incurred in expenditure by the Council during a particular year.

ITEM No. 13—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME

Having considered the report of the Council's Architect and County Engineer, of 25th July, 1955, in which it was indicated that Mr. M. McDonnell, whose tender was the lowest for the scheme, had withdrawn his tender and that the tender of Messrs. Francis Tutty and Maurice Fleming, Hollywood, in the sum of £20,860, being the second lowest tender, was recommended for acceptance, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That tender of Messrs. Francis Tutty and Maurice Fleming of Hollywood for the housing scheme at Blessington in the sum of £20,860 be accepted."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—KILCOOLE HOUSING SCHEME

Letter dated 30th June, 1955, from Department of Local Government stating that the house plans, and estimate of cost for the housing scheme at Kilcoole, appeared to be in order and that no objection was raised thereto, was submitted to the Council. In the letter the Department enquired if it was the intention of the Council to invite tenders for the carrying out of the work of erection. The Council agreed that tenders might be invited and that the County Engineer also would submit a price for the erection of the houses. Councillor Lawless enquired regarding the house plans for the scheme and stated that in his view two-storey houses would not be suitable. The Council, accordingly, deferred the matter for examination by the local Housing Committee at a meeting to be held in Bray on the 8th August, 1955, following the meeting in connection with the approval of schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts.

ITEM No. 15—PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT LARAGH

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Valuer, Mr. H. J. Byrne, had carried out a valuation of the compensation which might be paid to Mr. J. Byrne for his property at Laragh, which was required as site for a housing scheme. The valuer recommended a sum of £300 as compensation and, in addition, the Council to erect a new store to replace the existing store which would have to be removed. The cost of the demolition of the existing store and erection of new store was estimated at £550. The owner of the site, Mr. J. Byrne, sought compensation of £480, which, together with the cost of demolishing the existing store and erecting new one, would make a total of £1,030. On the basis of the valuer's recommendation the total compensation, including the cost of the store, would be £850. Mr. J. Byrne had also asked that a connection be provided to his shop and dwelling to the sewerage scheme to be provided for the cottages. This would cost a further £30. The Council did not consider it appropriate that a connection should be provided to the sewerage system, at cost to the Council. Councillor W. Clarke considered that the Council should make a special effort to build an attractive housing scheme at Laragh and stated that he doubted if any other place in Ireland would lend itself so well as a setting for a model village. He suggested that the Council should look to the future and prepare a

plan for a housing development of 30 to 40 houses and suggested that a competition might be held for housing designs for such a village. Councillor Clarke added that An Bord Fáilte might be approached to make available a grant to cover the cost of such a competition and that the Board might also be asked to make a grant to defray any extra cost which might arise in the construction of the houses in view of their being to a special design or standard. The Council approved of Councillor Clarke's suggestion that the local Councillors make preliminary investigations in regard to this suggestion and report back to the Council. It was agreed also that the local members would consider the proposed compensation to be paid to Mr. Byrne.

ITEM No. 16—LOAN OF £20,000 IN RESPECT OF REPAIRS TO COTTAGES
The Council deferred this matter for the submission of the mortgage from the National Bank, Ltd.

ITEM No. 17—MARINE HOTEL, WICKLOW

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had prepared a form of demand for the arrears of Ground Rent in respect of the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, for sealing by the Council.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the affixing of the Seal of Council to Demand for Arrears of Rent on Marine Hotel, The Morrough, Wicklow."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—ACQUISITION OF SITES FOR UNSERVICED RURAL COTTAGES

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin,
19th July, 1955.
Circ.N.3/55.

Acquisition of Sites for Rural Cottages.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous circular letters in regard to the selection of sites for Labourers Acts cottages and to state that it will not be necessary for County Councils in future to submit for his consideration, prior to acquisition, proposals relating to the acquisition by agreement of sites for unserviced rural cottages, either (1) isolated or (2) in groups not exceeding six cottages, provided that the sites are certified by the medical and the engineering or architectural advisers of the Council to be suitable for housing purposes, or, if not entirely suitable, to be the best available and that in the case of (2) every unserviced cottage shall have a minimum curtilage of a half-acre. Approval should still be sought in respect of sites for groups of more than six cottages or more than two with curtilages less than half-acre each, and also in all cases where there is a likelihood of sanitary services to the cottage being provided at a later date.

Attention is drawn to the recommendations conveyed in the Department's circular letters of 26th June, 1947, and 19th January, 1951, for the guidance of local authorities in acquiring housing sites.

County Councils should be guided by the advice of their technical officers in regard to the price to be paid for sites to be acquired under the foregoing arrangements and the costs of acquisition should be capable of being shown to be fully justified in each case. Particulars of sites selected and prices paid should be submitted quarterly to the Department for record purposes. The first return should be submitted not later than the 15th October next and thereafter not later than the 15th day of the month following the quarter in question.

The Minister has decided to relinquish his powers of control within the terms of this circular letter, as part of his policy to devolve to the maximum to local authorities the discretion to make decisions at local level and in the confidence that the new arrangement will generally be operated prudently and efficiently by all the rural housing authorities concerned.

Mise, le meas,

ITEM No. 19—LOADING BANK IN SQUARE AT BLESSINGTON

The following memorial received from residents in Blessington was submitted: We, residents and ratepayers of Blessington, object in the strongest possible terms to the erection of a loading station in the square at Blessington.

We consider the square has already been grossly disfigured by the erection of a public lavatory (which is generally locked) and a shed for holding fire-fighting apparatus (which sadly needs painting).

While there is unlimited suitable alternative accommodation for these unsightly items, why set them up in the centre of the town's square?

A loading station would mean, in addition to its unsightliness, unpleasant noises generally in the early hours of the morning, and a square always full of cow dung.

(We are asked to have our towns and villages clean and attractive; how can Blessington be clean or attractive under those conditions?)

Signed: Daniel J. Lucey, P.P., Blessington; Rev. E. H. Despard, do.; Dr. J. M. Clerkin, James Miley, M.C.C.; J. L. McKernan, P.C.; Richard Chambers, P.C.; James L. Quinn, N.T.; Mrs. Eileen Chambers, M.Sc.; Sean O'Donnell; W. F. Mullan; John Kelly, Michael J. Byrne, W. F. Richardson, St. Kevin's, Blessington; Mrs. Kathleen Hennessy, T. C. Dempsey, Edward Moore, William Twyford, Patrick Kelly, Thomas Doran, Ed. Dowling, James Dwyer, Thomas Mullally, John J. Cruise, Eric Sheridan, Blessington; Mrs. Mai J. Brady, Mrs. Dora Tully, Arthur Sheridan, Miss Margaret Burke, N.T., C. M. Walsh, R. M. Taylor, Mrs. Eileen Coogan, F. R. Garland, T. Byrne, Myles Cullen, John Kennedy, Myles Balfe, Edward Kelly, R. Quinn, Edward McCaffrey, T. Balfe, William Hornidge, John Tyrell, Martin Murphy, William Smyth, J. Tyrell, Mrs. Bridget White.

We thoroughly approve of the intention of the I.C.A. to beautify the Square.

The Council decided to hear Very Rev. Fr. Lucey, P.P., who attended the meeting, and also Colonel Gilheany, on behalf of the Young Farmers' Club.

Very Rev. Fr. Lucey, P.P., said that the residents in Blessington opposed the erection of the loading bank in the strongest terms. They considered that the Main Street in Blessington would be disfigured by the erection of the bank, and pointed out that already there was a public convenience and a fire brigade station in the Main Street. He stated that Blessington depended for its existence on its attractions as a tourist resort and that the erection of the loading bank would not encourage tourists. Colonel Gilheany, who represented the Young Farmers' Club, pointed out that application had been made to have the loading bank erected, and stated that before submitting the application, several sites had been examined. They considered that the site was the most suitable. He did not consider that the Memorial represented the views of the majority of the people in Blessington. On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to adjourn the matter for a month to enable the respective parties to endeavour to solve the difficulty. Subsequently, at the suggestion of Councillor Miley, the Council agreed that the Chairman and County Manager, together with the local representatives, could enquire further into the matter at a meeting to be held at Blessington on the 5th August, 1955.

ITEM No. 20—USE OF LANDS FOR TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

The County Secretary stated that applications had been received for the renewal of licences for the retention of temporary dwellings at Brittas as follows:—

On the lands of William Staunton, 30 caravans.

On the lands of Paul Costello, 4 caravans.

On the lands of Mrs. Aileen Byrne, 1 caravan.

On the lands of Mr. D. Sharpe, Ballymoyle, 8 caravans.

The Council, at a previous meeting, had agreed to the granting of licences subject to satisfactory reports from the County Medical Officer in each case.

The County Medical Officer had reported that he recommended the granting of licences in the cases mentioned. The Council agreed to the renewal of licences for Paul Costello, Mrs. Aileen Byrne and Mr. D. Sharpe, Ballymoyle, as recommended by the County Medical Officer, but in the case of the lands of William Staunton it was proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, that a licence be granted for only 15 caravans.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke, that a licence be granted for 30 caravans.

As a further amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea, seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, that no licence be issued in respect of these lands.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor Senator McCrea, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In favour—Councillors Senator McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, H. J. Byrne

Against—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D., J. Miley, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke, J. Haughton

The amendment was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 4 in favour. A vote having been called for as to whether the licence be given for 15 caravans or 30 caravans, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

For a licence for 15 caravans—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D., J. Miley, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., C. M. Byrne, J. Haughton, H. J. Byrne

For a licence for 30 caravans—Councillors W. Hammond and W. Clarke, 2. The Council, accordingly, approved of the issue of a licence for the use of the lands for 15 caravans only.

Having considered file of correspondence including report of the Health Inspector in regard to the licensing of a site at Greystones for the parking of two motor caravans on a field, the property of Mr. James O'Reilly, Beach House, Greystones, and which field was let to amusement caterers for the summer months, the Council agreed that there was no objection to granting a temporary licence in this case.

Temporary Dwelling at Magherymore—Having heard letter from Mr. Cooney, owner of the lands at Magherymore, the Council agreed that an undertaking would be accepted from Mr. Cooney that he would remove the unsatisfactory dwelling from his lands on or before 30th September, 1955.

Ambulance Services—Councillor Cleary raised the matter of an ambulance service in Arklow, and referred to a recent accident when an ambulance was not available for some time. The County Manager pointed out that no matter what ambulance service was provided by the Council, some instance would occur when an ambulance could not be made available immediately. The County Manager enquired if the local ambulance, with which the Council had made arrangements, had been requisitioned. Councillor McCarthy asked that the condition of the local ambulance at Arklow be examined, as it might not be of a satisfactory standard.

ITEM No. 31—RESOLUTION FROM CORK CORPORATION IN REGARD TO THE BRINGING BACK TO IRELAND FOR RE-INTERMENT OF THE REMAINS OF FR. DOMINIC, O.F.M., CAP., AND FR. ALBERT, O.F.M., CAP.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

the Council adopted the following resolution from Cork Corporation:—

"That we, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Cork, desire to express our entire concurrence with, and support for, the efforts now being made to have the remains of the late Fr. Dominic, O.F.M., Cap., and Fr. Albert, O.F.M., Cap., brought to Ireland for re-interment in their own land. In this we feel that we are giving expression to a general public desire that the last wishes of these patriotic priests should be fulfilled."

The Council decided that the Housing Committee of the Council would be held on Monday, 8th August, 1955, at 11 a.m., and that the remaining items on the agenda be deferred to that meeting.

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

(1) Information required by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, in relation to machinery, as follows:—

In respect of each item of machinery and engineering plant overhauled since purchased, the period each machine was out of service, also state in respect of each of the following machinery, the special works they were acquired for, and the costs charged against each grant—Rollers, Small Compressors, Large Compressors, Tar Tankers, Chaseside Shovel, Bristow Tar Sprayer, Low Loader, Tractor, Cone Crusher, Primary Crusher, Small Crusher, Dragline, Bulldozer, Tarmac Plant, Concrete Mixer, Dumper, Tar Boiler, Tar Boiler-standbys, Tar sprayers, Grinders, Tar Pots, Conveyors, Turf Cutting Machine, Well Boring Plant, Hedge Cutter, Water Pump, Vibrating Screen with engine.

What items and machinery were purchased by Council, and total cost, and where or at what depots is machinery placed in the county. Period of working hours engaged for year ending 30th June, 1955.

(2) Information in relation to machinery required by Senator J. J. McCrea:—

(i) Total amount of loans raised under all headings for the purchase of machinery to date.

(ii) The total amount charged for the use of all machinery for the financial year 1954/55 against such loans.

(3) By Councillor M. Deering, T.D.:—

"I will move at the next monthly meeting of the Wicklow County Council that a loan of £4,000 be raised for the reconstruction of the road from the Kildare Boundary to the Three Roads at Dunlavin."

(4) By Councillor J. Miley:—

"That I or some one for me will propose at the next meeting of the Council that a pump be erected at Dunlavin Upper."

(5) By Councillor J. Miley:—

"That I or some one for me will propose at the next meeting of the Council that a water supply be extended at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride."

(6) By Senator J. J. McCrea:—

"That I or some one for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council the question of taking over and improving roads or laneways leading to farmsteads and other holdings."

(7) By Councillor P. Kehoe:—

"That I or some one for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council the provision of a pump for three cottages in Bessina, Grangecon."

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters and with the items adjourned from the meeting of the Council held on the 25th July was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th August, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. O'Broin, W. Clarke, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

AGENDA

- Report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of July, 1955.
- Agreed Sites Scheme: Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the acceptance of tenders.
- Application for closing of roads at Bray, on Sunday, 11th September, 1955.
- Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
- Water Supply to cottages at Kilmartin, Ashford.
- Water Supply for cottages at Tullowclay.
- Water Supply for Monaspick, Manor Kilbride.
- Provision of water supply at Hillbrook.
- Water Supply at Littlewood National School.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, for provision of water supply for Council cottages at Boleybawn and Mountpleasant.
- Proposed acquisition of dumping ground at Newtownmountkenny.
- Report on Rate Collection for year 1954-55.
- Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to proposal to purchase premises occupied by County Committee of Agriculture.
- Letter from Department of External Affairs in regard to resolution passed by the Council expressing sympathy with the French Government and relatives of persons killed at Le Mans.
- Resolution from Letterkenny Urban District Council in regard to affairs in Argentina.
- Inquiries arising from County Managers' Orders.
- Repairs carried out during the month of July, 1955.
- Authorisation of repairs to cottages.

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ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of July, 1955, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council

HOUSING SECTION

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council.

5th August, 1955.

Housing Progress Report, Month of July, 1955.

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

Under the 1952 Housing Scheme sites at Ballynerrin, Ballard and Furzeditch have been fenced, and building has commenced.

Under this scheme also, sites at Kilcavan and Tombrean are fenced, and fencing of 6 other cottage sites in this area are about to be done.

The total number of houses completed to date are as follows:—

1946 Housing Scheme	419
Newtownmountkenedy	16
Killincarrig and Lugduff	13
Kindlestown	40
Total	488

The total number of men employed during July was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry (20)	9	7
1952 Scheme	4	10
Total	13	17

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

Northern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st July, 1955:

1946 Scheme	185
Newtownmountkenedy	16
Killincarrig	10
Kindlestown	40
Total	251

Cottages in progress at 31st July, 1955:

Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
1952 Scheme (Ballynerrin, Furzeditch and Ballard)	3
Total	23

South Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st July, 1955:

In progress	92
Total	Nil

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st July, 1955:

1946 Scheme	54
Lugduff Scheme	3
Total	57

In progress: Tombrean (fencing)	1
Kilcavan do.	1
Total	2

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 31st July, 1955:

In progress	88
Total	Nil

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

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 housing schemes during the month of July, 1955."
Passed unanimously

ITEM No. 2—AGREED SITES SCHEME

The County Secretary read letter of 3rd August, 1955, from Department of Local Government (Ref. N.27/2/14) indicating that there was no objection to the acceptance of tenders for the erection of rural cottages under the 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme, as submitted in the County Manager's Order, except in the case of Messrs. McNulty Bros., Dun Laoghaire, where the Department recommended that the tender in the figure of £7,053 12s. 10d. be accepted, this tender providing for the provision of concrete yards and concrete fencing posts. The remaining credits proposed by Messrs. McNulty Bros. were accepted. The Council noted the approval of the Department to the acceptance of the tenders. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor would be instructed to proceed with the preparation of contract documents.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY

Having considered letter of 25th July, 1955, from Bray Amusements Committee, and letter of 5th August, 1955, from the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, indicating that there was no objection to the proposed closing of the same route as in the previous year provided the Amusements Committee undertook to provide 20 good stewards to assist the Gardaí in preventing members of the public from encroaching on the route while the race was in progress, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor B. Donnelly, M.D.,

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 roads as set out hereunder in the Urban District of Bray between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, 11th September, 1955:—

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. 4—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council approved of the making of a loan of £900 to Edwin C. Sheane in respect of the erection of a house at Ballinabarney, Wicklow, and also of a loan of £700 to Sean Metcalfe, in respect of the erection of a house at Ballylion Lr., Donard, subject to receipt of satisfactory details of income.

The Council deferred for further examination the application of Conor Cregan, Ballyrush, Arklow, for a loan of £1,600 in respect of the erection of a house at Ballyrush.

ITEM No. 5—WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT KILMARTIN, ASHFORD

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had reported that there were 5 Council cottages at Kilmartin, the occupants of which obtained water from a well situated half a mile from the cottages. Whilst the water was of good quality, the Health Inspector considered that it was too far from the cottages and he recommended the sinking of a well and the erection of a pump. The Assistant County Engineer in his report stated that the tenants drew water from a well in a field owned by Mr. Bayly, Killymore Lodge, and in doing so had to cross a field, the property of Mr. Bradshaw. He also recommended the sinking of a well and the erection of a pump, and stated that there were three private houses in the area which would be served by the pump.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of pump to provide water supply at Council cottages at Kilmartin, Ashford, the cost to be defrayed from loan and work to be included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT TULLOWCLAY

The Health Inspector had reported that there were two cottages with a total of 9 persons who had to go over half a mile for water. The Council's Engineer stated that there was no clean water source convenient to the cottages, the nearest being the pump erected by the Council 1,040 yards away. He recommended that a well be sunk and a pump provided.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"Having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump to serve two cottages at Tullowclay, at estimated cost of £220, the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—WATER SUPPLY AT MONASPICK, MANOR KILBRIDE

The County Secretary stated that there were three houses in the area with a total of 12 occupants. The nearest water was a quarter of a mile away. The Assistant Engineer stated that water could be obtained quite close to the two cottages at Monaspick, and would also serve a nearby farmhouse, and be within 300 yards of The Lamb. The Assistant Engineer had reported, however, that no house in Co. Dublin would benefit from the erection of the pump.

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump to provide water supply for cottages at Monaspick, Manor Kilbride, the cost to be defrayed from loan and work to be included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AT HILLBROOK

The Health Inspector had reported that there were four houses containing 14 persons using a well about 500 yards from the house of the largest family. The occupants stated that the well went dry in fine weather, and the Health Inspector reported that it was only a surface well. He recommended that a pump be provided. The Assistant County Engineer, in report of 30th June, recommended that two wells be sunk and pumps erected at a cost of about £220 each; one to serve the house occupied by Mr. Lennon, and the other to serve two cottages. The County Manager suggested that the provision of one well and pump would be sufficient to serve the cottages and that the well should be provided in the neighbourhood of the existing well. Senator McCrea stated that, in his opinion, it was necessary to provide two wells.

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

and resolved:—

"Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer of 30th June, 1955, we approve of the sinking of two wells and provision of two pumps at cost of approximately £220 each, to serve two groups of cottages at Hillbrook. Tinahely, the cost to be defrayed from loan and work to be included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—WATER SUPPLY AT LITTLEWOOD NATIONAL SCHOOL

The Health Inspector had reported that there was one Council cottage with 15 occupants and a school with an attendance of 20 pupils using a well in the yard of the Rectory at a distance of nearly half a mile, and recommended that a pump be erected convenient to the school. The Assistant County Engineer also recommended the sinking of a well and erection of a pump.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"Having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump adjacent to Littlewood National School at estimated cost of £225, the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—WATER SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL COTTAGES AT BOLEYBAWN AND MOUNTPLEASANT

With reference to Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the County Secretary stated that as regards the provision of a water supply at Boleybawn, Tinahely, the Health Inspector had reported that there were 18 persons residing in 5 cottages and that the nearest water supply was at a distance of 500 yards. He recommended the erection of a pump convenient to the cottages or that a connection be taken from the water supply at the fountain at the station and extended to the cottages. The Assistant Engineer stated that there was a public fountain, about 250 yards from the nearest cottage and 400 yards from the furthest cottage. He was of the opinion that there were cases where greater hardship was being endured. In the event of the provision of a water supply being approved, he recommended an extension in 1/2" plastic piping from the fountain and that a new fountain be erected in a position equi-distant from both end cottages at an estimated cost of £150. The County Manager pointed out that, in his opinion, priority could scarcely be given for this proposal in view of the fact that the cottages were at present only 200 yards from a public fountain.

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer of 21st July, 1955, we approve of the provision of an extension of the fountain at Boleybawn,

Tinahely, to serve 5 cottages at Boleybawn, at estimated cost of £150, the cost to be defrayed from loan and work to be included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the water supply at Mountpleasant, Tinahely, the County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector reported that there were three cottages at Mountpleasant occupied by 21 persons. The nearest water supply was a pump approximately half a mile away and he recommended the provision of a pump. The Assistant County Engineer stated that two of the tenants had been obtaining water from a well on private lands some 440 yards away, but he understood that the landowner had indicated that he proposed to cover the well and to pump the water to his own residence. The only alternative supply was the Council pump at Gorteen, approximately 840 yards distant. He recommended that a well and pump be provided at an estimated cost of £220 midway between the two sites indicated on the drawing submitted by him. On the proposal of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill, the Council approved of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump, the cost to be defrayed from loan and the work to be included on priority list.

ITEM No. 11—PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF DUMPING GROUND AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The County Secretary stated that Miss Mary Magee, Kilmullen, Newtownmountkennedy, had informed the Council that she was prepared to rent a site on her lands for use as a dumping ground for a sum of £10 per annum. The original rent asked for had been £20 per annum.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the renting of site on Miss Mary Magee's land at Kilmullen at rent of £10 per annum, the land to be used as dumping ground for Newtownmountkennedy and district."

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager reminded the Council of previous discussions in regard to the site for dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy, and pointed out that there had been objections made to the site originally proposed and that the site being acquired was a distance of 1 mile from the village.

ITEM No. 12—REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION FOR YEAR 1954/55

The report on the Rate Collection for the year 1954/55 was submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the percentage collected was 98.88%. In one district 100% collection had been achieved and the lowest percentage in any district was 94.73%. The Council noted that the collection for the year had been very satisfactory.

ITEM No. 13—PREMISES OCCUPIED BY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government in reference to the proposal to purchase the premises occupied by the County Committee of Agriculture and stating that while the Minister had no specific proposal before him he wished to point out that the question of acquiring Colonel Vize's interest had been fully considered on previous occasions, but that it had not been found possible to approve of the proposal. It was stated in the letter that there appeared to have been no change in the circumstances since then which would justify a review of this decision.

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

and resolved:—

"That we inquire from the Minister for Local Government if he would agree to the purchase of premises occupied by the Committee of Agriculture for a sum of £1,100."

Passed; Councillors H. J. Byrne and W. Hammond dissenting.

ITEM No. 14—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Council noted letter of 2nd July from Department of External Affairs in regard to resolution passed by the Council expressing the sympathy of the members of the Council with the French Government and the relatives of the persons killed at the recent tragedy at Le Mans, and stating that the French Embassy had expressed its appreciation of the action taken by the Council and requested that the expression of its most sincere thanks be conveyed to the Council.

ITEM No. 15—RESOLUTION FROM LETTERKENNY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL IN REGARD TO AFFAIRS IN ARGENTINA

The Council decided to mark "read" the resolution from Letterkenny Urban District Council.

ITEM No. 16—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

The Council noted summaries of principal orders made by the County Manager during the month of June, 1955.

ITEM No. 17—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 1955

The Council noted the particulars of repairs carried out during the month of July, 1955.

ITEM No. 18—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.

In reply to Councillor W. Lawless, the County Engineer stated that he would arrange for the carrying out of repairs to houses at Avondale Park and cottages at Kilmacanogue immediately after the holidays.

Cost of Repairs—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the cost of repairs to cottages and suggested that a committee of the Council might investigate the system in operation for the carrying out of repairs. The County Manager pointed out that he had submitted several special reports to the Council in regard to the cost of repairs. The Council now had over 3,000 cottages to maintain. The Council at the Estimates Meeting had decided to reduce the amount for repairs by a sum of £3,000, and it was unlikely that the amount available would be sufficient to meet the cost of repairs during the year.

Oldcourt Water Supply—The County Manager, in reply to Councillor J. Miley, explained the position in regard to the water supply for Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride. It was agreed to submit a report to the next meeting of the Council giving the cost and details of revised scheme, which it was expected could be done for about £150.

Kilmagig Housing Scheme—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., raised the matter of a tenant at Kilmagig having been instructed to remove a hut which he had erected for the purpose of a small store. The County Manager explained the difficulties which the Council had found in obtaining a site at Avoca, and also the difficulties in laying out the scheme in view of the steep slope of the ground. Sheds or huts could not be erected at the rear of the houses as they would tend to shut off the natural lighting from the houses in view of the steep hill at the rear of the houses. Councillor Hudson suggested that the Council's Architect might prepare a plan for a suitable type of shed and the plan could be made available to the tenants. Councillor Hammond suggested that a single shed might be designed which would cater for the needs of all the tenants. It was agreed that the Architect would submit a design of a suitable structure.

Local Authorities (Works) Act—Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea suggested that the Department of Local Government be requested to give permission to the Council to commence certain schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts, prior to the 1st October, 1955.

Water Supply and Sewerage at Baltinglass—Councillor P. Kehoe requested that a report in regard to water supply and sewerage at Baltinglass be submitted to the next meeting.

Grant for Erection of New Houses—The County Secretary submitted application received from Thomas Roche, Ballinacinchogue, Roundwood, for a supplementary grant in respect of the erection of a new house. The amount of the Government Grant obtained was £225 and the appropriate supplementary grant would be £150. On the proposal of Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, the Council approved of the making of the supplementary grant.

Pensionability of Rate Collector—On the Proposal of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Local Government in regard to the position of Collector M. O'Neill with a view to his position as Rate Collector being regarded as pensionable.

Henry Byrne

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 16th August, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Brendan Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. O'Broin, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton and W. Clarke.

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

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 13th June, 1955.
2. To fill vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.
3. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1955: Results of examination and award of scholarships.
4. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools: To renew scholarships.
5. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational and Approved Schools, 1956: To consider scheme of scholarships for the coming year.
6. University Scholarship Scheme: To renew scholarships.
7. University Scholarship Scheme, 1956: To consider scheme for the coming year.
8. Applications from Employees' Unions for increase in wages of road workers.
9. Particulars in relation to machinery charges as requested by Councillors J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, and Senator J. J. McCrea.
10. Electrification of Ballinclare Quarry: To consider recommendation of County Engineer on tenders received.
11. Laragh Bridge: To authorise raising of loan.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, regarding question of taking over and improving roads and laneways leading to farm-steads and other holdings.
13. Arklow Coast Road: Report of County Engineer regarding proposed Coast Road from Arklow to Arklow Rock.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering, T.D., regarding raising of loan of £4,000 for reconstruction of road from County Kildare Bounds to Three Roads at Dunlavin.
15. Proposed provision of Car Park at Brittas Bay.
16. Extension of watermain from Killincarrig, Delgany, to Three Trout Bridge, Charlesland, Delgany: To authorise raising of loan.
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19. Provision of pump at Bessina, Grangecon: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe.
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21. Baltinglass Hospital: Staffing arrangements.
22. Loan of £20,000 for repairs to cottages: To authorise affixing of Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd.
23. Supplementary Loan for completion of scheme of cottages at Killincarrig and Lugduff: To approve of draft Deed of Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
24. Re-organisation of Veterinary Services: Proposals of Department of Agriculture.
25. Consultative Health Committee: Letter from Honorary Secretary, Co. Wicklow Branch, Irish Medical Association.
26. Bray Dispensary District: Proposed appointment of additional Medical Officer.
27. Proposed appointment of additional dentist.
28. Proposed Preventorium at Wicklow: Recommendation of Consultative Health Committee.
29. Maternity Annexe at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum: Recommendation of Consultative Health Committee.
30. Acquisition of site for dispensary at Avoca.
31. Letter from Health Inspectors' Association to Chairman of Council regarding membership of Association.
32. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 5th May, 1955.
33. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 13th June, 1955."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—RATHDOWN OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Having considered letter of 29th July, 1955, from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following persons to fill vacancies on Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:—

John Brady, Church Road, Greystones.
Miss E. Clarke, Killincarrig.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1955

The County Secretary submitted the results of the examination for the Council's Scheme for the year 1955, and explained the basis of the award of the scholarships.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

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:

Anne Dagg, Deerpark, Shillelagh.
Mary K. Davis, Downs, Delgany.
Eileen McNulty, Seaview, Rathdown Road, Greystones.
Francis S. Ward, 8 Arch Villas, Greystones.
John J. Kane, 21 Avondale Park, Bray.
Dermot B. Quigley, 34 O'Byrne Road, Bray.

Scholarships under Category 1B:

Laurence O'Duffy, 8 O'Connell Terrace, Abbey Street, Arklow.
Abraham F. Jacob, "The Brow," Rathnew.
Laurence P. Tallon, "Emoclew," Arklow.
Marie T. O'Toole, 7 Auburn Villas, Bray.
Philomena M. Crinnion, 26 Boghall Road, Bray.
Mary Anne O'Dea, 30 Vevay Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS: TO RENEW SCHOLARSHIPS

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the scholarships awarded to the following seven successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1951, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of their schools:—

Rosanna Philips, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.
Eileen A. T. Long, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.
Francis O. Kavanagh, Tenenure College, Dublin.
Andrew J. Dunne, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.
Katherine P. Hayden, Holy Faith Boarding School, Glasnevin.
Phelim Cullen, Patrician College, Ballylin, Mountrath.
Marie Lambert, St. Anne's Day School, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

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

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 Scholarship Scheme, 1952, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of the 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.
Joseph Senan Jacob, Tenenure College, Dublin.
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.
Maire C. Ni Eachtain, St. Mary's College, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

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

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 Scholarship 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, Bridgine Convent, Tullow.
Patrick Brendan Quinn, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
Myles E. M. Mullaly, 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.
John C. O'Gorman, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.

Passed unanimously.

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the scholarships awarded to the following fifteen successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1954, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of their schools:—

Mary Jane Whelan, Presentation College, Mountmellick, Co. Leix.
Anne Cahill, Scoil Caitriona, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.
Edward J. Archer, Christian Brothers, Synge Street, Dublin.
John J. Kelly, Tenenure College, Dublin.
Jean Marie Moran, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.
Bela M. A. Kos, Jesuit College, Clongowes Wood, Naas.
Anne Brigid Kelly, Convent of Mercy, Longford.
Declan Wixted, St. Peter's College, Wexford.
Mary Jane Doyle, St. Mary's College, Arklow.
Edward McElheron, St. Patrick's Secondary School, Arklow.
Christopher McGee, St. Joseph's School, Wicklow.
James K. Quinn, St. Vincent's Secondary School, Glasnevin.
James F. Whiston, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Square, Dublin.
Florence Mary O'Sullivan, St. Joseph's Intermediate School, Mountjoy Street, Dublin.
Anne Byrne, Loreto Abbey, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1956

The County Secretary submitted letter of 20th July, 1955, from the Department of Education in relation to the alteration of the title of the scheme for the coming year to include "and Other Approved Schools." The draft scheme of scholarships for the coming year was submitted. The Council approved of the draft scheme subject to the following amendments:—

(1) Insert at end of Section 1:

"The Council may, in special circumstances, and subject to such conditions as may, with the approval of the Minister for Education, be prescribed, award a scholarship for the purpose of attending a school, other than a Secondary School or a Vocational School, approved by the Minister."

(2) Insert following Section 4 (b):

(vii) The annual income limit shall be extended by an amount of £25 in respect of each additional child over six children."

(3) At end of Section 16 (1) insert

"Note: Questions in History will not be restricted to any particular period from the earliest times to the present day."

ITEM No. 6—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The following report from University College, Dublin, was submitted:—
University College,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin.

23rd July, 1955.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Dear Sir,

I wish to report on the results of the Summer Examinations in respect of the following students:—

O'Malley, Leonard E.	Passed the Second (Civil) Engineering Examination.
Cox, Patrick G.	Passed the Second Arts Examination.
Murphy, Joseph T.	Passed the Second Science Examination.
Brennan, Kevin C.	Passed the Pre-Medical Examination.
Woods, Michael J.	Passed the First Agricultural Examination with Second Class Honours in Chemistry.
Doyle, Eugene M.	Passed the First Engineering Examination.
Mulcahy, Joseph A.	Passed the Third (Mech. and Elect.) Engineering Examination.

The renewal of scholarship in each case is recommended.

A report on the following will be made after the Autumn Examination.

Houghton, Gabriel C.	Second Law.
Spellman, Kieran F.	Second Civil Engineering.
Hayden, John P.	Second Science.

Yours faithfully,

Registrar.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"We approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for a further year in respect of the following students:—

Leonard O'Malley, 1 Marie Villas, Bray (1953).
Patrick G. Cox, Dunlavin (1953).
Joseph T. Murphy, 17 Blacklion, Greystones (1953).
Kevin C. Brennan, 2 Marine Terrace, Greystones (1954).
Michael J. Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Seapoint Road, Bray (1954).
Eugene M. Doyle, "Edenvale," Cooldross, Kilcoole (1954).
Joseph A. Mulcahy, Duncairn Cottage, Greystones (1951).

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1956

Draft scheme for the year 1956 was submitted. The scheme is similar to that adopted for the year 1955. The following letter from the Irish Countrywomen's Association, Wicklow Federation was submitted:—

Sunnybrae,
Cromoe,
Ashford,
2/8/55.

Irish Countrywomen's Association, Wicklow Federation.

Dear Sir,

At the Federation Meeting held recently in Bray, with members from eleven Guilds present, the following resolution was passed. "That all County Wicklow Scholarships should be awarded on merit alone, irrespective of parents' income."

It was felt that the means test was hard on parents with more than one child who wanted to go in for a scholarship when their income may be only a small amount over what is prescribed in the rules.

I hope that you will kindly put this resolution before the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. C. M. Woolfe,

Hon. Secretary.

The Council did not accept the proposal of the Irish Countrywomen's Association, as it was considered that the Council's scheme was for the purpose of assisting persons who otherwise would be unable to obtain a University education.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the draft University Scheme for 1956 as submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS

Letters dated 21st July, 1955, and of 8th August, 1955, from the Federation of Rural Workers, applying for an increase of 10/- per week in the wages of road workers, and letters of 29th July and 3rd August, 1955, from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, applying for an increase of 16/6 per week in the wages of road workers so as to bring their wages to the level of that of building labourers in the rural part of the county, were submitted to the Council. Particulars were also submitted of the rates of wages prevailing in the adjoining counties. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That we recommend an increase of 16/6 per week in the wages of road workers as requested by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby recommend an increase in the wages of the Council's road workers of 5/- per week with effect as from 5th August, 1955, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates."

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

In favour—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., W. Hammond, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D., J. Miley, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, William Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, James Haughton

The amendment was declared passed by 11 votes in favour to 7 votes against, and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

ITEM No. 9—MACHINERY CHARGES

Particulars had been circulated to the members of the Council in regard to machinery, including details of loans raised for the purpose of machinery during the previous 10 years, and a list of machinery purchased from such loans, together with notes in relation to the various loans raised. The particulars of the expenditure on road works on the Rathnew to Wicklow Road had

also been circulated and information as to the amount being charge against the Road Improvement Grants in the year 1954/55 in respect of the use of the Council's machinery. The County Secretary stated that the production of stone in the Council's quarries had increased from 43,000 cu. yards in 1952/53 to 85,000 cu. yards in 1954/55. In reference to an enquiry by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, regarding machinery overhauled, the County Secretary stated that as far as could be ascertained no lorries had been out of use for more than approximately 3 weeks. A tar commission undergoing repairs for more than a year had been out of use from January to March, 1955, while a new engine tank had been out of use from January to March, 1955, during that period. He stated that machinery had been moved as a result of comments made at a previous meeting of the Council. He stated also that in his opinion the cost of work on the Wicklow-Rathnew Road was excessive and that this may have been due partly to men being employed on overtime in order to complete the road prior to the motor races. He stated that a road employee had been displaced because of his complaints regarding the quality of materials supplied for road works at Templemore and asked for the cost of such works. He referred also to carpenters taken from Council employment and engaged on work for the Motor Race Committee and to an enquiry from the Carpenters' Union, to which a reply had not been received. Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea referred to a hired lorry in use at Tomacork Quarry, which he stated was not giving an economical rate, and referred also to the cost of work on the Carnew-Shillelagh Road at Cronehorn Cross and stated that the road had been left in a dangerous condition. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That the Council set up a committee to consist of one member from each electoral area, together with the Chairman and County Manager, to investigate complaints made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., regarding use of machinery."

Councillor Hudson, with the consent of Councillor Hammond, having withdrawn his proposal, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That the County Manager investigate the statements made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, and submit a report on the matter to this Council."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—ELECTRIFICATION OF BALLINCLARE QUARRY

The Council deferred consideration of this matter to the next meeting pending the report of the County Manager in regard to matters raised by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.

ITEM No. 11—LARAGH BRIDGE

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the reconstruction of Laragh Bridge was £16,860 and that the Department's Grant would be £12,645, leaving a sum of £4,215 to be met by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £4,215 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the usual rate for such loans, to defray the Council's proportion of the cost of reconstruction of Laragh Bridge."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS AND LANEWAYS

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That the Council raise a loan of £20,000, repayable over 10 years, for the purpose of repairing lanes and bye-roads leading to farmsteads and other holdings, and not at present maintained by the Council.

Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which some members suggested that it was more desirable to devote such moneys as were available to the reconstruction of county roads before undertaking the repair of lanes and bye-roads. A vote was called for and it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In favour—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, James O'Neill, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D., W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. W. Hudson, James Haughton

Against—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., W. Hammond, James Miley, James O'Toole, D. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne, W. Clarke, H. J. Byrne

The Chairman having given his Casting Vote against the motion, the motion was declared defeated.

ITEM No. 13—ARKLOW COAST ROAD

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

13th August, 1955.

County Secretary,

Re: Proposed Link Road from Arklow Town to Arklow Rock for the purpose of providing a direct route to the beaches and scenic localities adjoining Arklow Rock, Clogga and Kilmichael.

Dear Sir,

I attach herewith two copies of the layout plans of the road, the location of which has been carefully surveyed, and it is considered that the position shown thereon is the most economical. The total distance of the road from Tinnahask Lower in the Urban District of Arklow to the point of intersection at Arklow Rock would be approximately 2,900 yards. Portion of the road would be within the Urban District of Arklow (1,120 lin. yards) and the estimated cost of construction therein is attached and amounts to £7,630 10s. 0d. That portion of the route outside the Arklow Urban District in the rural area for a distance of 1,685 lin. yards is estimated to cost £10,650 12s. 0d.

The total estimated cost of the road, therefore, would be £18,281 2s. 0d.

This figure does not include compensation for wayleaves and land which is very hard to estimate at the moment, but calculating on the acquisition of 12 acres approximately, statute, a reasonable figure would be, I think, £1,200.

The total estimated all-in cost, therefore, would be £19,481 2s. 0d.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Details of the cost of the work as calculated were also given. The Council asked that enquiry be made from the Department of Local Government and from An Bord Fáilte as to whether a special grant could be made available to defray the cost of construction of the proposed link road.

ITEM No. 14—RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM CO. KILDARE BOUNDS TO THREE ROADS AT DUNLAVIN

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering, T.D., the following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—
2nd August, 1955.

County Secretary.

Re: Road 309 Dunlavin to Co. Kildare.

A Chara,

The above road leads from Dunlavin to Co. Kildare Bounds and then to the main Naas-Carlow road.

The portion in Co. Kildare has been reconstructed.

The Wicklow section is in bad condition, even though it receives constant attention. The road is narrow, on some sections only 11 feet. The length of road to be dealt with is 13 miles.

To widen the road to 16 feet, fill sides, surface with 4" coat stone grouted and surface-dressed will cost £4,050. If the surface-dressing is not done the cost will be reduced by £800.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. FOLEY,

Following a discussion on the matter, in which it was suggested that it might be possible to reconstruct the road, with the aid of grants under the County Road Improvement Scheme, the Council decided to defer the matter.

ITEM No. 15—PROPOSED PROVISION OF CAR PARKS AT BRITTAS BAY

The County Manager referred to previous discussions at Council meetings in regard to the acquisition of lands for providing car parks on the coast road between Wicklow and Arklow, and stated that the Gardaí Authorities had reported that there had been considerable congestion on the roads at Brittas during the holiday season. The Council had made enquiries previously from landowners with a view to acquiring lands which might be used as car parks, but had been unable to reach agreement. The Council had not been in favour of incurring expenditure on such works. The Council decided to take no action in the matter at present.

ITEM No. 16—EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN FROM KILLINCARRIG, DELGANY, TO THREE TROUT BRIDGE, CHARLESLAND, DELGANY

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that the loan for the extension of the watermain from Killincarrig, Delgany, to Three Trout Bridge, Charlesland, Delgany, should be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £850 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 10 years, with interest at the usual rate for such loans, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the extension of the watermain from Killincarrig, Delgany, to Three Trout Bridge, Charlesland, Delgany."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN AT OLDCOURT, MANOR KILBRIDE

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley, the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the water supply at Oldcourt had been brought to the roadway and was 440 yards distant from the nearest house. There were three houses at this point fairly close together and three further down the road about 800 yards away. The principal difficulty with the present position was that water had to be carried up a rather steep incline. If the water were brought to a point indicated 440 yards along the road, the distance would be reduced for the more distant houses by half a mile. The cost would be £110, using a pipe in stock, which had been used temporarily at Balinglass.

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the proposed extension of water supply at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, in accordance with the recommendation of the Council's Engineer, the cost of the work to be defrayed from loan and the work included on the priority list."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—PROVISION OF PUMP AT DUNLAVIN UPPER

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant Engineer had examined the matter which referred to an application of Mr. Joseph Byrne for a water supply for his cottage. Mr. Byrne's cottage was within ½ mile of the town water supply. The County Secretary pointed out that it had been the Council's policy to give priority in the provision of pumps and wells to rural areas in which a number of Council cottages were sited. In this case only one cottage would be served and that cottage was only ½ mile from a public water supply. The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Miley, agreed that a pump be provided, the cost to be defrayed from loan and the work included on the priority list.

ITEM No. 19—PUMP AT BESSINA, GRANGECON

The County Secretary stated that the reports of the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer were not yet available, and the Council deferred the matter to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 20—BALINGGLASS HOSPITAL WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The following report of the County Engineer was noted by the Council:—
16th August, 1955.

re: Balinglass Hospital—Sewerage and Water

Dear Sir,

I inspected herein on the 15th August, 1955:—

1. The water supply appears to be satisfactory at the hospital and the pressure in taps sufficient.
2. A gully trap in the yard outside the Pharmacy is overflowing and appears to be due to a chokeage in the pipe leading from same to the manhole, a distance of about 30 feet.
3. A few days ago there had been a chokeage in the sewer between two manholes adjoining the Doctors' Cloakroom; this was freed by the attendant.
4. The concrete road near the water tower has developed a large cavity underneath, and is broken to the extent of about 1 sq. yard.
5. The double door leading to the Mortuary requires to be fitted with proper locks and bolts, and the electric switch to the Heater in the Mortuary has not been provided.

These matters are being referred to the Architect and the Contractor for the job, and, no doubt, will be attended to.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

ITEM No. 21—BALINGGLASS HOSPITAL—STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

The County Manager stated that the Consultative Health Committee had approved of an increase in the Nursing Staff at the District Hospital, Balinglass. The present staff was 8 nurses, including the Head Nurse and one temporary nurse. It was considered necessary now that the hospital was in full operation to increase the staff to a total of 10 permanent nurses, including the Head Nurse.

The accommodation in the hospital provided for 8 nurses only, and consideration would have to be given to the provision of accommodation for 2

additional nurses. The County Manager stated that it was considered that an extra maid was necessary and that approval to this increase in domestic staff was requested. The County Manager stated also that he considered that a Clerk-Typist should be engaged to deal with correspondence and keeping of records at the hospital. A temporary Clerk-Typist had been made available for a short while, but when the hospital was undergoing reconstruction this arrangement was not considered necessary. Now that the hospital was in full operation it was agreed that there was a need for clerical assistance. The Council approved of the recruitment of the additional nursing staff and domestic staff, but recommended that part-time clerical assistance be provided and that the girl who had been engaged on this work be continued on a part-time and temporary basis. The Council noted that the total cost of the additional staff would be £1,145 in the first year.

ITEM No. 22—LOAN OF £20,000 FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke,

and resolved:—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Minister for Local Government, dated the 31st day of May, 1955, the sum of £20,000 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying the cost of repairs to labourers' cottages, to be repaid within 10 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.

ITEM No. 23—SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN FOR COMPLETION OF SCHEME OF COTTAGES AT KILLINCARRIG AND LUGDUFF

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"We approve of draft Deed of Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland in respect of the loan of £2,400 for the purpose of completing the scheme of 13 cottages at Killincarrig and Lugduff, Tinahely, 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; we authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the form of Undertaking."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 24—RE-ORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Agriculture proposed that the veterinary services in Co. Wicklow be reorganised, and submitted suggestions for dividing the county into 7 districts. The total cost was estimated at £1,237 per annum, of which 50 per cent. would be borne by the Council. The Council deferred the matter to the next meeting and asked that details of the proposals be circulated to the members.

ITEM No. 25—CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The following letter from the Honorary Secretary, County Wicklow Branch, Irish Medical Association was submitted to the Council:—

Glen Lucan,

Killarney Road,

Bray.

22nd July, 1955

The County Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

Your letter of the 18th instant, to Dr. Devlin, Bray, concerning nomination of the Irish Medical Association to your Council's Consultative Health Committee has been forwarded to me, as he is no longer Honorary Secretary of the Branch.

The objection of your Council to the nomination of Dr. Fyans has been noted; nevertheless, the Branch stands by its nomination of Dr. Fyans. In this connection may I draw your attention to Section 48 (3) (d) of the Health Act, 1953, under which it is mandatory to accept the nomination of a body which is representative of registered medical practitioners in the County, namely the County Wicklow Branch of the Irish Medical Association.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) W. T. MICKS,

Hon. Secretary, Co. Wicklow Branch,

Irish Medical Association.

The County Secretary stated that Dr. Micks, who also was one of the representatives of the County Wicklow Branch of the Irish Medical Association on the Consultative Health Committee, had submitted the letter to the Consultative Health Committee and the Committee had noted his explanation. The Council did not favour the appointment of Dr. Fyans as a representative, and directed that the Council's views on the matter be again conveyed to the Irish Medical Association.

ITEM No. 26—BRAY DISPENSARY DISTRICT

The County Manager stated that the Consultative Health Committee had approved of the recommendation of the County Medical Officer for the appointment of an additional Medical Officer for Bray Dispensary District. The matter had been before the Council on a previous occasion and the Council until the district was reorganised and certain appointment should not be made in the Bray Urban District. In view of the increase in the population of the Bray area, the County Medical Officer requested that the additional Medical Officer should be appointed as soon as possible and without awaiting the division of the district. The Council decided that the appointment of an additional Medical Officer be deferred until the Council's petition for an extension of the boundary at Palermo, Bray, had been dealt with.

ITEM No. 27—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL DENTIST

The County Manager stated that the present dental staff consisted of one whole-time dentist and two part-time dentists. The Department of Health had indicated that the dental services required expansion, particularly for schools, and had recommended that at least two additional whole-time dentists be appointed. The Council had already approved of the employment of an additional whole-time dentist and a statutory request had been forwarded to the Local Appointments Commission for the filling of the post. It was now proposed on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer that three whole-time dentists be employed on a temporary basis in the first instance. The cost for salaries and travelling expenses would be about £1,500 per year. Members of the Council suggested that it would be preferable to employ additional part-time dentists and it was pointed out that there were several dentists in practice in the county who would be prepared to apply for such posts. It was decided that the views of the Council recommending the employment of additional and part-time dentists be conveyed to the Department of Health.

ITEM No. 28—PROPOSED PREVENTORIUM AT WICKLOW

The County Manager stated that some years ago when the instance of infectious disease was considerable the Council had approved of the extension and improvement of the County Fever Hospital buildings at Wicklow and these works had now been completed. In the meantime however, the instance of infectious disease had greatly diminished and any such cases could be catered for in the Dublin Fever Hospitals. It was suggested that the former Fever Hospital at Wicklow should be used as a Tuberculosis Preventorium for the treatment of children under the age of 12. In reply to enquiry from members, the County Manager stated that this would be a desirable addition to the preventive measures being taken against the spread of tuberculosis. The Consulta-

tive Health Committee recommended that the buildings be used as a Preventorium. It would be necessary to recruit an additional two nurses and a domestic staff of three for the institution. The Council approved of the use of the former Fever Hospital buildings at Wicklow as a Preventorium.

ITEM No. 29—Maternity Annexe at Rathdrum.

The County Manager stated that this matter had been considered by the Consultative Health Committee at their recent meeting and he submitted the reports of the County Medical Officer of 15th June, 1954, and 12th July, 1955, in which particulars were given of the use being made of the Maternity Annexe at Rathdrum and in which he recommended that the use of the Maternity Annexe be restricted to patients and inmates in the County Home. The Consultative Health Committee had adjourned the matter for particulars of additional employment in staff which would be required to meet the objections of the County Medical Officer to the continued use of the Maternity Annexe and for an estimate of the cost. The County Manager stated that Dr. Conniffe, Medical Officer of St. Colman's Hospital, had recommended that at least 4 nurses be available for the maternity unit only; that an Anaesthetist be available on 24 hour call and a Consultant Obstetrician be available for serious cases. Supplies of blood would also be required and adequate means of sterilisation of instruments and dressings should be provided. Dr. Conniffe considered also that a kitchenette would be necessary as it was not desirable that food be supplied from the County Home kitchen. Three maids would be required for the domestic staff. A wash basin would be required in each ward and also staff toilets. There was no provision at present for storing patients' clothes, oxygen cylinders, etc., and the existing duty-dispensary-stock ante-natal room was small and difficult to work in. The addition of a grid to the existing X-ray plant in St. Kevin's Sanatorium would facilitate the diagnosis of abnormal cases. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for a detailed estimate of the cost of the additional staff and equipment considered necessary for the maternity unit.

ITEM No. 30—ACQUISITION OF SITE FOR DISPENSARY AT AVOCA

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to acquire a site for the new dispensary at Avoca from the Office of Public Works. The proposed site was on part of the plot attached to the Garda Station and was considered suitable by the Council's Architect and Engineer. The Commissioners of Public Works had agreed to sell the site in fee simple to the Council for the sum of £25. The area of the site was approximately 24 pers. The County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of the offer. The Council approved of acquiring the site from the Commissioners of Public Works for the sum of £25.

ITEM No. 31—LETTER FROM HEALTH INSPECTORS' ASSOCIATION

The County Secretary noted letter received by the Chairman of the Council from the Health Inspectors' Association in regard to membership of the Association by local authorities, and decided to take no action in the matter.

ITEM No. 32—MINUTES OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON 5th MAY, 1955

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 5th May, 1955.

ITEM No. 33—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

The Council noted the submission of the principal orders made by the County Manager during the month of July, 1955.

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

By Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

"I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that a water supply (pump) be provided for the families at Croneyhorn Upper Cross Roads, and Carrigmuck, Knockananna."

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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, 5th September, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D., James Miley, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. M. O'Broin, J. D. Haughton.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during the month of August, 1955.
2. Loan of £2,400 for completion of scheme of 13 cottages: To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
3. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
4. Water Supply for Croneyhorn Upper Cross Roads and Carrigmuck, Knockananna.
5. Water Supply for Knockloe, Tullow.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts: Proposed caravan park at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, for Mr. H. Delahunty.
7. Repairs carried out during month of August, 1955.
8. To authorise the carrying out of repairs to cottages.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of August, 1955, was submitted:

Wicklow County Council (Housing Section)

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
2nd September, 1955.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council,

Housing Progress Report—Month of August, 1955.

Gentlemen,
During the month of August satisfactory progress was maintained on all schemes. There was, however, a general close-down for the first fortnight of the month due to annual holidays.

Under the 1952 Housing Scheme, sites at Ballard Upper, Ballynerrin, Furzeditch and Dunganstown West have been entered and building is in progress. Sites at Ballinglen, Tombrean and Kilcavan have been fenced, and building is about to commence thereon.

The total number of cottages completed to date is as follows:—

1946 Scheme	419
Newtownmountkennedy	16
Killincarrig/Lugduff	13
Kindlestown	40
Total	488

The total number of men employed during August was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	8	11
1952 Scheme	4	10
Totals	12	21

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

Northern Area:—

Cottages completed to 31st August, 1955:

1946 Scheme	185
Newtownmountkennedy	16
Killincarrig	10
Kindlestown	40
Total	251

Cottages in progress at 31st August, 1955:

Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
1952 Scheme (Ballynerrin, Furzeditch, Ballard and Dunganstown West)	4
Total	24

South/Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st August, 1955

In progress	92
Total	Nil

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st August, 1955:

1946 Scheme	54
Lugduff Scheme	3
Total	57

In progress:

Tombrean	1
Kilcavan	1
Ballinglen	1
Total	3

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 31st August, 1955

In progress	88
Total	Nil

Total 88

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
County Engineer.

and resolved:—
"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of August, 1955."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—LOAN OF £2,400 FOR COMPLETION OF SCHEME OF 13 COTTAGES AT KILLINCARRIG AND LUGDUFF

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

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 Two Thousand Four Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1954."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council approved of the making of a loan of £1,250 to Conor Cregan, Ballyrush, Arklow, in respect of the erection of a house at Ballyrush.

The Council also approved of the making of a loan of £1,350 to Mr. John J. Jones, 22 Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, in respect of the erection of a house at 2 La Touche Place, Greystones.

The Council deferred to the next meeting the application of Patrick J. Twamley, St. Clement's, Howth Road, Sutton, Co. Dublin, for a loan of £1,600 in respect of a house at La Touche Place, Greystones, and directed that enquiry be made from the Corporation of Dublin as to whether the Corporation would be prepared to accept applications for loans under the scheme operated by the Corporation from persons resident in Co. Wicklow.

ITEM No. 4—WATER SUPPLY FOR CRONEYHORN UPPER CROSS ROADS AND CARRIGMUCK, KNOCKANANNA

The Council deferred this matter to the next meeting for the submission of reports from the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 5—WATER SUPPLY FOR KNOCKLOE, TULLOW

The Council deferred this matter to the next meeting for the submission of reports from the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 6—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: PROPOSED CARAVAN PARK AT BALLINACARRIG, BRITTAS BAY, FOR H. DELAHUNT

Having considered letter from Mr. John P. Butler, Architect, in regard to the proposed caravan park at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, for Mr. H. Delahunt, the Council deferred the matter pending the submission by the Architect of satisfactory details of water supply and sanitary facilities.

ITEM No. 7—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1955

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of August, 1955.

ITEM No. 8—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

Employment of Workmen—Councillor P. McCarthy referred to workmen recently released from employment and stated that several men who were members of a Trade Union had been released and non-Union men retained. The County Engineer stated that if the names of the men who were not members of a Union were submitted, the matter of their complying with the terms of the Council's resolution on the subject would be taken up.

Councillor J. O'Neill asked that particulars be given of the number of men employed under each of the five Overseers in the southern area.

Pump for Kilmurray—Councillor P. McCarthy asked that a report be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector in regard to the need for the provision of a pump at Kilmurray.

Cottage Repairs—In reply to Councillor Lawless, the County Engineer stated that work on repairs to cottages at Avondale Park, Bray, and cottage at Killincarrig would be put in hands immediately.

Togher Cross Roads—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to recent serious accident at Togher Cross Roads, and asked that warning signs be erected at the Cross Roads.

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

By Councillor J. O'Neill:

"That Rent Collectors be granted travelling expenses owing to the continuous travelling they have to do to collect rents."

"That a water supply be provided for Council cottages at Ballyshonogue, where the tenants have to travel to Tinahely for a water supply."

By Councillor Hammond:

"That in the future our Housing Meetings be held every second month instead of monthly as at present."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th September, 1955, at 11 a.m. The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, Godfrey Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. M. O'Brien and J. D. Haughton.
The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley attended.

AGENDA

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th and 25th July, 1955.
- Overdraft Accommodation on General and Capital Accounts for the quarter to 31st December, 1955.
- To appoint representative on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association.
- University Scholarship Scheme, 1955: To consider results of examination and award of Scholarships.
- Proposed new road from Arklow to Arklow Rock: Letters from Department of Local Government and An Bord Failte.
- Aughrim-Woodenbridge Road: Letter from Arklow Chamber of Commerce, and report of Council's Engineer.
- Roads at Ballanagh and Avoca: To make declaration that roads be taken over as public roads.
- Road at Ballard. Clash: Letter from Mr. T. Graham.
- Letter from Federation of Rural Workers re application to Labour Court regarding road workers' wages.
- Report of County Manager in regard to matters concerning machinery, raised by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.
- Electrification of Ballinclare Quarry: Report of County Engineer on tenders received.
- Water supply for cottages at Bessina, Grangecon: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe.
- Water supply for cottages at Croneyhorn Upper Cross Roads and Carrigmuck, Knockananna: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.
- Water supply for cottages at Knocklow, Tullow, as requested by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea.
- Water supply for cottages at Ballyshonogue: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill.
- To make water rates for towns of Aughrim, Rathdrum, Blessington and Glenealy.
- Old graveyard on lands of Mr. James Moore, Mucklagh, Ballinglen.
- Travelling Expenses of Rent Collectors: Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Neill.
- Meetings of Housing Committee: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond.
- Consultative Health Committee: Further letter from the Hon. Secretary, County Wicklow Branch, Irish Medical Association.
- Proposed re-organisation of Veterinary Services.
- Application for loan under S.D.A. Acts, deferred from meeting held on 5th September, 1955.
- Premises occupied by the County Committee of Agriculture: Letter from the Department of Local Government.
- Resolution from Donegal County Council regarding present system of valuation.
- Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th and 25th July, 1955."

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

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

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 31st December, 1955, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

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

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 December, 1955, shall not exceed £32,500."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

The County Secretary stated that the Irish Tourist Association had asked for the name and address of the Council's representative on their Board of Directors.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:

"That we hereby appoint Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea to represent this Council on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association for the period to our next annual meeting."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1955

The County Secretary stated that the results of the examination under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1955, had been received from University College, Dublin. There had been ten candidates of whom four had qualified. There were three scholarships available.

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

and resolved:—

"Having considered results of examination, we approve of the award of University Scholarships as follows:—

James O. Reynolds, "Menton," Greystones.

Annie T. Byrne, Tourboy, Rathdangan.

Terence E. Brennan, 2 Marine Terrace, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—PROPOSED NEW ROAD FROM ARKLOW TO ARKLOW ROCK

The Council noted the following letters received from the Department of Local Government and An Bord Failte:

Department of Local Government,
Roads,
Custom House, Dublin.
R.27/1/2. 26th August, 1955.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed New Town from Arklow Town to Arklow Rock:

A Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 19th instant on the above subject and to state that the maximum grants available from the Road Fund for the current year have already been notified to the County Council in this Department's Circular letter of the 2nd March, 1955. Consequently, a special grant for the proposed works cannot be considered.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.
Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. T. SHEEHY,
Bord Fáilte Éireann,
7 Mount Street Crescent,
Dublin,
25th August, 1955.

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

re: Proposed Link Road from Arklow Town to Arklow Rock

Dear Sir,
I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th August, enclosing copy of your letter to the Secretary, Department of Local Government. In reply I am to inform you that the Board has every sympathy with the project but is unable to allocate monies for the work from the funds available to it.
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) F. LAWLOR.

ITEM No. 6—AUGHRIM-WOODENBRIDGE ROAD

The County Secretary read letter received from the Arklow Chamber of Commerce, in which the Chamber of Commerce requested the Council to have work on the Aughrim-Woodenbridge road (Coates' Bridge area) put into operation as soon as possible. It was stated that the Chamber of Commerce had made repeated applications to C.I.E. to put a bus service on the road to connect Arklow with the inland towns of Aughrim, Tinahely, Carnew and Shillelagh, but in all their replies, the Company stated that they could not undertake such a proposal until certain works were carried out on Coates' Bridge and road to allow for bus traffic. The Chamber asked that in view of the importance of this to Arklow town, the Council give the matter their immediate attention. The Assistant County Engineer reported that in 1952 he had prepared an estimate for the reconstruction of the road to make it safe and fit for fast and heavy traffic and that the estimate then was £19,947. Since that time work costing approximately £6,000 had been done on the road, and the Engineer estimated that a further £13,000 at least would be required to make it suitable for a bus service and other traffic. The Council decided to adjourn the matter, and requested a further report from the County Engineer and an up-to-date estimate of the cost of improving Coates' Bridge and the road to make it suitable for a bus service. A report was also requested in regard to negotiations with C.I.E. concerning the abandonment of the railway line.

ITEM No. 7—ROADS AT BALLANAGH AND AVOCA

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given in regard to the proposal to declare roads at Ballanagh and Avoca to be public roads.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
and resolved:
"That being satisfied that the roads described hereunder are of general public utility, we hereby declare the following roads to be for all purposes, public roads—

- (1) Road from Templarney-Avoca Road at Kilmagig Lower to branch to Ballyarthur Gate Lodge in the Townland of Ballanagh, length 68 perches.
 - (2) From Templarney-Avoca Road to Ballycooleen, along Slievenavode-Knockduff boundary to entrance gate to Ballyarthur and Ballanagh, length 200 perches.
- Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—ROAD AT BALLARD, CLASH

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been forwarded by Senator J. J. McCrea, from Mr. T. Graham, Ballard, in regard to the condition of the road which served his house. Mr. Graham had made previous representations in regard to the condition of the road and had been informed that the road was not a public road and that the Council would not be empowered to expend moneys on its repair. It had been suggested to Mr. Graham that he and other persons resident on the road might apply for a grant from the Special Employment Scheme Office towards the cost of repairing the road. Apparently, Mr. Graham and the other residents were not agreeable to make the necessary local contribution towards the cost of the work. Senator McCrea stated that this was one of the roads which he had referred to in his recent proposal concerning the need for repair of roads serving farms, etc. The Council agreed that a report in regard to the condition of the road be obtained from the Council's Engineer.

ITEM No. 9—APPLICATION TO LABOUR COURT IN REGARD TO ROAD WORKERS' WAGES

The following letter from the Federation of Rural Workers was submitted:—
Co. Wicklow Executive,
4 Eglinton Road,
Bray.

The Manager,
Wicklow County Council.
Dear Sir,

The recommendation for an increase of 5/- per week in the wages of road workers recently made by the Wicklow County Council and in respect of which it is understood you have made an Order subject to the sanction of the Minister, has been considered by the above trade union.

In view of the present trend of wage increases generally and the grounds on which our application for an increase of 10/- was based, it is considered that the increase of 5/- does not meet our claim fairly and is inadequate. In these circumstances, application has now been made by us to the Labour Court to investigate our claim.

Your faithfully,
(Signed) ROSS CONNOLLY,
County Secretary.

The following letter from The Registrar, The Labour Court, was submitted:—
South Circular Road,
Dublin.

D.476. 2 Mean Fomhair, 1955.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Labour Court to inform you that the Federation of Rural Workers has reported that it has served a claim on the Wicklow County Manager for

- (1) an increase in wages of 10/- per week for the Council's employees on the road staff;
- (2) the provision of protective overalls for men employed on a stone crusher at Kilmurray Quarry;

and that an offer made by the County Manager has been rejected by the Federation members concerned.

I am to state that the Court would be glad to assist in securing a settlement of this claim by negotiation between the parties and would, therefore, be prepared to appoint one of its officers to act as Chairman of a Conciliation Conference. I should be obliged if you would let me know whether you would be prepared to be represented at such Conference to be held on a date and at a time to suit the convenience of the parties.

Mise, le meas,

The County Manager in reply to queries from members stated that a reply had been sent to the Registrar of the Labour Court indicating the grounds on which the recent increase in wages had been based. The sanction of the Minister to the increase of 5/- per week in the wages of road workers had been received. The County Manager added that the Council might wish to be represented at the hearing. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that the matter be left in the hands of the County Manager. Councillor Hammond asked that particulars be given in regard to road workers employed by the Council as to the number of men employed and the number married and the number of children in each family. He also asked for particulars of the number living in a house where other members of the household were employed and the numbers of those employed who lived in subsidised houses or in Council houses vested or about to be vested. Particulars were also requested of the number of those employed holding land in excess of half statute acre and the size of the holding.

ITEM No. 10—REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER REGARDING MATTERS OF MACHINERY RAISED BY COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

In view of the absence of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the Council decided to adjourn the matter.

ITEM No. 11—ELECTRIFICATION OF BALLINCLARE QUARRY

The Council decided to adjourn this matter pending the attendance of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, and the submission of the report in regard to machinery.

ITEM No. 12—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT BESSINA, GRANGECON

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had reported that on investigation of the application for provision of water supply for cottages at Bessina, Grangecon, he found that there were three families occupying Council cottages, a total of 15 persons, using an unprotected well on a nearby farm. The well was used for stock on the farm and he recommended the provision of a pump. The Assistant County Engineer reported that water could be got half-way between the cottages at Rathbran and Bessina at a depth of about 40 feet. The pump would serve three cottages, there were no other houses in the immediate vicinity. The cost would amount to £120.

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer, we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump to serve cottages at Bessina, Grangecon, the work to be defrayed from loan and included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT CRONEYHORN UPPER CROSS ROADS AND CARRIGMUCK, KNOCKANANNA

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter for submission of the reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector.

ITEM No. 14—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT KNOCKLOE, TULLOW

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter pending the submission of the reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector.

ITEM No. 15—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT BALLYSHONOGUE

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter pending the submission of the reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector.

The Council asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting in regard to the cost of minor water supplies to date and the estimated cost of providing the other minor water supplies listed on the priority list.

ITEM No. 16—WATER RATES FOR TOWNS OF AUGHRIM, RATHDRUM, BLESSINGTON AND GLENEALY

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

and resolved:—

"That the Water Rate Books as submitted by the County Secretary be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 30th June, 1956, made for the towns of Aughrim, Blessington, Rathdrum and Glenealy as follows:—

- Aughrim—6/- (six shillings) in the £ on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
- Blessington—4/9 (four shillings, nine pence) in the £ on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
- Rathdrum—4/- (four shillings) in the £ on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
- Glenealy—6/- (six shillings) in the £ on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—OLD GRAVEYARD ON LANDS OF MR. JAMES MOORE, MUCKLAGH, BALLINGLEN

Councillor Senator McCrea stated that there was an old graveyard on the lands of Mr. G. Moore, Mucklagh, Ballinglen, and asked that the Council consider accepting responsibility for the graveyard and for the fencing of it.

It was agreed that the Council's Engineer be asked for a report in regard to the burial ground.

ITEM No. 18—TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF RENT COLLECTORS

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

that travelling expenses be allowed to Rent Collectors. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which the members generally expressed agreement with the proposal, the Council agreed that the County Manager investigate the matter and submit a report and recommendation to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 19—MEETINGS OF HOUSING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was
Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,
that in future, Meetings of the Housing Committee be held every second month instead of monthly.

In the course of discussion on the matter, Councillor Dr. Donnelly suggested that the matter be deferred for a period of six months in order that the new members of the Council might have an opportunity of judging for themselves as to the need or otherwise for a meeting of the Housing Committee each month. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the Estimates Meeting of the Council for the following year.

ITEM No. 20—CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: LETTER FROM HONORARY SECRETARY, CO. WICKLOW BRANCH, IRISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The following letter from Dr. W. T. Micks, Hon. Secretary, Co. Wicklow Branch, Irish Medical Association, was submitted:—

Glen Lucan,
Killarney Road,
Bray.

24th August, 1955.

re: Consultative Health Committee

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 19th August. My association regrets its inability to accede to your request and re-affirms that Dr. T. P. Fyans is still the nominee of the County Wicklow Branch of the Irish Medical Association and, as such, should be invited to all meetings of the Consultative Health Committee.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) W. T. MICKS, M.D.,
Hon. Secretary, Co. Wicklow Branch.

The Council noted the terms of the letter and noted that the Irish Medical Association were entitled to nominate Dr. Fyans.

ITEM No. 21—PROPOSED RE-ORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES

The following circular had been sent to each member of the Council, together with a map showing seven Veterinary Inspectors' Districts proposed under the re-organisation scheme.

8th September, 1955.

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow County Council.

re: Proposed Re-organisation of Veterinary Services

A Chara,

With reference to Item No. 21 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council to be held on the 12th instant, I enclose herewith map showing the proposed division of the county into 7 Veterinary Inspectors' Districts as proposed in the re-organisation scheme for veterinary services. At present the County Council and the Urban District Councils altogether employ 6 Veterinary Inspectors, most of whom are engaged on a temporary basis. Under the proposed re-organisation scheme, there would be 7 districts, as shown on the map attached, and a separate veterinary inspector would be appointed for each district and would be responsible for all veterinary duties in that district. The Inspector for District No. 3, Wicklow and Annamoe, would also discharge the duties for Wicklow Urban District Council and the Inspector for Arklow and Avoca would discharge the duties for Arklow Urban District Council. In the Bray Urban area, Public Health duties would continue to be discharged by the present inspector and the Inspector of No. 2 District, i.e. Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and Newcastle Dispensary District, would carry out duties in relation to Diseases of Animals Acts in Bray Urban area temporarily. It is proposed to revise the salaries for Veterinary Inspectors, and the revised salaries would be related to the population, area, number of dairies, slaughterhouses, etc., in each district.

It is estimated that the total extra cost of the re-organisation scheme would be £1,240 per annum, of which half would be recouped by the Department of Agriculture, leaving a net additional amount to be met from rates of approximately £620, which would be equivalent to slightly more than 1d. in the £.

If the scheme is accepted, arrangements would require to be made for the appointment of 5 permanent Veterinary Inspectors.

Mise, le meas,

K. J. BRANGAN,

County Secretary.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to defer it.

ITEM No. 22—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The County Secretary stated that the Council had deferred for further consideration at this meeting, the application of Mr. Patrick Twamley for a loan in respect of a house at La Touche Road, Greystones. A letter had been addressed to the Dublin Corporation asking that the Corporation agree to consider applications for loans for the erection of houses in the City of Dublin by persons resident in the administrative County of Wicklow. No reply had yet been received by the Corporation. Councillor Lawless stated that the house in respect of which the loan was sought was bigger than others on the same road, and enquired if the valuation placed on the house could not be revised. The Assistant County Engineer stated that he had assumed that the house was of the same size as the other houses erected in the district and that he would re-examine the matter. The Council agreed that a loan of 80% of the market value, as determined by the Council's Engineer, be recommended.

ITEM No. 23—PREMISES OCCUPIED BY THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.

25th August, 1955.

L.27/36/1.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, regarding the acquisition by the County Council of premises occupied by the County Committee of Agriculture, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he does not wish to oppose the wishes of the Council in the matter if they are of opinion that the purchase of the premises would be advantageous to them. I am, accordingly, to state that if, on full consideration of the issues involved, a definite proposal is submitted on the terms indicated, he would be prepared to consider the matter in so far as his sanction is required to any necessary borrowing from the Treasurer on a short term basis.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) R. O'MURCHU.

In the course of a discussion on the matter, the County Manager pointed out that there were two courses open to the Committee of Agriculture. The Committee might proceed to acquire the premises and include provision in their scheme for the coming year for the Loan Charges in respect of the purchase of the premises. If the scheme were approved by the Minister for Agriculture, the Council would then be authorised to borrow for the purposes of the scheme. It was doubtful if the Council had the power to borrow directly for the purpose of purchasing the premises, but the Council could borrow for the purpose of an Agricultural Scheme. As an alternative, the Committee might vacate their present premises and utilise instead the former premises of the Vocational Education Committee at The Mall. It was decided to send a copy of the letter to the Committee of Agriculture for their views on the matter.

ITEM No. 24—RESOLUTION FROM DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

The Council noted the following resolution from Donegal County Council:—

"That this Council considers the present system of valuation and re-valuation of rateable hereditaments to be inequitable, unfair and not suited to modern standards, and that it recommends to the Oireachtas the immediate introduction of amending legislation or the setting up of a specialised Committee to examine the problem."

The Council suggested that Donegal County Council be asked if the Council could suggest an alternative method of valuation.

Housing Scheme at Kilcoole—Councillor Lawless referred to the discussion at a recent meeting of the local Housing Committee in regard to the plans for the housing scheme at Kilcoole, and expressed the opinion that the bungalow type houses were preferable to the two storey type proposed to be used. The County Manager pointed out that the scheme in Kilcoole was of an urban character and that the type of houses proposed and approved by the Department were more suitable to the site. Two storey houses were also being erected in the scheme at Blessington. There was a slight economy in building costs by the use of two storey houses, but the economy mainly lay in the use of space. Two-storey houses, however, were more suitable to the particular site. It had been agreed to amend the layout to allow for the provision of a single storey block adjoining the residence of the landowner. The Council agreed that tenders be invited for the erection of the houses and that the County Engineer also submit a tender.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd October, 1955, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. M. O'Broin and J. D. Haughton.

The Deputy County Manager, Deputy County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey and R. M. Fenlon and the Council's Architect, Mr. L. Cuffe, attended.

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during the month of September, 1955.
2. Reconstruction Grants: Particulars of grants allocated and authorisation of additional loan.
3. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
4. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
5. Provision of Wells and Pumps: Details of cost of minor water supplies defrayed from loan and authorisation of additional loan.
6. Proposed Water Supply at Liscolman.
7. Burial ground on lands of James Moore, Mucklagh.
8. Repairs carried out during month of September, 1955.
9. Authorisation of repairs.
10. University Scholarship Scheme, 1955: To consider further award of scholarships.
11. Housing Scheme at Aughrim: To consider tenders received in response to public advertisement.
12. Aughrim Sewerage Scheme: To consider tenders received in response to public advertisement.

Resolution of Sympathy—On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed resolutions expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. P. Kinsella, Bray, former member of the County Council; Mr. G. Morrin, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector, Mr. J. Byrne, Wicklow, and Mr. Murdoch, Bray, father of Mr. P. Murdoch, former member of the Council.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of September, 1955, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

30th September, 1955.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—Month of September, 1955.

Gentlemen,

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

The total number of cottages completed to date is as follows :-

1946 Scheme	419
Newtownmountkenedy	16
Killincarrig/Lugduff	13
Kindlestown	40
Total	488

The total number of men employed during September was :-

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarren, Enniskerry	8	15
1952 Scheme	8	18
Totals	16	33

The following are details of housing in the various districts :-

Northern Area :

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1955 :

1946 Scheme	185
Newtownmountkenedy	16
Killincarrig	10
Kindlestown	40
Total	251

Cottages in progress at 30th September, 1955 :

Kilgarren, Enniskerry	20
1952 Scheme (Ballynerrin, Furzeditch, Ballard Upper, Ballard Lower and Dunganstown West)	5
Total	25

South/Eastern Area :

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1955

	92
In progress	Nil
Total	92

Southern Area :

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1955 :

1946 Scheme	54
Lugduff Scheme	3
Total	57

In progress : Tombrean

Kilcavan	1
Ballinglen	1
Total	3

Western Area :

Cottages completed to 30th September, 1955

	88
In progress	Nil
Total	88

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

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

and resolved :-

"That we hereby approve of report of the County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of September, 1955."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

The Deputy County Manager stated that Supplementary Reconstruction Grants, under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, had been allocated in 93 cases to a total value of £4,161 12s. 0d. Two grants had been allocated under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, to the value of £140. The total number of grants allocated, therefore, was 95, and the total value was £4,300 12s. 0d. To date 41 grants had been paid to an amount of £2,077 5s. 4d. As the number of grants allocated to date exceeded the amount of the loan borrowed, viz. £4,000, and as there are a considerable number of applications still coming in, the Deputy County Manager suggested that the Council might authorise a further loan of £4,000.

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

and resolved :-

"That having considered report of the number and value of grants allocated for reconstruction of houses, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a further sum of £4,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, for the purpose of making further Supplementary Grants under the Housing Acts.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

There were no applications to be dealt with by the Council.

ITEM No. 4—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council recommended the making of a loan of £1,350 to Patrick Dermot Finnegan, of 25 St. Brigid's Road, Artane, Dublin, in respect of the erection of a house on Site No. 6, La Touche Place, Greystones, subject to compliance with requirements of the Council's Scheme.

The Council deferred the application of Miss Kathleen P. O'Rourke for loan of £1,600 in respect of the erection of shop and house at Carnew.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Corporation of Dublin :-

Housing Department,
Exchange Buildings,
Lord Edward St., Dublin.
15th September, 1955.

The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

re: Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

I am instructed by the Deputy City Manager to refer to yours of the 7th instant, in which you inquire if the Corporation would be agreeable to accept residence in Co. Wicklow as qualifying for the purposes of loans or grants under the Scheme of Small Dwellings loans operated by the Corporation.

The provision of monies by the Corporation for Small Dwellings loans has to be undertaken by the Corporation itself, who have to go into the money market in order to raise money by stock or mortgage loan. The raising of money in this fashion is becoming increasingly difficult, and it is necessary for the Corporation to conserve as far as possible any capital money available. The problem is quite different with Co. Councils, who are able to get their capital requirements from the Local Loan Fund. The Corporation have no access to this source.

I regret, therefore, that the Corporation is unable to meet your request that residence in Co. Wicklow should qualify for the purpose of loans or grants under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mise, le meas,
PRIOMH OIFIGEACH.

Councillor Lawless pointed out that loans were made available by Dublin County Council to applicants residing in County Wicklow.

ITEM No. 5—PROVISION OF WELLS AND PUMPS

The Deputy County Manager stated that the total number of wells provided by the Council from loans raised for the purpose amounted to 84 to 31st August, 1955. During the month of September, one further well had been completed, i.e. that at Ballyruane, Arklow. The average cost of wells and pumps provided was £239. The total expenditure to 31st August, 1955, amounted to £20,979 5s. 2d. The total amount of loans raised was £29,850, which left a balance of £8,871 still available. There were at present 55 wells and pumps on the priority list to be provided in due order, and the estimated cost of these works was £11,750. It would be necessary, therefore, for the Council to authorise the raising of a further loan to defray the cost of works already approved. Having noted that there was a balance of £8,871 still available in the loan, the Council deferred consideration of the authorising of a further loan.

ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY AT LISCOLMAN

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the tenants of three cottages got their water supply from a well in an adjoining field. The water appeared to be quite clear, but probably some of the drainage from an adjoining farm found its way to it. There were marks of cattle in the vicinity of the well and the tenants claimed that in hot weather the cattle stood in the water all day. The Assistant County Engineer recommended the sinking of a well on the road near the cottages, since even if the well were fenced it would still be liable to pollution. The Health Inspector stated that the three families were using a well which was also used for watering cattle and he recommended the provision of a pump.

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

and resolved :-

"That having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump to provide a water supply for cottages at Liscolman, the cost to be defrayed from loan and work included on priority list."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—BURIAL GROUND ON LANDS OF JAMES MOORE, MUCKLAGH

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Engineer had reported that he had located the old burial ground at Ballagh and that the fence on one side was of substantial stone and bush, the remainder being of low sods with bushes at intervals. There was very little evidence of graves apart from a few small heaps of ordinary stones and hawthorn bushes. The owner of the land stated that it had been visited from time to time by people who regarded it as being of archaeological interest. His father, who died some 15 years ago, aged 96 years, had never witnessed a burial there, and perhaps this explains the fact that there was no record of it as a graveyard, neither was it marked as such on the Ordnance Sheet. Senator McCrea stated that Mr. Moore had asked him if the Council would accept responsibility for fencing of the burial ground. In view of the report of the Assistant County Engineer, he asked that the matter be deferred.

ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1955

The Council noted the list submitted by the County Engineer of cottages repaired during the month of September, 1955. The Council asked that a report be submitted in regard to the repairs carried out to cottage of Mr. J. Walsh, Ballinglen, at a total cost of £105 8s. 0d.

ITEM No. 9—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

The Council authorised the carrying out of repairs in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer. Councillor J. Miley asked that the Engineer re-inspect the cottage of P. Nolan, Baltyboys, as the tenant had been absent when the Engineer called previously and the tenant maintained that other repairs were necessary.

Councillor Senator McCrea, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, urged that wire and stakes be provided for the fencing of the cottage occupied by Mr. Redmond, Cronyehorn, and stated that the tenant had suffered from trespass of cattle from the lands of the adjoining landowner. The Deputy County Manager pointed out that the maintenance of the fence was a matter for the tenant and that the landowner was responsible for ensuring that his stock did not trespass on adjoining lands. It was agreed that an estimate of the cost of supplying the wire and stakes be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 10—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1955

The Deputy County Manager submitted letter received from Miss Annie T. Byrne, Tourboy, Rathdangan, who had been awarded a scholarship under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, indicating that as she had taken up employment she was not availing of the scholarship. The Council noted the letter and approved of the awarding of the remaining scholarship to David J. H. Dempsey, Putland Road, Bray, who had obtained fourth place at the examination.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

and resolved :-

"That having noted that Miss Annie T. Byrne, Tourboy, Rathdangan, is not accepting the award of University Scholarship under the Council's Scheme for 1955, we hereby approve of the award of the remaining scholarship to David J. H. Dempsey, Putland Road, Bray."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—HOUSING SCHEME AT AUGHIRM

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

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
County Engineer	
McNulty Bros., Dun Laoghaire	£16,136 8 0
Patrick J. Hagan, Arklow	£16,923 4 4
The Council	£20,812 16 0

The Council noted that the tender of the County Engineer was the lowest tender received and decided that the work be carried out by Direct Labour.

ITEM No. 12—AUGHIRM SEWERAGE SCHEME

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

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
William Clarke, Church St., Wicklow	£17,454 1 10
Edward Lee, Arklow	£15,917 8 1
P. J. Hagan, St. Mary's Terrace, Arklow	£18,336 3 2
Hodgins Ltd., Fairview, Dublin	£20,978 17 11
McNulty Bros., Dalkey	£25,724 19 4
William Lee (per Frederick Lee), Arklow	£16,644 14 1
A. F. Hastings Ltd., Dublin	£19,845 19 1
Butler Bros., Dublin	£19,842 18 6
C. S. Downey & Sons, Dublin	£19,145 0 0
The Council	£19,145 0 0

The Council approved of the tenders being forwarded to the Consultant Engineers for recommendation.

WICKLOW (S.E.) REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: TENDERS FOR FILTRATION PLANT

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

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
United Filters Ltd., London	£5,403
Paterson Engineering Co., London	£5,520
Candy Filter Co., London	£5,395
Turnover Filter Co., Belfast	£3,386
Bell Bros. (Manchester) Ltd., Manchester	£5,572

The Council approved of the tenders being forwarded to the Consultant Engineers for recommendation.

The Council agreed that the letter from Messrs. United Filters Ltd., Burston Road, Putney, London, be treated as a tender as recommended by the Consultant Engineer.

Vevay Road, Bray—In reply to enquiries from members, the Deputy County Engineer stated that the Council had spread chippings on portion of the road from its junction with Putland Road towards Bray at the request of the Garda Siochana, as the road had become slippery. The Deputy County Engineer stated that otherwise the road was satisfactory and it was not proposed to carry out any extra works.

Roads at Kilcoole—Councillor Lawless complained that workers had been brought from the Ashford and Rathnew districts to work on the road in the vicinity of Kilcoole when suitable men were available and unemployed in the Kilcoole district, and protested against the action of the Engineer in the matter. The Assistant County Engineer explained that men were urgently needed to carry out certain works on the road and that the men brought from the Ashford district were men who were normally in the Council's employment. The Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer, but indicated that preference should be given to suitable workers in the vicinity of works if such were available.

Consultative Health Committee—The Council asked that a meeting of the Consultative Health Committee be arranged at an early date, and it was decided that a meeting be held on Monday, 17th October, 1955.

Maternity Annexe, Rathdrum—In reply to Councillor Haughton, the Deputy County Manager stated that the report would be available for the next meeting of the Council in regard to the costs of improving the Maternity Annexe at Rathdrum in accordance with the terms of the report of the County Medical Officer.

Suspension of Boilerman at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Councillor McCarthy asked that a report on this matter be submitted to the next meeting of the Council, and enquired why it was not possible to recruit a local man for the work.

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

"I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that in view of the development of Avoca Mines that water, sewerage and housing schemes be provided for Avoca area."

Henry Brown

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th October, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O'Broin, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, the Chair was taken by Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 16th August, 1955.
2. To fill vacancy on Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
3. Renewal of University Scholarships.
4. Letter from Monaghan County Council regarding reciprocal arrangements for residence qualification in University Scholarship Schemes.
5. Appointment of Temporary Veterinary Inspector.
6. Report requested by Councillor W. Hammond in regard to road workers.
7. Memorial concerning road from Glenree to Coolmore and need for road between Knocknadruce and Granabeg.
8. Report regarding road from Ballard to Ballinlash.
9. Car Park at Glenmacnass—letter from An Bord Failte.
10. Particulars regarding machinery, etc., requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.
11. Electrification of Ballinclare Quarry—to consider recommendation of County Engineer on tenders received.
12. Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1955—to authorise additional expenditure in respect of increase in premiums.
13. Proposed extension of water main at Monastery, Enniskerry.
14. Water supply at Davidstown, Donard—report of Engineer.
15. Water supply at Croneyhorn Upper Cross Roads and Carriganamuck, Knockananna.
16. Water supply at Slievenweel, Knockananna.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy regarding water, sewerage and housing schemes for Avoca area.
18. Employment of temporary boilermen at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
19. Maternity annexe at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
20. Housing Scheme at Laragh—proposed acquisition of site.
21. Resolution from Fermoy U.D.C. re observance of Church Holydays in place of Bank Holidays.
22. Erection of Dispensaries at Auhgrim, Baltinglass, Carnew and Rathdrum—to receive tenders.
23. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolutions of Sympathy

The Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. Luan P. Cuffe, Architect to the Council, on the death of his wife's parents, who were killed in an air crash in the United States of America.

The County Secretary read acknowledgments of resolutions of sympathy passed by the Council received from the family of the late Joseph Byrne, Wicklow, and from Mr. P. N. Murdoch, Bray.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,
and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 16th August, 1955."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—BALTINGLASS O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE

The following letter from the Sub-Committee was submitted:

Main Street, Baltinglass,
9th September, 1955.

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

At their meeting held on the 2nd instant, the above named Sub-Committee recommended that the Rev. J. L. C. Stronge, Rector, Dunlavin, and Mr. L. K. O'Reilly, P.C., Bella Vista, Donard, be appointed to fill the vacancies caused by the disqualification of Rev. D. M. Bowers for non-attendance and the death of Mr. J. J. Metcalfe. Rev. A. H. V. Frazer is Chairman and Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, Vice-Chairman

Mise, le meas,
L. McDONNELL

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

"That we hereby appoint Rev. J. L. C. Stronge, The Rectory, Dunlavin, and Mr. L. K. O'Reilly, P.C., Bella Vista, Donard, to fill vacancies on Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the disqualification of Rev. D. M. Bowers and the death of Mr. J. J. Metcalfe."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin,
7th October, 1955.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I wish to report on the results of the Autumn Examinations as follows:—

Spellman, Kieran F.—Rejected at the Second Civil Engineering Examination. Recommend that the Scholarship be withheld for a year until he passes the Examination and will then be proceeding to Third Year Course.

Hayden, John P.—Passed the Second Science Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

Haughton, Gabriel C.—Attended satisfactorily the Second Year Law Lectures. No examination is held at the end of the Second Year. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) J. L. CAMPION,
for Registrar

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,
and resolved:—

"That having considered report of 7th October, 1955, from University College, Dublin, we hereby approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for a further year for James P. Hayden and Gabriel C. Haughton, and approve of the withholding for a year of the renewal of Scholarship for Kieran Spellman pending his passing the Second Civil Engineering Examination."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—RESIDENCE QUALIFICATION IN SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The following letter from Monaghan County Council was submitted:—

Courthouse, Monaghan,
5th October, 1955.

re: Residence Qualifications in University, Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Schemes.

A Chara,

I wish to refer to circular letter, dated 7th June, 1955, from Dublin County Council in regard to above and to inform you that this Council are reciprocating with Dublin County Council by including in their Schemes for 1956 the residence qualifications as outlined in circular letter referred to above.

Please let me know if your Council has agreed to make this reciprocal arrangement with Dublin County Council and if your Council would be prepared to reciprocate in a similar manner with this Council.

Mise, le meas,
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Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,
and resolved:—

"That we approve of the making of reciprocal arrangements with Monaghan County Council as regards the residence qualification for University Scholarship Schemes on similar lines to the arrangements with Dublin County Council."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY VETERINARY INSPECTOR

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the recent death of Mr. Gerald Morrin, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector to the Council, it was necessary to make a temporary appointment, and Mr. T. Murphy, M.R.C.V.S., Baltinglass, who had acted for Mr. Morrin as locum, had been appointed temporarily for the period to 31st October, 1955.

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

"That we approve of the temporary appointment of Mr. T. Murphy, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for Public Health duties for Baltinglass No. 1 former Rural District and for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in Baltinglass No. 1 and Shillelagh former Rural Districts for a period of 6 months or pending the making of permanent arrangements for the filling of the position of Veterinary Inspector for these districts."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—REPORT REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR HAMMOND IN REGARD TO ROAD WORKERS

The County Secretary stated that as requested by Councillor Hammond, particulars had been obtained from the Council's Overseers in relation to workers who had been in regular employment with the Council for some years. The particulars were as follows:—

Number of married men employed—251.
Number of single men employed—55.
Number of children under 16 years of age—531.
Number of other persons employed in households—103.
Number living in rented Council cottages—231.
Number living in vested cottages—13.
Number of workers owning more than half acre of land—38.

Councillor Hammond thanked the officers of the Council for the details compiled.

ITEM No. 7—ROAD FROM GLENREE TO COOLMORE AND NEED FOR ROAD BETWEEN KNOCKNADRUCE AND GRANABEG

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

"The main road from Glenree to Coolmore measures 1,161 perches. 26 families use this road, which is in a deplorable condition. At Glenavore a river runs across the road through which vehicles must pass. Only a foot-bridge is provided. During flood periods there is no thoroughfare whatever for pedestrians or vehicles. This could be remedied at a moderate cost by building a bridge across the road, thus providing a thoroughfare for all traffic during all seasons.

A short road across two fields is urgently needed to link Knocknadruc and Granabeg (where school is situated). On this route there is a footbridge across the King's River, which is also immersed during flood periods, thus making it impassable for school children and all pedestrians, who have no other way but to go round the above-mentioned deplorable road, thus incurring an extra six miles to their journey."

The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the road from Glenree to Coolmore was in as good condition as he had ever seen it, but it was subject to very heavy traffic, haulage of lime and haulage to the new forestry which was being planted at Oakwood. The road was not suitable for heavy traffic of this nature at all and when winter weather came it would be in a deplorable condition. He stated that at present there were a certain amount of protruding stones. The road was a rough narrow road and had been in that condition at all times. As regards the ford, the Assistant County Engineer stated that it was difficult to cross the road if there was a big flood in the ford although he had done so. The work of making a gullet in it with concrete pipes could be included under the Local Authorities (Works) Act. The Assistant County Engineer understood that there was only one holding now on the east side of it as the Forestry had taken over the property at Oakwood.

The Assistant County Engineer stated that it would take a much longer time to make a report on the matter of making a road to cross the river at Granabeg; it would not be possible to have a report in time for the meeting. It was many years ago a subject of considerable agitation with the result that a footbridge was constructed by the Board of Works, but the matter of making a roadway to it presented a great many difficulties, including the opposition of the adjoining landowner. Councillor M. Deering, T.D., stated that he understood that the adjoining landowner did not now raise any objection to a proposed road.

It was agreed that the Council's Engineer prepare a scheme for submission under the Local Authorities (Works) Act in respect of the construction of a gullet on the Glenree-Coolmore road and that the Engineer would submit a detailed estimate of the cost of reconstructing the road together with a full report on the question of the construction of a road from Granabeg to Knocknadruc.

ITEM No. 8—ROAD FROM BALLARD TO BALLINACLASH

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

Courthouse, Arklow,
8th October, 1955.

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

re: Ballard Lane

Dear Sir,

The road referred to by Mr. Thomas Graham runs from Phelan's Hotel at Ballinaclesh for about 2½ miles on the side of the Ballard-Ballyshane Hill to Ballyshane. Part of it was repaired under an Employment Scheme about 18 years ago but since that time nothing has been done with it.

The central portion of the road does not appear to be much used, but doubtless in time to come it will get a lot of traffic as the Forestry Department have very large plantations along most of the road.

The cost of putting the road in proper repair would be about £900.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) J. P. CAFFREY

In view of the Engineer's report, the Council asked that an enquiry be addressed to the Forestry Department as to whether they would contribute towards the cost of putting the road into proper repair.

ITEM No. 9—CAR PARK AT GLENMACNASS

The following letter from Bord Fáilte Éireann was submitted:—

7/8 Mount Street Crescent,
Access and Amenities Section,
9th September, 1955.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

re: Car Park at Glenmacnass

Dear Sir,

I am to refer to correspondence in connection with the above project. In discussion with the County Engineer it was agreed that some amendment in the plan submitted could be made which would reduce the filling to be undertaken and bring the estimate for car park, shelters and acquisition to £3,306. While the matter is awaiting Board consideration, I should be grateful if you could indicate what amount your Council would be prepared to contribute to the project.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) F. LAWLOR

The Council decided to await the decision of the Board on the matter.

ITEM No. 10—PARTICULARS REGARDING MACHINERY, ETC., REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

The County Secretary read reports prepared by the County Manager in respect of plant and machinery and road works in reply to enquiry made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice. The Council asked that the reports be circulated to the members and included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, asked for further information in regard to the names of men who had been employed by the Race Committee, and the cost of hiring lorries from other sources.

ITEM No. 11—ELECTRIFICATION OF BALLINCLARE QUARRY

The County Secretary submitted again the report of the County Engineer, recommending that the tender of Messrs. Smith's, Church Street, Wicklow, in the

sum of £2,340 14s. 6d., be accepted for the electrification of Ballinclare Quarry, this being the lowest tender received. It was—

Proposed by Councillor L. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

Having considered report of the County Engineer of 10th June, 1955, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Smith's, Church Street, Wicklow, in the total sum of £2,340 14s. 6d. for the electrification of Ballinclare Quarry and authorise the raising of a loan of £2,340 14s. 6d. from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., repayable over a period of 5 years for the purpose of defraying the cost of the electrification of Ballinclare Quarry.

As an amendment, it was—

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

and resolved:—

"That the matter of electrification of Ballinclare Quarry be deferred for a further month."

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

In Favour—Councillors Senator McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, M. Deering, T.D., Godfrey Timmins, William Lawless, Dr. Brendan Donnelly, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; James Haughton, C. W. Hudson—10.

Against—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D., W. Cleary, P. Kehoe, James Miley, James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne—8.

The amendment was declared passed by 10 votes in favour to 8 votes against, and accordingly, the matter was adjourned to the following month.

ITEM No. 12—WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Insurers had indicated that there would be an increased premium of 27½% on the workmen's compensation policy as from 1st September, 1955, consequent on the coming into operation of the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1955. The Act increased the maximum weekly rate of compensation from 50/- to 90/- and also increased the maximum benefit payable in respect of fatal accidents from £1,200 to £1,800. There were also other changes made by the Act, which increased the liability of the employer. It was calculated that the additional expenditure arising would not exceed £1,500.

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

and resolved:—

"That having noted letter from Irish Overseas Insurance Brokers regarding Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the additional premium arising on the Council's Employers Liability Insurance from the increased premiums following the coming in to operation of the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN AT MONASTERY, ENNISKERRY

The County Secretary stated that Mr. R. Magee, Enniskerry, had developed a housing site along the Ballyman Road, Enniskerry on which 8 houses had been built and one was in course of construction. Permission had been granted by the Council for the erection of 9 houses, provided that the watermain was extended along the road to suit the development and in 1952 the watermain was laid a distance of 160 yards from Monastery Junction. The Engineer reported that this main served the first six sites and houses built lower down on the site had long half inch copper connections taken from the end of the main. Mr.

Magee, whose contractor was Mr. Phillips, wished to erect two more houses at the eastern end of the site and to have the watermain extended so as to serve these sites. This would entail the laying of 180 yards of 4" main at a cost approaching £300. The Engineer stated that if this main were laid, it would serve three Council cottages in the vicinity of the Cross Roads, where a fountain could be erected. One of the tenants had repeatedly requested that an adequate water supply be provided near the Cross Roads. A request had also been made by the tenants of the six cottages near the County Brook that the watermain be extended to facilitate them. This would necessitate the laying of a further 350 lin. yds. of 4" main at an estimated cost of £580. A fountain at this point would also serve cottages in Co. Dublin. When the new water supply scheme came into operation, there would be adequate pressure and quantity to serve the houses. The County Engineer had recommended that the Council might meet one half of the cost of the extension of the main as it would provide a water supply for the three Council cottages at the Cross Roads.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of the Assistant County Engineer and estimate of Mr. J. J. Phillips, Building Contractor, we approve of the extension of watermain at Monastery, Enniskerry, to the Cross Roads and approve of the Council contributing half of the cost of such extension, i.e. £140. 10s. 0d., the cost to be defrayed from loan for minor water supplies."

Passed unanimously.

The Council also agreed that Dublin County Council be asked if they would contribute to a further extension of the main, which would serve six Council cottages and four cottages in County Dublin.

ITEM No. 14—WATER SUPPLY AT DAVIDSTOWN, DONARD

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were two springs on the lands owned by Mr. John Jones, Keshamore, Donard. The water flowed from them to a point on the public road at Davidstown. The springs were roughly 440 yds. distant from the public road. If the springs were cleaned up, and sealed, a piped supply could be got to the public road and the cost using 2" pipes would be approximately £250. If a small tank of say 1,000 gals. capacity were added, the cost would be an additional £50. The number of houses affected was 6, of which two were labourers cottages and also the National School. The Assistant County Engineer suggested that the Health Inspector be asked to report on the necessity of a supply. The Council decided to adjourn the matter pending the submission of the report of the Health Inspector.

ITEM No. 15—WATER SUPPLY AT CRONEHORN UPPER CROSS ROADS AND CARRIGNAMUCK, KNOCKANANNA

The County Secretary stated that the Engineer had reported that there were seven cottages and a farmhouse near the Cross Roads having a total of 14 adults and seven children and that the present supply was piped from the spring to the roadside, about 350 to 400 yds. from the Cross Roads. There was a fairly steep climb from the well and the most distant cottage in the group was a further 250 yds. away. There was an old type pump at the Cross Roads already, but this was disused and the Engineer understood it was due to contamination of the underground water. The Engineer thought it would be advisable to investigate the possibility of pumping the water by an electric pump from the existing well to a small tank at the Cross Roads. He was obtaining particulars from the E.S.B. on which to base an estimate. The Council noted the Engineer's suggestion and agreed that an estimate of the cost of pumping the water from the well be obtained and agreed also that a sample of the water from the old pump be analysed.

Water Supply for Families at Carrignamuck, Knockanna:

The Engineer reported that there were three families living in the vicinity of the Cross. There was a total of 7 adults and 7 children altogether and all families lived within a radius of 200 yds. of the Cross Roads, and he suggested that a pump be provided at the Cross Roads at a cost of £240.

The Health Inspector reported that the three cottages should be treated as isolated cottages and that each had a water supply within a reasonable distance of their respective houses. He did not recommend the erection of a pump in any one of the three cases. The Council decided that the Health Inspector be asked to ascertain if the wells used by the occupants of the cottages were free from contamination and that the supplies were satisfactory.

ITEM No. 16—WATER SUPPLY AT SLIEVEMWEEL, KNOCKANANNA

The Engineer reported that there were two families living at this place, a total of 12 persons. Water was obtained from a stream which flowed alongside the road and was about 200 yds. from one cottage. The stream flowed through the plot attached to the other house. The Engineer considered the water unsuitable for human consumption and recommended that a well and pump be provided at a cost of £240. The Health Inspector reported that as the distance between the cottages was about 1 mile, a pump each would be required. He could not however, recommend the provision of a pump for an isolated cottage. The Council noted that it would not be possible at present to consider providing a pump for these cottages.

ITEM No. 17—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER, SEWERAGE AND HOUSING SCHEMES FOR AVOCA AREA

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor P. McCarthy, supported by Councillor W. Cleary, urged that in view of the development of the Avoca mines, that water, sewerage and housing schemes be provided in the Avoca area. The Council agreed that the matters be investigated and reports submitted in regard to the need for extension of the water and sewerage systems and the provision of additional houses.

ITEM No. 18—EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY BOILERMEN AT ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Manager stated that it had been necessary to recruit two temporary boilermen consequent on the suspension of one boilerman at St. Colman's Hospital and the resignation of the other boilerman. The Machinery Overseer had been asked to obtain a suitable worker and Mr. T. O'Connor, Glendalough, who had been employed as boilerman at the Royal Hotel, had been temporarily employed. Mr. John Byrne, Rathdrum, had also been temporarily employed. The Council noted the position in the matter and noted that applications would be invited by public advertisement, before any permanent appointment was made.

ITEM No. 19—MATERNITY ANNEXE AT ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM

The County Manager submitted the following report of the Chief Medical Officer:

Public Health Dept.,
Rathdrum,
Co. Wicklow.
19th September, 1955.

Staff Officer,
Health Section.

re: Maternity Unit, St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum

A Chara,
Regarding the above, it is well at the beginning to state premises. It is the duty of the County Council to provide an inter Maternity Service for unmarried mothers, destitute persons and persons whose accommodation is unsuitable for home confinement. This obligation is met by Baltinglass Hospital, Loughlinstown Hospital and the three Teaching Hospitals (Maternity) in Dublin. As pointed out in a previous report, of the population of the county over 12,000 fall into the area served by Baltinglass and of the remaining 40,000 over 25,000 are within 25 miles of Dublin and within 16 miles of Loughlinstown.

The numbers in Arklow Memorial Hospital have fallen considerably in recent times and with the opening of new Orthopaedic Hospitals there is no likelihood of an increase in the foreseeable future—rather the reverse. I have suggested to Lady Wicklow that the Committee should consider catering for maternity cases and she has taken the matter under advisement.

The Rathdrum Unit was intended as a Maternity Home but experience shows that it is virtually impossible for a Local Authority to run such an institution without its becoming a Maternity Hospital, and the provision of such a hospital nowadays is fraught with extreme difficulty. In fact, in my view it is not possible without some wholetime medical staff to provide such a service in Rathdrum.

The population furthest removed from existing services is that in the area of which Arklow is the chief town, and the provision of beds at the Arklow Memorial Hospital would meet the case. Alternatively, the provision of private maternity homes should be encouraged. Under the Act the Local Authority may contribute to the maintenance of cases in such homes. Regulations of the Minister for Health lay down standards and conditions and the Local Authority has full power of inspection and control.

The present Maternity Unit consists of the following:—

Duty Room.
Isolation Ward with w.c.
Sluice Room.
Two Wards.
Labour Ward.
Bathroom and patients' w.c.

The duty room is also used as office, ante-natal room and dispensary. There is no nursing or staff toilet and the labour ward is also used for babies and for oxygen storage. The wards are inadequately heated. Minimum requirements would be office and ante-natal room, nursery, staff toilet, linen room and better provision for sterilisation of instruments. The food comes from the main kitchen and there is a kitchenette in the main building near the surgery. In view of the prevalence of diarrhoea and the occasional cases of dysentery which occur, a separate kitchen is necessary, as if a maternity unit is to be established at Rathdrum it is essential that it is completely separate from the County Home.

The nurses quarters can only be described as exceedingly unsatisfactory. Nurses share three rooms of an indescribable dinginess and a seventh has a single room likewise poor. Generally the quarters are not of the type expected nowadays.

The laundry in present use is rather primitive and much equipment would be needed. The same laundry could be used for all the institution with proper safeguards, and it must be remembered that maternity work makes large demands on a laundry. As distinct from the laundry there should be a napkin service for the nursery.

I am in general agreement with Dr. Cunniffe's list of requirements, but with regard to an Anaesthetist (an essential feature of such a Unit) I fear that the medical manpower of Rathdrum will not be able to supply such an officer. There are only two doctors, one of whom is Medical Officer to the Hospital and one is dispensary doctor, leaving no one to fulfil the duties of the envisaged post. Having carefully considered the matter I do not believe that the Unit could be reconstructed so as to provide the necessary additions, and fear that a new Unit might have to be provided.

I am unable to estimate the cost, but it can be taken that it would be very great, so great as to be totally uneconomic on such a small scale.

It is only fair to add that though now outmoded and out-of-date, the Unit at the time of building was of a reasonably good standard bearing in mind the number of cases it was intended to service and the type of treatment to be provided. It was not anticipated that these groups would be extended to include others on that the pressure would be so great.

It is hoped that reasonably soon alternative accommodation will be provided for unmarried mothers.

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(Signed) D. McCARTHY,

Chief Medical Officer

The County Manager stated that the Council's Architect had been engaged on preparing an estimate of cost for building works but due to his bereavement he had been unable to complete the report in time for the meeting. However, approximate figures had been taken out and it would appear that the cost of extending the Maternity Unit as envisaged in the doctor's report would be £9,400, capital cost. The estimated annual charge arising in respect of repayment of loan and salaries and wages, etc., would be £6,850. If a separate Maternity Hospital, with its own services, equipment and staff, apart from St. Colman's Hospital, with an accommodation of 10 beds, were provided, it seemed that the annual cost would be about £9,100. Recoupment at the rate of 50% of the operating cost would be available from the Health Services Grant and if the proposals were approved by the Minister it was possible that the State might meet 50% of the loan charges, if the work were regarded as part of the reconstruction of the County Home.

Councillor Haughton expressed the view that the services which had been available at the Maternity Annexe at Rathdrum should be extended in view of the demand for such services in the district. Councillor Dr. Donnelly expressed the view that maternity services in the county were not adequate and suggested that the Council might acquire premises where the patients could be attended by their own doctor.

The Council decided to refer the matter for examination by the Consultative Health Committee at their meeting to be held on Monday, 17th October, 1955. The Council asked that if possible a reply be obtained from the Countess of Wicklow in regard to suggested use of the Memorial Hospital at Arklow as a Maternity Hospital.

ITEM No. 20—HOUSING SCHEME AT LARAGH: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SITE

The County Secretary stated that the members of the local Housing Committee for the Wicklow Area had met Mr. J. Byrne at Laragh on Wednesday, 5th October, 1955, by arrangement to discuss the proposed acquisition of portion of his holdings at Laragh. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, and Councillor C. M. Byrne had attended, together with the Deputy County Manager. It was explained to Mr. Byrne that the Council's offer of £300 compensation was based on the valuer's report, which was considered to be a fair valuation. It was agreed that as the existing store would have to be demolished, the Council would erect a store to replace it on a site convenient to Mr. Byrne's premises.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the acquisition of site for housing scheme at Laragh from Mr. J. Byrne, Laragh, for the sum of £300 compensation, the Council to provide new store in place of the store being demolished in connection with the scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 21—RESOLUTION FROM FERMOY U.D.C. RE OBSERVANCE OF CHURCH HOLYDAYS IN PLACE OF BANK HOLIDAYS

The Council decided to mark "read" the following resolution received from Fermoyn Urban District Council:—

"That we request the Government to introduce legislation to provide for the observance of Church Holydays in place of Bank Holidays as we consider that in this Christian country it is only fitting that they should be observed. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Councils in the Republic."

ITEM No. 22—ERECTION OF DISPENSARIES AT AUGHIRM, BALTINGLASS, CARNEW AND RATHDRUM: TO RECEIVE TENDERS

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

Name and Address of Tenderer	Dispensary	Amount of Tender		
		£	s.	d.
McNulty Bros., Dun Laoghaire.	Aughrim.	4,793	16	4
	Carnew.	4,974	11	6
	Rathdrum.	4,667	15	2
Michael Moore, Grangecon. W. & G. Connolly, Bray.	Baltinglass.	1,985	0	0
	Aughrim.	2,777	15	5
	Carnew.	2,757	19	5
Michael O'Riordan, Waterford. Joseph McCall, Carlow. Michael Haughton, Rathdrum.	Rathdrum.	2,771	9	11
	Baltinglass.	2,737	19	5
	Rathdrum.	3,500	0	0
	Baltinglass.	2,072	0	0
	Rathdrum.	2,184	0	0

The Council decided to refer the tenders for examination by the County Engineer and for his recommendation thereon.

Application for Felling Licence for Trees at Derrybawn:

The County Secretary stated that the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands had informed the Council that an application had been made by a son of Mrs. Catherine Sweetman, Derrybawn, Rathdrum, for a licence to fell the remaining trees on the property at Derrybawn. The views of the Council on the matter were sought. The Council agreed that it would be undesirable that all the trees should be felled and suggested that a screen should be left near the roadside and some trees left standing so that there would not be complete denudation.

Road from Stranakelly to Kilquigan National School:

Councillor O'Neill asked that a report be obtained from the Engineer in regard to the condition of the road.

Corner at Churchlands, Tinahely:

Councillor O'Neill stated that the corner at Churchlands at Tinahely was dangerous to traffic and asked that the Engineer submit a report in regard to it. The following notices of Motions were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:

By Councillor W. Lawless,

"That I or some other Councillor for me will move at the next meeting of the Council, that this Council adopt the directions given by the Minister for Social Welfare with regard to Marriage Increments to our Assistance Officers.

By Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,

"I move that a water supply be provided at Glendalough as we have a population of 88 persons mostly young children, who have to travel over half mile for a supply."

By Councillor J. O'Toole,

"That I or some member on my behalf shall move at next meeting that additional lighting be provided at or convenient to new Glass Factory at Boghall Road, Bray."

By Councillor J. Miley,

"I propose that two lights be erected on the Kilbride Road, Blessington."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th November, 1955, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Architect, and Assistant County Engineers 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 October, 1955.
2. Memorial from cottage tenants and report of Assistant County Engineer regarding access roadway to cottages at Kiltegan.
3. Water supply for three cottages at Ballinacarrig, Brittas.
4. Water supply for cottages in townlands of Thomastown and Johnstown Upper on Arklow-Johnstown Road.
5. Application from Wexford County Council for water connection for Wexford County Council cottage at Loggan, Wingfield Electoral Division.
6. Water supply at Ballinaclash.
7. Travelling expenses of Rent Collectors: Report of County Manager.
8. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
10. Repairs carried out during month of October, 1955.
11. Authorisation of repairs.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1955, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

4th November, 1955.

Gentlemen,

Housing Progress Report—Month of October, 1955.

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

The total number of cottages completed to date is as follows:—	
1946 Scheme	419
Newtownmountkenedy	16
Killincarrig/Lugduff	13
Kindlestown	40
Total	488

The total number of men employed during October was:—		
	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	11	21
1952 Scheme	8	18
Totals	19	39

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

Northern Area:

Cottages completed at 31st October, 1955:—	
1946 Scheme	185
Newtownmountkenedy	16
Killincarrig	10
Kindlestown	40
Total	251

Cottages in progress at 31st October, 1955:—	
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
1952 Scheme: Ballynerrin, Furzeditch, Ballard Upper Ballard Lower, Dunganstown West	5
Total	25

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1955	92
In progress	Nil

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1955:	
1946 Scheme	54
Lugduff Scheme	3
Total	57

1952 Scheme in progress:	
Coolalug	1
Ballymaghroe	1
Coolfancy	1
Tombrea	1
Kilcavan	1
Ballingen	1
Total	6

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 31st October, 1955	88
In progress	Nil

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1955."
Passed unanimously

ITEM No. 2—ACCESS ROADWAY TO COTTAGES AT KILTEGAN

The County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received from the tenants of eight Council cottages at Kiltegan requesting the provision of sanitation, including W.C., improvements to the laneway leading to the cottages and the erection of warning notices. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that it would be some time before he could submit a report on the question of sanitation and flush lavatories. Arrangements were being made to have the road warning signs supplied. The Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of surfacing the road for a distance of 180 yards in 1½" tarmacadam at £102 0s. 0d. He pointed out, however, that repairs to the road by blinding it were at present being carried out and stated that he considered it desirable to wait some while until the road had settled before considering surfacing it with tarmacadam. The Council decided to defer the matter to the Estimates Meeting.

ITEM No. 3—WATER SUPPLY FOR THREE COTTAGES AT BALLINACORRIG, BRITTAS

The Health Inspector reported that the water supply for these cottages was taken from a well about half a mile from the cottages and that the well was privately owned. The only alternative supply was from a surface stream which he considered unfit for human consumption. He recommended the sinking of a well and erection of a pump to serve the 16 persons residing in the cottages. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the cost of the well would be about £240.

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump to provide water supply for three cottages at Ballinacorrige, Brittas, at estimated cost of £240; the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan for minor water supplies."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES IN TOWNLANDS OF THOMASTOWN AND JOHNSTOWN UPPER ON ARKLOW/JOHNSTOWN ROAD

Having considered reports of the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer in regard to the need for the provision of a water supply for five cottages in the townlands of Thomastown and Johnstown Upper with a total of 22 persons residing therein, it was

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump for water supply to serve five cottages in the townlands of Thomastown and Johnstown Upper on the Arklow-Johnstown Road at estimated cost of £240; the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan for minor water supplies."
Passed unanimously.

The Assistant County Engineer reported also that there were two cottages in Co. Wicklow in the townland of Johnstown Lower on the Arklow-Coolgreaney Road, and also two cottages in Co. Wexford near Plattenstown and that a pump and well might be provided to serve these four cottages, subject to half the cost being defrayed by Wexford County Council.

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

and resolved:—

"That subject to the provision of half the cost of the work by Wexford County Council we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump in the townland of Johnstown Lower, on the Arklow-Coolgreaney Road, to provide water supply for two cottages in County Wicklow and two cottages in Co. Wexford, near Plattenstown, the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—WATER CONNECTION FOR COTTAGE AT LOGGAN, WINGFIELD, CO. WEXFORD

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by Wexford County Council for a water connection for a cottage at Loggan, Wingfield Electoral Division, from the piped water supply for Coolboy. The distance of the cottage from the main is 46 yards and the tenant requires an outside tap.

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

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter dated 11th October, 1955, from Wexford County Council we approve of a water supply being made available by Wicklow County Council for cottage No. 228 at Loggan, Wingfield Electoral Division, Wexford, subject to a charge of £2 per annum or metered cost."
Passed unanimously.

The Council suggested that the supply might be metered for period, at least in order to verify the amount of water consumed.

ITEM No. 6—WATER SUPPLY AT BALLINACLASH

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had investigated the need for a water supply for cottages at Ballinaclash and for the new school. He had recommended the sinking of a well and erection of a pump. The Assistant County Engineer reported that there was a spring giving 1,300 gallons per day at the Cross Roads and that if this were collected in a small tank holding a day's supply and piped by ½" plastic pipe to the village, the supply would be at the rate of about 3 gallons per minute, which he considered would be sufficient for the needs of the school and for a fountain in the village. The estimated cost would be about £600, somewhat more than the average cost of two sunk wells. He pointed out that it would be necessary to have the water analysed to see if it was suitable. The Council agreed that the water be analysed and approved in principle of the Assistant County Engineer's recommendation for the provision of the water supply.

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved:—

"Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 29th October, 1955, we approve of his recommendation for the provision of a water supply to serve village of Ballinaclash and Ballinaclash School at estimated cost of £600; the cost to be defrayed from loan and work included on priority list."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF RENT COLLECTORS

The County Manager submitted a report giving particulars of the area of each Rent Collector's District, the number of cottages, the number of visits paid by a collector in a year, the annual earnings in respect of the collection, and whether the rents were collected monthly, weekly, or quarterly, together with the basis of remuneration. The County Manager suggested that travelling expenses might be paid to the collectors on the basis of an annual allowance with effect as from 1st September, 1955, on the following scale:—

C. W. Newman	£80
D. C. Urell	£80
E. R. O'Byrne	£80
P. Woods	£80
A. Doyle	£70
P. Kinsella	£70
J. Wilkinson	£60
F. O'Neill	£60

The total amount per annum would be £550, and the estimated cost of the travelling expenses in the current year from 1st September, 1955, was £321. The payment of the allowance would be subject to the sanction of the Minister.

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

and resolved:—

"Having considered details of rent collection districts, etc., submitted to this meeting, we recommend the payment of an annual allowance to Rent Collectors in respect of travelling expenses at the following rates from 1st September, 1955:—

C. W. Newman	£80 per annum.
D. C. Urell	£80 per annum.
E. R. O'Byrne	£80 per annum.
P. Woods	£80 per annum.
A. Doyle	£70 per annum.
P. Kinsella	£70 per annum.
J. Wilkinson	£60 per annum.
F. O'Neill	£60 per annum.

We authorise the expenditure of £321 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of these allowances."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The County Secretary stated that there were no applications for consideration by the Council.

ITEM No. 9—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council deferred for verification of income the application of Mr. Jackson, for a loan in respect of the erection of a house at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry.

ITEM No. 10—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1955

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of October, 1955.

ITEM No. 11—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

Pump at Killinure—On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor W. Cleary, the Council approved of priority being given to the provision of a pump at Killinure.

Pump at Rocky Valley—Councillor J. O'Toole asked that the provision of the pump, as approved by the Council, be expedited.

Kilcoole Housing Scheme—The County Manager stated that following a re-examination of the need for housing at Kilcoole, it was found that the pro-

vision of eight houses at present would meet the demand. As only eight houses were needed at the moment instead of 15, as originally proposed, he suggested that one-storey houses be provided instead of two-storey. The Council agreed that one-storey houses be provided.

Public Lighting—Councillor J. O'Toole asked that a report be available for the next meeting in regard to the provision of public lighting at Boghall Road near the new factory.

Water Supply to Cottages at Rathdrum—Councillor Haughton asked if the Council could assist in the completion of the sinking of a well to provide water supply to cottages at Rathdrum, or alternatively, extend the water supply serving Avondale House. The County Manager stated that the matter would be investigated, but pointed out that the Department of Lands had rights in regard to the water supply at Avondale.

Mill Turn at Rathdrum—Councillor Haughton asked if anything could be done to make the road surface on the hill suitable for horse traffic to the dump and suggested that the road surface would need to be sanded regularly or roughened.

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

By Councillor McCarthy:

"I will move at the next meeting of the Council that in view of the fact that since the increase of 5/- was granted to the Council's road workers in August last, wages in general have been advanced by greater amounts, it is proposed that a further rise of 11/6 be conceded, which would bring these men's rate up to that payable to building labourers in the County."

By Councillor J. O'Neill:

"That I or some one for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that a water supply be given to the four cottages at Stranakely. I may mention that they are in a very bad way, as they have to carry their supply a considerable distance."

By Councillor J. Miley:

"I or some one for me will move at the next meeting of the Council the erection of a pump for four cottages at Humphreystown."

By Councillor W. Lawless:

"I hereby give notice that I or some one for me will move at the next meeting of this Council, that this Council adhere to their decision to extend water supply to our cottages at Bellview, Delgany."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th November, 1955, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, William Cleary, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D.; James Miley, S. O'Leahy, B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O'Brien, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign minutes of meetings held on 5th and 12th September, 1955, and 3rd October, 1955.
2. To fill vacancy on Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
3. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools, 1956: To consider letter from Department of Education and determine to carry into execution the scheme as approved.
4. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary Schools, 1955-56: Letter dated 6th October, 1955, from Department of Education.
5. University Scholarship Scheme, 1956: To consider letter from University College, Dublin.
6. Letter from Department of Local Government, dated 17th October, 1955, regarding the way in which scenery and rural vistas are hidden or obscured from view by high walls and hedges.
7. Reconstruction of Laragh Bridge: To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage from National Bank Ltd.
8. New Road at La Touche Estate, Greystones: Provision of footpaths.
9. Report of County Engineer in regard to Road Works Programme for current year, as at 30th September, 1955.
10. Plan for reconstruction and improvement of County Roads: Report of County Engineer in regard to modified plan requested by the Department of Local Government.
11. Reports on Plant, Machinery and Road Works, and the Maintenance and Repair of Machinery, as circulated to the Council.
12. Electrification of Ballinclare Quarry: To consider the recommendation of the County Engineer on tenders received.
13. Report regarding Conciliation Conference at the Labour Court, in relation to application for increase in wages of road workers.
14. To consider the following notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy: "I will move at the next meeting of the Council that in view of the fact that since the increase of 5/- was granted to the Council's road workers in August last, wages in general have been advanced by greater amounts, it is proposed that a further rise of 11/6 be conceded which would bring these men's rate up to that payable to building labourers in the county."
15. Abstract of Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1955.
16. Reorganisation of Veterinary Services: Letter dated 14th October, 1955, from the Department of Agriculture (copy enclosed).
17. Letter from Blessington Development Association in regard to improvements to the town.
18. Public Lighting at Stratford-on-Slaney: To consider quotation from E.S.B.
19. Public Lighting at Grangecon: To consider quotation from E.S.B.
20. Public Lighting at Kilbride Road, Blessington: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley and report of Engineer.
21. Public Lighting at Boghall Road, Bray: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, and report of Engineer.
22. Wicklow Regional Water Supply: Report of Consultant Engineer on tenders received for Filtration Plant, and letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the acceptance of the tender recommended.
23. Water Supply at Glendalough.
24. Report of Assistant County Engineer and County Medical Officer on proposed development at Avoca.
25. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless as follows: "That this Council adopt the direction given by the Minister for Social Welfare with regard to marriage increments to our Assistance Officers."
26. Proposed revision of salary for office of whole-time Dental Surgeon.
27. Establishment of Rehabilitation Association.
28. Bray Dispensary District: Proposed appointment of second Medical Officer.
29. Resolutions from Labour Party, North Wicklow Divisional Council, Kilkenny County Council and Ballina Urban District Council, in relation to the sentences imposed on Irishmen in respect of raid on Military Barracks in England.
30. Resolutions from Ballina U.D.C. and Dunganvar U.D.C. in regard to recent elections in the Counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh, and the unseating of elected representatives.
31. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolutions of Sympathy—On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the widow and relations of the late Michael Staines. The Council noted acknowledgments of resolutions of sympathy passed by the Council received from the mother, sister and brothers of the late Gerald A. Morrin, and from Mr. John F. Kinsella, son of the late Mr. Kinsella, 10 Florence Road, Bray.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor Senator McCrea,
and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th September, 1955, and 3rd October, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—BRAY O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Sub-Committee had written to state that the Sub-Committee recommended the appointment of Rev. Mr. N. V. Willoughby, M.A., Seaview, Novara Road, Bray, to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Poyntz.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,
and resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Rev. N. V. Willoughby, M.A., Seaview, Novara Road, Bray, as a member of the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Poyntz."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1956

Having considered letter dated 14th October, 1955, from Department of Education, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,
and resolved:—

"That having considered letter dated 14th October, 1955, from Department of Education, conveying approval to the draft Scholarship Scheme, 1956, we hereby determine to carry into execution the scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956, as approved."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 1955/1956

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,
and resolved:—

"That having considered letter dated 6th October, 1955, from Department of Education, and reports from the school authorities in regard to John O'Dea, Joseph Jacob and Mary C. Murphy, we recommend the renewal of scholarships for these students for a further year, and also the renewal of the scholarship for Kathleen Hayden."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1956

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

University College,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin.
17th October, 1955.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,
If you wish to have your Scholarship Scheme approved by the Academic Council of this College you must state that the Scholarships are awarded on the recommendation of the Academic Council of this College and they are tenable in this College. The Academic Council decided at its meeting in March, 1955, that in special circumstances Scholarships recommended by us could be held in other Colleges and suggests a Clause in the following terms:—

"That in special circumstances a student may be allowed to hold a Scholarship at any constituent or recognised College of the National University of Ireland or at Trinity College."

If you amend the opening Clause and Clause 4 of your Scheme accordingly, it will be approved by the Academic Council of this College.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. J. HOGAN,
Registrar.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
and resolved:—

"That we consider the suggestion made by University College, Dublin, in their letter of 17th October, 1955, to be unacceptable and ask that the College Authorities reconsider the matter."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—HIGH WALLS AND HEDGES ON ROADS

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

Department of Local Government,
Roads,
Custom House, Dublin.
17th November, 1955.
R. 220/1.
R. 207/1.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has been impressed by the considerable volume of criticism by road-users, both Irish and foreign, of the way in which beautiful scenery and rural vistas generally are hidden or obscured from view by high walls and hedges. He urges on road authorities to do what they can to remedy the position.

Road authorities have statutory powers under the Local Government Acts (Section 34 of the 1925 Act, as amended by Section 97 of the 1946 Act) to insist on the cutting and trimming of hedges and trees where the hedge or tree is "prejudicial to the road" within the meaning of Section 34, Local Government Act, 1925. They can deal with structures such as walls under Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925, where they obstruct the view of road users so as to render the road dangerous to them.

A road authority can also, by co-operating with An Bord Fáilte Éireann under Section 59 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1955, do much to deal with trees, hedges and walls, sometimes unsightly, that do not endanger traffic, but limit or cut off good views, as is shown by the following extract from a memorandum of a discussion on 17th November, 1953, between the Chairman of An Bord Fáilte and the City and County Managers:—

The Chairman (of An Bord Fáilte) informed the meeting that in addition to the various functions specified in the Act (Tourist Traffic Act, 1952), the Bord was also interested in such things as the removal of walls and hedges which impede scenic views and the planting of flowers and shrubs to beautify main roads to towns. The Bord would consider giving assistance towards the removal of walls and hedges and their replacement by suitable wire fencing in any cases where the local authorities thought such replacement was desirable. It was noted that in many places throughout the country old dilapidated walls still remain, which often constituted an eyesore, but which, owing to lack of funds, local authorities were unable to remove. In such cases, the Bord would consider making a grant towards the cost of their removal on receipt of appropriate representations from the local authority concerned.

I am also to refer to a tendency in some areas to erect walls where the provision of a boundary fence becomes necessary as a result of the carrying out of a road work and to state that this should be discontinued wherever possible. Walls do not merge with the surrounding features and they tend to enclose the road and shut off views. They also tend to interfere with the appropriate sight line. Finally, they are much more costly than other forms of boundary fences and absorb considerable sums of money which could more usefully be spent in necessary road improvements.

If it can be established that there is no alternative to a boundary wall, great care should be given to its design. It should be in harmony with the surrounding features of the countryside and should of course be of minimum height. Monotony should be avoided and efforts should be made to preserve views of scenic interest.

The above does not apply to walls which are necessary as retaining walls above or below road level or to low walls of traditional dry stone construction such as are common in the West of Ireland.

Additional copies of this circular letter are enclosed.
Mise, le meas,

The Council decided to adjourn the matter and asked that the Engineering Staff submit details of walls and hedges which might be lowered and in respect of which grants might be sought by the Council.

ITEM No. 7—RECONSTRUCTION OF LARAGH BRIDGE: LOAN OF £4,215

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
and resolved:—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 16th September, 1955, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £4,215 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of Laragh Bridge, 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 to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—NEW ROAD AT LA TOUCHE ESTATE, GREYSTONES

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council held on the 9th August, 1954, the Council had considered the application of the architects for the La Touche Estate, that the Council take over the new road at La Touche Estate as a public road. The Council, however, considered that footpaths should be provided for this road, and indicated to the architects that the Council would not be prepared to take over the road until footpaths to the standard required by the Council had been provided. Recently, the Council had been informed by the architects to the Estate that the owners of the Estate had no funds on hand with which to carry out the work necessary to provide footpaths to the standard required by the Council. The Council confirmed their decision that the road be not taken over as a public road until proper footpaths had been provided.

ITEM No. 9—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER IN REGARD TO ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME FOR CURRENT YEAR AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955

The Council asked that the report be circulated to the members and included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM No. 10—PLAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS

The County Secretary stated that as recommended in letter from the Department of Local Government, when notifying Road Grants for the present year, the County Engineer had prepared proposals for revising the Council's Five Year Road Improvement Plan for County Roads. The Council decided that a copy of the County Engineer's proposals be circulated to the members and arranged for the holding of meetings of the members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas to consider the County Engineer's proposals. The Council asked that the revised programme be circulated to the members and fixed dates for meetings of the members of the Council for the four Electoral Areas to examine the proposals.

ITEM No. 11—REPORTS ON PLANT, MACHINERY AND ROAD WORKS AND THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MACHINERY, AS CIRCULATED TO THE COUNCIL

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

**Wicklow County Council
Plant, Machinery, Road Works.**

Special Report on Matters referred to at County Council Meeting on 16th August, 1955.

In accordance with the decision of the County Council at meeting held on 16th August, 1955, certain matters relating to Plant, Machinery and Road Works, etc., have been specially examined.

Stone Crusher: The first item relates to the removal of a machine from Carrigmore Quarry to Ballinclare Quarry. From the inquiries made into this matter it appears that a stone crusher was moved from Carrigmore Quarry to the nearby quarry at Ballinclare on 30th July, 1955. It was moved in the late afternoon, after normal working hours, by a tractor driven by a County Council employee. The machine was put into operation in Ballinclare Quarry within normal working hours.

Road Gritter: It had been mentioned that a machine (a gritter) had been sent to Dublin, and that a machine also had been sent to West Wicklow because, apparently, they had not been found suitable. The gritter, it is found, had been offered to the Council on loan by a Dublin agent for the purpose of a trial. As a result of the trial it was found unsuitable for the Council's purposes and, in consequence, was returned to Dublin on 30th July, 1955. To anybody who would not have been acquainted with the fact that the machine had only been taken on trial it probably might appear that it had been purchased and had then been returned as unsatisfactory.

Reconstruction of Wicklow-Rathnew Road: The cost of this work, £6,060, may appear high, but it is found that it involved the easement of corners, filling and strengthening of sides of roads, and the widening of the road in places in addition to new foundations along part of the road and the laying of new surface along the entire length which was reconstructed. The surfacing was done by means of a Barber Greene Plant, which had been specially hired for the purpose. Having regard to the hire charges which arose and to the fact that a pre-mixed type of surfacing material was used, it was necessary to use the plant to the maximum extent and this in consequence involved overtime. Generally it may happen whenever tarring work is in progress, a certain amount of overtime may be inevitable.

Reconstruction of Road at Temperaine, Arklow: The length of road in this instance was 1,000 yards approximately, and the cost was £6,487. It was found that the work included much excavation and the removal of banks alongside the road. In addition, the new foundations had to be put in over much of the road on sticky marl soil. The County Engineer has stated that sub-strata water presented continuous difficulties, which were added to by the unusually severe and continuously unfavourable weather experienced during the winter of 1954/55. He claims that the work has proved quite satisfactory.

Employment of Workmen in Connection with Road Races at Wicklow: An investigation of the matter shows that men engaged on works for the Race Committee were paid by such Committee, and that the Committee also paid for the hire of County Council lorry. The County Engineer submits that firms such as building contractors, and others, have often asked for the release of County Council skilled workers who might be deemed suitable for special work, and that he has always endeavoured to meet such requests. He states that two carpenters were engaged by the Race Committee to erect stands, pits and boxes, and that the work was done after normal working hours, except in the case of one man who asked for a half day on the day of the Races. In one instance the carpenters were engaged during normal working hours, but in all cases the Race Committee paid for the work.

Driving of Lorry by Overseer: In this instance it appears that the lorry driver had to be sent to drive a Tar Tanker, as a matter of urgency. In the temporary absence of the ordinary driver, the overseer, who also holds a driving licence, took the Council's lorry to Temperaine. He did this because there was hot tar macadam in the vehicle, and if it were allowed to stand any length of time it would have become solidified and would have been unsuitable for immediate use.

Hire of C.I.E. Lorries: The instructions to the Engineering Staff are that the fullest use is to be made of the County Council's lorries, and that lorries are only to be hired provided they are absolutely essential, and that the County Council lorries are unable to meet the transport requirements at the particular time. Where the matter has been examined it has been found that no Council lorries were idle at times when C.I.E. lorries were hired.

Lorry at Tomacork Quarry: It is stated by the County Engineer that the lorry which is employed at the quarry takes from 110 to 120 cubic yards per day and that it is not charged for when it is not working.

Carnew-Shillelagh Road: It was mentioned that the cost in this instance seemed to be very high. The actual cost was £3,050, and it is evident that the works carried out were a large scale operation. The County Engineer claims that as a result of the works the road at this point is now much improved, compared with the layout that obtained before the works were undertaken.

Remuneration of Overseer Edward Breen: During the period 1st January, to 30th June, 1955, Overseer Edward Breen was paid at the normal Overseer's rate of £7 18s. 6d. per week, less two half days' leave of absence. The total amount paid was £204 14s. 7d. In addition, Mr. Breen was paid £15 17s. 1d. in respect of overtime during the months of April and May. No payment was made to Mr. Breen in respect of travelling.

Wicklow County Council

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

8th October, 1955.

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow County Council.

Maintenance and Repair of Machinery.

A Chara,
As instructed by the Council I have looked into this matter. There are about 150 items of plant and machinery in all. These include lorries, crushers used for providing road material, loaders, excavators, concrete mixers, sprayers, gritters, tar tankers, etc. All these are maintained by six County Council fitters, and, in addition, major repairs are done in commercial garages throughout the county.

The total expenditure on repairs, including the wages of County Council fitters and payments for spare parts, amounted to £4,820 15s. 0d. for the six months from 1st April, 1955, to 30th September, 1955. This expenditure, however, also includes overhaul and repairs to County Council ambulances and to the four well-boring plants.

It would not be possible to give the cost of maintaining each item of machinery. It will be appreciated that in order to arrive at this it would be necessary not only to take out all costs for spare parts for each machine, but also to apportion the time of fitters against each machine. Furthermore, the accounts paid to commercial garages would all have to be analysed in detail. The work could not possibly be done with the existing Council staff, but if the Council thinks that it would be of advantage to have a complete analysis showing cost of maintenance for each machine, then it could be obtained without difficulty if the Council agreed to provide the additional staff necessary. In this connection, however, it seems that the additional cost involved through making staff available for a comprehensive type of analysis would have to be balanced against the value of the figures which would be obtained. There is no doubt but that useful information could be derived, but it seems that to acquire it would involve rather considerable cost.

Whilst it is not possible to give the cost of maintaining each item of machinery, the total expenditure of £4,820 15s. 0d. for the six months just ended, shows that in that period for 150 items of plant there was an average outlay of £32 on repairs and maintenance. This would represent £5 6s. 8d. per month per machine. All items of plant and machinery have a limited life span and generally a stage is reached in relation to each item when a decision has to be taken as to whether it would be more economical to endeavour to continue to maintain it in working order, having regard to repair costs, or to purchase new equipment. The instructions to the Engineering staff, however, are to prolong the life of every machine by constant care and maintenance.

It is found that at present there are undergoing repairs plant which had been purchased in the years set out in parenthesis: Broomwade Compressor (1954), Rotary Crusher (1949), Broadbent Crusher (1949), Chassside Shovel (1950), Tractor (1949), Edgar Allen Crusher (1946). An examination has been made with a view to ascertaining the number of days on which certain items of plant were out of commission. The Council owns 23 lorries and one low-loader. The possible number of working days for the entire fleet in the past six months would have been 3,456, and the records relating to them show that there was an average per lorry of 6½ days during which they were taken out of commission in order that repairs, overhauling, or other maintenance could be carried out, or that they were out of work for some other cause. The lorries, according to the log books which are kept, travelled a total of 232,000 miles approximately in transporting materials, etc., from 1st April to 30th September, 1955.

The expenditure on tyres for lorries and the low-loader is not included in the figure given above, and for the six months ended 30th September, 1955, amounted to £1,003.

Mise, le meas,
K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

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

and resolved:—
"That we adopt the report circulated to the Council regarding Plant, Machinery and Road Workers."
The Motion was declared carried on a show of hands by eleven in favour to six against.

ITEM No. 12—ELECTRIFICATION OF BALLINCLARE QUARRY

The Council again considered the recommendation of the County Engineer recommending the acceptance of the lowest tender received for the Electrification of Ballinclare Quarry, i.e. that of Messrs. Smiths, Church Street, Wicklow, in the sum of £2,286 14s. 6d. plus £60 for Power Factor Correction. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—
"That having considered report of the County Engineer of 10th June, 1955, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Smiths, Church Street, Wicklow, in the total sum of £2,346 14s. 6d. for the electrification of Ballinclare Quarry, and authorise the raising of a loan of £2,346 14s. 6d. from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., repayable over a period of five years, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the electrification of Ballinclare Quarry."
A vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Cleary, Mark Deering, T.D.; Godfrey Timmins, Paul Kehoe, James Miley, James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson ... 11

Against—Councillors P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, Edward Byrne, William Lawless, Dr. B. Donnelly, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; James Haughton. ... 7

The resolution was declared passed by 11 votes in favour to 7 votes against.

ITEM No. 13—CONCILIATION CONFERENCE AT LABOUR COURT RE APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS

The following report of the Conciliation Conference was submitted:—

Application to Labour Court re Road Workers' Wages

In response to the invitation from the Labour Court, the County Manager and County Secretary attended a Conciliation Conference at the Offices of the Labour Court on the 2nd November, 1955, at 11 a.m. The Federation of Rural Workers was represented by Mr. R. Connolly, Branch Secretary, and Mr. Murphy, and the Irish Transport and General Workers Union by Councillor P. McCarthy and Mr. Richardson. Mr. Barry, Conciliation Officer, who acted as Chairman, outlined his position and pointed out that the meeting was an informal one and that he was not acting as an Arbitrator.

Mr. Connolly, on behalf of the Federation of Rural Workers, submitted the grounds of the Federation's application for an increase of 10/- per week in the wages of road workers in place of the 5/- approved by the Council. He stated that the amount allowed by the Council compared unfavourably with increases granted generally and referred to a recent increase of 6/6 to agricultural labourers. He stated also that there had previously been a differential between Wicklow and other counties of 5/- to 7/6 per week, but that now some counties had 1/6 to 3/- per week more than Wicklow County Council before the recent increase was granted. Generally he contended that the increase of 10/- sought was more than reasonable.

The County Manager queried the basis on which the increase was sought and pointed out that there had been only a negligible movement in the cost of living index figures. Increases in wages had been granted to road workers in each year, whereas other workers had not received increases as frequently, and consequently, road workers had enjoyed increased wages in advance of other workers. In reference to the differentials between Wicklow and other counties, the County Manager pointed out that increases in wages were applied at different dates in different counties and that, in fact, the wages at present paid in County Wicklow was higher than in any other county apart from Dublin.

The Conciliation Officer, having had separate discussions with the employee's representatives and with the County Manager and County Secretary, indicated that it was not possible to reach agreement. He asked that the County Manager report on the matter to the Council and pointed out to the employees' representatives that if the case should be submitted to the Court it would be necessary to have available rates of wages payable to other workers in County Wicklow.

The Council noted the terms of the report.

ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY FOR INCREASES IN WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS

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

and resolved:—
"That we recommend that the wages of road workers be increased by a further sum of 11/6 per week as from 14th September, 1955, to a total of £5 15s. 0d. per week and authorise the necessary 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 P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

and resolved:—
"That we adjourn consideration of the application for an increase in road workers' wages pending the receipt of the decision of the Labour Court on the application before the Court."

As a further Amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—
"That a committee of the Council be formed to consider the application for increases in wages of road workers."

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., with the agreement of Councillor W. Cleary, and the consent of the Council, withdrew the amendment in his name. The amendment in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole was put to the meeting. A vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; William Cleary, M. Deering, T.D.; G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, James Miley, James O'Toole, Edward Byrne, William Lawless, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne and C. W. Hudson ... 13

Against—Councillors P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; James Haughton ... 4

The amendment was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 4 against, and on being put on a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

The Council appointed the following members to form a Committee: Councillors H. J. Byrne (Chairman), J. O'Toole, W. Hammond, E. Byrne, J. Haughton, J. Miley and G. Timmins.

The Council agreed that the Committee would meet representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and of the Federation of Rural Workers, to consider the applications of these unions for increases in the wages of road workers. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Secretary of the Federation of Rural Workers and to ascertain if that Union was agreeable to take part in the proposed meeting with a Committee of the Council. The Council agreed that the meeting with the representatives of the Unions and the Committee be held on a date convenient to all parties and that a report and the recommendations of the Committee be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 15—ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1955

The County Secretary submitted the Abstract of Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1955, which were being forwarded for audit. The Council noted that the rate collection and rent collection showed satisfactory results. The County Manager stated that since the 31st March, 1955, the rent collection in one district had deteriorated somewhat.

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

and resolved:—
"That we approve of the Abstract of Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1955, and of its submission for audit."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—RE-ORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture, together with copies of the Department's Memoranda of directions in relation to the inspection of Meat and Milk referred to therein had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Baile Atha Cliath.

14th October, 1955.

No. 11/29/38
Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 13th September, about this Department's proposals for the re-organisation of the local authority veterinary services in Co. Wicklow, which were discussed by an officer of the Department with the County Manager some time ago, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to point out that only one of the existing posts of Veterinary Inspector in the County is at present filled on a permanent basis, viz., the post held by Mr. G. O'Reilly, M.R.C.V.S., under the Bray Urban Council, and it is necessary that permanent arrangements should be made as soon as possible for the carrying out of the duties of the other posts throughout the county which are at present filled on a temporary basis.

In connection with the permanent arrangements, I am to state that it is necessary in the interests of public health that the arrangements for the inspection of meat and milk outlined in this Department's memoranda of directions dated 25th February, 1952 and 25th March, 1953 (copies enclosed) should be fully implemented throughout the country as early as practicable. To enable this to be done it is necessary that the veterinary inspectors' districts should not be too large or contain too many dairies and slaughter-houses for the adequate carrying out of inspections at all times. Accordingly, where new appointments of part-time veterinary inspectors are being made it is being suggested to the Local Authorities concerned, where necessary, to carry out a revision of districts into

suitably-sized areas and to arrange that as far as practicable each new appointee would be responsible for both the public health (meat and milk inspection) duties and duties under the Diseases of Animals Act in his district; proposals are also being made to them for the adoption of revised salary scales which are more appropriate to the duties now actually arising in the districts. The revised salary proposed for public health duties is related to the area and population of the district and the number of dairies and slaughter-houses therein; the salary for duties under the Diseases of Animals Act is related to the actual and potential extent of these duties.

In order to implement the directions in the enclosed memoranda, it is considered that a part-time Veterinary Inspector should visit each registered milk producer in his area at least four times per annum, each slaughter-house in the town in which he resides as often as animals are slaughtered therein and every other slaughter-house in his district on as many occasions as possible on which animals are slaughtered therein. He would have to carry out such additional visits to those premises as may be required for ensuring compliance with the relevant regulations. He would also have to visit shops selling milk for the purpose of inspection and sampling, and butchers' shops in connection with the registration of their premises under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The position in County Wicklow was very carefully examined in this Department in the light of the foregoing considerations and it was considered that seven part-time veterinary inspectors would be required for adequate discharge of the duties arising in connection with the inspection of meat and milk, and under the Diseases of Animals Act. There are 45 slaughter-houses and 660 registered dairy premises in the County, and the inspection of these and other premises on the basis set out above would involve over 12,000 visits to premises by veterinary inspectors in the year. A considerable number of inspections would also fall to be carried out by them under the Diseases of Animals Act, particularly in relation to the supervision of sheep dipping.

The inspection of milk and meat intended for human consumption is, of course, of particular importance in the interests of public health. Raw milk is a potential carrier of organisms responsible for infectious and epidemic diseases and dirty and contaminated milk is a source of obvious danger particularly to the health of young children. Accordingly, it is important that the regulations regarding dairy herds, the cleanliness of byres, milking utensils, etc., and the hygienic handling of milk should be strictly enforced. As regards meat it is, of course, also important to ensure that the carcasses of animals slaughtered for human consumption are examined and any diseased lesions destroyed, that slaughter-houses are kept clean and free from potential sources of contamination and that persons handling meat will strictly observe suitable hygienic requirements.

I am, accordingly, to request that the question of the permanent arrangements to be made for the carrying out of the necessary veterinary inspection duties in Co. Wicklow, will be considered further by your Council on the basis of the draft re-organisation scheme already suggested by this Department. The Council's proposals in the matter should be submitted as soon as possible.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) J. Wallis,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Members of the Council having stated in their opinion the veterinary services in the county were being carried out satisfactorily and that the appointment of an additional veterinary inspector was not necessary, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

and resolved:—

"That we postpone the matter indefinitely."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—LETTER FROM BLESSINGTON DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGARD TO IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN

The following letter received from the Blessington Development Committee was submitted:

Quidara,
Blessington,
19th October, 1955

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Dear Sir,

At a largely attended meeting of the residents of Blessington held in St. Joseph's Hall, Blessington, on 29th September, 1955, a Committee to be known as Blessington Development Association was elected by vote. The aim of the Association is to consider means by which many much needed improvements to the town can be carried out. The thoroughly representative character of this Association will at once be evident from the names of its members listed above.

At the inaugural meeting of the Association held on the 6th October, 1955, it was decided to bring to the notice of the Wicklow County Council the urgent necessity of having the following items attended to:—

1. Concreting the footpaths on both sides throughout the entire length of the town.
2. The removal of the unsightly dumps of tar barrels.
3. A weekly dust bin collection in the interests of public health.
4. The bad condition of the following roads:
 - (a) the Kilbride road (leading to the lake)
 - (b) the road leading to the cottages.
5. Both the water supply and the water pressure are inadequate. Since re-opening on 6th September, 1955, St. Mary's National School with 173 pupils on rolls has been without water on several days.
6. A member of the Committee stated that some six weeks ago, following an inspection by the County Manager, Wicklow County Council allocated a grant of £100 for conveying the flow of water from three shores on the main street into the sewerage system. This work was never carried out, and the water from these shores flows freely between the premises of Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Miley.
7. The very dangerous bend in the road at Holy Valley at which numerous accidents have occurred.

It is earnestly requested that in view of the long standing need of remedying the matters enumerated above, your Council will give them their most favourable and urgent consideration.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. L. Quinn,
Hon. Secretary.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—
Blessington
Co. Wicklow.

9th November, 1955.

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

Blessington Development Association

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 21st ultimo under above heading and wish to offer the following observations:—

1. I understand the Local Councillor has made representations in connection with the footpaths, and this is a matter which will have to be dealt with when next year's estimates are made, and when the Local Councillors deal with the allocation of Funds. There is not any money available this year. This work, which is desirable, was included in Estimates some years ago, but was not approved.
2. The tar barrels are stored on the roadside outside the town for the past thirty years, and a similar practice is followed in other parts of the

District and County. In order to keep them off the road it will be necessary to provide land for the purpose, not only at Blessington but at Dunlavin, Grangecon, Balinglass and Kiltegan. The provision of such sites convenient to the public road is not so easy, but could be undertaken if the Council so decided.

3. The collection of refuse would indeed be very helpful, as well as relieving householders of the trouble and expense of removing ashes periodically from their premises. It should, however, be considered in conjunction with the other towns and villages in the area. I might mention that a lot of refuse is dumped in places where it should not be, the Dumping Ground at Blessington has so far been little used. **Only premises which have sanitary accommodation should be included in the collection. There are fifteen houses in Blessington not connected to the sewerage system.**

4. (a) I cannot understand the description "Kilbride road leading to the lake" but I may say that one road leading to Kilbride has been completed (374) and the other (371) has been worked on in September and October, and part of it will be completed this year. The remainder is a matter for local Councillors to allocate money in future years.

(b) The road leading to the cottages has been reported on on many occasions, and is better than most of the unrolled county roads. I submitted an Estimate for doing it with Tar Macadam, but the matter did not receive approval. A small sum should be spent on maintenance each year. The Manager early in the year allocated £30 for this purpose.

5. I have already written in detail on Blessington Water Supply, drawing attention to the fact that it is an old system renovated somewhat from time to time. The pressure normally is around 30-25 lbs. and reduces in the north and south extremities of the town according to the draw-off. This is as high as many places in Dublin City have. The supply even in this very dry year was more than sufficient. Due, however, to wastage estimated at 10,000 gallons per day, there was not sufficient water to maintain full pressure all day, and, in fact, the water had to be cut off from 10.30 to 6.45 a.m. When this was done there was water to spare. I had only one direct complaint of a shortage, and I am aware that due to interference there was a shortage on one day. Complaints of shortage, or lack of pressure, would have been investigated by me if a report had been made to me on the Carcaker at the time. There seems no point in raising the matter now when so much time has elapsed, as it is one which demands immediate attention. When the work decided on some years ago is completed it will be possible to make a more extensive check on wastage. It is probable that at some future date it may be necessary to make considerable improvements to the supply amounting almost to a new system, but the cost will be rather high. As regards the school, I have to point out that there was no storage tank provided, and consequently at any time the water is cut off a most unsatisfactory condition occurs. In a building of this nature sufficient storage should be provided to prevent such conditions. I informed the Parish Priest of this defect.

6. This is an anonymous complaint, and I do not propose to make any comment.

7. There are two bends on the main road 385 (Blessington-Dublin) which are rather sharp. Within the past two years one accident occurred at each, and in each case the cause was reckless driving, and the drivers were in each case convicted. While an easing of the curve is desirable the high cost, due to peculiar circumstances, must be borne in mind, especially as there is still so much of the main road awaiting reconstruction. I should mention that in addition to the usual warning signs there are special reflecting warning signs of large dimensions.

All of these matters appear to me to be ones to be considered by the Local Committee of County Councillors.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. Foley.

Very Rev. Fr. Lucey, P.P., Blessington, who was present at the meeting, having obtained the permission of the Council, addressed the Council, and referred to the condition of the paths in Blessington which were overgrown with grass and weeds in places, and to old tar barrels which were obstructing a road sign. He also stressed the need for a domestic scavenging service and stated that rubbish was being dumped without authority on the grove at one end of the town. He agreed that the water supply had been improved by the works carried out by the Assistant County Engineer, but pointed out that there was a deficiency of water in some houses. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration by the members of the Council for the Balinglass Electoral Area at their next meeting.

ITEM No. 18—PUBLIC LIGHTING, STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. in the sum of £72 14 0 for the provision of six 200 watt lamps complete with lantern brackets, switch wire and solar dial time switch, water-proof box to house meter and time switch and all necessary wiring connections at total inclusive charge of £72 14 0. Councillor Timmins pointed out that an additional public light, making a total of 7, was required and asked that the E.S.B. be requested to quote for the provision of the additional lamp also. It was:

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £72 14s. 0d. for the provision of six public lights in the village of Stratford-on-Slaney, and approve also of the provision of one additional light subject to the receipt of a satisfactory quotation from the E.S.B. for the provision of one light."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 19—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT GRANGECON

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. in the sum of £44 for the provision of four 200 watt lamps, complete with lantern brackets, switch wire, solar dial time switch and meter and all necessary wiring connections.

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £44 for the provision of four public lights at Grangecon."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 20—PUBLIC LIGHTING, KILBRIDE ROAD, BLESSINGTON

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that on two nights of the week there are a good number of people in the town using the Kilbride road to go to the picture house and that, consequently, the provision of two lights might prove a benefit. Two lights would be necessary as there is a sharp bend on the road and a single light would leave portion of the road in darkness. The Assistant County Engineer stated that Councillor Miley had also asked that an additional light be provided in the square at Blessington and he agreed that this was very necessary as there was no light near the entrance to the Courthouse. He suggested that in that case it might be possible to dispense with one light on the Kilbride road and to erect the light between the bend on the road and the picture house. Councillor Miley stated that two lights would be necessary on the Kilbride road in addition to the extra light in the square and asked also that a light be provided near the Band Hall. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of an estimate being obtained from the E.S.B. for the

provision of two public lights on the Kilbride Road, Blessington, one public light in the square near the Courthouse and one public light near the Band Hall. Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 21—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the section of the road near the factory at Boghall Road was very dark and was used a lot by cyclists and pedestrians at night time. He recommended that two extra lights be provided, one in front of the County Council cottages, and the other in the vicinity of the factory entrance. This would entail the erection of two new poles and connecting the switch wire to the existing system as shown on the map submitted. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of quotation being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of two additional public lights at Boghall Road, Bray, near the Glass Factory and cottages."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 22—WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY

The County Secretary stated that the Consultant Engineer had examined the tenders received in response to public advertisement for the filtration plant for Wicklow Regional Water Supply and had recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Candy Filter Co., Ltd., London in the sum of £5,311 0 0. This was the second lowest tender submitted. In his report, the Consultant indicated the reasons why he considered that the tender of the Candy Filter Co., Ltd., should be accepted rather than the lowest tender, and pointed out that in his opinion the mechanical treatment proposed in the tender recommended for acceptance would prove more satisfactory and that in addition, this tender included provision for chemical tanks and chemical pumps which were not included in the lowest tender. The Department of Local Government had indicated that the Minister had no objection to the acceptance of the tender as recommended by the Consultant. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the acceptance of the tender of £5,311 0 0 for the Filtration Plant for Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme as recommended by the Consulting Engineer."

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council would not be in a position to proceed with the completion of an agreement in respect of the contract for the filtration plant until a tender had been accepted for the major part of the scheme, i.e. the laying of pipelines, etc. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 23—GLENDALOUGH WATER SUPPLY

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the County Secretary stated that reports had been received from the Assistant County Engineer and from the County Engineer in regard to water supply for the houses at Glendalough. The County Engineer referred to negotiations which he had had with Mr. Wynne of Glendalough for some time in regard to availing of the surplus water from the supply to the Royal Hotel and stated that Mr. Wynne had now agreed that the Council might erect a small tank near that serving the Royal Hotel to take the overflow from the pipe and to pipe the water from the tank a distance of approximately 400 yards to a fountain near the Council cottages. The estimated cost of the proposal was £230. It would appear that there would be an adequate supply all the year round and the hardship on the tenants of travelling 400 yards uphill would be eliminated. The County Engineer recommended also that subject to a survey of the quantity of water available in a well sunk by the Council near Miley's that a pump be provided at this point. The supply coming into the bore hole now appeared to be adequate. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of the County Engineer, we approve of his recommendation for the provision of water supply for cottages at Glendalough from the overflow from supply serving Royal Hotel, Glendalough, and approve also of the erection of a pump to serve 8 cottages near Mr. Miley's well subject to the County Engineer being satisfied that the amount of the supply is adequate."

"We approve of the work being included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 24—PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT AVOCA

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted: 8th November, 1955.

re: Development at Avoca

Dear Sir,

If there is a big increase in mining activities in Avoca and the County Council are asked to increase their services, the first matter to be considered is the period of time over which this activity will extend. It would be unwise to undertake work whose usefulness would not run the full period of its life, or on which there was still an outlay with no income in return. The Mining Company may contemplate operations only for a few years and I think the whole matter should be discussed with their representatives.

Housing:

There are no sites available for a large scale increase in houses in Avoca village and if we build on the few parts available we would completely change the character of the village, probably to its detriment. We have sites for six houses at Kilmagig. When we know the extent of the problems we will be in a position to advise. The problem will probably be met in part by Rural housing within a few miles of the village and in part by transport of men from outlying places, Rathdrum, Ballinacash, Aughrim and Arklow.

Sewerage:

I understand that the County Medical Officer does not recommend the installation of a sewerage scheme at the present and feels that additional housing can be served best by separate septic tanks.

Water Supply:

We can augment the water supply to any foreseeable extent and we are taking gaugings on several streams at the present time to be in a position to prepare plans immediately we know the requirements.

Roads:

We prepared many plans for roads for Mianraí Teoranta, but no final decisions were made. We will probably have to complete the loop—Whitebridge, Tigroney, Conary, Snugboro' Meetings.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. P. Caffrey,

The following report of the County Medical Officer in regard to the question of sewerage scheme for Avoca was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Rathdrum,
County Wicklow.

25th October, 1955.

Mr. O'Connor,
Staff Officer,
Rathdrum.

re: Avoca Sewerage

A Chara,
Some persons hold that the provision of a piped water supply invariably necessitates a subsequent scheme for sewerage disposal. I cannot altogether agree

with this statement. In some cases such provision is necessary and in others it is not and each must be considered on its merits. Savage, past President of the Royal Sanitary Institute and one of the foremost authorities on environmental sanitation following outbreaks of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever the suggestion amateurs that the two are connected. This scientifically is nonsense. I certainly do not believe that the extent to which sewerage disposal schemes are installed as any index of the health conditions of a rural district. Stated rather crudely, in purely rural districts, sewerage disposal schemes are largely an amenity, and as such may be well worthwhile, but only rarely have they any direct relationship to health."

Water is a primary necessity of life and its provision a fundamental aim of public health. The provision of sewerage schemes is a regrettable necessity of no direct advantage and, therefore, to be avoided if possible. On health grounds we are still too much influenced by the epidemiological opinions of half a century ago, and as regards prevention of disease, the problem of sewerage disposal other than in densely populated areas, is a minor factor. Sewage disposal in rural areas has little or no direct relationship to health and whether a sewerage scheme is or is not required really turns on three factors.

- (1) If there is a possibility of pollution of the water used for drinking.
- (2) If direct nuisance or considerable inconvenience is caused.
- (3) If there is serious river pollution. It should be pointed out in this connection that sewage pollution is much less harmful to a stream and to fish in it than industrial pollution.

I am of the opinion that in small towns and villages much more attention should be paid to land disposal of sewage from sewerage disposal schemes. With regard to disposal works we have too blindly followed the lead of England where circumstances are completely different. Of necessity, England had to develop complex disposal works because of lack of land. We with one-fifth of England's population on less than half her area have no such problem, and it must be borne in mind that land disposal returns the sewage to the land. What must be done is a School of Environmental Sanitation for our own Engineers and Health Inspectors, developed to meet our needs and not copied from countries with different requirements. There should be a Diploma of Environmental Sanitation for those concerned with this work. I strongly urge that in any new sewerage disposal schemes that serious consideration be given to land treatment. As Savage points out "my experience is that the engineer provides a good plant and leaves it working efficiently but he leaves it."

As will be seen from the appended report, there are 69 persons in Avoca, of whom 12 persons in 6 houses have no flush closets. The Kilmagig cottages, which cannot be reckoned as being in the village of Avoca, consist partly of serviced cottages and partly of these built as unserviced and having sufficient land to deal with their waste on a conservancy basis. The river is, of course, already heavily industrially polluted and the small amount of sewage entering it is in a much higher dilution than that permitted in the recommendations of the Royal Commission on sewage disposal. A new school is being built in which there will be satisfactory provision for sewage disposal.

It would not, therefore, appear that Avoca falls into any of the categories given above, and I do not find myself in a position to recommend the provision of a sewerage disposal works for the village.

The policy of any future housing development is not within my ambit as County Medical Officer, but if I may express an opinion, it would appear that if the activities envisaged are realised, the provision of houses by the State and/or private enterprise might be explored as an alternative or as an addition to housing by the County Council.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) D. F. McCARTHY,
Chief Medical Officer.

The members of the Council expressed appreciation of the County Medical Officer's report and asked that copies of the report be circulated to the members. The Council agreed with the views of the Assistant County Engineer and County Medical Officer in regard to development at Avoca.

ITEM No. 25—MARRIAGE INCREMENTS TO ASSISTANCE OFFICERS

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless, the County Manager stated that while no direction had been received from the Department of Social Welfare, it had been indicated that the Minister would have no objection to the payment of additional increments on marriage to Assistance Officers if the Council so desired. A double increment would be payable on marriage and a further double increment in the year following marriage. Only one Assistance Officer would be affected. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the application of a scheme of marriage increments to Assistance Officers as from 1/1/53 as approved by the Minister for Social Welfare and applied in other counties."

ITEM No. 26—PROPOSED REVISION OF SALARY FOR OFFICE OF WHOLETIME DENTAL SURGEON

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:

Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin
11 Deireadh Fomhair, 1955.

M.32/10.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of two permanent wholtime dental surgeons under Wicklow Co. Council. The advertisements of these posts has been held up as a request for the revision of the salaries payable to Local Authority dentists had been received from the Irish Dental Association. As you are probably aware, the County and City Managers' Association have had this matter under review and have agreed to recommend to their Councils that a revised scale of £975 x £30—£1,245 (inclusive) p.a. should be paid. There are at present a number of Local Authority appointments awaiting advertisement by the Local Appointments Commission. The Minister regards it as undesirable that these posts should be advertised at different salaries, but he does not wish that the making of appointments should be unduly delayed. He proposes, therefore, to ask the Commission to advertise the posts in a further month at the salary the Council concerned has then decided to apply to the post. It is presumed that you will bring the matter of the revised salary before your Council as soon as possible.

The Minister would be glad to be advised of the Council's decision in due course. Copies of the revised Qualifications and Particulars of Office which it is proposed to apply to the posts are enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the revised salary scale of £975 x £30 — £1,245, inclusive, per annum for the position of wholtime Dental Surgeon."

ITEM No. 27—ESTABLISHMENT OF REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:—
13th October, 1955.

63/55.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to enclose for your information a copy of a statement issued on his behalf by the Government Information Bureau regarding the establishment of the Rehabilitation Association, Ltd. The initial task of the Association will be to obtain and collate the statistical and other

data essential to the preparation of a scheme of rehabilitation and then to recommend to the Minister the form which such a scheme might take. When this preliminary stage of the new body's work has been completed, it is anticipated that the Association will be able to advise health authorities on technical matters relating to the Rehabilitation Act, 1953. The Minister has arranged for the expenses of the Association in its early life to be met by a grant from the Hospitals Trust Fund, but it is envisaged that subsequently its expenses should be met by appropriate contributions by health authorities. The contribution should not be large in the case of any individual health authority and the amount will rank for recoupment from the Health Services Grant.

Mise, le meas,

The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Consultative Health Committee at its next meeting.

ITEM No. 28—BRAY DISPENSARY DISTRICT: PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF SECOND MEDICAL OFFICER

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered at the last meeting of the Consultative Health Committee and the Committee recommended that a second Medical Officer be appointed for the Bray Dispensary District. Members of the Council having expressed the opinion that the appointment of a second Medical Officer, would not be necessary until the boundary of the county at Old Connaught had been extended, the Council decided that the Department of Local Government be requested to give a decision without delay on the Council's petition for the extension of the boundary. The Council adjourned the question of the appointment of a second Medical Officer for Bray Dispensary District pending a decision in regard to the Council's Petition for the boundary extension.

ITEM No. 29—SENTENCES IMPOSED ON IRISH MEN IN RESPECT OF RAIDS ON MILITARY BARRACKS IN ENGLAND

The Council adopted the following resolutions received from the Labour Party, North Wicklow Divisional Council and Kilkenny County Council:—

Resolution from the Labour Party, North Wicklow Divisional Council:—
"That the Wicklow County Council express their national feelings—and those of the people of Wicklow—by protesting vehemently against the unwarranted sentences of life imprisonment imposed in England upon Joseph Doyle, Donal Murphy and Andrew Mary Murphy and that messages of sympathy and regret be sent to the next of kin of these three prisoners."

Resolution from Kilkenny County Council:—
"That this Council hereby protest against the severe sentence imposed by a British Court, on three Irishmen for their part in the raid on a Military Barracks in England."

ITEM No. 30—ELECTIONS IN CO. TYRONE AND CO. FERMANAGH

The Council adopted the following resolutions received from Ballina Urban District Council and Dungarvan Urban District Council:—

Resolution from Ballina Urban District Council:—
"That this Council unanimously congratulate the people of Mid-Ulster constituency on their stand in electing the Sinn Fein candidate, Mr. Thomas Mitchell, on two successive occasions, and also express their disgust with the methods employed by the defeated Unionist candidate, Beattie, to obtain the seat."

Resolution from Dungarvan Urban District Council:—
"Resolved that having regard to the decisions of the British Parliament and Courts to unseat the lawfully elected representatives of the counties Tyrone and Fermanagh and having regard to the decisions recorded by the electorate of these two counties at the recent election that their wish is to be included in the Irish Republic, we, the Urban District Council of Dungarvan, call upon the Irish Government and all political parties to unite in demanding that, pending the settlement of the inclusion of the remainder of Ireland in the Irish Republic, these two counties be transferred forthwith to the administration of the Irish Republic."

ITEM No. 31—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS, Etc.

Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones:

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the Council was not yet in a position to proceed with this work. The Solicitor for An Bord Fáilte was proceeding with the acquisition of the necessary land, but apparently some legal difficulties were involved. The County Manager stated he would ask the Council's Solicitor to ascertain the present position in the matter.

Strand Road, Bray—In reply to enquiries from members, the County Manager explained that it was not proposed to relay the Strand Road, Bray, in concrete. The cost of this work would be substantially more than what had originally been proposed and a further £5,000 would be required to complete the work in the present year. An application had been made to the Department of Local Government for an additional grant of £5,000 to enable the work to be carried out in the current year.

Lighting at Avoca (Kilmagig)—In reply to Councillor McCarthy, the County Manager stated that details of the Estimates for this work would be submitted to the next meeting.

Housing Survey at Rathnew—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, asked that the housing survey at Rathnew be carried out in the near future.

Tinnakilly Bridge—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. asked that warning signs be provided at Tinnakilly Bridge. The County Engineer stated that he would attend to the matter.

Water Supply at Shrugan—Councillor P. Kehoe asked that a report on the water supply at Shrugan be obtained.

Extension of Watermain to Council Cottages at Bellevue, Delgany—Councillor Lawless enquired concerning notice of motion handed in by him for the extension of water supply to cottages at Bellevue, Delgany. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had extended the water supply at Bellevue to the position in which the existing fountain is erected at a cost of £1,000 and contributions towards the cost were received from the residents of the private properties served by the extension. The Council had recommended that the main be extended a further 240 yards to serve the 4 Council cottages but at the time the matter was considered by the Council there had not been any recommendation from the County Medical Officer that the supply was needed on health grounds. Subsequently the health inspector had reported that the furthest cottage from the fountain was only 240 yards away and that in view of the short distance the proposed extension could not be recommended on public health grounds. Consequently, any extension to serve the cottages could not be financed by loan. The estimated cost of the extension was £161 8s. 0d. Councillor Lawless stated that he would hand in notice of motion for the carrying out of the extension and to defraying the cost from revenue.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

By Councillor J. Miley:—
"I or some member of this Council propose the sum of £6,500 be raised for road No. 350—three roads Coonmore to Knocknadruc."

By Councillor W. Lawless:—
"I or some other Councillor for me will move that this Council spend £160 for the purpose of extending the water supply at Bellevue, Delgany."

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, 5th December, 1955, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D.; James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, C. M. O'Broin, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during the month of November, 1955.
2. 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme: To authorise raising of loan to defray the cost of the scheme as amended.
3. 1952 Housing Scheme: Scale of rents to apply to scheme.
4. Aughrim Housing Scheme: To authorise raising of loan to defray the cost of the scheme.
5. O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy: Construction of access road.
6. Tenancy of cottage at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.
7. Proposed leasing of plot at The Bank, Rathnew.
8. Repairs to cottage at Coolanearl owned by Henry Johnson, Knockenree, Avoca.
9. Extension of watermain to serve four Council Cottages at Bellevue: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless.
10. Water Supply at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely.
11. Water Supply at Knockloe, Tullow.
12. Water Supply at Hempstown.
13. Public Lighting at Kilmagig, Avoca: To consider quotation from E.S.B.
14. Town and Regional Planning Acts: Report regarding extensions to Club Rooms at Newtownmountkennedy.
15. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: Report in relation to repayment by borrowers of loans advanced.
16. Repairs carried out during month of November, 1955.
17. Report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to replacement of defective window glass in cottages at Troopersfield, Blessington.
18. Authorisation of repairs to cottages.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of November, 1955, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

Co. Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

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

Housing Progress Report—Month of November, 1955.

During the month of November satisfactory progress was maintained on all Schemes.

The total number of cottages completed to date is as follows:—

1946 Scheme	419
Newtownmountkennedy	16
Killincarrig/Lugduff	13
Kindlestown	40
1952 Agreed Sites Scheme (1)	1
Total	489

The total number of men employed during November was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	12	21
1952 Scheme	14	18
Totals	26	39

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

Northern Area:

Cottages completed at 30th November, 1955:	
1946 Scheme	185
Newtownmountkennedy	16
Killincarrig	10
Kindlestown	40
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1048) Ballard	1
Total	252

Cottages in progress at 30th November, 1955:—	
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
1952 Scheme, Ballynerrin, Furzeditch, Ballard Upper	4
Dunganstown West	—
Total	24

South-Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th November, 1955	92
In progress	Nil

Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 30th November, 1955:—	
1946 Scheme	54
Lugduff Scheme	3
Total	57

1952 Scheme in progress:	
Coolalug	1
Ballymaghroe	1
Coolfancy	1
Tombrean	1
Kilcavan	1
Ballinglen	1
Ballycurragh	1
Total	7

Western Area:

Cottages completed to 30th November, 1955	88
In progress	Nil

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of November, 1955."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—1952 AGREED SITES SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had requested the submission of a revised estimate of cost for the 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme, taking into account the tenders received for the erection of certain of the cottages. The original scheme had provided for 41 cottages, but since the matter was previously before the Council, two other sites had been approved, making a total of 43 cottages. The total estimated cost for the construction of the cottages and acquisition of land, etc., was £50,500. As the subsidy in respect of unserviced houses was limited to the capital cost of £1,000 per cottage, a substantial contribution from rates would be required towards the annual charges for the scheme. It was anticipated that a contribution of approximately 4d. in the £ would be needed. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £50,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of the erection of 43 houses under the 1952 Agreed Scheme."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—1952 HOUSING SCHEME: SCALE OF RENTS

The County Secretary stated that one cottage under the scheme had recently been completed at Ballard, Kilbride, and the tenant had been appointed at a provisional rent of 10/- per week pending the adoption of a scale of rents for the scheme by the Council. The amount per week to be met from rent and rates was estimated at 16/4 and it was suggested that a scale of Graded Rents from 7/6 to 12/6 per week be adopted. It was suggested also that the minimum rent would be applied in cases where the family income did not exceed £5 per week; at present the minimum rent was applied only where the income did not exceed £4 10d. 0d. per week. In the case of serviced houses, it was suggested that a scale of from 10/- to 17/- per week be applied and that in this case also the family income, where the minimum rent of the scale was applied, should be increased from £4 10s. 0d. to £5 10s. 0d. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the application of a revised scale of Graded Rents ranging from 7/6 per week to 12/6 per week in respect of unserviced cottages. We approve also of a revised scale of Graded Rents from 10/- per week to 17/- per week in respect of serviced houses. We approve also of the application of the minimum rent where the family income does not exceed £5 10s. 0d. per week."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—AUGHRIM HOUSING SCHEME

The Department of Local Government had conveyed approval to the Council proceeding with the Aughrim Housing Scheme by Direct Labour on the basis of the estimate submitted by the County Engineer. The total estimated cost of the scheme was £17,520.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £17,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of erection of 12 houses at Aughrim."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—O'NEILL PARK, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY: CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROAD

The County Secretary stated that a complaint had been received from Mrs. Jane Synnott, tenant of cottage No. 24, at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkenny, in regard to trespass on her plot. The matter had been investigated and the Assistant County Engineer reported that there was considerable trespass across Mrs. Synnott's plot. When the last houses were being built at O'Neill Park, it was proposed to construct an access road through the plot, but at that time Mrs. Synnott was not agreeable. She is now agreeable to give a 10 ft. strip for a passageway which would connect with the old O'Neill Park road. The strip would require to be fenced off, the sod removed and the passageway gravelled, and the estimated cost of the work was £38. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the construction of access road at O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkenny, through plot attached to No. 24 O'Neill Park at estimated cost of £38."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—TENANCY OF COTTAGE AT O'NEILL PARK, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The County Secretary stated that a Notice to Quit had been served on tenant Michael Ellis, of O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkenny, in respect of arrears of rent. Consequent on the report of the Rent Collector, which was submitted to the Council, the Engineer had inspected the cottage and had reported that he had found damage had been caused to the cottage. The estimated cost of repairing the damage was £17 4s. 0d. Mrs. Ellis had claimed that some of the damage caused had been done by the previous tenant, but the Rent Collector did not agree that this was so. The Council agreed that an effort be made to recover the cost of the damage caused from the tenant, Michael Ellis.

ITEM No. 7—PROPOSED LEASING OF PLOT AT THE BANK, RATHNEW

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Joseph Collard was tenant of a County Council cottage at Ballybeg, Rathnew, and his weekly rent was 2/6 plus rates. On the cottage plot was sited a shop which, it was stated, had been erected by Mr. Collard with the permission of the former Board of Health; Mr. Collard having been in business in the old village of Rathnew and the premises in which he resided having been demolished. Some time ago Mr. Charles Doyle, son-in-law of Mr. Collard returned from England and took over the business. Mr. Doyle had asked that he be given permission to build some additional rooms to the shop and provide living accommodation there for his family, which consisted of his wife and two children, or that the Council give him a site on portion of the cottage plot on which to erect a bungalow. At present, Mr. Doyle and his family resided in the cottage of Mr. Joseph Collard, in which it is stated there are 11 persons. The Council's Architect had inspected the plot, which he reported measured approx. 78 ft. x 51 ft., and while undoubtedly small for a house, he recommended approval subject to the submission of acceptable detailed proposals. The County Secretary stated that the cottage was provided under the 1934 scheme and that the subsidy receivable by the Council in respect of the cottage amounts to £12 per annum. If portion of the plot were to be leased to Mr. Doyle, the sanction of the Minister would be necessary and it would be necessary for the Council to charge ground rent of £12 per annum to offset the loss of subsidy. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

and resolved:—

"That having considered application from Charles Doyle, The Bank, Rathnew, we approve of the leasing of portion of cottage plot attached to cottage occupied by Joseph Collard at Ground Rent of £12, for the purpose of his erecting a bungalow on such plot, subject to plans and specification of the bungalow being approved by the Council, and subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS TO COTTAGE AT COOLANEARL

The County Secretary stated that on 18th February, 1955, a notice had been served on Mr. Henry Johnson, Knockenree, Avoca, the owner of an unfit dwelling at Coolanearl, Redcross, formerly occupied by John Leacy, requiring the carrying out of certain repairs to the house in order to render it fit, within a period of 120 days. The house had recently been inspected by the County Medical Officer and was still unfit, and the Assistant Engineer, in report of 25th November, 1955, stated that he could not gain entry to the cottage, but had examined it through the windows and could see that the repairs required had not been carried out, nor had the exterior repairs been done. It was proposed to give 7 days notice to the owner of the Council's intention to carry out the works described in the repair order and to recover the cost from the owner. The Council noted the action proposed to be taken in the matter.

ITEM No. 9—EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN TO SERVE FOUR COUNCIL COTTAGES AT BELLEVUE

The County Secretary stated that Councillor Lawless had informed him that he would not be able to attend the meeting that day, and asked that the Notice of Motion in his name be included on the agenda for the meeting of the Council on the 12th inst. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the meeting on 12th December, 1955.

ITEM No. 10—WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYSHONOGUE, TINAHELY

The County Secretary stated that Councillor O'Neill had enquired at the September meeting in regard to the provision of a water supply for residents at Ballyshonogue. It was found that there were three Council cottages with a total population of five, and that water was at present obtained from a well on Mr. Hadden's land, situated about 250 yards from the nearest cottages. The County Manager considered that the provision of a well and a pump at a cost of £220 to serve five people would be an excessive scale service and that the capital outlay would not be justified in the circumstances. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred.

ITEM No. 11—WATER SUPPLY AT KNOCKLOW, TULLOW

The County Secretary stated that as requested by Councillor Senator, J. McCrea, the need for the provision of a water supply at Knocklow, Tullow, had been investigated. There were four families in the district, two Council cottages and two small farmers and the total number of persons involved was eleven adults and ten children, i.e., twenty-one. The cottages were strung along the road for a distance of 450 yards. The Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector recommended the provision of a pump. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump midway between the cottages to provide water supply for cottages at Knocklow, Tullow."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—WATER SUPPLY AT HEMPSTOWN

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miley, the County Secretary stated that the old pump at Hempstown required to be replaced at a cost of £17. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the replacement of worn pump at Hempstown, at estimated cost of £17, the cost to be defrayed from revenue."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—PUBLIC LIGHTING, KILMAGIG, AVOCA

Quotation from E.S.B. for the provision of three public lights at Kilmagig, Avoca, for the sum of £48 10s. 0d. was submitted. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of three public lights at Kilmagig, Avoca, at estimated cost of £48 10s. 0d."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: EXTENSION TO CLUB ROOMS AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The Council decided to consider this matter in Committee. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had recently inspected work in progress on the extensions to Club rooms at Newtownmountkenny and had reported that the work, as carried out, departed in many respects from the proposals submitted in September, 1954. It was noted that the entrance lobby had been enlarged to the full width of the hall and it appeared that it might be intended to construct a greatly enlarged gallery over the lobby. This had not been provided for in the plans submitted, and if such was intended, it would be necessary for the Council to obtain detailed plans and specification in relation to this part of the construction. It appeared also that access to the car park had not been provided in the manner indicated on the plans, i.e., with a bell mouth opening on to the road. It was not clear also how the drainage of the premises was being dealt with and whether this drainage was being connected to the public sewer. The solicitor for Very Rev. Fr. Masterson, P.P., had written to state that as regards the entrance, the work of providing it had been interrupted as there had been a claim from the adjoining owner in relation to the boundary wall. The solicitor stated that Very Rev. Fr. Masterson would get his architect to deal with the matters raised in the Council's letter to him. The Council agreed that it would be necessary to obtain full details in regard to the matters mentioned.

ITEM No. 15—SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The County Secretary submitted a report giving particulars of persons who had failed to pay instalments due on S.D.A. loans on the 1st October, 1955. The Council's Solicitor had been instructed to make written application for payment, failing which legal proceedings would be instituted. Particulars of the cases were given to the Council and it was noted that payments were in arrears in 18 cases and full payment had been made in 54 cases.

ITEM No. 16—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1955

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of November, 1955, as prepared by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 17—DEFECTIVE WINDOW GLASS IN COTTAGES AT TROOPERSFIELD, BLESSINGTON

The County Secretary submitted reports of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the cost of replacing defective window glass in six cottages at Troopersfield, Blessington. The estimated cost of replacing the glass was £120. The Council noted that the Engineer was of opinion that the breaking of the glass was due to the formation of rust on the sash bars, which had wedged the glass tight and resulted in injury to the glass with changes in temperatures. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the replacement of defective glass in six cottages at Troopersfield, Blessington, at estimated cost of £120."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

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

Meeting of Committee in Regard to Road Workers' Wages—The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers indicating that they were agreeable to attend the suggested conference with a committee of the Council in respect of applications for increases in wages of road workers. The Council decided to hold the meeting of the committee on Monday, 2nd January, 1956, at 11 a.m.

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy—The Council noted letter from Mrs. J. Staines requesting that her sincere thanks be conveyed to the members of the Council for their vote of sympathy on the death of her husband.

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

"That I or some one for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that a water supply be provided for Clonpadden."

1952 Scheme: Construction of Cottage at Ballycapple—Councillor C. W. Hudson asked if the Council would agree to the construction of a cottage on Site 1047 at Ballycapple, Redcross, by direct labour, in view of the delay which might occur if tenders had to be invited. The County Manager stated that tenders had been invited for other cottages in the same district recently, but no tenders had been received. Work was in progress on other cottages in the vicinity. The Council recommended that the work of constructing this cottage on Site No. 1047 be carried out by direct labour.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th December, 1955, at 11 a.m. The following members were present:—
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. Brendan Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. M. O'Broin, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.
The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon and P. J. Foley, and the County Architect, were present.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 11th October and 7th November, 1955.
2. To authorise overdraft accommodation on the Council's General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 31st March, 1956.
3. University Scholarship Scheme: Letter from Corporation of Dublin regarding residential qualification.
4. City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955: Letter from Department of Local Government enclosing copies of booklet (copy circulated to members).
5. Courthouse, Duilavin: To consider reports of Engineer and Architect and also application for use of Courthouse.
6. Provision of rate demand notes in Irish.
7. Application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union for revision of temporary allowance to officers.
8. Report of County Engineer on Road Works to 30th September, 1955, as circulated to members.
9. Supplementary Grants for road works and works under Local Authorities (Works) Act: Report of meetings of local members as circulated.
10. Five Year County Road Improvement Plan: To consider proposed amended plan, details circulated to members.
10. (a) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley for raising of sum of £6,500 for repair and reconstruction of Road No. 350—Three Roads, Coonmore to Knocknadruc.
11. Car Park at Glenmacnass: Letter from Bord Fáilte Éireann regarding contribution of Council towards cost.
12. Erection of Dispensaries: To authorise loan to defray cost of erection of four dispensaries.
13. Public Lighting at Aughrim.
14. Public Lighting at Grattan Park, Kindlestown.
15. Watermain extension from Killincarrig, Delgany, to Three Trout Bridge: To affix Seal of Council to Mortgage.
16. Extension of watermain to serve cottages at Bellevue: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless.
17. Water Supply at Davidstown.
18. Water Supply at Hollywood.
19. Site of proposed public convenience at Baltinglass.
20. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council, held on 4th August, 1955.
21. Resolution from Carlow County Council regarding maintenance and repair of pipes from watermain to stop cock.
22. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

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 11th October and 7th November, 1955."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE COUNCIL'S GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR QUARTER TO 31st MARCH, 1956

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
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 31st March, 1956, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
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, 1956, shall not exceed £41,000."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following letters from the Corporation of Dublin and Dublin County Council were submitted:—

Corporation of Dublin,
City Hall, Dublin,
1st December, 1955.
An Runai,
Comhairle Conndae Cill Manntain,
Teach na Cuirte,
Cill Manntain.

re: Residential Qualification in University Scholarship Scheme.

A Chara,
I beg to inform you that the correspondence in this matter culminating in your letter of 17th September last was submitted to the meeting of An Coisde Culturtha, held on 25th ultimo. Having considered the matter fully, An Coisde decided to recommend that no change be made in the Corporation's Scholarship Scheme.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) J. J. ROW,

Cleireach do'n gComhairle,

Dublin County Council,

11 Parnell Square,

Dublin, C.16.

10th December, 1955.

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

re: Residential Qualification in Scholarship Schemes Reciprocal Arrangements.

A Chara,
In reply to your communication of the 6th instant and previous correspondence regarding the above matter, I wish to inform you that due to difficulties encountered with other counties our Scholarships Committee did not make any arrangements to have our Scheme amended to provide for the above. I will arrange, however, that your communication will be kept in mind in the event of any person applying for a University Scholarship to this Council who may have been formerly resident in County Wicklow.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) S. MacCORMAC,

Runai Ionadach.

The Council noted that neither the Corporation of Dublin nor Dublin County Council were prepared at present to grant reciprocal arrangements in regard to the residence qualification with the Wicklow County Council, and agreed to delete the proposed provision under Paragraph 2 of the Scheme in regard to such reciprocal arrangements with these bodies. The following letter from the Acting Bursar, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, was submitted:—

St. Patrick's College,
Maynooth.

20th August, 1955.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

Thank you very much for the draft of your proposed University Scholarship Scheme. I take it that "any University in Ireland" means 32-County Ireland and includes all constituent and recognised Colleges of the Universities. Maynooth College is a recognised College of N.U.I., so we are naturally interested in this point.

I respectfully propose the following points for consideration:—

- (a) The value of the Scholarship seems too low. Residence in a hostel such as you indicate would cost £4 per week and the academic year runs to about thirty weeks. Therefore, I would regard £150 as the lowest possible figure.
- (b) Most University Scholarship Schemes do not involve a Means Test. In your scheme I would suggest raising the figures, say, valuations between £130 and £170, and salaries between £700 and £900. I commend your idea of taking account of the size of the family.
- (c) I dislike the idea of multiplying examinations, so why not award the Agricultural Scholarship on the results of the Leaving Certificate with an oral in Agricultural Science.
- (d) I imagine that families who transfer to Wicklow from other neighbouring counties will justly resent the privilege accorded to those who transfer from Dublin.
- (e) Paragraph 4, No. 3, gives an unusual system of deciding the winners of Scholarships. Usually scholarships are awarded to those who have the highest total of marks or percentages in five honours subjects. I do not think that account should be taken of Pass subjects at all, with the exception of Pass Mathematics.

Wishing your scheme every success,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. (Rev.) Michael A. Harty

(Acting Bursar).

The Council asked that a copy of the letter be circulated to the members and that the question of the University Scholarship Scheme for 1956 be again considered by the Council at the next meeting.

ITEM No. 4—CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955.

The Council noted the provisions of the Act as set out in the booklet issued by the Department of Local Government and circulated to the members. The Council agreed that the existing procedure under which tenders for capital works were opened in the presence of the Council at a public meeting be continued. The Council decided not to make any special regulations in regard to the seeking, reception and examination of tenders.

ITEM No. 5—COURTHOUSE, DUNLAVIN

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Foley, Assistant County Engineer, had forwarded a letter received from Miss Violet Tynne, Tynne Park, Dunlavin, in regard to the need for repairs to the Courthouse, Dunlavin, and enquiring if the Council could assist in the matter as she understood that the Estate had not the necessary funds. As the County Manager was of opinion that the building appeared to possess special architectural interest, the Council's Architect was asked to submit a report on the building. The following report of the Architect was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.
9th December, 1955.
County Engineer.

Dunlavin Courthouse.

A Chara,
Dunlavin Courthouse was built a short time prior to 1758 by Rt. Hon. James North-Tynne at a cost of £1,200. It was originally built as a market house but was converted in 1835 to its present form by Lady Tynne. It houses an old bell, dated 1647, which appears to have been removed from Black Abbey, Kilkenny. The date would imply that the bell dates from the period when Black Abbey was restored after the Confederation of Kilkenny. The Courthouse itself has national associations as it was here that the thirty-six United Irishmen were lodged before being executed by Col. Saunders on the Fair Green of the town in 1798.

Architecturally I have no hesitation in stating that this building is the finest example of civic architecture in County Wicklow. It is excellent in design, beautifully detailed and in perfect scale with its setting.

In its present state the building is a deplorable eyesore in the centre of the town. The main fabric of the building appears sound, but it has been shamefully neglected for many years. A very crude attempt has been made to repaint some of the stonework with disastrous results to the appearance of the building. The roofs would need a general overhaul, slates, flashings, etc. Proper rainwater shoots should be provided. The flat roofs of the porticos should be restored. The stonework should be cleaned down and repointed. Timber frames and doors should be replaced. All this work should be done with the greatest care not to ruin the character of the existing building. I estimate the cost of this work at somewhere between £1,500 and £2,000.

The above figure may appear high, but I feel the principle involved is whether our own Government, local or national, will carry on its administration in the decaying ruins of a former regime or accept the responsibility of properly maintaining its rightful inheritance of such buildings of architectural worth. With this building restored Dunlavin would appear a very attractive small town instead of presenting a picture of despondent rural decay. The original cost of the building would represent in today's currency approximately £12,000 and indeed such a building could not today be erected for this sum. On a purely material basis, therefore, it would appear only reasonable to maintain it in good order.

The building is at present leased at the nominal rent of £10 per annum. I understand that the Commissioners of Public Works might be prepared to take over the building as a national monument; if so, they would restore and maintain it. They would, however, strike a rent which would bear some relation to the cost of restoration.

Mise, le meas.
(Sgd.) L. P. Cuffe,
Architect.

The old bell referred to in the first paragraph was returned to Black Abbey, Kilkenny, in or about 1925 (according to Councillor C. M. Byrne and Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant County Engineer).

It was agreed that the Council would open negotiations with the owners with a view to acquiring the premises or leasing them at a nominal rent and if satisfactory arrangements could be made, the Council might then consider the carrying out of the necessary repairs and restoration work. Councillor C. M. Byrne pointed out that the bell referred to in the Architect's report had been returned to Kilkenny in or about the year 1925.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received by the District Court Clerk from An Forsa Cosanta Aitiuil, Dunlavin Branch, for the use of the Courthouse on one night per week for the training of members. The Council agreed that permission might be given for the letting, provided that all necessary precautions were taken to ensure that no damage was caused.

ITEM No. 6—RATE DEMAND NOTES IN IRISH

The following letter from Labhras MacBradaigh, Moin an Bhealaigh, Co. Cille Mhainne, was submitted:—

25/10/1955.

A Chara,
I write this note in the Bearla for your personal convenience and not from choice!

You will recollect that about a year or two after coming here I wrote you a letter in Irish explaining my wish regarding dealings with the County Council re rates, I wished to do it through Irish, and the first step towards that ought to be demand notes in the National language. I have never heard anything since, and I have not, as yet, pressed this matter to its logical conclusion.

Would you kindly convey my wish in this matter to the proper authority. The position re the language and its use has deteriorated to such a low level that something will have to be done about it from the higher levels down. You may quote this as an example: I am registered on the Electoral List in the Bearla ever since I came here despite the fact that I personally gave the Irish form of my name to the Registering Officer of the time—Garda Synnot, Hollywood.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) LABHRAS MacBRADAIGH.

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the cost of printing Demand Notes in Irish would be about an additional £30. The Council decided not to take any action in the matter at present.

ITEM No. 7—APPLICATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION FOR REVISION OF TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS.

The following letter from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union was submitted:—

Head Office,

29 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin.
13th September, 1955.

To each City and County Manager,
Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Central Council of my Union to ask that you will be kind enough to submit and recommend to the next meeting of your Council the following application on behalf of our members for revision of the present "temporary allowance."

The Central Council of my Union has given careful consideration to the need for such revision because of the rise in cost of living; the incomplete compensation given in previous cost-of-living increases and the effects of the concession of further increases in response to recent and current salary and wage demands in other employments.

My Council has accordingly decided that an increase of 12½% on present gross salary be sought subject to a minimum of £50 and that the increase should be effective as from 1st September, 1955.

When standardised and inclusive scales of salary were introduced in 1947, they were related to a cost-of-living figure of 270; the present cost-of-living index number is 127, which related to the pre-1950 equivalent would give a cost-of-living figure of 405. There has therefore, in effect been a 50% increase in the cost-of-living since 1947. The cost-of-living increases granted in the interim to date have amounted to 30% on the 1947 salary scales. It will be noted, therefore, that our claim would not even compensate in full for the

rise in cost of living, as the 12½% on present gross salary is equivalent to little over 16% on the 1947 salaries.

My Union trusts that you will be in complete sympathy with this application and I am to urge that you will be good enough to recommend same to your Council at its next meeting.

Perhaps you would be good enough to let me hear from you in this matter as soon as convenient.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. J. O'DONOGHUE,

General Secretary.

The Council decided to refer the matter for examination by the committee appointed by the Council to consider applications for increases in road workers' wages, the committee to report back to the Council. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to remuneration of Clerical Assistants in the offices of the Assistant County Engineers and it was agreed that the matter of the remuneration of these Clerical Assistants would also be considered by the committee.

ITEM No. 8—ROAD WORKS TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955

The Council noted the following report in regard to road works to 30th September, 1955, as circulated to the members:—

Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

20th October, 1955.

County Secretary,
Dear Sir,

I beg to submit for the information of the County Manager, the report hereunder showing the financial position of the Roads Programme and the work carried out during the present financial year as at 30th September, 1955. I take this opportunity of pointing out that the increase in Road Workers' Wages in 1954 and again in 1955 reflects a loss of approximately £11,000 towards the cost of road works, because the amount involved was not made available in either of those financial years:—

1. Amount allowed 1955/56 (incl. Maintenance and Grants).....	£231,688
2. Amount spent up to 30th September, 1955.....	£143,380
3. Mileage surface dressed to 30th September, 1955.....	60.15 miles
4. Mileage grouted to 30th September, 1955.....	14.75 miles
5. Mileage Tar Carpet to 30th September, 1955.....	6.35 miles
6. Materials raised (cu. yards).....	55,710 cu. yds.
7. Tar and Bitumen used (tons).....	1,899 tons
8. Number of cottages repaired from 31st March, 1955.....	475
9. Maximum number of men employed in all Engineering services.....	639
10. Miles of road in each Engineer's district:—	

	Main	County	Total
Northern District	108	152	260
Sth./Eastern District	50	279	329
Southern District	39	195	234
Western District	61	265	326
Totals	258	891	1,149

11. Miles of Dust-Free Roads:—			
	Main	County	Total
Northern Area	104	68.6	172.6
Sth./Eastern Area	50	80.0	130.0
Southern Area	39	51.0	88.86
Western Area	61	88.7	150.34
Totals	254	288.3	542.40

12. Roads reconstructed (tarred or grouted) since March, 1954:—			
	Main	County	Total
	69	2134	2824

Your faithfully,
(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

ITEM No. 9—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR ROAD WORKS AND WORKS UNDER LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT

The Council approved of the following recommendations of the local Councillors in regard to supplementary grants for road works and for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, as circulated to the members:—

Wicklow County Council.

1. Five-Year County Road Improvement Plan.
2. Supplementary Grants for Road Works.
3. Supplementary Grant for Local Authorities (Works) Acts.

As arranged at the meeting of the Council, held on 14th November, 1955, meetings of the Local Councillors in each area were held to consider the above-mentioned matters.

Five-Year County Road Improvement Plan.
The members of the Council for each area agreed on the amended Five-Year County Road Improvement Plan as attached hereto.

Supplementary Grants for Road Works and Works under Local Authorities (Works) Act.

The County Engineer proposed the following allocations of £15,000 made available for Supplementary Road Grants and of £5,000 for Local Authorities (Works) Act Grants:—

	Roads	L.A. (Works) Act	Total
Northern Engineering District	£5,250	£500	£5,750
South/Eastern Engineering District	£3,250	£1,500	£4,750
Southern Engineering District	£3,250	£1,750	£5,000
Western Engineering District	£3,250	£1,250	£4,500
	£15,000	£5,000	£20,000

The local members agreed that the sum of £4,750 for the Northern Engineering District be utilised for the continuation of road improvement works on the main road near Kilmacanogue and that the remaining £500 be used for the provision of footpaths between Newtownmounkenedy and Kiladreenan.

In the South/Eastern area the members agreed that £2,250 be expended on the road from Rathdrum to Corballis via Avondale, and that the sum of £1,000 be expended on the road at Arklow Rock.

In the Western area the members agreed to the expenditure of the monies on the following roads:—

1. Logstown Road.
2. Roads No. 310 and 300, Oldcourt to Gailey's Cross.
3. Rathmoon Road, Belan Street to County Kildare bounds.

Local Authorities (Works) Acts.

For the Northern Area the members agreed that a drainage scheme be carried out at Delgany as agreed by the County Engineer.

In the South/Eastern area the sum of £1,500 was allocated for a scheme under Local Authorities (Works) Acts in relation to the Redcross/Tenpleraingy Road, which was affected by flooding.

In the Western area it was agreed that a bridge be provided at Knockadruce and that a scheme for the remedying of flooding on the road at Knockieran be also carried out.

29th November, 1955.
Councillor G. Timmins and members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area stated that they understood that a sum of £1,500 was being made available for that area for schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act. The County Engineer agreed to meet the wishes of the Council in this matter if possible. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the Department of Local Government be asked if additional grants could be made available to the Council to correspond in amount with the supplementary grants given in the previous year. The Council agreed that an enquiry be addressed to the Department on the matter. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
and resolved:—

"That we approve of the allocation of supplementary grants for road works and supplementary grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act as proposed by the County Engineer, and approve of recommendations of committees of local members in regard to works to be carried out with the aid of these grants."

ITEM No. 10—FIVE-YEAR COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The following amended Five-Year County Road Improvement Plan, as agreed by committees of local Councillors and circulated to the members, was submitted:

Five-Year County Road Improvement Plan as Amended Following Consultations with Members of the Council for Respective Electoral Areas, November, 1955.

North-Eastern Area:

- 1. Roundwood to Rathdrum via Road No. 76, Moneystown, Road No. 91 to Park Road No. 120, Garryduff to Rathdrum ... 1 mile
2. Roundwood, Willow Grove via Ballinastowe and Altidore with branch to Newtownmountkennedy—Roads Nos. 36, 39 and part 41 ... 4 miles
3. Ashford, Nun's Cross, Ballycullen, Garryduff, Glenwood, Laragh ... 8 miles
4. Kilmolin, Glencullen—Road No. 9 ... 13 miles
5. Ballymaghroe, Tomriland, Annamoe—Roads Nos. 74 and 75 ... 4 miles
6. Knockraheen, Knocktemple—Road No. 61 ... 11 miles
7. Laragh, Drummin, Oldbridge, Lough Dan, Roundwood—Roads Nos. 59 and 60 ... 2 miles
8. Glencree, Coolakay—Roads Nos. 13 and 16 ... 5 miles
Total 27 miles

Southern Area:

- 1. Rathdangan to Aughrim via Mullans, Barnamelia, Ballygobban, Ballytigue—Road No. 137 ... 2 miles
2. Ballisland to Ardoyne via Newry, Moylisha, Money, Tullowclay—Roads Nos. 235 and part 238, and branch from Tomkins Cross to Raheengraney and thence to Parkbridge ... 6 1/2 miles
3. Shillelagh to Hacketstown via Ballyrahan, Mullinacuffe, Knockatomoyle, with branch Kilquigan Village—Roads Nos. 246 and 249 ... 6 miles
4. Knockananna, Ballinglen via Moyno—Road 134 ... 2 miles
5. Ballinglen, Tomcoyle, Kilballyowen, Rednagh Bridge—Road No. 143 ... 4 miles
6. Killavane, Tallyho, Kilpipe—Road No. 202 ... 4 miles
7. Harris Hill, Crab Lane, Killinure—Road No. 240 ... 3 miles
8. Oak's Cross, Money, County Carlow Bounds—Road No. 239 ... 3 miles
9. Three Roads at Tombrean West to Three Roads at Umrigar, Junction with Carnew-Ferns Road—Road No. 222 ... 2 1/2 miles
10. Ballingate Cross Roads, Junction with Carnew-Buncelody Road to County Wexford Bounds near Knocknalow Cross Roads ... 1 mile
Total 33 1/2 miles

Western Area:

- 1. Donard to Rathdangan and Co. Carlow Bounds via Snugboro, Knockenarrigan, Rustyduff, Rathdangan, Killamoate, High Park, Borkhill to Co. Bounds—Roads Nos. 330, 324, 264, 261, 256 and 255 ... 8 miles
2. Whitestown to Knockeen via Knockenarrigan—Roads Nos. 321, 325 ... 3 1/2 miles
3. Stratford to Grangecon—Road No. 300 ... 1 mile
4. Baltinglass to Dunlavin via Tuckmill, Cross Roads, Rathbran, Ballyliffin, Crosskeys—Roads Nos. 300, 310 ... 4 miles
5. Poulaphouca to Vallemount and Logstown—Road No. 354 ... 1 mile
5a Donard to Rathdangan (near Hollywood)—Road No. 333 ... 5 miles
6. Tinahely via Knockananna, Mullin Cross Roads, Ballinabarney, Knockenarrigan to Donard, Park Road No. 362 to join Route No. 1 above ... 3 1/2 miles
7. Dunlavin to Co. Kildare Bounds—Road No. 309 ... 1 1/2 miles
8. Blessington-Kilbride—Roads Nos. 371, 372 ... 4 1/2 miles
9. Grangecon-Rathtoole—Roads Nos. 287, 285 ... 2 1/2 miles
10. Baltinglass-Castledermot via Irongrange—Roads Nos. 379, 380 ... 1 1/2 miles
11. Baltinglass (Belan St.) to Co. Kildare Bounds—Road No. 280 ... 1 mile
Total 34 1/2 miles

South-Eastern Area—Rathdrum Area:

- 1. Rathdrum-Corbally—Road No. 149 ... 2 miles
2. Rathdrum, Ballinderry, Knockrath—Roads Nos. 123 and 124 ... 4 miles
3. Gleenaly, Drumdangan, Garryduff—Roads Nos. 115 and 90 ... 3 miles
4. Greenane to Ballinderry—Road No. 124 ... 1 1/2 miles
5. Laragh-Glenmalure—Road No. 83 ... 5 miles
Total 15 1/2 miles

Redcross-Barrindarrig Area:

- 1. Rathdrum-Barrindarrig—Roads Nos. 152 and 156 and branch road 118 to Drumdangan ... 3 1/2 miles
2. Cullen Lane Upper and Lower—Road No. 107, two branches ... 2 1/2 miles
3. Ballyvaltron-Brittis—Road No. 160 ... 2 1/2 miles
4. Kilcandra, Kilmacoo, Avoca—Roads Nos. 153 and 167 ... 4 miles
Total 12 1/2 miles

Arklow Area:

- 1. Thomastown-Woodenbridge—Roads Nos. 192 and 195 ... 3 miles
2. Arklow Rock-County Bounds—Road No. 188 ... 2 miles
3. Redcross, Templerainey, Ballinaheese—Roads Nos. 172 and 173 ... 7 1/2 miles
4. Redcross-Scratenagh—Road No. 175 ... 3 miles
Total 15 1/2 miles

Aughrim Area:

- 1. Aughrim-Ballygobbin—Road No. 137 ... 1 mile
2. Woodenbridge, Ballintemple, Annacorra—Roads Nos. 197, 198 ... 5 miles
3. Aughrim, Macreddin, Greenane—Roads Nos. 140 and 141 ... 5 miles
4. Castlemacadam-Carthy's Corner—Road No. 169 ... 2 1/2 miles
5. Ballymorris-Castlemacadam—Road No. 182 ... 4 1/2 miles
6. Glenmalure-Aughavannagh—Road No. 128 ... 5 miles
Total 23 miles

It was Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and resolved:—

"That we approve of the amended Five-Year County Road Improvement Plan as determined following consultation with members of the Council for the respective Electoral Areas and as submitted to this meeting." Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10a—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY FOR RAISING THE SUM OF £6,500 FOR REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD No. 350—THREE ROADS, COONMORE TO KNOCKNADRUC

Councillor Miley asked if the Council would receive a deputation from Vallemount area in connection with the road. The Chairman drew attention to the requirement of the Council that deputations would be received only if prior application had been made and permission given by the Council. With the agreement of the Council, it was decided to receive a deputation, but the

Secretary was instructed to record in the Minutes that in future deputations would not be received unless prior notice had been given at previous meeting of the Council and that the Council had agreed to receive such deputation. Rev. Fr. McCabe, C.C., Vallemount, and representatives from Vallemount attended, and Fr. McCabe addressed the Council. He stated that there were holdings of about 1,400 acres adjoining the road and that the road was in such bad condition that it was difficult to get a lorry to the holdings with lime. A stream crossed the road at one point and when it was in flood it was impossible to drive a car across it. The Chairman assured the members of the deputation that their representations would receive careful consideration by the Council. The deputation then withdrew. The following estimate of the cost of reconstructing the road was submitted:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Cost. Items include Widening (6,380 lin. yards), Spalls, Stone rolled, Tar spread, Blinding, and Passing places. Total cost: £5,510.

If the road was made 12 feet wide where possible, but only having 9 feet wide tar grouted, the cost would be increased by £957, making a total of £6,467.

This is a cul-de-sac road ending at Knocknadruc. Portions are on a solid foundation, but part of it is on a bog. The road is rough with many protruding stones. There is a fairly dense population for a mountain district, and the road also leads to a new forestry at Oakwood. Yours faithfully, (Signed) P. J. FOLEY.

In a previous report the Assistant County Engineer had stated that the road was approximately 4 miles long and varied from 3 to 12 feet in width. About one mile had a rather soft foundation and the remainder was fairly sound. A scheme was being submitted under the Local Authorities (Works) Act for the construction of a bridge at Knocknadruc at an estimated cost of £1,200. It was Proposed by Councillor J. Miley, Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £5,510 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years to defray the cost of reconstruction of Road No. 350—Lockstown to Knocknadruc." Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed to adjourn the proposal for consideration at the Roads Estimates Meeting.

ITEM No. 11—CAR PARK AT GLENMACNASS

The following letter from An Bord Failte Eireann was submitted:—

Technical Department, Mount Street Crescent, Dublin, 14th November, 1955. K. J. Brangan, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir, I am to refer to correspondence in connection with the above project and have pleasure in informing you that the Board has approved works estimated to cost £2,300 for the car park and £100 for No. 2 shelters. It is a condition of the approval that your Council contributes 25 per cent. of the cost of the shelters and that the works be completed during the current financial year, i.e., prior to 31st March, 1956.

I should be grateful to have the assurance of your Council regarding the local contribution required and in regard to the completion date for the works. Yours faithfully, for Technical Manager.

It was Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved:—

"That having considered letter dated 14th November, 1955, from An Bord Failte Eireann, we approve of contribution of £250 being made by the Council towards the cost of erection of shelters at Glenmacnass and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such contribution." Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—ERECTION OF DISPENSARIES

The County Secretary stated that tenders had been accepted for the erection of dispensaries at Aughrim, Baltinglass, Carnew and Rathdrum. A grant of £600 was available from the State in respect of each dispensary. The estimated net cost of the works was £7,500. It was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy, Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the raising of loan of £7,500 to defray the Council's portion of the cost of erection of four dispensaries at Aughrim, Baltinglass, Carnew and Rathdrum, the sum to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works and repayable over a period of 25 years." Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT AUGHRIM

The County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received from residents at Aughrim requesting the erection of two public lights on the Aughrim-Moneyneen Road and that a resolution had also been forwarded by the Labour Party, Aughrim Branch, in regard to the matter. The resolution had asked also for the provision of a public light at Mill Road junction and one between Glen Cottages and the old Gardaí Station. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the E.S.B. should be asked to quote for two lights on existing poles and an alternative quotation on two new poles. The existing poles were about 10 feet in the field and it might be thought that insufficient would be got from them. The Council agreed that a quotation for the provision of the two additional lights be obtained.

ITEM No. 14—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT GRATTAN PARK, KINDLESTOWN

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had forwarded a quotation received from the E.S.B. for the provision of three lamps on existing poles, together with one lamp on a new pole at Grattan Park, Kindlestown, for the sum of £60. Following a discussion between an E.S.B. representative and the Clerk of Works, it was suggested that four lamps being provided, three being on existing poles and one on a new pole at entrance to the scheme, and that in addition a light be placed on Pole No. 327 at an extra cost of £5, making in all a total of £65. The County Engineer considered the cost to be reasonable and recommended that the lights be provided. It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, and resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of five public lamps at Grattan Park, Kindlestown, at cost of £65, in accordance with quotation submitted by E.S.B."

ITEM No. 15—WATERMAIN EXTENSION FROM KILLINCARRIG, DELGANY, TO THREE TROUT BRIDGE

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,
and resolved:—
“That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 29th October, 1955, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £350 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on an extension of the watermain from Killincarrig, Delgany, to Three Trout Bridge, Charlesland, to be repaid with 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.

ITEM No. 16—EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN TO SERVE COTTAGES AT BELLEVUE, DELGANY: NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR LAWLESS

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,
and resolved:—
“That we approve of the extension of watermain at Bellevue, Delgany, to serve four Council cottages at estimated cost of £161 8s. 0d., and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of such extension.”
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—WATER SUPPLY AT DAVIDSTOWN

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were two springs on lands owned by Mr. John Jones, Keshamore, and that the water flowed from them to a point on the public road at Davidstown. The springs were roughly 440 yards distant from the road. If the springs were cleaned up and sealed a piped supply could be got to the public road and the cost, using 2" pipes, would be approximately £250. If a small tank of, say, 1,000 gallons were added, the cost would be an additional £50. The number of houses which would be affected was six, of which two are labourers' cottages, and the National School. The Health Inspector had reported that there was a total of 16 persons requiring a supply and that the springs from which the supply was taken was open to pollution. Having discussed the matter with the Engineer, the Health Inspector recommended that it be piped from the source to the village, a distance of about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,
and resolved:—
“That we approve of recommendation of Assistant County Engineer in report of 29th September, 1955, for the cleaning of springs and piping of water supply to public road at Davidstown and provision of 1,000-gallon tank at total estimated cost of £300.”
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—WATER SUPPLY AT HOLLYWOOD

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:
Blessington,
Co. Wicklow,
11th November, 1955.
M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager,
County Council Offices,
Rathdrum.

re: Hollywood Water Supply.

Dear Sir,
I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 9th instant enclosing copy of letter from Very Rev. M. Browne, P.P., Ballymore-Eustace.

Some time ago a representative of the Board of Works called here in connection with the water supply to the new school at Hollywood. I pointed out the necessity for having a storage tank and I informed him that I would see Father Browne in connection with the matter. I understand in any case the Board of Works has decided to put in a storage tank.

The demand on the water will now be greater than it previously was, in as much as all the flushing of the old school closets was by way of a stream, which flowed underneath, and only one W.C. had a flush cistern.

This supply, as I informed you on previous occasions, was put in by Father Kavanagh for the School, Parochial House and the Church. He got a contribution from the District Council in consideration of putting in a fountain and a horse trough in the street. He successfully opposed every attempt by residents to get a connection off this main, and the District Council actually made one man disconnect who had secretly taken a supply off it.

The supply is just barely sufficient, and in dry summers there is a borderline between there being a shortage and having a supply. What I fear is that when the new school has to be supplied in dry weather that there might be a shortage for the public, and there are only three connections to it, together with the public fountain and drinking trough.

The supply could be augmented and made sufficient by bringing water from one of the springs on Slievecorragh Hill to the existing tank, using either 2" gun barrel or plastic pipe. The cost of the gun barrel pipe will amount to £460. If laid in plastic it will cost £60 more. The latter job would, I believe, be the better one, as the gun barrel pipe is liable to corrosion in time, whereas the plastic is free from this drawback. There might be a saving in the laying of the plastic pipe, but as I have never used it I would not like to tie myself to give any figure. The reason is that the plastic can be laid in longer lengths without any joints, whereas the gun barrel has to be jointed every twenty feet or so.

If the laying of the pipe is approved of, it will leave the supply beyond danger of shortage.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. J. FOLEY,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

P.S.—The estimate does not include for the purchase of water rights, which should not be more than £10-£15.

The County Secretary stated that it appeared that the water supply was at present satisfactory, but that as a result of the erection of the new school, there might be shortages in the future. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,
and resolved:—

“That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 11th November, 1955, we approve of the laying of plastic pipe to bring water from a spring on Slieve Corragh Hill to existing tank at Hollywood at estimated cost of £535, the cost to be defrayed from loan for minor water supplies.”
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 19—SITE FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT BALTINGLASS

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to provide the sanitary convenience at Baltinglass in the Pound Yard adjoining the Courthouse. Councillor Kehoe stated that he understood there would be objections from local residents to the proposed site and asked that the matter be deferred. The Council accordingly decided to defer the matter.

ITEM No. 20—MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The County Council noted the receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 4th August, 1955.

ITEM No. 21—RESOLUTION FROM CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL RE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF PIPES FROM WATERMAIN TO STOP COCK

The Council decided to mark “read” the following resolution received from Carlow County Council:—

“That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce legislation providing, in the case of all public water supplies, that the maintenance and repair of the pipe from the main to, and including, the stopcock be the responsibility of the Sanitary Authority, and that a copy of this resolution be circulated to all sanitary authorities.”

Resolutions from Public Bodies—Following a discussion in regard to the inclusion on agendas for Council meetings of resolutions received from other public bodies, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
and resolved:—

“That resolutions from other public bodies be included on the agenda only at the discretion of the Chairman.”

Passed, Councillor Dr. Donnelly dissenting.

Filling of Vacancy on Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee—The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Sub-Committee had forwarded a resolution passed by the Sub-Committee recommending that Rev. John O'Connell be appointed as a member of the Sub-Committee in place of Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, who had been transferred to Dublin. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,
and resolved:—

“That we appoint Rev. John O'Connell as a member of Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Edward Fitzgerald.”

Passed unanimously.

Kilmurray Water Supply—Councillor P. McCarthy enquired whether a report had been obtained in regard to Kilmurray Water Supply. It was agreed that the report be submitted to the next meeting.

Cronehorn Water Supply—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked if a result had yet been obtained on the test of the water for Cronehorn Water Supply. The County Secretary stated that the report had not yet been received.

Water Supply to Cottages at Tomriland, Roundwood—Councillor Haughton asked that reports be obtained from the Engineer and Health Inspector in regard to the need for water supply to cottages at Tomriland, Roundwood.

Water Supply, Dunlavin—In reply to an enquiry from Councillor J. Miley, the Assistant County Engineer stated that there was a possibility of a shortage in the water supply at Dunlavin and stated that he was investigating methods of improving the supply.