

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 January, 1956, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—  
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.  
Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. Brendan 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 J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and R. M. Fenlon, and the County Architect, Mr. L. Cuffe, were present.

AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during the month of December, 1955.
2. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
3. Applications for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
4. Repairs carried out during month of December, 1955.
5. Authorisation of repairs to cottages.

**Resolution of Sympathy**—Councillor Senator McCrea informed the members that Mrs. Brennan, mother of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and widow of the late Councillor T. Brennan, T.D., had died that morning. He proposed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor Brennan, T.D. The resolution was seconded by Councillor W. Hammond and all the members of the Council associated themselves with the resolution, which was passed, the members standing in their places. The County Manager asked that he and the Council's staff be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

ITEM No.1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of December, 1955, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.  
Co. Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
31st December, 1955.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report—Month of December, 1955.

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

The total number of cottages completed to date is as follows:—

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Cottages in progress at 31st December, 1955:—  
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1952 Scheme, Furzeditch, Ballard Upper, Dunganstown West 3  
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**South-Eastern Area:**  
Cottages completed to 31st December, 1955 92  
In progress Nil

**Southern Area:**  
Cottages completed to 31st December, 1955:—  
1946 Scheme 54  
Lugduff Scheme 3  
**Total** 57

1952 Scheme in progress:  
By Contract—Aughavannagh 2  
By Direct Labour—Coolalug 1  
Ballymaghroe 1  
Coolfancy 1  
Tombrean 1  
Kilcavan 1  
Ballinglen 1  
Ballycurragh 1  
**Total** 9

**Western Area:**  
Cottages completed to 31st December, 1955 88  
In progress Nil  
J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Engineer.

It was Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond, and resolved:—

"That we adopt the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of December, 1955."  
Passed unanimously.

**Housing at Rathnew**—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, referred to his request that a housing survey be carried out in Rathnew. The County Manager stated that from an examination of the applications received for tenancy of vacant cottages in the Rathnew district, there did not appear to be any demand for further houses. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that in many cases more than one family was living in a house and asked that a report be obtained from the Rent Collector on this point.

**Need for Houses in Other Districts**—Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea enquired when it was proposed to proceed with the erection of houses for other persons who had applied in 1949. The County Manager stated that from an examination of applications received for cottages in various parts of the county, it did not appear that there was a need for any additional houses and that any demand would be met by the normal vacancies arising from time to time.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Frank Gibney, Architect, on behalf of St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., Avoca, for approval to the erection of a hostel to accommodate 40 employees at Avoca. The report of the Council's Architect and recommendations of the County Engineer were submitted to the Council and also the report of the County Medical Officer. The Council noted the terms of the reports and agreed that permission be granted subject to the conditions indicated in the report of the Council's Architect. The Chairman suggested that a report should also be obtained from the Chief Fire Officer in regard to fire precautions.

**Club Rooms at Newtownmounckennedy**—The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had interviewed Very Rev. Father Masterson, P.P., Kilquade, in regard to the extensions to the Club Rooms at Newtownmounckennedy. The Council noted that it was proposed to move the entrance to the premises some distance towards Wicklow and that the front boundary wall would be kept low to give good visibility in both directions. It was noted also that Very Rev. Father Masterson would submit drawings showing the proposals for the provision of a stage.

**Hay Shed at Blessington**—The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that a structure was being erected on the lands of Mr. Mullaly at Blessington without permission having been given by the Council. A letter had been received from Messrs. J. P. and M. Doyle, Auctioneers and Livestock Salesmen, 138 Pearse Street, Dublin, stating that they had erected a hay shed in the paddock attached to the premises of Mr. Mullaly of Blessington, and that they had rented this paddock at the rear of his premises from him. The hay shed was stated to be situated 100 yards from the rear of the premises and 100 yards from the Lacken road. Messrs. Doyle stated they were sorry that they were not aware of the regulations. The Council decided to defer the matter for the report of the Council's Architect.

**Felling Application by Mr. Hugh Sweetman at Derrybawn**—The Secretary submitted letter of 30th December, 1955, from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, forwarding a map showing the area on which stood the 3,676 trees for the felling of which the Minister was prepared to issue a felling licence. The proposed licence would be subject to a replanting condition of 80,000 trees. There was no provision for the retention of any trees on the area indicated on the map. In order that there might be no misunderstanding the Department asked that the Council confirm that they had no objection to the felling of these trees on the area indicated on the map submitted. Having examined the map, the Council indicated that there was no objection to the issue of a felling licence subject to the replanting condition mentioned of 80,000 trees.

**Water Supply at Killavane**—Councillor O'Neill stated that he had received a complaint from a Mr. O'Reilly of Killavane, that the water supply had been cut off. The County Engineer was asked to investigate the matter.

ITEM No. 4—COTTAGES REPAIRED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1955

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer on the cottages repaired during the month of December, 1955, as circulated to members. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, referred to reports submitted by the

Rent Collectors in regard to the need for repairs to cottages to the Council Offices, Rathdrum, and transmitted from there to the County Engineer's Office and stated that he had received complaints that repairs were not attended to for some considerable time in certain cases. He asked that the matter be investigated.

**Cottage Purchase Scheme**—In reply to Councillor Miley, the County Manager stated that it had been found that some cottages erected at Baltyboys had not been included in the Cottage Purchase Scheme due to an error and that it might be necessary to make a separate scheme in respect of the cottages. The matter was being investigated.

#### ITEM No. 5—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th January, 1956, 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, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; J. Miley, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, 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, Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon, P. J. Foley and P. T. Hickey, and the County Architect, L. Cuffe, were present.

#### AGENDA

1. To consider applications under Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1956.
2. University Scholarship Scheme, 1956.
3. Report of Committee appointed by Council to meet representatives of employees' unions in regard to application for increase in wages of road workers.
4. Proposed appointment of Clerk/Typist for Baltinglass District Hospital.
5. Avoca Dispensary: Proposed extension of agreement pending erection of new dispensary.
6. Enniskerry Water Supply: To determine water rate for premises connected to the supply.
7. Water Supply for Carrignamuck, Knockananna.
8. Water Supply for Kilmurray Middle, Arklow.
9. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### ITEM No. 1—APPLICATIONS UNDER SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS' SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1956

The County Secretary stated that 61 applications had been received. Having considered all the applications, in committee, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the applications received in respect of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools for 1956, as submitted to this meeting, with the following exceptions:—

John M. Carolan, Maureen E. Carroll, Christina M. Cullen, Dorothy Kane, Colin G. Rothwell, Carmel C. Shaw, James P. Travers, Rose Turner, Jane Wall.

We defer for further consideration the following applications:—

Thomas J. Elliott, Patrick J. Jones, John Thomas Jones, Laura J. Martin, Alan Mundow."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that in the case of a parent working in England a deduction of £3 per week would be allowed for the purposes of the terms of the scheme relating to the means of parents. Members of the Council raised the question of applications which had been received after the prescribed date and the County Manager explained that such applications could not be considered.

#### ITEM No. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1956

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

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow,

14th December, 1955.

The Chairman and Members,  
Wicklow County Council.

University Scholarship Scheme

A Chara,

As arranged at the meeting of the Council held on the 12th instant, I enclose herewith copy of letter received from the Acting Bursar, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, giving his views in regard to the draft scholarship scheme.

As agreement was not reached with either the Corporation of Dublin or the Dublin County Council for reciprocal arrangements in regard to residence qualification, it is proposed to provide the following additional paragraph in Clause 2 of the Scheme:—

"The Council may in special circumstances accept residence in the area of another local authority for portion of period of 3 years referred to in the preceding paragraph as complying with the residential qualification provided always that the parents or guardians of the candidate were permanently resident in County Wicklow on the 1st October, 1955, and provided that such other local authority agrees to grant reciprocal arrangements in respect of residential qualification to candidates previously resident in County Wicklow."

I enclose herewith copy of the Scheme approved for 1955, which it is proposed to apply, with the appropriate amendments for the year 1956.

The Council, at meeting held on the 14th November, 1955, considered letter from University College, Dublin, indicating that the College would not be prepared to approve of the Council's scheme unless it was provided that scholarships were awarded on the recommendation of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, and were tenable at that College. It was suggested by the University College authorities that the following clause might be included in the scheme:—

"That in special circumstances a student may be allowed to hold a scholarship in any constituent or recognised college of the National University of Ireland or at Trinity College."

The University College authorities were informed that the Council considered the suggestions made in their letter as not being acceptable and were asked to reconsider the matter. To-date no further letter has been received from University College, Dublin.

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K. J. BRANGAN,

County Secretary.

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).

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that no reply had been received from University College, Dublin. The Council decided that copies of Scholarship Schemes for Dublin City and Dublin County be obtained and that proposed amendments to the Scholarship Scheme be circulated to the members and considered at the next meeting.

#### ITEM No. 3—ROAD WORKERS' WAGES

The County Secretary reported that a meeting of the committee appointed by the Council to meet representatives of the employees' Unions to consider applications for a revision of road workers' wages had been held on the 2nd January, 1956, at the Courthouse, Wicklow. The meeting was attended by Councillors H. J. Byrne (Chairman), W. Hammond, J. Miley, J. Haughton, J. O'Toole and G. Timmins. The Federation of Rural Workers was represented by Mr. R. Connolly and Mr. Murphy and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union by Councillor P. McCarthy, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Gannon of Head Office and Mr. Richardson of Bray. The committee, by a majority of three to two with one abstention, recommended that a wage of £5 6s. 0d. per week be paid to road workers with effect as from 5th August, 1955, in lieu of the rate of £5 3s. 6d., which had applied since that date. The effect of the recommendation was that there would be a further increase of 2/6 per week in the wages of road workers as from the date mentioned. The County Manager pointed out that this revision of 2/6 per week would be proportionate to the increase in road workers' wages as recommended by the Labour Court in the case of County Dublin. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Senator McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of the Committee of the Council appointed to meet representatives of employees' Unions, we approve of the payment of road workers employed by the Council at the rate of £5 6s. 0d. per week with effect from 5th August, 1955, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to defray the cost of this increase in wages."

Passed, Councillors McCarthy and Hammond not voting.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the establishment of a permanent staff of road workers be considered by the Council, and it was decided to include this matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 4—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF CLERK/TYPIST FOR BALTINGLASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council held on the 16th August, 1955, the Council had approved of additional nursing and domestic staff for Baltinglass District Hospital. The Council had considered at the time the matter of the appointment of a Clerk/Typist, but had recommended that the person then employed be continued in a temporary capacity. The position was now vacant and it was considered desirable that a permanent post of Clerk/Typist be created and filled from the panel formed after the last examination. The County Manager stated that following the completion of the extensions to the hospital, the bed complement had been increased substantially and a Clerk/Typist was necessary to attend to correspondence and accounts and the telephone. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,  
and resolved:—  
"That we approve of an increase in the permanent staff of the Council by the creation of one additional post of Clerk/Typist."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—AVOCA DISPENSARY**

The County Secretary stated that the Council held the premises used as a dispensary at Avoca from Lord Wicklow's Estate under an agreement for a period of two years, which expired on the 1st November, 1955, at a rent of £12 per year. The Estate had now requested a rent of £52 per year for an extension of the agreement until the new dispensary was erected. An offer of £26 per year had been made on behalf of the Council, but this had been refused. Having considered the matter, the Council were of opinion that a rent of £52 per annum was unreasonable and agreed that the rent of 10/- per week or £26 per year be offered again. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,  
and resolved:—  
"That having considered correspondence with the agent for the Lord Wicklow Estate we approve of the payment of a rent of 10/- per week for the premises used as a dispensary at Avoca pending the erection of a new dispensary."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY**

The County Secretary stated that as the new water supply scheme for Enniskerry was nearing completion, it would be necessary to decide upon the water rate to be levied on premises connected to the supply. No water rate had been levied on consumers who made use of the old supply. The net estimated annual expenditure on the scheme, including loan charges, would be £1,254-6-10s, and the valuation of the premises which could be connected to the supply was £934-15-0. A rate in the £ to meet all the annual outgoings would amount to £1-6-10. The rate in the £ required to meet the expenditure, excluding the loan charges, would be 6/5. The County Manager suggested that in the case of private dwellings, the valuation on which the water rate would be assessed, should be limited to £20 on any private dwelling. It was considered also that hotels and other premises using water for non-domestic purposes should be metered. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,  
and resolved:—  
"That we approve of the levying of a water rate of 6/- in the £ on premises connected to the new water supply at Enniskerry, subject to a maximum valuation of £20 on any private dwelling."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—WATER SUPPLY FOR CARRIGNAMUCK, KNOCKANANNA**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were three families living in the vicinity of the Cross Roads at Carrignamuck, Knockananna. Two of these were council tenants, living in isolated cottages, and the other was a farmer. All the families were living within a radius of 200 yards from the Cross Roads. The Assistant County Engineer recommended the provision of a pump at an estimated cost of £240. The Council had considered the matter on the 12th October, 1955, and had asked that the Health Inspector examine the present water supply available to the cottage tenants. The Health Inspector, in report of 12th December, 1955, stated that both cottages had an adequate water supply from wells and he did not recommend the provision of a pump, as they were isolated cottages. The Council noted the report of the Health Inspector and decided to adjourn the matter.

**ITEM No. 8—WATER SUPPLY AT KILMURRAY MIDDLE, ARKLOW**

The Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were two labourers' cottages situated about half a mile apart at Kilmurray Middle, one of which got water from a well in a nearby farmer's yard, but this had been stopped owing to dispute, and the other obtained water from a spring in a field. A well sunk half way between the two cottages would serve both of them and the cost would be about £240. The Health Inspector had reported that there was no proper water supply within a reasonable distance from three cottages in the district, but that the cottages were situated very far apart from each other, one being over 1,000 yards away and the other over 500 yards. The Assistant County Engineer, in a further report, agreed that the cottages were strung out along three-quarters of a mile of road and that it would not be possible to place a pump equal distant from the three. The Council approved of the provision of one pump to be sited at a point equidistant from the two further cottages, the cost of the work to be defrayed from loan and included on priority list.

**Appointment of District Medical Officer, Aghrim**—The County Manager informed the Council that a recommendation had been received from the Local Appointments Commission for the appointment of Dr. P. J. Gorman, 10 Bantry Road, Dublin, as District Medical Officer for Aghrim Dispensary Districts. In reply to enquiries from members regarding the Dispensary Residence, the County Manager stated that he would arrange to have a further report from the Engineer on the condition of the residence.

**Supply of Clothing to T.B. Patients**—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, stated that he had received complaints that there was delay in supplying clothing to patients in Newcastle Sanatorium. The County Manager stated that he would investigate the matter.

**Public Lighting, Grangecon**—Councillor P. Kehoe asked that a report be obtained as to the need for the provision of public lighting at Grangecon.

**Offices of Committee of Agriculture**—It was agreed that this matter be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

**Application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union for Revision of Temporary Allowance**—The Council decided that a meeting of the committee appointed to consider this matter be held after the termination of the Council meeting.

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 February, 1956, at 2 p.m.

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

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. O'Broin, J. D. Haughton.

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A letter from Councillor W. Hammond regretting his inability to attend on account of illness was submitted. The members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor Hammond for his speedy recovery to health.

**AGENDA**

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during the month of January, 1956.
2. Housing Scheme at Blessington: To consider further proposed erection of four houses under Tenant Purchase Scheme.
3. Housing Scheme at Aghrim: To consider further number of houses to be erected.
4. Rathnew Housing: Report requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.
5. Cottage Purchase Scheme—Preparation of maps: To consider recommendation of County Engineer.
6. To fix date for Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council.
7. Graded Rents Scale: To consider letter dated 16th January, 1956, from Department of Local Government.
8. Proposed water supply at Croneyhorn Upper Cross Roads.
9. Proposed water supply for houses at Kingston.
10. Proposed water supply at Ballymorris Lower, Aghrim.
11. Proposed water supply for cottages at Ballintombay and Cooldangan.
12. Proposed extension of watermain at Ballynulta.
13. Public Lighting at Boghall Road.
14. Public Lighting for cottages at Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.
15. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
16. Cottage repairs: Report regarding number of complaints received in Council offices and number of cottages repaired, as requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.
17. Report on cottage repairs during month of January, 1956.
18. Authorisation of repairs to cottages.

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Totals		
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Kindlestown	40	
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1952 Scheme (Site No. 1057) Ballynerrin	1	
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1050) Dunganstown	1	
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1049) Furzeditch	1	
	Total	255
Cottages in progress at 31st January, 1956:—		
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1952 Scheme, Ballard Upper, Ballinacor	2	
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<b>South-Eastern Area:</b>		
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Ballinglen	1	
Ballycurragh	1	
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<b>Western Area:</b>		
Cottages completed to 31st January, 1956		
In progress	88	
	Nil	
	Total	88

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Engineer.

The report was adopted by the Council.

#### ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT BLESSINGTON

The Council was informed that a recent check had been made on the applications for houses in the Blessington area and it had been found that there were 11 applicants still seeking the tenancy of Council houses. Formerly, three persons had indicated that they were interested in obtaining a house under the Tenant Purchase Scheme, but of the three, two had now indicated that they were no longer interested. Applications had, however, been received from three persons and an enquiry had been received from another person. Councillor Miley stated that he could furnish a list of names of a number of persons who were seeking both ordinary Council houses and houses under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. The Council agreed to proceed with the erection of 10 houses under the Labourers' Acts and deferred a decision in regard to the Tenant Purchase Type Houses for further examination.

#### ITEM No. 3—HOUSING SCHEME AT AUGHRIM

The Council was informed that when the scheme for the erection of houses at Aughrim was being prepared the Rent Collector had submitted a list of 14 persons in the district in need of housing. Recently a check had been made of the applications, and to date only 4 of these persons had confirmed that they were still seeking houses. Two houses were under construction under the 1952 Scheme at Aughavannagh, and since work on the houses had been started, the two original applicants had been suitably re-housed. Having regard to the report submitted, the Council decided to proceed with only four houses in the first instance.

#### ITEM No. 4—RATHNEW HOUSING

As requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the Rent Collector had been asked to carry out a survey in Rathnew and to indicate the cases in which Council houses were occupied by more than one family and in which overcrowding existed. The Rent Collector had reported that there were three cases; one cottage at Ballybeg, one at Merrymeeting and one at Rossana. In the first case, that at Ballybeg, the sub-tenant had applied for permission to erect a house at his own expense on a site on the plot attached to his father-in-law's cottage and the Council had agreed to the proposal, and the Department had been approached for sanction to the leasing of the site. In regard to the cottage at Merrymeeting, the tenant had previously left the cottage vacant and without obtaining permission from the Council. The Council had resumed possession of the cottage following court proceedings. It was possible that the tenant might again leave the cottage at some time in the future. In regard to the cottage at Rossana, the sub-tenant did not apply for any of the six vacant cottages advertised in the Rathnew district during the year ended 31st December, 1955. During the year in question, the tenancy of six cottages were advertised, and in two cases there were no applications received, in two other cases only one applicant, in one case there were two applicants, and in the remaining case, three applicants. In the case of a cottage at Cronakeary, applications for tenancy were invited on three occasions, but there were no applicants. At present there were three vacant cottages in the Rathnew district, two at Ballybeg and one at Cronakeary, and it would appear that the vacancies which occur from time to time would be adequate to meet any new housing needs. The Council asked that a report be obtained from the County Medical Officer in regard to the housing needs of the district.

#### ITEM No. 5—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME: PREPARATION OF MAPS

The following report of the Staff Officer was submitted:—

30th January, 1956.  
County Manager:

##### Cottage Purchase Scheme.

A total of 3,095 cottages are included in the Cottage Purchase Schemes made by the Council; 1,566 in the scheme made in 1938 and 1,529 in the scheme made in 1952.

The average number of cottages certified for Vesting each year by Engineering Staff during the past four years has been 60. It is quite evident from this rate of progress that 50 years will elapse before all the cottages are vested in the tenants. Total number of cottages certified to date by the Engineering staff is 399. This represents about 12½ per cent. of the total number of cottages included in the Purchase Schemes. The number of applications to purchase received to date is 1,242; 755 being in respect of the 1938 Scheme and 487 in respect of the number 2 Purchase Scheme. Additional applications are being received daily. The vesting of cottages imposes a considerable amount of work on the Engineering staff, as each plot must be carefully measured and mapped and three copies of the map prepared and forwarded to this office in order to facilitate the registration of title in the Land Registry. About one case in ten is referred back by the Irish Land Registry for re-

investigation, owing to the fact that the boundaries of the plots mapped do not correspond with the boundaries of the sites originally registered. In cases such as this the Assistant Engineer must revisit the site, remeasure it and confirm that the maps already prepared by him are correct, or alternatively prepare new maps.

It is felt that unless an Engineer is assigned (even temporarily) to the work of mapping sites for vesting, no appreciable progress will be made under these schemes.

As the Council has obtained a loan of £20,000 for the repair of cottages to be vested in the tenants, very large numbers of these cottages should be ready for vesting in the very near future, and I feel that a member of the Engineering staff should be assigned to this work until arrears have been overtaken. Moreover, a complete set of site maps for office use must be prepared in respect of the 1946 Scheme, which included 419 sites, and also for the 1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme, 43 sites.

(Signed) A. O'CONNOR,  
Staff Officer.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

5th January, 1956.

County Engineer: Additional Engineering Staff.

A Chara,

With regard to the preparation of site maps and marking of Ordnance Sheets in connection with the Cottage Purchase Scheme, I find on examination that there are approximately 3,000 applicants under this scheme, and for each applicant three site maps have to be prepared.

Some progress has been made in this connection and the position to date is as follows:—

Northern Area—1,024 cottages to be vested; 120 site maps completed.

South Eastern Area—660 cottages to be vested; 100 site maps completed.

South—600 cottages to be vested; 50 site maps completed.

West—640 cottages to be vested; 65 site maps completed.

When it is realised that in nearly every case the site has to be measured, plotted on the O.S. and then three copies made and coloured, it is obvious that the Assistant Engineers cannot hope to complete the work in a reasonable time and carry out their other work unless they receive assistance.

I, therefore, recommend that a Temporary Assistant Engineer be employed for the south and south-eastern areas to assist Mr. Caffrey and Mr. Hickey, and who could also act as Clerk of Works for the Aughrim Sewerage Scheme, Kirikee Contract Houses and also supervise the Direct Labour Housing Scheme in Aughrim if required. For this position I would recommend Mr. J. Caffrey (Jnr.), who has been Acting Assistant Engineer for the southern area.

For the northern area I would suggest, if the Consultant Engineer is agreeable, to allow the Clerk of Works on Laragh Bridge to give the equivalent of two days measuring the sites and to allow him to prepare the maps in his office on the Bridge site.

Mr. Fenlon and Mr. R. Kavanagh could also measure up sites and supply Mr. O'Fearghail at Laragh with further details to complete site maps. Should this prove unsatisfactory, it will be necessary to appoint an additional engineer for this work.

For the west I have already recommended that an engineer be employed as Clerk of Works on the housing schemes and to assist Mr. Foley in the preparation of the site maps for the Cottages Purchase Schemes.

With the additional staff I estimate that the preparation of all these site maps should be completed in about three months unless other work is given to them to do, and I mention that, as I understand from Mr. O'Connor, Rathdrum, that 6" O.S. marked with the sites of the 1946 and 1952 Housing Schemes are urgently required.

For remuneration I would recommend 12 guineas per week with certified travelling expenses.

Mise, le meas,  
(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting for further information from the County Engineer in regard to details of the work to be carried out in regard to the preparation of maps, etc.

#### ITEM No. 6—ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

The County Manager stated that under Section 10 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and Article 53 (a) of the Public Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1955, the Council could fix the date for the Estimates Meeting on any date between 9th February and 31st March. Formerly, the 16th February, had been the date prescribed by the Minister for the holding of the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

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

and resolved:—

"That we fix 20th February, 1956, as the date for the Estimates Meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering the Estimates for the year 1956-57; the meeting to be at 11 a.m."

#### ITEM No. 7—GRADED RENTS SCALE

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

16th January, 1956.

27/18/2.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letters of the 15th December, 1955, in regard to rents for serviced cottages generally and for unserviced cottages in course of erection under the 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme and to state that he approves of the terms of the County Manager's Orders of the 14th idem in the matter. It is presumed that the rents for the unserviced cottages are exclusive of rates. I am to refer you to Paragraph No. 6 of the enclosed memorandum and to suggest that the gradings should extend to the economic rents, the intermediate gradings being related to approximate levels of income, with provision for periodic review. Please notify the Department if the grading of the scales is extended as suggested.

I am to request that the statements enclosed be completed when submitting rent proposals for future schemes.

Mise, le meas,  
(Signed) G. A. MEAGHER.

Paragraph (6) of the Memorandum referred to reads as follows:—

"In the case of graded renting, a number of different rent levels might be struck ranging from the standard minimum downwards and the appointment of tenants to the houses should be made so that a reasonable concordance will exist between the rents of the houses and the tenants' family incomes. Alternatively, it might be decided that families earning, for example, £2 to £3 should pay x/-; those earning £3 to £4, y/-, and so on, a standard deduction from the rent allowance being made for each dependant. Schemes might provide for revision of rents yearly or at such other intervals as are considered appropriate."

Details of suggested scales of graded rents for serviced houses and for unserviced houses extended as suggested by the Department were submitted to the Council. The Council deferred the matter and asked that details of the scheme be circulated to the members.

#### ITEM No. 8—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY AT CRONEYHORN UPPER CROSSROADS.

The Assistant County Engineer had recommended and the County Engineer had approved of the installation of an electric pump on the well at present in use and piping water to a fountain convenient to the cottages. The total estimated cost as given in the report of the Assistant County Engineer of 7th

November, 1955, was £240. The number of houses to be served was 8, 3 being County Council cottages, 4 Coollattin Estate Cottages and one farmhouse. The total number of occupants was 21.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the installation of an electric pump on the well at present in use at Cronyhorn Upper Cross Roads and the piping of the water to a fountain convenient to the cottages at an estimated cost of £240, the cost to be defrayed from loan and the work included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 9—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY FOR HOUSES AT KINGSTON, RATHDRUM.**

The Assistant County Engineer in report dated 2nd December, 1955, recommended that a well and pump be erected at an estimated cost of £240. It was stated that there were 8 cottages, of which one was a County Council cottage and the remainder the properties of the individual occupants. Water is at present obtained from a well in a field about a quarter of a mile away, which goes dry in summer time. The Health Inspector stated that the total number of occupants was 42, and that the well was situated 300 yards from the nearest cottage and 500 yards from the furthest cottage. The Health Inspector recommended that a well be sunk and a pump erected or that the water supply from Avondale be extended. The Assistant County Engineer, in a further report, indicated that the cost of extending the water supply would be over £2,000.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton,  
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

and resolved:—

"That a well be sunk and a pump provided at Kingston, Rathdrum, at a cost of £240, work to be included on priority list and carried out in due order."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 10—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYMORRIS LOWER, AUGHTRIM.**

The Assistant County Engineer reported that there were 2 cottages and a private house at Ballymorris. One occupant got water from an overflow from a small stream and in summer from the river, the other tenant obtained water from a well at the edge of the river, which became flooded after heavy rain. Both approaches were steep and dangerous. He recommended that a well be sunk at a cost of about £240. As there was no other suitable source in the area, the Health Inspector also recommended the sinking of a well and erection of a pump. It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump to serve cottages at Ballymorris, the cost to be defrayed from loan and the work included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT BALLINTOMBAY AND COOLADANGAN.**

The Health Inspector reported that the three cottages concerned had no proper supply and that in his opinion a pump should be provided midway between Keegan's and Leacy's cottages. There was a total of 9 people in the cottages. He pointed out that although an improved supply was necessary, it was by no means an urgent case and could be deferred until the existing cases on the priority list were dealt with. The Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of sinking a well and provision of a pump at £240. It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump to serve cottages at Ballintombay and Cooladangan, the cost to be defrayed from loan and work included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 12—PROPOSED EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN AT BALLYNULTA.**

In regard to an application received for the extension of the water supply at Ballynulta, the Assistant County Engineer stated that there was a 2" connection from the Shillelagh water supply to a pump at Ballynulta, which was within 250 yards of the applicant's house. This connection could be extended to nearer the house and a pump erected, which would be convenient for another two tenants and three other small farms in the vicinity. It was unlikely, however, that the supply would be a good one. The Assistant County Engineer suggested that a better approach would be to replace the existing 2" pipe by 1½" plastic pipe to the fountain and then lay 1" tubing to a new fountain near Lawless' and allow him to take a ½" connection from it.

The cost of the first method would be £70 and of the second £150. The Health Inspector, in his report, stated that he had been under the impression that the persons concerned were willing to defray the cost of the extension, and stated that unless they were willing to do so, he would not recommend the extension, as they were all within a quarter of a mile of the existing fountain.

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of extension of watermain at Ballynulta as suggested by Assistant County Engineer in report of 5th January, 1956, at estimated cost of £150."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BOGHALL ROAD**

In letter of 18th January, 1955, the E.S.B. had indicated that on further investigation of the estimated cost, the two 200-watt lamps proposed to be provided on the south side of Boghall Road be serviced from the Council cottages and controlled by one time switch. By adopting this method and extending a greater space between the poles than normally used, it was possible to do the work at an estimated cost of £94. It was

Proposed by Councillor James O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of two public lights at Boghall Road, Bray, for the sum of £94."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 14—PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR COTTAGES AT BALLYBAWN, KILMACANOGUE.**

In reference to Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Engineer reported that there was a group of 18 cottages in the area, 8 of which had direct access from the main road. At present there was no served by an access road parallel to the main road. At present there was no public lighting in the vicinity, but the houses had been submitted to the E.S.B. for domestic lighting. The main road was rather narrow, and there was no footpath, and along one section the grade was rather steep. The houses, however, were an isolated group. There were no poles in a suitable position for the erection of lamps and the provision of public lighting would be rather expensive, as it would entail the erection of several poles providing a new network and time switch. As there were telegraph wires on the cottage side of the road, the lighting system would of necessity be on the other side, and this would reduce the amount of light reaching the access road. This could, however, be improved by having the height of the hedge between the main

road and the access road reduced by cutting. He indicated on map attached suggested sites for two lamps. The Council agreed that a quotation be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of two lamps.

**ITEM No. 15—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.**

With reference to a loan of £900 granted to Edwin Sheane in respect of the erection of a house at Ballinabarney, Wicklow, Mr. Sheane had now applied for a supplementary grant from the Council towards the cost of erection of the house. Mr. Sheane had given his income as £53 14s. 5d., approximately. The County Manager pointed out that when applying for the loan from the Council, Mr. Sheane had given his income as being approximately £500. He had been granted a loan, having regard to the fact that his income was taken to be that amount. The County Manager did not think that the making of a supplementary grant to Mr. Sheane could now be justified on the basis of a lower income figure now submitted. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**ITEM No. 16—COTTAGE REPAIRS.**

With reference to report requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the following details in regard to cottage repairs were submitted:— During the year from 1st January, 1955, to 31st December, 1955, a total of 462 complaints in writing were received from cottage tenants. All complaints were transmitted to the Engineering staff. During the year 296 of the cottages complained of were repaired, which is 64 per cent. I would, however, draw attention to the fact that it was obviously impossible for the Engineering staff to repair cottages during the year ending 31st December, 1955, in respect of which complaints were received during the month of December. Furthermore, I would point out that the Engineering staff has instructions to give priority in repairs to cottages for which applications to purchase have been received. Moreover, the County Council, at the Estimates Meeting in 1955, reduced the County Manager's estimate for cottage repairs from £12,850 to £9,850. It was found at the end of December, 1955, that the total allocation of £9,850 had been expended.

The County Manager pointed out that the original provision in the Council's estimates under the heading of Cottage Repairs was £10,000 for normal repairs and £2,850 to cover loan charges on a loan of £20,000 for repairs to cottages for the purposes of the Purchase Scheme. The provision for normal repairs was reduced by the Council from £10,000 to £7,000. The full amount of loan charges provided had not been required in the present year, but the cost of repairs had amounted to £9,850 by the end of December, 1955. The Council noted the report submitted.

**ITEM No. 17—COTTAGE REPAIRS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1956.**

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of January, 1956, as circulated to the members.

**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.

**1952 Agreed Sites Scheme**—On the 26th January, 1956, a circular had been addressed to each approved applicant under the above-named scheme and it now appeared that in 15 cases the applicants no longer required cottages. Details of the sites concerned and the applicants were submitted to the Council. The Council decided to refer the matter for examination by the Local Housing Committees.

**Coat of Arms for County Council**—The County Manager informed the Council that the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow were arranging for the registration of Coats of Arms for their respective areas. He felt that it would be desirable for the County Council also to have a Coat of Arms prepared and registered; it was considered that the use of a Coat of Arms added prestige to a local authority, and such insignia would be available, with the consent of the Council, for use on souvenirs for tourist purposes.

The Council approved of the County Manager's suggestion and asked that he investigate the matter and submit proposals.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th February, 1956, 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, W. Cleary, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; James Milroy, S. O'Tuathail, B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; 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. Hickey attended.

#### AGENDA

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th November, 5th and 12th December, 1955, and 2nd and 9th January, 1956.
- To fill vacancy on Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
- Renewal of Licences under Cinematograph Act.
- Applications under Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1956: To give further consideration to applications deferred.
- To give further consideration to renewal of University Scholarships.
- University Scholarship Scheme, 1956: To consider proposed amendments to scheme adopted in previous year.
- Application from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for closing of roads at Wicklow in relation to Motor Cycle Race to be held on the 16th June, 1956, and Motor Car Race to be held on 21st July, 1956.
- To consider proposed establishment of permanent staff of road workers.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that road at Manor Kilbride be taken over by the Council.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless that Glencap Lane, Kilmacanogue, be taken over and maintained by the Council.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill that the Council provide a residence for the Assistant County Engineer appointed for the southern engineering district.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson as follows: "That we, the Wicklow County Council, view with alarm the rapidly mounting number of deaths and maimings as a result of accidents on our roads and that we ask the Government to take immediate steps to prevent the slaughter."
- Report of Committee appointed by the Council to consider application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union for revision of temporary allowance to officers of the Council.
- Aughrim Sewerage Scheme: Recommendation of Consultant.
- Report of County Engineer regarding Carnew Sewerage Scheme.
- New water supply for village of Newcastle.
- Letter from Department of Health regarding proposed rearrangement of areas between Public Analysts.
- Letter from Department of Agriculture in regard to the making of arrangements for permanent filling of existing temporary posts as Veterinary Inspectors in the county.
- Letter from An Taisce, National Trust for Ireland, in regard to proposed mining development at Avoca and letter from St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole as follows: "That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, ask the Government to restore the 12/6 per barrel on Irish-grown wheat to the Irish farmers."
- Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Dr. Donnelly and M. Deering, T.D., as follows: "That this Council ask the Minister for Finance to introduce legislation whereby the vendors of whiskey and allied spirits be compelled to reduce their prices to an equitable price."
- Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Absence of Councillor**—The County Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Councillor William Clarke enclosing a Medical Certificate indicating that he had been ill since August and would be unfit to resume his duties for some months. On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. Lawless, the Council granted leave of absence to Councillor W. Clarke for a further period of three months. The members of the Council asked that their best wishes be extended to Councillor Clarke for his speedy restoration to health.

**Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy**—The Council noted letter from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., expressing on behalf of his brothers, sisters and himself, sincere thanks to the Chairman and members of the Council, the County Manager and members of the Council's staff for their kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th November, 5th and 12th December, 1955, and 2nd and 9th January, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—VACANCY ON RATHDRUM O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE**  
At the suggestion of the County Secretary, the Council agreed to defer this matter pending receipt of further information from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee.

#### ITEM No. 3—RENEWAL OF CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had submitted reports in regard to the Ormonde Cinema, Greystones; Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, and St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew. There appeared to be no objection to the renewal of cinematograph licences in respect of these cinemas subject to compliance with the recommendations of the Chief Fire Officer in each case. In regard to the Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass, the Chief Fire Officer pointed out that this was the only cinema in the county which had not a system of secondary lighting, and he considered this should be provided. When renewing the licences in the previous year, the Council had made it a condition that secondary lighting be provided. It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the issue of licences under the Cinematograph Act in respect of the following cinemas, subject to compliance with the recommendations of the Chief Fire Officer: Ormonde Cinema, Greystones; Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, and St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew."

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to defer the renewal of the licence for the Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass, pending the provision of secondary lighting.

#### ITEM No. 4—APPLICATIONS UNDER SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES, 1956

The Council considered applications which had been deferred from the previous meeting for further examination. In the case of applicants, Patrick J. Jones and John T. Jones, 22 Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, Delgany, the County

Secretary stated that the income of the parent appeared to be within the limits prescribed in the scheme. The Council agreed that the application be accepted, but asked that a reply be requested from Mr. Jones in regard to the difference between the amount of income as shown in the application for the scholarship scheme and the amount shown in his application for a loan some while ago.

In the case of the application of Rose Marie M. Turner, 20 Ballywaltrim, Bray, the County Secretary stated that the E.S.B., by whom Mr. Turner was employed, had indicated that the greater part of the figure given for overtime earned by Mr. Turner during the year to 31st December, 1955, in fact, represented subsistence. If the amount paid for subsistence were excluded the application would come within the limits of the scheme.

The Council agreed that the income in this case was within the limits of the scheme.

In regard to the application of Jane Mary M. Wall, 17 O'Byrne Road, Bray, the County Secretary stated that if an allowance at the rate of £3 per week, as suggested by the Council at the previous meeting be made in respect of the father's earnings in England the income would come within the limit in the scheme. In regard to this application and also in regard to the application of Helen Patricia Tobin, 63 O'Byrne Road, Bray, whose father had been employed in England during part of the year, the County Secretary stated that it would appear to be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Minister for Education to the acceptance of these applications and to the making of the allowance as suggested by the Council. The Council considered that the application of Thomas J. Elliott, Griffith Street, Arklow, should be accepted, as the income of the father exceeded the limit prescribed in the scheme by only £1 16s. 11d. The Council noted that the acceptance of this application would also be subject to the sanction of the Minister. The Council noted that the applications of Laura J. Martin, 13 Mill Road, Killincarrig, and Alan Mundow, 2 Glenburgh Terrace, Dargle Road, Bray, were not regarded as complying with the conditions of the scheme in regard to means. It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the acceptance of the following applications under the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for 1956, subject to the sanction of the Minister:—

Patrick J. Jones, 22 Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, Delgany.

John T. Jones, 22 Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, Delgany.

Rose Marie M. Turner, 20 Ballywaltrim, Bray.

Jane Mary M. Wall, 17 O'Byrne Road, Bray.

Thomas J. Elliott, 31 Griffith Street, Arklow.

The following applications are refused as not complying with the conditions in regard to means of parents or guardians:—

Laura J. Martin, 13 Mill Road, Killincarrig.

Alan Mundow, 2 Glenburgh Terrace, Dargle Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the proposed acceptance of the application of Thomas J. Elliott, although the income exceeded the limit prescribed in the scheme, was not to be taken as a precedent.

#### ITEM No. 5—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following letter from Gabriel F. Haughton, B.A., Solicitor, was submitted:—

"St. Anne's,"  
Wicklow

11th February, 1956.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.  
Dear Sir,

With reference to my correspondence with you in connection with a scholarship which I hold from the County Council I would be obliged if you would inform the Council that in the circumstances I have decided to commence private practice as a solicitor and to continue my studies at University College at my own expense.

Perhaps you would also convey to the members of the Council my sincerest thanks for the financial assistance which enabled me to enter a profession which, without it, would have been closed to me.

Your faithfully,

(Signed) GABRIEL F. HAUGHTON.

The Council noted that Mr. Haughton intended to continue his studies at University College at his own expense. The Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Mr. Haughton for success in his profession.

#### ITEM No. 6—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1956

It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we appoint a sub-committee of the members to consider the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1956: Councillors W. Cleary, P. McCarthy, Dr. B. Donnelly, Senator J. J. McCrea, G. Timmins, J. D. Haughton, C. W. Hudson and H. J. Byrne."

Passed unanimously.

It was decided that the committee would meet on Monday, 27th February, 1956, at the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m.

#### ITEM No. 7—APPLICATION FROM LEINSTER MOTOR CLUB, LTD., FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT WICKLOW.

The following letter from the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., was submitted:—

27 South William Street,  
Dublin.

24th January, 1956.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.  
Dear Sir,

My committee have instructed me to formally apply for permission to close the roads, Wicklow, Beehive, Rathnew, Wicklow, for the Leinster Two Hundreds Motor Cycle Races, to be held on Saturday, 16th June, 1956, between the hours of two o'clock (2.0 p.m.) and six forty-five o'clock (6.45 p.m.) and on the evenings of Thursday, 14th, and Friday, 15th June, between the hours of seven thirty (7.30 p.m.) and nine thirty (9.30 p.m.) for practising.

We shall also require a closing order for the Leinster Trophy Car Races, run over the same circuit on Saturday, 21st July, 1956, between the hours of two o'clock (2.0 p.m.) and seven o'clock (7.0 p.m.), and on the evenings of Thursday, 19th, and Friday, 20th July, between the hours of seven thirty (7.30 p.m.) and nine thirty (9.30 p.m.) for practising.

It is the intention of the club to run two one-hundred-mile handicap races for the cars this year, hence the difference in time from last season's road closing order for this event.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) CHARLES W. NICHOLL,

Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the application be granted, but had pointed out that the opinion was expressed at the recent meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council that the roads should be re-opened at a time somewhat earlier than 9.30 p.m. for practices and he agreed with the opinion. The Chairman stated that he thought the Council

should, before granting permission, investigate safety precautions for spectators at these events. The Council decided that details of safety precautions to be taken in the interests of spectators be obtained from the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., and that the views of the Garda Síochána in this matter also be obtained. The Council agreed also that an enquiry on the matter be addressed to the International Organisation controlling motor races. The matter was accordingly deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 8—PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT STAFF OF ROAD WORKERS**

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow,  
13th February, 1956.

County Secretary.

re: Proposed Establishment of Permanent Staff of Road Workers.

Dear Sir,

I wish to offer the following comments on this proposal.

The Wicklow County Council is the largest employer of labour, skilled and unskilled, in this county, but owing to the varied types of works and to its widely distributing activities throughout every district in the Co. Wicklow, this fact is not fully appreciated. Usually the road worker who finds himself in isolated units and, therefore, under closer observation by the public, is open to and receives much more severe criticism of his work than does the employee of a similar industrial concern.

I have always felt that the road workers should, therefore, if possible, be treated in the manner of workers in other firms where a permanent staff is maintained throughout the year. I would suggest, however, that the word "permanent" in connection with road workers is not suitable, and more appropriately the description "full time" employment is desirable.

It is difficult to maintain a regular full-time staff of workers throughout the year because of the unfortunate interest which must be shown by the County Council in the matter of the relief of unemployment, and, consequently, the engagement of large numbers of casual workers from time to time during the year seriously interferes with whole-time employment of any substantial numbers otherwise.

In my opinion, nevertheless, it should be possible that a fully-employed staff of road workers should be engaged throughout the whole 12 months, but this will be dependent upon several conditions; the most suitable individuals would be selected by the Engineering staff; it should be permissible that men recognised as County Council workers could be, if desired, brought from district to district, and this would be the most economical way to carry out the work.

No doubt, casual workers would have to be employed from time to time as perhaps is done in many other firms, but this would not and should not interfere with the position of whole-time workers. We have, as will be appreciated, several road workers who, whilst not perhaps legally recognised as permanent, nevertheless, are retained all the year round, but if the County Council agrees to set up a whole-time staff, this number could be greatly added to.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to adjourn consideration of the proposal and to have the report of the County Engineer circulated to the members.

**ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY THAT ROADS AT MANOR KILBRIDE BE TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNCIL**

The County Secretary stated that Assistant County Engineer P. J. Foley was ill and had been unable to submit a report in regard to the road. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS THAT GLENCAP LANE, KILMACANOGUE, BE TAKEN OVER AND MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL**

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

10th February, 1956.

County Secretary.

re: Glencap Lane, Kilmacanogue.

Dear Sir,

Further to previous correspondence on above, I have investigated this matter and would report as follows:—

The road in question is a branch off County Road No. 29 and leads from the right angle bend near Kilmacanogue in a southerly to south-west direction towards Sugar Loaf Mountain. It is a private road, on which there are eight dwellings, with 24 inhabitants. The road is approximately 700 lin. yards and the carriageway varies in width from 7' to 9', with a clear width between fences (on the section that is fenced) of 10' 6" to 12'.

At present the roadway is in pretty poor condition, and in places the foundation stones of the road are visible. This seems to be due to the fact that surface water has frequently run down the laneway and has carried away gravel and any other form of surfacing which has been put on the road. The grades on some sections of the road are rather steep.

I understand that some four or five years ago the Board of Works carried out repairs to this laneway to the value of £400, erecting a retaining wall and surfacing the road. A lot of this work has gone to loss however, as in the meantime the road has not been maintained properly. To put the road into a passable condition and to reduce the cost of maintenance, drainage works along the entire length of the carriageway would have to be carried out and the surface gravelled. The estimated cost of doing this is £250.

There is a branch lane leading from this road, on which there are several houses (20 inhabitants), two of which are occupied only in the summertime. This branch road is approximately 400 yards long and seven feet wide and is in very bad condition, being deeply rutted by storm water from the mountain. A drain crosses this lane at the junction with the main lane. This would have to be piped or bridged to preserve the carriageway. The cost of initial repairs to this road is estimated at £230.

Both these roads may be treated as cul-de-sacs, as apart from the lengths mentioned above, the continuation of the right of way reduces to a grass path. I understand that during the summer periods the main laneway is used frequently by motorists for access to Sugar Loaf and by boy scouts for access to week-end camps on the mountain.

In view of the initial cost of restoration and the estimated cost of maintenance, which would be in the region of £35 per annum, and in view of the fact that the road is a cul-de-sac, I do not think that it should be taken over by the Council.

Your faithfully,

R. M. FENLON,  
Assistant County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the total valuation of the houses in the townland of Glencap Commons, excluding Kilmacanogue, was £77 5s. 0d., and only three houses carried a valuation of £10 or more. The Council decided that a scheme be submitted under the Local Authorities (Works) Act for drainage and improvements of the laneway. It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we seek a grant under the Local Authorities (Works) Act towards improvements of Glencap Lane."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. O'NEILL THAT THE COUNCIL PROVIDE A RESIDENCE FOR THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER FOR THE SOUTHERN ENGINEERING DISTRICT**

The matter having been discussed by the Council, it was considered that the Assistant County Engineer might consider the question of seeking a loan under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts in respect of the erection of a new house.

**ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR C. W. HUDSON IN REGARD TO DEATHS AND MAIMINGS AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENTS ON OUR ROADS**

In the course of the discussion on the motion, which was moved by Councillor C. W. Hudson and seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly referred to the Road Courtesy Proposals of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Organisation, and on the proposal of Councillor Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D., it was decided to add to the proposal commendation to the public of the road safety proposals. The following resolution was passed by the Council.

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

and resolved:—

"That we view with alarm the rapidly mounting number of deaths and maimings as result of accidents on our roads, and that we ask the Government to take immediate steps to prevent this slaughter, and we commend to the public the road courtesy proposals of the St. John Ambulance Brigade organisation."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION FOR REVISION OF TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE FOR OFFICERS**

The County Secretary stated that the Committee had met on the 6th February, 1956, and had recommended an increase of 7½ per cent. of salaries, with a ceiling of £600. It was indicated by the Committee that the cost of living increase which had occurred would not so materially affect persons on the higher scales of salaries so as to require an increase in salary. Having regard to the increased burden to be borne by the rate-paying community, the Committee did not feel that they would be justified by adding to such burden by recommending increases in salaries, which would have to be met from rates to officers in receipt of salaries on the higher scales. The County Secretary stated that the net cost of applying the increase in salary on the basis recommended by the Committee would be £3,842, which would require a rate of approximately 3½d. The cost of granting increases in salaries on the basis approved in respect of the Civil Service would amount to £5,735 and would be equivalent of a rate of something over 4½d.

The Committee also recommended that consideration be given to the grading of the clerks in the offices of the Assistant County Engineers as Clerk-Typists on the scale approved for that post.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to adjourn it for consideration at the Estimates meeting.

**ITEM No. 14—AUGHRIM SEWERAGE SCHEME**

The County Secretary stated that the Consultant for Aughrim Sewerage Scheme had reported on the tenders and had recommended in report of 25th October, 1955, the acceptance of the tender of Edward Lee, Arklow, at £16,011 18s. 6d. The tender submitted by Mr. Edward Lee amounted to £15,917 8s. 1d., but a check of the Bill of Quantities disclosed errors which, when adjusted, brought the amount to the figure mentioned. The Consultant also directed attention to the fact that Mr. Lee had included a sum of only £10 to cover the Mill Race crossing, and the Consultant considered this could not be carried out for less than £148 12s. 0d. In a further report of the 16th December, 1955, the Consultant stated that Mr. Lee's price had been rechecked and his tender adjusted to the figure of £16,056 15s. 0½d., and acceptance of the tender at this figure was recommended. The Consultant stated that he had been assured by the contractor that he was in a position to have the Mill Race crossing carried out whilst water was diverted, the agreement of the land owner having been secured, and in these circumstances the figure of £10 for that part of the work could be accepted. The contractor had also agreed to reduce his time for the completion of the contract from 18 months to 15 months. The County Engineer agreed with the recommendation of the Consultant.

As a result of a check of the Bills of Quantities carried out in the Council offices, it was ascertained that Mr. Lee had not made provision for increases in wages for building operatives granted on the 16th September, 1955, whereas the three lowest tenderers had allowed for this increase. The matter was referred to the Consultant, and in letter of 31st January, 1956, he indicated that the adjustment of the wage rates to the new rates would not affect the lowest tender. Furthermore, the times of completion given by the three lowest tenderers would not affect the selection of the lowest tender. The Council's Solicitor saw no objection to the acceptance of the amended tender of Mr. Edward Lee. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of the Consulting Engineer and recommendation of the County Engineer and opinion of the Council's Solicitor, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Edward Lee, Arklow, in the sum of £16,056 15s. 0½d. for Aughrim Sewerage Scheme, subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—CARNEW SEWERAGE SCHEME

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
6th February, 1956.

County Secretary.

re : Carnew Sewerage Scheme.

Dear Sir,

With reference to complaint submitted by Captain Spicer, Carnew.

The effluent from the existing septic tank enters an open drain and flows through his fields before final dispersal in the river at the lower end of the field. Captain Spicer complains that the effluent from the drains causes a nuisance. It would seem that last year a similar complaint was made by Captain Spicer, and the County Council then piped and enclosed some of the drain. The complaint now relates to a further 130 lin. yards of drain (which, incidentally, adjoins the public road). The Assistant Engineer, in the course of his inspection, found little cause for complaint, but was informed that in summer months this portion of the drain becomes offensive. While undoubtedly the piping of the drain would cure the present complaint relating to that particular section, there would still remain about 600 yards of drain upstream of which Captain Spicer might well appeal to have piped at any future date and on the same grounds as the present 130 lin. yards.

When this sewerage scheme was constructed, Captain Spicer was not in occupation of these lands, and it is understood that the then owner raised no objection to the layout.

The cost of the piping now sought would be £130; 15" diameter pipe to be required.

I inspected the layout personally last week, and a better approach to the problem might be to improve the effluent at the disposal works. The septic tank effluent now passes directly into the drain, and much piping would be avoided by overhauling the present percolating filters by removing the distributor arms, which are now gone beyond repair.

I recommend, therefore, that new distributor arms be provided with necessary dosing chambers and syphons, etc., and I think that this improvement at the disposal works should eliminate any need for piping and would finally result in a less expenditure.

If you will approve, I will have the works examined in detail and submit an estimate.

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

The Council agreed with the County Engineer's recommendation for the overhauling of the sewage disposal works and authorised the carrying out of the works as recommended by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 16—NEW WATER SUPPLY FOR VILLAGE OF NEWCASTLE

The County Secretary stated that in January, 1955, a memorial signed by a number of residents in the village of Newcastle had been received in which it was requested that the water supply for the village be examined and steps taken to improve it. It was suggested that the Council might be in a position to improve the supply by connecting up with the Dublin Corporation main at Newcastle Sanatorium. The Chief Medical Officer reported that the present water supply gave consistent unsatisfactory results. The source of the water was bad, and the gathering ground highly contaminated. He considered that the most satisfactory and economic solution in the long run would be to obtain a supply from Dublin Corporation. The scheme supplies 33 houses and two schools. The County Engineer, in his report, suggested that the Dublin Corporation main be extended from Newcastle Sanatorium to the supply tank at Newcastle, which was a little over a mile. He estimated the cost of laying 4" diameter pipeline, valves, etc., at £2,500. In further report of 26th January, 1956, the County Engineer stated that Dublin Corporation would be prepared to grant the Council the facilities sought, but insisted on the provision of a break pressure tank at the end of the existing main, this tank to be over 12,000 gallons capacity. The revised estimate of cost, including provision of the tank was £3,500. Councillor Lawless suggested that it would be desirable to extend the main to serve group of cottages south of Newcastle village. The Council agreed to defer the matter pending a further report from the County Engineer in regard to the cost of such extension.

ITEM No. 17—PROPOSED RE-ARRANGEMENT OF AREAS BETWEEN PUBLIC ANALYSTS

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health proposed to re-arrange areas between public analysts. A vacancy for Dublin City Analyst would arise shortly and it was considered an appropriate time to reorganise areas on a regional basis. Wicklow County would be included in the eastern region, and the appointment to the amalgamated post would be made by Dublin Corporation. The remuneration of the analyst would be paid by Dublin Corporation, who would be recouped by the other local authorities in the region on an agreed basis. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"Having considered letter of 13th December, 1955, from Department of Health we approve of the making of an Amalgamation Order in respect of post of Public Analyst in accordance with the details set out in the Department's letter."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—POSITIONS OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS

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

Department of Agriculture,  
Dublin.

20th January, 1956.

No. 11/29/28.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 18th November and previous correspondence about the proposed re-organisation of local authority veterinary services in County Wicklow in connection with the permanent filling of the posts involved, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he notes that Wicklow County Council is not prepared to create an additional post of part-time Veterinary Inspectors.

It will be necessary, however, for the Council to have the usual arrangements made for the permanent filling (on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners) of the existing five posts in the county (excluding

Bray Urban District) held on a temporary basis. For the purpose of the permanent appointments it is considered that the county (excluding Bray Urban District) should be re-divided into five suitable districts, in each of which a part-time permanent veterinary inspector would be appointed with appropriate remuneration to carry out both public health (meat and milk inspection) duties and duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The present division of duties in the county appears unsatisfactory, both as regards the layout of the districts and the division of duties in the same district between more than one veterinary inspector.

It is accordingly proposed that the county should be re-divided on the lines of the enclosed draft scheme. The scheme would involve the amalgamation of the existing posts of veterinary inspector under the Wicklow and Arklow Urban District Councils with posts for the respective adjoining rural areas under the County Council.

Arrangements are being made for a veterinary officer of this Department to discuss the matter further with the County Manager as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) D. J. BUCKLEY,  
Secretary.

Suggested Division of County Wicklow (excluding Bray Urban District) into Five Districts.

District	Population	Area (Acres)	Dairies	Slaughter-houses
1. Rathdrum No. 2 former Rural District and Newcastle Dispensary District.	11,304	57,019	111	6
2. Baltinglass No. 1 former Rural District	9,612	154,966	117	9
3. Wicklow and Annamoe Dispensary Districts	8,661	84,374	114	7
4. Arklow, Avoca and Dunganstown Dispensary Districts	10,036	58,403	204	7
5. Rathdrum and Aughrim Dispensary Districts and Shillelagh former Rural District	10,915	144,428	108	9

The Council asked that copies of the letter and of the proposed arrangements of the districts be circulated to the members and the matter be considered at the next meeting.

**Enniskerry Water Supply**—The Council agreed to receive a deputation from residents of Enniskerry in regard to the proposed water rate to be charged in the area at the next meeting of the Council.

**Inclusion of Items on Agenda**—The County Secretary stated that in view of the provision of Standing Orders in regard to the submission of Notices of Motion, if during the period between meetings any member felt that a particular matter should be included on the agenda for the following meeting, he might communicate with the Chairman, who could then give the necessary instructions to the Secretary. The Council agreed with this suggestion.

The Council decided to defer the remaining items on the agenda for consideration at an adjourned meeting following the Estimates Meeting to be held on the 20th February, 1956.

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

By Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea (For Housing Committee Meeting):

"The question of the sewerage for Bachelor's Walk and Quarry Street, Shillelagh."

For County Council Meeting:

"The question of repairs to Union Lane, Shillelagh."



The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th February, 1956, 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, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. J. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

The Table Explanatory of the Estimates and the County Manager's statement thereon had been circulated to each member of the Council.

The Council proceeded to examine the Estimates in detail, having decided to defer consideration of the Estimate for Roads until the Estimates for the other services had been examined.

**Health Services**—The following letters in regard to the extension of the Health Services had been circulated to the members:—

**Wicklow County Council.**

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
10th February, 1956.

The Chairman and Members,  
Wicklow County Council.

**Estimates, 1956/1957—Health Services.**

A Chara.

I wish to inform you that in a letter of the 8th February, 1956, the Department of Health have indicated that there will be some extensions in health services in the coming financial year and increases in certain charges. This information was received after the Annual Estimates for the coming year had already been prepared.

In the coming year it will be necessary to provide for Hospital and Specialist Treatment for persons in the "Middle Income Group" (i.e., those with an income under £600 per year or farmers whose valuation do not exceed £50) and that the capitation rate for hospitals is being increased by 2/- per day and also by a further 15 per cent. in respect of certain hospitals to cover the cost of visiting medical staffs. The present charge for maintenance in certain voluntary hospitals is £5 12s. 0d. per week; the revised charge (including the percentage to cover costs of maternity and infant services) is being increased, and the Mother and Child service is also being extended.

It is intended also to extend the District Nursing service to new areas and to provide for increased contributions to voluntary nursing agencies. In addition, fees will be payable to private midwives.

It will be appreciated that this extension of the services and the increased charges which have been notified will have a serious effect on the estimates as already circulated, as special provision has not been made in these estimates to meet the cost of the matters which the Department of Health has now decided should be introduced in the coming financial year. The cost of the extension of the services is at present being calculated and the revised estimate for these services will be supplied as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas.

M. FLANNERY,  
Wicklow County Manager.

**Wicklow County Council.**

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
16th February, 1956.

The Chairman and Members,  
Wicklow County Council.

**Estimates, 1956/1957—Extensions to Health Services.**

A Chara.

Further to my letter of the 10th February, 1956, in regard to the extension of Health Services in the coming year, the cost of the extended services has now been calculated, and it is estimated that the cost would be as set out hereunder. The additional rate of 10d. in the £ which would be required to meet the cost of these new services would result in the total rate as set out in the Estimates circulated to you being increased from 33/2 to 34/-.

Mise, le meas.

M. FLANNERY,  
Wicklow County Manager.

<b>Extern Institutions.</b>	
Increase in Capitation Charge	£4,800
Provision for Hospital Services for Middle Income Group	7,060
Maternity Hospitals—Increase in Capitation Charge	600
Provision of Services for Middle Income Group	2,300
T. B. Hospitals—Increase in Capitation Charge	3,125
<b>Total for Hospital Treatment</b>	<b>£17,885</b>
<b>Mother and Child Services:</b>	
Increase in Fees to Medical Practitioners and Provision for Extension of Service to Middle Income Group	£4,125
Increased Provision for Fees for Professional Assistance	50
Fees for Midwives	1,450
Obstetrical Requisites for Middle Income Group	287
Additional District Nurse, including Travelling Expenses	650
	£6,562
<b>Specialist Services: Extension of Service to Middle Income Group</b>	<b>700</b>
Provision for Increases in Contributions to Voluntary Nursing Agencies	383
	£25,530
<b>Less recoupment from Health Services Grant</b>	<b>£12,765</b>
<b>Increase Provision to be Made from Rates</b>	<b>£12,765</b>

The County Manager pointed out that provision had not been made in the Estimates as circulated to the members for the extension of the Health Services as indicated in the letters sent to the members, and if the amounts indicated were to be provided a rate of 34/- in the £ would be required.

Having regard to the reduction in the numbers of persons requiring treatment in sanatoria, the Council decided to reduce the provision for extern institutions for tuberculosis by £3,125.

**Extern Institutions—General Hospitals:** The Council approved of the additional provision of £11,860 to cover increase in capitation charge and the extension of services for the middle income group, but decided to reduce the provision as shown in the Estimates circulated by £1,700 to the figure provided in the current year. The net amount to be provided was, therefore, £40,660.

**Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:** The Council decided to reduce the provision for salaries and travelling expenses under this heading by £980 to £2,000. The Council considered that it was unlikely that an additional whole-time dentist would take up duty early in the financial year.

**Specialists' Services:** The Council decided to reduce the provision for salaries and fees to £500, and the provision for fees to physiotherapists to £300; these figures to include the extension of the services to the middle income group.

**Boarding-out, etc., of Children:** Councillor J. D. Haughton suggested that many of the foster parents would be willing to adopt the children boarded out with them, and suggested that the provisions of the Adoption Act be brought to their notice.

**St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum:** The County Manager informed the Council in committee of the proposed alternative use of St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, for the maintenance of old persons at present in Grangeorgan Mental Hospital. Newcastle Sanatorium was now in a position to provide accommodation for all T.B. patients at present in St. Kevin's Sanatorium. A report on the matter would be submitted to the Consultative Health Committee and to the Council as soon as full information was available.

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

The Council approved of the amounts provided under this heading in the Estimates.

**MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICES**

The Council approved of the amount provided under this heading in the Estimates.

**SANITARY SERVICES**

The Council approved of the amount provided in the Estimates under this heading.

In regard to the provision for Burial Grounds, the County Manager drew attention to the need for revising the charges for grave spaces and interments in Arklow Cemetery. The cemetery was maintained by the County Council but catered mainly for the needs of the Urban District of Arklow. The charges were very low as compared with those made for the Burial Ground at Merry-meeting, which was under the control of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board. The Council agreed that the County Manager prepare an amended list of charges for Arklow Cemetery.

**HOUSING**

The Council decided to reduce the provision for repairs to cottages by £6,000. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had 3,250 cottages, and that a sum of £7,950, of which £2,950 was for loan charges on the loan for the repair of cottages under the Cottage Purchase Scheme, would be inadequate to maintain the cottages and to provide for essential repairs. The Council considered that priority should be given to repairs to cottages in respect of which applications for purchase had been received, and only the most essential repairs should be carried out from revenue.

The County Manager pointed out that as a result of the revision of remuneration in recent years, the income of tenants had increased substantially, and that it would be necessary to revise rents under the Graded Rents Scheme.

**GENERAL PURPOSES**

The County Secretary stated that the National Council for the Blind had asked that the Council's grant to be blind be increased, as they found difficulty in meeting expenses. The Council agreed to increase the grant to an amount of £50 per annum.

**ROADS**

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 11th February, 1956, from the Department of Local Government the Road Fund Grant to the Council for the year 1956/57 had been indicated.

The total amount of the grant was the same as that given in the current year, i.e. £82,000, but the apportionment of the grant between County Roads and Main Roads had been changed; a further £5,400 having been allocated to County Roads and the Main Road Improvement Grant being reduced by the same amount.

Following a discussion, the amount provided in the Estimates for the Road Services was approved by the Council on the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill.

**REVISION OF TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS**

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill.

That we allow an increase in temporary allowance to officers on the basis of 10 per cent. on salary up to £600.

Councillor J. Miley drew attention to the anomalies which would arise from the fixing of a ceiling of £600, and proposed that a temporary allowance at the rate of 7½ per cent. be granted to all officers, subject to a maximum payment of £49 10s. 0d.

The proposal was not seconded.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

That the recommendation of the Committee for an increase of 7½ per cent. on temporary allowances, limited to salaries not exceeding £600, be accepted.

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

**In Favour**—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. McCrea, W. Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; J. O'Toole, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, William Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton and H. J. Byrne ... 14  
**Against**—Councillor P. McCarthy, James O'Neill ... 2

The Amendment was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to two votes against, and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B, C and D as recommended at this meeting."  
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses as amended the rates set forth in Column 13 of Table C and Column 15 of Table D, to be rates in the £ to be levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1957:—"

	s	d
Roads	10	5/30
Health	8	2/15
Mental Hospital	2	8/72
Public Assistance	1	7/02
Sanitary	2	3/60
Housing	2	8/87
General Purposes	5	2/34
Separate Charges:		
Vocational Education		11/694
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board		402
Malicious Injury—Bray Urban District		400

Passed unanimously.

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

and resolved:—

"That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate the amount to be demanded from each Urban District, in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1957, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	£2,073 14 4	£8,729 2 10	£1,735 15 7
Public Assistance	537 3 9	2,250 19 3	454 17 8
Mental Hospital	1,666 3 2	7,044 7 1	1,408 16 11
Health	4,973 6 11	20,915 12 7	4,155 12 0
General Purposes	804 12 6	3,395 18 11	675 13 11
Separate Charges	574 11 10	91 6 4	480 13 3
	£10,629 12 6	£42,427 7 0	£8,911 9 4

Passed unanimously.

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

"That I, or some member of this Council, will propose that a water supply be piped from Burke's land in Johnstown, Hollywood, to eight families in the village."

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

#### Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

7th February, 1956.

To: The Chairman and Members,  
Wicklow County Council.

#### Estimates for the Financial Year, 1956/1957.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending on 31st March, 1957, together with tables giving details of how the totals for each service are made up, are attached.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £868,407. Receipts are estimated at £399,315. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £469,092.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were: Gross Expenditure, £822,503; Receipts, £381,495; Net amount to be levied from Rates, £441,008.

The total rate for the coming year, if these Estimates were approved, would be 33/2 in the £, which would be an increase of 1/11 over that levied in the present year, which is 31/3.

The rates in the £ for the various services, resulting from these Estimates, would compare as follows with those for the present year.

Service	1956/57	1955/56	Inc./Dec.
Roads	10/5.56	9/7.90	9.66 inc.
Health Service	7/8.30	7/1.41	6.89 inc.
Mental Hospital	2/7.83	2/2.69	5.14 inc.
Public Assistance	1/7.09	1/8.59	1.50 dec.
Sanitary	2/3.87	2/1.84	2.03 inc.
Housing	3/2.96	3/2.75	.21 inc.
General Purposes	5/2.39	5/1.82	.57 inc.

The proposed Rate increase is mainly due to the rising costs of the Health Services, which account for 1/7 when the Demand for the Mental Hospital is included, and to the increased provision made for Roads, which is over 9d. There are, however, other items affecting the costs.

The increase in the cost of Roads is due not to new works, but mainly to the necessity for providing for wages increases so as to permit the same volume of work being carried out in the coming year as in 1955/1956.

The estimates also include a tentative provision for increases in remuneration of Council's staff other than road workers. Some time ago applications were received from Staff Organisations seeking increases in remuneration. These applications are similar to those which have been made in recent months in respect of all employments throughout the country. The Council has had this matter under consideration, but pending a decision on the subject it was thought desirable to give some indication in the Estimates of the costs which might be involved. In consequence, the Estimates show what the cost might be if increases similar to those which have been allowed in respect of the Civil Service were given by the Council. The increases, which would be by way of addition to existing cost-of-living allowance, are shown in respect of all staffs, administrative, medical, nursing, technical, etc., and the amounts are shown separately under the various service headings. Part of the cost involved would be recoupable from State Grants, and the net cost, as shown in the Estimates, would be equivalent to a rate of 4d. in the £. Over 2d. of the increase in the cost of the Council's Health Services (i.e., including Mental Hospital Demand) would be due to this cause.

At this point it must be mentioned that the rate for each service would be somewhat less and the total rate be 3d. less but for the new method of apportionment which is intended to give relief in rating charges to Urban Authorities. The county-at-large charges (i.e., those items which are charged on both the rural areas and urban districts, being Main Roads, Health Services, Public Assistance and some of the items in General Purposes) are now apportioned on the basis of the product of a rate of 1d. in the £ in each of the three urban districts and in the County Health District. This product is derived from the experience of the rate levy in the previous year. In other words, in apportioning cost only the valuations which would be effective for rating purposes in each area are used, and valuations which would not be effective, such as for example owing to remissions under the Housing Acts, would be omitted. For many years the Urban Councils claimed that they had to pay a disproportionate share of the county-at-large charges, as such charges were apportioned in proportion to the gross relative valuations of the Urban District and the County Health District (the remainder of the administrative county). The Urban Councils pleaded that a relatively much higher part of their valuations would be unproductive than would be the case with the area on which County Councils levied rates, viz., the County Health District. These submissions of the Urban Councils eventually were accepted, and Section 50 of the Local Government Act, 1955, enacted that the expenses in question should be charged on the basis of the actual productive valuations. Since the three Urban Districts have a relatively higher number of new buildings on which rates are not payable in full and have other properties on which rates would not be recoverable, the apportionment of the new basis results in less being charged against the Urban District Councils and a greater part of the county-at-large costs falling on the Co. Council. The effect is that additional costs equivalent to a rate of 3d. in the £ must be met in the coming year.

Finally, increased provision is being made for sanitary works—water supply and sewerage schemes.

#### ROADS

The Rate Estimate for Roads is 10/5.56d.; in 1955/56 it was 9/7.9d.

The provision made for Road Works in the coming year corresponds in most respects with that for the present year except that, as already mentioned, it has been necessary to provide for the wages increase granted recently. If this were not done the programme of works would have to be curtailed and the volume of employment be reduced. The cost is £10,335 for both Main and County Roads, but part of it would be recoupable from the State Grant for Main Road maintenance, so that the net cost to be met from rates would be £8,268.

Thus far no information is available as to the Road Grants which will be available in the coming year, but the details may possibly be to hand by the date of the Estimates meeting. Meantime, Grants similar to those obtained in the present year have been shown in the Estimates.

The Council has continued with the schemes for improving County Roads, and in addition, with the aid of grants from the Road Fund, some large-scale improvements by way of realignment, removal of corners, etc., have been carried out on main roads which carry exceptionally heavy traffic. During the present year the first stage of the programme for improving County Roads, which was originally arranged on a five-year basis, is being completed, and the Council recently determined a further programme for the next five years. Since 1949, 188 miles of County Roads have been improved by rolling and tarring, and in the present year 28 miles of such roads have been re-surfaced.

The scheme for improving special tourist routes was also carried further in the current year. The roadway from Sally Gap to Laragh was completed in November last. A special Grant was obtained towards the cost of this work. This road, which is over twelve miles in length, runs close to Glenmacnass waterfall and through a mountainous district with some striking scenery. It also provides a new approach to Glendalough and it is to be expected that its completion will help to dilute the heavy traffic of peak periods in the summer which cause difficulty and congestion on some of the main roads in the county.

During the current year also a contract was placed for the reconstruction of the Road Bridge at Laragh and work started some months ago. Provision for this item is included in the Loan Charges.

#### HEALTH SERVICES

The cost of the Health Services again shows an increase. This, as often indicated previously, is to be expected whilst new services are being added and existing ones improved or expanded.

The total expenditure on the Health Services in the coming year is estimated at £258,028. The receipts are estimated at £135,900, of which the State Grant accounts for £124,460. The net cost, therefore, is £122,128, which would require a rate of 7/8, an increase of 7d. over the rate for the present year.

Information as to any pending charges in the Health Services is not as yet available and, consequently, the costs shown in the attached tables are based on the experience of the Services at present in operation. In the past two years new services have been gradually introduced. At the outset provision was made for the payment of Maternity Cash Grants to mothers who were accepted as being in need of such grants, and this was followed by the arrangements for the payment of medical practitioners for attendance on maternity cases. As part of the scheme for affording medical care to mother and infants (the Mother and Child Service as it is called), mothers in what is now known as the Low Income Group were given the opportunity to exercise a choice of doctor, i.e., they could nominate the local District Medical Officer or any other doctor. The Council over twelve months ago started the preparation of a General Medical Services Register, in which is recorded the names and addresses of persons and their dependants who are entitled to free medical service. When registered, such persons are provided with a Medical Card, which they can produce to the District Medical Officer when seeking treatment. So far about 3,900 applications have been registered. Persons eligible for registration are those who are unable from their own resources to meet the cost of any form of medical treatment, i.e., those in what is now known as the "Lower Income Group." The Council for some time past is liable for the cost of hospital treatment for insured persons, and this is an item which has added very substantially to the cost of the Health Services. In addition, many uninsured persons who are not registered for General Medical Services are provided nowadays with free hospital treatment if it is considered that they could not afford the cost. In some instances (wherever it is considered that the circumstances of the person would require it) a contribution towards the cost may be required. Again, in many instances persons may have made their own arrangements for hospital treatment and, consequently, would be liable for at least portion of the cost. The Dental Services at present are being extended, and in the first instance priority is being given to the services for school children. Details of costs and variations in them are given below.

**General Medical Services**—Under this heading is shown the cost of the service which corresponds approximately to what was formerly known as the Dispensary Medical Service; the former Dispensary Doctors are known as District Medical Officers. The total cost for the coming year is estimated at £26,700, which would be an increase of about £3,900 over that for the present year. There is a rise of £1,250 in the cost of medicines, and the total cost in the coming year is expected to be £4,000. There has been a very steep rise in recent years in the price of medicines, and, in addition, there is increasing resorts to new types of medicines, which apparently are both effective and costly. The cost of medical and surgical appliances shows a similar increase (£1,250), and new provision is being made in Loan Charges for the capital cost of new dispensaries. Tenders have been accepted for the erection of new buildings at Carnew, Rathdrum and Baltinglass. A site for a new dispensary at Avoca has been procured, and it is expected that the Council will be able to proceed with the building of it at an early date in the coming financial year. Arrangements have also been made to provide a new dispensary at Aughrim.

**Institutional Services**—These are of two types, those provided by the Council in their own institutions and the treatment afforded in hospitals in Dublin and elsewhere. Sanatoria and tuberculosis hospitals are included in both.

**County Institutions**—The cost of the County Hospital at Wicklow and the District Hospital at Baltinglass do not show any marked change, and the same applies to the cost of St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum.

The amount allowed for the Fever Hospital at Wicklow last year was £2,000. Since August last this institution has been in use as a County Preventorium, and children are being afforded special care and treatment in it as a measure under the County Tuberculosis Scheme. If there be anything approaching full-bed occupancy in the coming year, the cost is expected to be £6,000. The total cost of St. Colman's Hospital (home for the aged and infirm), Rathdrum, is estimated at over £24,000. The average number of persons in this institution in recent times is about 220.

**Extern Institutions**—These institutions include General Hospitals in Dublin, Dun Laoghaire and Loughlinstown, Maternity Hospitals in Dublin, Newcastle Sanatorium and other tuberculosis hospitals, fever hospitals, special homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc. The expenditure on treatment in General Hospitals is expected to reach £30,500, an increase of £1,700 over that in the current year. The outlay for Maternity Hospitals shows an increase of over £1,000, but against this must be set the reduction in costs resulting from the closing of St. Anne's, Rathdrum (£3,200). The cost of treatment of tuberculosis in extern institutions shows a marked decrease, £7,000. In the past twelve months there has been a progressive reduction in the number of persons undergoing institutional treatment for tuberculosis. This, according to the Chief Medical Officer, cannot at present be altogether ascribed to a falling off in the incidence of the disease so much as to the fact that cases are now found much earlier and require shorter periods of treatment. Moreover, even a few years ago there was a waiting list of patients requiring treatment in institutions, but this condition no longer obtains. It is pleasant to record the success which, even after a comparatively brief period, appears to be attending the measures taken in recent years for combating this disease.

The total cost of treatment in extern institutions is £70,000 and is a reduction of £4,300 on the estimate for the present year.

**Maternity and Child Health Services**—The aim of the services under this heading is to provide medical care and special assistance for (1) mothers and infants (up to six weeks); (2) children until they reach school-going age (say 5 or 6 years) through the clinics, dispensaries and domiciliary visits from nurses and doctors; (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.

The cost of fees to medical practitioners for attendance on maternity cases shows no change, and is again £4,275. This cost may probably now be

expected to remain constant for a while. The outlay on obstetrical requisites shows a reduction of almost £1,000; it was over-estimated last year. There is also a reduction in the cost of the Child Welfare Service (the service given for children through the clinics and dispensaries) of almost £1,800, but this is due to a change in classification of costs, some of which are now included under the School Health Service.

Maternity Cash Grants again are expected to cost £3,000. The number paid in the 12 months ended 31st December, 1955, was 726 and represents about 50 per cent. of the births in that period.

Some of the other services afforded to mothers and children are: Milk for Mothers and Children, £3,350; School Health Services, £3,560; Midwifery and Nursing Services, £3,788.

The total cost of the Mother and Child Services for the coming year is estimated at £20,349, as compared with the estimate of £22,307 for the present year.

**Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases**—The total cost of these items is expected to be £16,561, as compared with £19,269 in the current year, a reduction of £2,708. Apart from the cost of the Dispensary and Clinic Services for Tuberculosis, there is included Special Domiciliary Services for T.B. patients, Mass Radiography and B.C.G. Service. The most costly item is Maintenance Allowances to persons suffering from Infectious Diseases (all are T.B. patients), but for the coming year there is a reduction from £9,500 to £8,500.

**Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services**—These show a cost of £6,219; for 1955/56 the estimate was £5,543. The increased cost is due to the Dental Services; arrangements already have been made for the appointment of a second whole-time dentist, and it is expected that he should take up duty shortly. He will be engaged almost altogether on School Health work.

**Specialists Services**—The cost is estimated at £5,720; it was £2,670 in 1955/56. The rise in cost is due to the expected employment on an extended scale of Orthopaedic and Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists and also of Physiotherapists. X-ray services are estimated to cost £1,000 extra (this is based on experience in the present year) and the analysis of specimens to cost £700.

**Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons**—It has been found that in the present year the cost of this item is much beyond the estimate; there was no previous experience and no information on which anything approaching a reliable estimate could be based. The provision made for the present year was £5,460; for the coming year £10,000 will be required, a figure derived from the weekly allowances at present being paid. The number of recipients at this date is 206. It seems that the outlay on this type of allowance much exceeds the estimate taken when it was decided to introduce it.

**Boarding out, etc., of Children**—The cost at £6,102 shows little change from last year when there was provision made for an increase in the allowances to foster parents.

**Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients**—Apart from the cost of operating the Council's own ambulances, there has to be met the cost of hired cars for special cases and of travel by public conveyances (bus or train) of patients attending hospitals and clinics, etc., for X-rays and special courses of treatment. The cost for the coming year is estimated at £4,849, an increase of £1,049 over the current year's figure. The main increase is in the cost of transport other than by Council ambulances. The Council at present maintains five ambulances, 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 provided for under this heading, and the cost is almost the same as for 1955/56.

**Other Health Expenses**—The remaining items in the Health Services Estimate do not show any marked change in costs from those for the current year.

**Receipts**—Of the total receipts of £135,900 the State Grant amounts to £124,460.

#### MENTAL HOSPITALS

The Demand for 1956/57 from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board is £71,849; for 1955/56 it was £59,491. The rise in the Demand, therefore, is £12,358, which apparently is due mainly to increases in staff remuneration granted last year and to a somewhat larger number of patients from County Wicklow, a figure which is subject to fluctuation.

The rise in Demand is, however, offset in part by an increase in the grant under Health Act, 1947, which is estimated at £27,878 (last year it was £23,173). The net cost and respective rates for the two years are: 1956/57—£43,971, Rate—2/8; 1955/56—£36,318, Rate—2/3. The increased amount to be levied from rates is £7,653, representing an additional rate of about 5d.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The services coming under this heading nowadays are those of a welfare character, which provide social benefits not necessarily associated with health conditions.

For the coming year the cost of Home Assistance shows a reduction of £3,000. This falling off in cost is due to a number of causes. There has been in recent years a progressive reduction in the number of old persons receiving assistance in their own homes, as there has been a tendency to seek admission for such cases to county institutions. Again, the amount spent on the relief of conditions arising from sickness and unemployment has become less owing to the relatively larger number of persons in insurable employment. In addition, the granting of Disability Allowances under the Health Acts has led to a slight reduction in the outlay on Home Assistance. But it should be here mentioned that the cost of Disability Allowances will be about £5,000 greater in the coming year.

The cost (£1,550) of Footwear for Children in families with low incomes is unchanged, as is the cost of Burials (£450).

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.

#### SANITARY SERVICES

The total expenditure is estimated at £32,625 and receipts at £4,081. The net cost is £28,544, which compares with £26,789 for the present year. The Rate required is almost 2/4; it was 2/2 in 1955/56. The greater part of this increase of 2d. is due to the Loan Charges arising on the capital costs of new water supplies. In the past six or seven years the rate for these services has risen by 1/-, mainly due to the provision of new amenities. For example, public lighting now costs about twice as much as seven years ago; each year additional districts are being given this amenity. The maintenance of water supplies and sewerage schemes cost about £3,000 in 1949; it now costs almost £6,500. Under the heading of maintenance there is carried out each year minor works for which borrowing could not be arranged, such as extensions to existing mains and improvements to existing works. The loan charges for capital works will amount to £13,180 in the coming year; in the past seven years the outlay on capital debt charges has increased by about £7,300.

**Public Lighting**—The cost is the same as in the present year (£3,300), when provision was made for new lighting in a number of districts. Public lighting has recently been installed in Annamoe, Laragh, Ballinacoola (Glenealy) and Kilmacanogue, and the Council has arranged for extensions to existing services at a number of places. In addition, the Council has arranged for public lighting at Stratford-on-Slaney and Grangecon.

**Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes**—The outlay on maintenance shows an increase of £430, and loan charges an increase of £1,053. As already mentioned, the rise in loan charges results from the capital cost of new schemes. Provision has to be made for the following works, which were recently carried

out, are at present in hands or for the undertaking of which arrangements at present are being made:—

Scheme	Capital Cost
Enniskerry Water Supply	£22,500
Balinglass Water Supply Improvements	4,800
Coolboy Water Supply	9,230
Newtownmountkennedy-Newcastle New Water Main	4,500
Roundwood Water Supply Improvements	1,600
Aughrim Sewerage Scheme	17,000
New Water Supply at Redford (Greystones)	1,000
Water Supply Extension at Charlesland, Delganay	850
Provision of Pumps and Wells at Various Places	10,000

As an indication of the extent to which services have so far been provided, it might be mentioned that piped water supplies are available to about 11,000 people, or more than a fourth of the population of the county living outside the three Urban Districts. Sewerage Services have been provided in 13 towns and villages, and it is expected that work on the scheme for Aughrim should start in the next few weeks.

The number of pumps provided in rural areas in the past six years by the Council now reaches 92. These have all been provided by the Council's own boring plants and have brought improved water supplies to about 2,000 people. The total cost of these pumps is about £23,000. The demand for pumps so far shows no decline, and at every Council meeting new ones are being sought. Originally they were provided to serve groups of houses numbering on an average about five or six, but nowadays in very many instances, the number of houses to be served is only three or four. Generally these pumps serve only Council cottages; it is only infrequently that they also afford water to other dwellings. It seems that further applications for this type of supply may be expected for some time to come. At present there is a list of 51 pumps still to be provided. Seeing that the cost of the water supplies and sewerage services for towns and villages (excluding the Urban Districts) is charged on the entire county (less the Urban Districts) it is to be expected that where there are groups of Council houses in the countryside this type of supply will be sought. It should be pointed out, however, that a special water rate is still levied in the towns and villages, but nowadays the product of this charge is only adequate to meet a very small part of the annual costs of maintenance and loan repayments.

**Open Spaces**—In the present financial year the Car Park at Glendalough was completed, and is providing a much needed facility. Whilst the construction of the park was carried out by the Council, the cost, however, was borne by An Bord Fáilte. The car park includes public sanitary conveniences. In the provision of these amenities care has been taken to avoid any disturbance of items of antiquarian interest and in the matter of building to ensure that any new work would not be out of harmony with the surroundings. During the past year a new public sanitary convenience was provided at Roundwood at a cost of £660. It has recently been arranged that a car park be provided near Glennacnass Waterfall, alongside the new road leading from Sally Gap to Laragh. A shelter is also being provided at this place. Practically the entire cost of these works will be borne by An Bord Fáilte, the Council undertaking the lay-out, design and construction.

#### HOUSING

The total expenditure from revenue on Housing is estimated at £105,907; receipts at £66,000. The net amount is £39,907, being an increase of £5,733 over the outlay approved for 1955/56. Whilst the estimated expenditure shows the foregoing increase, there is no appreciable increase in the proposed rate for this service, as last year it was necessary to provide for a debit balance of £6,000, which was due to the expenditure on repairs being in excess of the provision made in the Estimates for the previous year. The rate for Housing is 3/3 approximately, and represents the subsidy afforded by the Council to this service.

**Loan Charges**—These show no appreciable change from the provision made last year. The scheme at present in progress will result, however, in a rise in such charges in another year or so, as loan repayments become due on the capital debt which will be incurred in the near future.

**Repairs**—The amount allowed for Repairs in the present year is £9,850, and this provision has become exhausted well in advance of the end of the financial year. When the Estimates were being submitted last year a sum of £12,850 was included in them, and it was intended that £10,000 would be for normal repairs and £2,850 would meet the loan charges on a loan of £20,000 repayable in 10 years for repairs to houses being purchased under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. The provision for normal repairs was, however, reduced to £7,000, and this has proved inadequate if normal repairs are to be carried out over the entire year. As frequently pointed out when submitting the Annual Estimates, an increasing outlay on maintenance and repairs was inevitable, as all building costs for some considerable time past have been over three times the 1939 level, and, furthermore, there has been a 25 per cent. increase in the number of houses to be maintained as a result of building since the war. It must be pointed out once more that the Council's difficulty in this matter arises from the fact that rents fixed 20 to 40 or 50 years ago have not been adjusted to meet the rising costs of repairs. Moreover, the relationship of rent to income has completely altered in the meantime.

**Reconstruction Grants**—The special grants from the State and the Council towards the cost of reconstructing houses have been much availed of, especially by small farmers. The grants may be paid to farmers whose valuation does not exceed £35 and to persons with incomes not greater than £8 per week. The grants have resulted in the making of needed improvements and have helped to arrest deterioration in dwellings. The number of grants approved up to the present is 124, and 77 further applications have been received. The cost of the grants is being met by a 10-years' loan, the charge on which is estimated at £275.

**Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts Loans**—The loan charges for the coming year will be £6,600, but are offset in full by the repayments by borrowers. The total number of loans made up to the present date is 102, and the total indebtedness is £110,000.

**Housing Programme**—So far during the present year 14 houses have been completed, and it is expected that 20 further houses will be ready for occupation at an early date. The scheme for the erection of 45 houses on sites acquired by agreement is at present in progress. When this scheme and those at Enniskerry, Blessington, Aughrim, Killecole and Laragh are completed, there should scarcely be any unsatisfied demand for housing. Apart from schemes at present in progress, the total number of Council houses now is 3,250.

It has been noted of late that when cottages become vacant in isolated or remote districts there is some difficulty in letting them. These cottages were usually built on sites chosen by the prospective tenant by agreement with the owner of the land, who frequently also was the employer of the tenant. But whilst the site might have met with the wishes of the original tenant and suited the convenience of the owner who sold the site to the Council, it might be found unattractive in later years if the cottage ever became vacant. Frequently, such a site may be remote from services or amenities. It often has happened that the water supply may be found suitable by the original tenant, but later occupants may not be given special facilities for obtaining water on adjoining lands, or experience may show that a supply cannot be had in very dry weather. Consequently, the desirability of erecting cottages in the future on isolated or rather remote sites on the grounds that an original applicant for housing accommodation expresses a preference for such a site and can arrange that the Council acquire the plot by agreement would require very careful consideration, having regard to the difficulties which present experience indicate may arise later.

GENERAL PURPOSES

The net charges after deducting receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-Large, including Urban Districts, £18,861; chargeable to County Health District, £49,965. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were £20,228 and £48,677. Whilst there is a reduction of £1,367 in that part of the expenditure, which is chargeable to both the County Health District and the Urban Districts, there is, however, an increase of £1,288 in the expenditure chargeable to the County Health District. Briefly, the reduction in the former is due to the fact that the cost of Local Elections does not occur this year, and the rise in the latter is ascribable mainly to provision for increased outlay on Fire Brigades and the Public Library. Details are given hereunder of any significant changes in costs.

**Public Libraries**—The aim of maintaining book stocks at an adequate level and the necessity to provide for book-binding has resulted in the County Library Advisory Committee approving of additional expenditure for this purpose. Having regard to the increase in the number of borrowers in recent times, and the rising cost of new books and bindings, it seems that extra provision would be desirable in order that a satisfactory service might be given, and, in consequence, additional outlay of £1,000 is included. The number of borrowers has increased very substantially in recent years. In 1951 it was 5,397; in 1955 it was 8,142. The number of centres has increased from 69 in the former year to 102 at the present time. The issues of books have risen from 113,118 in 1951 to 149,434 in 1955. From these figures it is clear that the Library Service is being used by the public to a greater extent each year. The purchase of a van for the transport of books to centres has enabled a more frequent exchange of books to be arranged, has saved wear and tear on books, and has facilitated the librarians at local centres, persons who, it might be said, have given very capable and courteous attention to the requirements of borrowers. It is noted from the records of book issues that there is an increasing resort by borrowers to books on technical and cultural subjects.

**Fire Brigades**—The increase in cost in this instance, which is £682, is due mainly to the proposed provision of a new unit at Rathdrum at a cost of £3,200. It is proposed that the fire engine at present stationed at Rathdrum would then be transferred to Arklow and the Arklow unit would then be brought to Wicklow, which at present has only a fire pump which has to be towed. The County Fire Officer also recommends the purchase of towing vehicles to be used for the fire pumps at Baltinglass, Tinahely and Greystones. This would entail further additional capital expenditure of £3,900, and the annual outlay for loan charges would be £540. Provision has not been made for this latter expenditure, but it is again suggested that if some of the small stations were closed down the efficiency of the service scarcely would be affected, and the saving in costs could be applied towards meeting the loan charges on capital costs of this new equipment.

**Courthouses**—The expenses show an increase of £180 under the heading of Loan Charges, and this is intended to meet the proposal that the Council might repair the Courthouse building at Dunlavin provided suitable agreement can be reached with the owners.

**Overdraft Interest**—The amount included for this purpose is £5,500. It is the same as that allowed in the present year, a sum which was just adequate. This is a heavy annual charge for overdraft but cannot be avoided, as the Council, whilst quite solvent at the end of the financial year, has no substantial credits available to meet the requirements of periods (such as in the first four or five months of the year), when outlay is much in excess of revenue. As pointed out previously, the time lag between the spending of large sums on Road Works and Health Services and the receipt of State grants requires the Council to resort to temporary borrowing with resultant interest charges.

**Separate Charges—Vocational Education Committee**—The cost of Vocational Education is levied by way of a separate charge, as Bray Urban Council has its own scheme. The Committee's Demand for the coming year is £11,184, which is £1,151 higher than in the current year. The rate for Vocational Education in the coming year will be 11.46d. in the £, an increase of over 3d.

**The Trend of Costs and Rates**—When submitting the Estimates in previous years, I commented on the trend of costs and the ambit of the local services and the incidence of rates. It is felt necessary again to refer to these matters. The costs of the Council's services reflected the same trends which are the subject of comment when industrialists explain their operating costs and the prices of their products, when distributors explain their selling margins, or when Trade Union leaders outline the reasons for their latest application. Not infrequently the opportunity is taken on such occasions by these groups to admonish somebody else. Local authorities, however, continue merely to offer explanations—it is not their role to admonish—but they still have to meet much uninformed criticism from sources which, apparently, are determined to remain uninformed. Critics of this type still refer to extravagance and economy. Extravagance presumably presupposes unnecessary or excessive spending on the provision of unnecessary services. The type of service which a local authority may provide is determined by statute; the extent of it is normally settled by public demand. Local authorities, for example, may provide water supplies—a power given to them by statute—but the number of such supplies is dependent on the demand made for them. It is likewise with houses or hospitals. Local administration scarcely shows any evidence of extravagance in public buildings or their appointments; in fact, the standards in municipal building, apart from new hospitals, which have been provided through Hospital Trust Funds, are very much below those of other countries and reflect an austerity which might be viewed as either monastic or primitive. Regarding economy, it is well known, or should be by this time, that local authorities purchase supplies at competitive prices, in great part through a combined purchasing agency run by the Department of Local Government, an agency which over the years has given no mean assistance to nascent Irish industry. Standards of remuneration and working conditions in the local services are determined in relation to those allowed in comparable employment; for a number of years it has been settled policy that they may not exceed the latter. Matters of this character are, nowadays, only settled after lengthy negotiations, and at present there may even be appeal to the Labour Court, which has been the experience of your Council in recent times. In the matter of output, mention was made in previous Report on the Estimates of the achievements in connection with the Roads Programme and it was shown that a much greater mileage of construction and maintenance was being reached at present with resources, which in terms of cost, had not increased in proportion to those available, say, sixteen years ago. As regards the demand for services, it is noteworthy that the person who may criticise the cost of one, or the provision of it at all, may at some stage have to look for it, and then is irked if told it would not be reasonable to give it in the particular instance; apparently, he thinks it should have been held in abeyance until his claim for it arose and then be allowed, regardless of the merit of the claim.

It must, moreover, be patent that local authorities cannot administer their services without being subject to the disturbing influences resulting from the general trend of prices and remuneration rates. In the Estimates now before you part of the added cost is due to the applications from those in your employment for increases in remuneration. These applications were only received after what has been described as the "fifth round" of increases had been well under way in other employments; some of the applications received by the Council, as already mentioned, still remain undecided.

Whilst it is an unpleasant duty to have to submit an Estimate which would result in an increase in the rate levy, it may be recorded with some measure of satisfaction that desirable results are being achieved in some directions. The improvements in roads were continued throughout the year, more people were

provided with convenient and safe water supplies, new houses were provided for families through the Council's housing programme, and there has been evidence of the beneficial effects of a Health Scheme, which has involved both local authorities and the State in heavy expenditure in recent years. I refer to the quite dramatic decline in the numbers requiring institutional treatment for tuberculosis.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked and reviewed, and any further information, apart from that given in this Report, will be supplied when they are being considered at the Annual Estimates Meeting.

To you, Mr. Chairman, and to the members of the Council, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the co-operation, consideration and valued assistance which have been so freely given to me in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) M. FLANNERY.

Wicklow County Manager.

Particulars of the Estimates as adopted by the Council are as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on 31st day of March, 1957.

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
<b>Ordinary Road Works:</b>	£	£	£	£
Maintenance and reconstruction	78,404	78,404	77,349	77,349
Loan Charges	2,062	2,062	4,937	4,937
Contingencies	750	750	750	750
<b>Special Grant Works:</b>				
Road Fund	32,100	26,700	49,900	55,300
<b>Other Purposes:</b>				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	212	2,940	309	4,123
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, Co. Engineer's Office			141	110
Retiring Allowance: Ex County Surveyor	507	507	1,506	1,506
Superannuation: Employees	1,779	1,779	701	701
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	50	50	450	450
Postage and Telephone	130	130	160	160
Stamp Duty: Paying Orders	130	130	130	130
Road Opening and Reinstatements	300	300	120	120
Miscellaneous (inc. E.L. Claims)	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£120,414	£114,802	£144,776	£149,836

AMOUNT ESTIMATED

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
<b>Road Fund:</b>	£	£	£	£
Maintenance Grant	31,361	31,361		
Special Grant	32,100	26,700	49,900	55,300
<b>Other Receipts:</b>				
Estate Duty Grant			1,200	1,200
Road Openings and Other Refunds	300	300	120	120
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. 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 Sanitary Services	2,051	1,945	3,166	3,011
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	160	160

Weighbridge Receipts ... ..	60	60		
Railway Overbridges ... ..	75	75		
Contributions from Estab- lished Servants (Local Government (Superannua- tion) Act, 1948) ... ..	1,800	1,800	700	700
	£67,987	£62,481	£56,746	£61,991

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HEALTH

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<b>General Medical Services :</b>		
Salaries—District Medical Officers ... ..	£ 1,206	£ 17
	15,350	15,350
Fees for Professional Assistance ... ..	50	50
Medicines ... ..	4,000	4,000
Medical and Surgical Appliances ... ..	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses ... ..	84	51
Insurances, etc. ... ..	2,660	2,660
Loan Charges ... ..	450	450
	900	900
<b>Institutional Services :</b>		
County Hospital ... ..	487	390
	10,600	10,600
District Hospital, Baltinglass ... ..	561	378
	20,000	20,000
Tuberculosis—St. Kevin's, Rathdrum ... ..	250	217
	10,150	10,150
Fever Hospital ... ..	279	220
	6,000	6,000
Home for the Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's, Rathdrum ... ..	808	589
	24,000	24,000
Extern Institutions :		
General Hospitals ... ..	30,500	40,660
Maternity Hospitals ... ..	4,000	6,900
Tuberculosis ... ..	25,000	25,000
Fever Hospitals ... ..	4,000	4,000
Homes for the Aged and Infirm ... ..	1,500	1,500
Homes for Mental Defectives, Deaf and Dumb, etc. Homes for Other Persons ... ..	3,950	3,950
	1,050	1,050
<b>Maternity and Child Health Services :</b>		
Medical Care for Mother and Infants :		
Fees to Medical Practitioners ... ..	4,275	8,400
Fees for Professional Assistance ... ..	50	100
Midwifery and Nursing Services ... ..	349	242
	3,788	5,888
Obstetrical Requisites ... ..	450	737
Milk for Mothers and Children ... ..	3,350	3,350
Maternity Cash Grants ... ..	3,000	3,000
Child Welfare Service ... ..	52	34
	1,300	1,300
School Health Service ... ..	175	67
	3,560	3,560
<b>Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases :</b>		
Tuberculosis :		
Salaries ... ..	132	33
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses ... ..	2,411	2,411
Domiciliary Welfare Service :		
Food ... ..	500	500
Clothing ... ..	550	550
Bedding ... ..	100	100
Mass Radiography Service ... ..	703	703
B.C.G. Service ... ..	65	51
Provision of Extra Rooms (Chalets) ... ..	1,250	1,250
Other Expenses :		
Fees to District Medical Officers ... ..	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases :		
Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease ... ..	500	500
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of Clothing and Bedding ... ..	150	150
Notification and Prevention of Disease ... ..	150	150
Maintenance Allowances to Persons Suffering from Infectious Diseases ... ..	8,500	8,500
<b>Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services :</b>		
Salaries and Travelling Expenses ... ..	159	
Fees for Professional Services ... ..	2,980	2,000
Dental, Optical and Aural Appliances ... ..	1,480	1,480
Extern Institutions—Out-Patient Services ... ..	750	750
Furniture and Equipment ... ..	50	50
Clinic or Health Centre Expenses ... ..	750	750
	50	50
<b>Specialist Services :</b>		
Salaries and Fees ... ..	1,000	500
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses ... ..	20	20
X-ray Services ... ..	3,000	3,000
Other Expenses :		
Analysis of Specimens ... ..	700	700
Fees for Physiotherapists ... ..	1,000	700
<b>Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons :</b>		
Cash Grants ... ..	10,000	10,000
Other Expenses ... ..	50	50
<b>Boarding Out, etc., of Children :</b>		
Maintenance, Clothing and Education ... ..	32	24
Approved Schools ... ..	5,620	5,620
Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients ... ..	450	450
	4,849	4,849
Carried forward ... ..	£241,885	£255,201

HEALTH—Continued.

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Brought forward ... ..	£ 241,885	£ 255,201
Supervision of Food and Drink ... ..	159	138
	2,588	2,588
<b>General Administration :</b>		
Salaries :		
County Medical Officer and Staff ... ..	232	67
	2,997	2,997
General Office Staff ... ..	256	190
	2,907	2,907
Travelling Expenses ... ..	610	610
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 ... ..	3,048	3,048
Other Expenses :		
Contributions to District Nursing Association ... ..	1,150	1,533
Fees and Travelling Expenses ... ..	20	20
Mental Treatment Act ... ..	75	75
Proportion of Salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst ... ..	1,401	1,401
Loan Charges ... ..	150	150
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ... ..	£258,028	£273,600

Nature of Income

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grants—Health Grant ... ..	£ 124,460	£ 132,283
Contributions from Patients for Institutional Services ... ..	4,500	4,500
<b>Other Receipts :</b>		
Hire of Ambulances ... ..	50	50
Sales of Farm Produce ... ..	900	900
Sales of Offals and Old Stores ... ..	15	15
Rents and Insurance Refunds, etc. ... ..	300	300
Officers' Emoluments ... ..	4,525	4,525
Contributions to Superannuation ... ..	1,150	1,150
	£135,900	£143,723

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Home Assistance ... ..	£ 17,843	£ 17,843
Footwear Scheme ... ..	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials ... ..	450	450
Registration Expenses ... ..	825	825
Salaries ... ..	324	233
Retiring Allowances ... ..	3,902	3,902
Fuel Schemes and Other Expenses ... ..	350	350
	1,200	1,200
TOTAL ... ..	£26,444	£26,353

Nature of Income

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme ... ..	£ 775	£ 775
<b>Other Receipts :</b>		
Repayments of Home Assistance ... ..	100	100
Repayments of Burial Expenses ... ..	5	5
Refund of Fees ... ..	260	260
Superannuation Contributions ... ..	45	45
TOTAL ... ..	£1,185	£1,185

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money Supplied to Joint Committee ... ..	£ 71,849	£ 71,849

Nature of Income

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947 ... ..	£ 27,878	£ 27,878

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SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries—Office Staff	£ 120	£ 66
Caretakers :	1,020	1,020
Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds and Sanitary Conveniences	241	181
Burial Grounds	2,411	2,411
Engineering Staff—Proportion of Salaries and Travelling Expenses	120	90
Shops Acts—Inspectors	1,120	1,120
Analyst—Proportion of Salary	1,985	1,859
Superannuation	15	15
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	40	40
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	223	223
Burial Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	6,450	6,450
Public Lighting	400	400
Maintenance of Open Spaces	1,250	1,250
	3,300	3,300
	300	300
<b>Loan Charges :</b>		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	13,180	13,180
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
	£32,625	£32,355

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	£ 1,871	£ 1,871
Water Undertakings	1,650	1,650
Burial Fees	350	350
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuations	30	30
	£4,081	£4,081

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HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<b>Labourers' Acts :</b>		
Salaries	£ 131	£ 74
Retiring Allowances	1,314	1,314
Superannuation—Employees	660	660
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (Portion)	100	100
Rent Collectors' POUNDAGE	3,416	3,277
Cottage Repairs	190	143
Loan Charges	3,200	3,200
Insurances	13,950	7,950
Rates on Cottages	62,130	62,130
Other Labourers' Acts Expenses	1,200	1,200
Travelling Expenses of Rent Collectors	11,086	11,086
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	305	305
Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Acts, 1948	550	550
Office Expenses	6,600	6,600
	300	300
	500	500
<b>Loan Charges :</b>		
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants	275	275
<b>TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES</b>	<b>£105,907</b>	<b>£99,664</b>

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<b>Labourers' Acts :</b>		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	£ 33,150	£ 33,150
Housing Subsidy	25,700	25,700
Other Receipts	250	250
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,500	6,500
Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	200	200
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	200	200
<b>TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£66,000</b>	<b>£66,000</b>

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GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture			7,217	7,217
Public Libraries			113	43
Town and Regional Planning Acts			6,234	6,234
Tourist Development	500	500	50	50
Scholarships :				
Secondary	2,700	2,700		
University	1,500	1,500		
Public Works : Local Authorities (Works) Acts, Drainage Schemes			25,000	25,000
<b>Other Purposes :</b>				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	249		655	233
Cost of Rate Collection	3,990	3,990	7,890	7,890
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			120	88
Tramway Employees' Pensions			11,319	11,319
			1,000	1,000
<b>Pensions :</b>			705	705
Late Union Officers	737	737		
Late R.D. Council's Officers			188	188
Co. Officers and Servants	100	100	2,328	2,328
Franchise and Jurors' Lists Valuation	2,089	2,089		
Legal Expenses	175	175		
Coroners and Inquests	260	260	100	100
Postage and Telephones	300	300	700	700
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	75	75	900	900
<b>Assessments :</b>				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	380	380		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	250	250		
Fire Brigades			89	8,454
Drainage of Land	50	50		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	2,000	2,000		
Conveyance of Prisoners	150	150		
Weights and Measures	450	450		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme	2,000	2,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts			400	400
Road Fund Expenses	337	337		
Blind Persons Act	983	1,033		
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	340	340		
Compensation : Bovine T.B. Order	300	300		
Courthouses and Offices :				
Repairs and Renewals	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses	500	500	300	300
Courtkeepers and Office Attendant	13	10	27	20
Loan Charges	135	135	270	270
Expenses of Pounds			919	919
Audit Fees			75	75
Travelling Expenses : County Councilors	1,860	1,860	700	700
Harbour Guarantees	238	238		
Interest on Overdraft : General Account			5,500	5,500
Miscellaneous	30	30	150	150
Materials Expenses (Balance)				
Machinery Expenses (Balance)				
	£25,911	£25,709	£82,453	£81,833

GENERAL PURPOSES—Continued.

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			25,000	25,000
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	60	60	100	100
Licence Fees :				
Poison	5	5		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food and Drugs Act	50	50		

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	212	212
Civil Defence: A.R.P. Acts			2,048	2,027
Fire Brigades: Contributions by Urban District Councils				
Diseases of Animals:				
(a) General	265	265		
(b) Sheep Dipping	725	725		
(c) Compensation: Bovine T.B. Order	300	300		
Fees refunded by Co. Secretary:				
(i) Franchise and Jurors'	300	300		
(ii) Motor Registration	1,605	1,605	3	3
(iii) Valuation Certificates			41	547
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance and Housing Services				
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health and Sanitary Services	150	150		
Contribution from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			3,340	3,340
Rents from County Property	120	120	60	60
Contributions to Superannuation	800	800	400	400
Miscellaneous	170	170	500	500
	£7,050	£7,050	£32,488	£32,426

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Explanatory Table of Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1957.**  
**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	11,184	11,184		
Repayment of Loans	2,231	2,231		
Retiring Allowances	747	747		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	226	226		
Criminal Injuries: Bray Urban District	83	83		
Total for Separate Charges	£14,471	£14,471		

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	1,115	1,115		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions:				
Department	£374			
Leitrim	£9			
Sligo	£6			
Kildare	£50	439	439	
Contributions to Superannuation	65	65		
	£1,619	£1,619		

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICES	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	Net Amounts Chargeable to Districts			Calculation of Net Sum Required to be Raised			
								URBAN AREAS (8a)	URBAN AREAS (8b)	URBAN AREAS (8c)	COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT (9)	Estimated BALANCE (10)	Estimated BALANCE (11)	AMOUNTS LEVIED (12)
ROADS	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.	
HEALTH	114,802	149,836	62,481	143,723	61,991	52,321	87,845	1,947	8,227	1,646	128,346	100,536	10	5.30
MENTAL HOSPITAL	273,600	273,600	27,878	27,878		129,877		4,833	20,423	4,085	20,423	100,536	8	2.15
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	71,849	26,353	1,185			43,971	28,274	1,636	6,914	1,383	34,038	524	2	8.72
SANITARY HOUSING		32,355		4,081		25,168	28,274	936	3,958	792	19,482	33,664	19	7.02
GENERAL PURPOSES		25,709		66,000		18,659	33,664	694	2,934	587	28,274	33,664	2	3.60
	£512,313	£363,688	£242,317	£164,498	£269,996	£199,190	£10,046	£42,456	£8,493	£408,191	£524	£407,667	33	2.00

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purposes of the determination of the rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £238,676 19s. 6d.

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 March, 1956, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Council's Architect, and Assistant County Engineers P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey attended.

#### AGENDA

1. Report of County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during the month of February, 1956.
2. Cottage Purchase Scheme: Preparation of Maps.
3. Extension of Graded Rents Scales (Particulars circulated to members).
4. Travelling Expenses of Rent Collectors: Letter from Department of Local Government.
5. Housing needs at Rathnew: Report of County Medical Officer.
6. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. Application for grant towards erection of new dwellinghouse.
8. Sewerage Scheme for Quarry Street, Shillelagh: Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer.
9. Newcastle Water Supply: Proposed extension to cottages south of Newcastle village.
10. Water supply for cottages at Tomriland, Roundwood.
11. Water supply for cottages at Clonpadden, Ballymoyle, Arklow.
12. Water supply for cottage at Drummin.
13. Water supply at Knocknaskeagh.
14. Water supply at Stranakelly.
15. Water supply at Knocknaboley.
16. Additional public lighting at Aughrim.
17. Report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to repairs to floors of cottages at Monastery.
18. Repairs carried out during the month of February, 1956.
19. Authorisation of repairs.
20. Application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union for reception of deputation.
21. Blessington Housing Scheme: To consider number of houses to be erected.
22. Proposed appointment of Clerk of Works for re-surfacing in concrete of Strand Road, Bray, etc.

**Resolution of Sympathy**—On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the family of the late Mr. Michael Roche, Rate Collector, Arklow.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor W. Clarke, Wicklow, on the death of his mother.

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

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant County Engineer, asking that his thanks be conveyed to the Council for their expression of sympathy on the occasion of his brother's death.

A letter had also been received from Councillor W. Hammond expressing his thanks for the Council's good wishes for his speedy recovery.

#### ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of February, 1956, was submitted:—

#### Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

County Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow,

1st March, 1956.

To: The Chairman and Members of  
Wicklow County Council.

#### Housing Progress Report—Month of February, 1956.

Gentlemen,  
During the month of February progress generally was retarded on various housing sites due to the inclement weather conditions.

The total number of cottages completed to date is as follows:

1946 Scheme	419
Newtownmountkenedy	15
Killincarrig/Lugduff	13
Kindlestown	40
1952 Agreed Sites Scheme	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>

The total number of men employed during February was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	21	15
1952 Scheme	12	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>

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

#### Northern Area:

Cottages completed at 29th February, 1956:

1946 Scheme	185
Newtownmountkenedy	16
Killincarrig	10
Kindlestown	40
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1048) Ballard	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1057) Ballynerrin	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1050) Dunganstown	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1049) Furzeditch	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1054) Ballard, Kilbride	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>

Cottages in progress at 29th February, 1956:—

Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
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#### South/Eastern Area:

Cottages completed to 29th February, 1956

In progress (1952 Scheme) Ballinacor	92
	1

#### Southern Area:

Cottages completed to 29th February, 1956:

1946 Scheme	54
Lugduff Scheme	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

1952 Scheme in progress by Contract—Aughavannagh

By Direct Labour—Coolalug	2
Ballymaghroe	1
Coolfancy	1
Tombreen	1
Kilcavan	1
Ballinglen	1
Ballycurragh	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

#### Western Area:

Cottages completed to 29th February, 1956

In progress—1952 Scheme:	88
By Contract—Hempstown (Site No. 1001)	1
Cryhelp (Site No. 1007)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor S. O'Tuathail.

and resolved:—

"That we approve of report of County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of February, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME: PREPARATION OF MAPS

In reply to inquiries from members of the Council, the County Secretary explained the duties which would be discharged by any temporary engineer appointed in connection with the preparation of maps for the Cottage Purchase Scheme.

Following a discussion on the matter it was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the employment of one temporary engineer for a period not exceeding three months, for the purpose of preparing maps for Cottage Purchase Scheme, etc."  
Passed; Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, dissenting.

#### ITEM No. 3—EXTENSION OF GRADED RENTS SCALES

The County Manager stated that the present Graded Rents Scale did not extend to the economic rent of the houses, and as cases might occur where the income of the household was such that an economic rent could be paid, it was desirable that the scale be extended.

Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to defer a decision to the next meeting of the Council's Housing Committee.

#### ITEM No. 4—TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF RENT COLLECTORS

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Department of Local Government, in which it was stated that the Minister had carefully considered all the facts in regard to the Council's application for approval to the payment of travelling expenses to Rent Collectors, but could not agree that such payment would be justified. It was indicated that the fact that Rent Collectors are required to travel had been taken into account when the basis of their remuneration had been fixed. The Council decided that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision on the application and to allow the payment of travelling expenses as proposed by the Council.

#### ITEM No. 5—HOUSING NEEDS AT RATHNEW

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had made a survey of the Rathnew area and confirmed that overcrowding occurred only in four cases, of which particulars were submitted to the Council. Of the four cases, the County Medical Officer considered that Charles Doyle, Gordon Fewings and Robert Byrne were in urgent need of re-housing, but in the case of Jameson he pointed out that if the applicant were re-housed it would leave a childless couple in possession of the cottage, who would probably take in boarders and the same cycle would start again. The application lists for the cottages in the area would not indicate any urgent need for houses in the area, and he was of the opinion that the ordinary interchange in the area would deal with the situation. The County Medical Officer pointed out that only two of the cases mentioned had applied for the vacant cottage at Ballybeg, Rathnew. The Council noted the terms of the report. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, asked that a copy of the report be sent to him.



**ITEM No. 6—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS**

The Council deferred for further examination the application of Daniel Nuzum, Thomastown, Arklow, for a loan of £1,600 in respect of the erection of a new house at Thomastown.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the income given by Mr. P. Jones in his application for a loan and also in applications of his two sons for permission to compete under the Council's Scholarship Scheme. The Council noted that there was no conflict in the figures submitted and agreed that the loan to Mr. Jones be proceeded with.

**ITEM No. 7—GRANT TOWARDS ERECTION OF NEW DWELLINGHOUSE**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Patrick Hanlon, Knockieran, Blessington, for a grant towards the construction of a new dwellinghouse. Mr. Hanlon, who was a farmer with a valuation of £6 15s. 0d., appeared to be eligible for a supplementary grant equal to the amount of the State Grant, i.e. £175. The Council approved of the payment of the supplementary grant to Mr. Hanlon.

**ITEM No. 8—SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in report of 6th February, 1956, had estimated the cost of providing sewerage scheme to serve 18 houses at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, at £1,198. The estimate included for the laying of a main at the rear of the houses, the provision of a septic tank and outfall to the stream under the railway. The estimate did not include for the supply of W.C. pans, cisterns, the provision of water supply, or alterations to the buildings, and it was presumed that the Coolattin Estate would attend to these matters. The County Secretary also submitted the report of the County Medical Officer, in which he pointed out that in his opinion the provision of a sewerage scheme in Shillelagh was not essential from a health point of view and could be regarded only as an amenity. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
and resolved:—  
"That we approve of proceeding with the provision of sewerage scheme for 18 houses in Quarry Street, Shillelagh, and we authorise the raising of a loan of £1,198 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the scheme."

Passed unanimously  
The Council agreed that the County Engineer submit an estimate of the cost of providing a sewerage scheme for the entire village.

**ITEM No. 9—NEWCASTLE WATER SUPPLY**

The County Secretary stated that at the previous meeting of the Council, the Council had asked that an estimate be submitted of the cost of extending the proposed new water supply for Newcastle village to serve cottages south of the village. The County Engineer estimated the cost of such extension at £1,180 10s. 0d. The estimate for the provision of a new water supply was £3,500, making a total cost, including the extension, of £4,680 10s. 0d. The extension involved the laying of 640 yards of 4" main and 240 yards of 2" main at the back of the cottages, with 8 connections to Council cottages and one to a tap for a Council cottage, together with 4 for private houses. The estimate included also for 8 sinks, waste pipes, gully traps and sumps. The Council decided to defer the matter, and asked that enquiries be made from the tenants as to the contributions which they would be agreeable to make in their rent towards the provision of the water supply, and also for the purpose of ascertaining what contributions might be payable by other persons.

**ITEM No. 10—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT TOMRLAND, ROUNDWOOD**

The Assistant Engineer reported that there were six Council cottages and a private house involved with a total of 30 people, who depended on a private well on the property of Mr. Drury, Castlekevin. The well was shallow and unprotected, and, in the opinion of the Assistant County Engineer, was not suitable as drinking water. He estimated the cost of a new well at £300. The Health Inspector also recommended that a pump be erected at a point equi-distant from and between the cottages occupied by John Byrne and George Bolger. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,  
and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and erection of a pump at a point equi-distant from cottages occupied by John Byrne and George Bolger at Tomrland; the work to be included on the priority list, and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously

**ITEM No. 11—WATER SUPPLY AT CLONPADDEN, BALLYMOYLE**

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector in his report had stated that there were two cottages involved with a total of 15 people. They depended on a well for a water supply, and the well went dry in summertime. The only alternative supply was approximately half a mile away. The Health Inspector recommended the provision of a pump, but suggested that it should be deferred until more urgent works had been dealt with. The Assistant County Engineer also recommended the provision of a well and pump at an estimated cost of £240. The County Manager indicated that the case should not be given priority over works where a greater number of cottages were involved. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,  
and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of well and erection of pump to serve two cottages at Clonpadden, Arklow; the work to be included on priority list, and cost to be defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously

**ITEM No. 12—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGE AT DRUMMIN**

The Assistant County Engineer had reported that there was only one Council cottage involved, with 7 occupants. Water was obtained from a private source about 300 yards away, and there was also a public pump about one-third of a mile away. He did not think that the erection of a pump to serve the cottage would be justified. The Health Inspector agreed with the recommendation of the Assistant County Engineer. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

**ITEM No. 13—WATER SUPPLY AT KNOCKNASKEAGH**

Following the receipt of a memorial signed by five residents requesting the provision of a water supply, the matter had been examined and the Health Inspector had reported that he did not recommend the provision of a pump, as there were only two Council cottages with a total of three persons involved. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

**ITEM No. 14—WATER SUPPLY AT STRANAKELLY**

The Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were three cottages grouped closely together, having six occupants in all. In his opinion, they had a suitable water supply, easily accessible, within a reasonable distance and he did not recommend a pump. The Health Inspector agreed with the report of the Assistant County Engineer. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

**ITEM No. 15—WATER SUPPLY AT KNOCKNABOLEY**

Following the receipt of a memorial signed by five residents in the district, requesting the provision of a water supply, the matter had been investigated and the Assistant County Engineer reported that there were four houses involved and two unoccupied houses. All the houses had suitable water supplies, and he did not recommend the provision of a pump. The Health Inspector agreed with the recommendation of the Assistant County Engineer. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

**ITEM No. 16—ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING AT AUGHHRIM**

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. in the sum of £26 for the provision of two additional lights at Aughrim. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £26 for the provision of two public lights at Aughrim."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 17—REPAIRS TO FLOORS OF COTTAGES AT MONASTERY**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer in his report of the 25th February, 1956, stated that he had taken sections of the floors to the yard for examination and had found the timber was badly bored and scored by woodworm. The legs of beds had made several holes through the floors. He considered that it would be necessary to replace the floors. The Council approved of the provision of new floors in the bedrooms of the Cottages of P. Carr and M. Rafferty at Monastery, as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 18—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1956**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of February, 1956, as circulated to the members.

**ITEM No. 19—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS**

The Council authorised the carrying out of repairs to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer. The County Secretary pointed out that the total estimated cost of repairs submitted amounted to £959 8s. 0d., of which £810 9s. 6d. was for repairs required to cottages in respect of which applications to purchase had been received, and the balance, £148 18s. 6d. was for other repairs. The County Secretary stated that the expenditure to date on cottage repairs from revenue amounted to £9,160, and that, consequently, it was likely that the expenditure during the year to 31st March, 1956, would exceed the amount provided in the estimates. He asked that the Council provide a further sum of £1,000 to meet the cost of essential repairs. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:—

"That we authorise expenditure of a sum of £1,000 in addition to the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Housing Services, in respect of the additional expenditure on cottage repairs."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 20—APPLICATION FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION**

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from the General Secretary of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union asking that the Council receive a deputation at the next meeting in regard to the Union's application for an increase in the temporary allowance payable to officers of the Council. The Council agreed to receive the deputation at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, 12th March, 1956.

**ITEM No. 21—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME**

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th February, 1956, Councillor Miley had handed in a list of persons stated to be in need of houses in the Blessington area. The list gave the names of 16 persons who were stated to be anxious to secure the tenancy of Tenant Purchase Houses and of 16 applicants who were interested in the ordinary working class houses. A circular letter had been addressed to each person whose name appeared on the list submitted, explaining the position and requesting the completion and return of a form of application. For the Tenant Purchase Houses only 2 had been returned, but 20 forms had been received from persons who were interested in the tenancy of the normal type houses. Of the two applications for Tenant Purchase houses, it was considered that one applicant should be in a position to provide his own house with the aid of a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The other applicant would appear to be eligible for the tenancy of an ordinary working class house if the house he occupied was unsuitable for occupation, but from the particulars furnished in the application the house did not appear to be unfit. Two other enquiries for tenant purchase houses had been received, one from a person employed in England and the other from a member of the Garda Síochána, who was stationed in another town. The County Manager indicated that from the applications received it would not appear that there was any necessity for proceeding with a scheme for the provision of Tenant Purchase houses.

In regard to the applications for ordinary type houses, of the 20 applications received, two were from single men, who were ineligible, and a further two occupied Council cottages. Of the remaining 16 applicants it appeared that only 7 were in need of rehousing. The Council agreed that only eight houses should be proceeded with at Blessington, these being ordinary type houses. The Council agreed that no houses of the Tenant Purchase type be erected.

**ITEM No. 22—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF WORKS FOR RE-SURFACING IN CONCRETE OF STRAND ROAD, BRAY, ETC.**

The County Manager stated that it was proposed to proceed with the re-surfacing of the Strand Road, Bray, in concrete and that the matter had been discussed with the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area at a recent meeting. The members had agreed to the recommendation of the County Engineer that a Clerk of Works be engaged to supervise the work. It was expected that the Clerk of Works would be required for from 2 to 3 months. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, suggested that instead of recruiting a Clerk of Works, some special allowance might be paid to an employee of the Council with experience in the laying of concrete roads, the Council agreed to the employment of a temporary Engineer to act as Clerk of Works on the recommendation of committee of members from Bray Electoral area.

Vocational Education—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, enquired whether the Vocational Education Committee had the power to pay bus fares for transporting children to school. As the authority providing funds for the committee, the Council desired that the County Manager would examine and report on the statutory authority to incur such expenditure.

**Kilcoole Housing Scheme**—In reply to Councillor W. Lawless, the County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor was still not in a position to certify that the Title to the site was in order, and until a satisfactory Title was obtained, the Council could not proceed with the scheme.

**Housing Scheme at Aughrim**—Councillor Senator McCrea handed in a list of persons who were seeking houses in Aughrim. The Council agreed that the applications be examined and a report submitted to the Council.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that a report be obtained in regard to the need for water supply for cottages at Castlemacadam and for cottages at Ballyrogan.

Councillor C. W. Hudson asked that a report be obtained as to the need for a water supply to serve six cottages at Dunbur.

**Turf Production**—In reply to Councillor J. Miley, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made for the production of turf by the Council in the coming year. Turf bogs would be vested to enable banks to be let to persons who desired them.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th March, 1956, 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, William Cleary, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D.; James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, Brendan Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, 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, P. J. Foley and P. T. Hickey, and Mr. L. Cuffe, Architect, attended.

#### AGENDA

1. Overdraft accommodation on the General Account and Capital Account for the quarter to the 30th June, 1956
2. Appointment of Nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
3. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956: Letter from Department of Education.
4. University Scholarship Scheme, 1956: Recommendation of Committee appointed by the Council (Copy of draft scheme as recommended by committee enclosed herewith).
5. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: To consider adoption of scheme for the year 1956/57.
6. Road Works Scheme, 1956/57: To consider allocation of monies for road works, and to arrange meetings of local committees.
7. Temporary closing of roads: Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to the coming into effect of Section 35 of the Local Government Act 1955, and enclosing "Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956."
8. Application of Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., for closing of roads at Wicklow.
9. Application from Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd. for closing of roads at Enniskerry for purpose of Annual Hill Climb on 14th April, 1956.
10. Report of County Engineer in regard to repairs to Union Lane, Shillelagh.
11. Memorial from residents of district of Ballykeane for taking over of Ballykeane Lane.
12. Report of County Engineer re proposed establishment of permanent staff of road workers (Copies circulated to members).
13. Local Government (Superannuation) Bill, 1955: Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to coming into operation of Bill when enacted.
14. Revision of temporary allowance to Council officers: To receive deputation from Local Government Officials' Union.
15. Applications from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Federation of Rural Workers, and Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union, for revision of remuneration of employees in hospitals, etc.
16. Proposed re-organisation of Veterinary Services: To consider letter of 20th January, 1956, from the Department of Agriculture (Copy circulated to members).
17. Enniskerry Water Supply: Supplementary Loan.
18. Enniskerry Water Supply: To receive deputation in regard to water rate to be charged.
19. Aughrim Sewerage Scheme: To authorise raising of loan to defray cost of Scheme.
20. Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956: Letter from Department of Local Government.

21. Letter from An Taisce—National Trust of Ireland—in regard to proposed mining development at Avoca and letter from St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd.

22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole as follows:—"That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, ask the Government to restore the 12/6 per barrel on Irish-grown wheat to the Irish farmer."

23. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors Dr. Donnelly and M. Deering, T.D., as follows:—"That this Council ask the Minister for Finance to introduce legislation whereby the vendors of whiskey and allied spirits be compelled to reduce their prices to an equitable price."

24. Letter from County Councils' General Council in regard to valuation.

25. Inquiries from County Manager's Orders.

**Attendance of Fire Brigade**—The Chairman read the following letter received from Group Captain C. H. Tighe, Ballinapark, Ashford:—

19th February, 1956.

Dear Sir,

Please convey to the Council my appreciation of the services of the Wicklow and Rathdrum Fire Brigades when they dealt with a fire in my farm buildings last night.

The fire had every possibility of being a very serious one, as it had obtained a strong hold in an out-building, part of a large block, when first discovered, and hay, boxed seed potatoes and the building itself were on fire.

The firemen were most efficient in confining the outbreak and ensuring all danger was over before leaving.

I am exceedingly grateful.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) C. H. Tighe.

The Council expressed appreciation of the terms of the letter.

#### ITEM No. 1—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION: GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank 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 June 1956, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank 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 June, 1956, shall not exceed £50,500."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

and resolved:—

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

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1956

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

Primary Branch,  
Marlborough Street,  
Dublin.

1 Marta, 1956.

An Runai,

Comhairle Contae Chille Manntain.

#### Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956. County Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 15th February, regarding the eligibility of certain candidates for this year's scholarship examination under the above-named scheme, I am directed to inform you that the Minister would not agree, as a general practice, that a deduction of £3 per week from the total means would be reasonable in the cases of fathers who are working in England, and considers that each case should be considered separately on its own merit. Having considered the cases of Jane Mary Wall, 17 O'Byrne Road, Bray, and Ellen P. Tobin, 62 O'Byrne Road, Vevay, Bray, the Minister approves of their acceptance as eligible candidates under the provision for special circumstances contained in last paragraph of Clause 4.

In regard to the applicant, Thomas J. Elliott, I am directed to say that the Minister could not feel satisfied that the payments for overtime and for driving are of such a temporary nature as to warrant the acceptance of the above candidate under the special circumstances clause without some information as to the amount received under these heads in the previous three years. If the Council are satisfied that there is a case for further consideration in relation to this candidate the Minister would agree to his provisional admission to the examination, if necessary, subject to the receipt from the parent of a written undertaking to accept the decision which will be given later regarding the eligibility of the candidate.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) D. O'Laoghaire.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the earnings of Mr. Elliott in respect of overtime and driving and other allowances for the years ended 26th December, 1952; 25th December, 1953; 31st December, 1954, and 31st December, 1955. The Council directed that particulars of the earnings be forwarded to the Department of Education. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 1st February, 1956, from Department of Education, we are satisfied that there is a case for the further consideration of the application of Thomas J. Elliott for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, and we recommend that he be granted provisional admission to the examination, subject to receipt from his parents of a written undertaking to accept the decision to be given later regarding his eligibility."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1956**  
The following report of the Committee appointed by the Council was submitted:—

**Wicklow County Council**

A meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to consider the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1956 was held at the County Secretary's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 27th February, 1956, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, Dr. B. Donnelly, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, Senator J. McCrea and G. Timmins.

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

The Committee recommended that a scheme on similar lines to that operated in 1955 be adopted for the year 1956, and that scholarships be tenable in any University in Ireland.

The Committee agreed on the necessary amendments consequent on this recommendation.

The Committee recommended that the value of each scholarship be increased to £150 per annum, and that the value of existing scholarships also be increased to that amount as from the University year commencing in October, 1956.

The Committee recommended that the maximum income in the case of families of three children or less should be increased to £650, and that the income limit be increased by £35 for each additional child.

The Committee recommended that after payment of university fees, the balance of the scholarship be paid to the scholarship holder in three instalments; one on first registration at the University, second in January at the commencement of the Hilary Term, and the third in April at the commencement of the Trinity Term.

The following draft University Scholarship Scheme, prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee, had been circulated to the members:—

**Wicklow County Council—University Scholarship Scheme, 1956.**

Wicklow County Council offer for competition three (3) scholarships value One Hundred and Fifty (£150) Pounds each annually, tenable for three years for students in whole-time attendance at any University in Ireland. The scholarships will be tenable for three years, subject to an extension at the discretion of the Council, where, in the opinion of the Council, circumstances warrant an extension, and such extension is recommended by the University at which the student is attending, and provided that the student is in whole-time attendance at the University.

1. One scholarship will be reserved for allocation to a student pursuing a course for a degree in the Faculty of General Agriculture. Candidates who intend to compete for this scholarship must indicate their intention on the application form (See Clause 11).

2. Candidates, who shall not be more than nineteen (19) years of age, nor less than sixteen (16) years of age on the 15th January, 1956, must be children of parents or guardians who have resided continuously in the County of Wicklow for the three years ending the 1st October, 1955.

The Council may in special circumstances accept residence in the area of another local authority for portion of the period of three years referred to in the preceding paragraph as complying with the residential qualification, provided always that the parents or guardians of the candidate were permanently resident in County Wicklow on the 1st October, 1955, and provided that such other local authority agrees to grant reciprocal arrangements in respect of residential qualifications to candidates previously resident in County Wicklow.

3. Competition for these scholarships shall be confined to children whose parents or guardians

(a) Occupy agricultural land, the annual Rateable Valuation of which does not exceed:—

- (i) £100 in the case of families of 3 children or less;
- (ii) £110 in the case of families of 4 children;
- (iii) £120 in the case of families of 5 children;
- (iv) £130 in the case of families of 6 children or more.

(b) Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding:—

- (i) £650 in the case of families of 3 children or less;
- (ii) £685 in the case of families of 4 children;
- (iii) £720 in the case of families of 5 children;
- (iv) £755 in the case of families of 6 children;
- (v) The annual income limit shall be extended by an amount of £35 in respect of each additional child over six children.

Children referred to in this clause must be under 19 years of age on 15th January, 1956.

Parents or guardians of the candidates shall submit such information in regard to income as may be required by the Council.

4. These University Scholarships will be awarded by Wicklow County Council on the results obtained by candidates for such Scholarships at Leaving Certificate Examination to be held in 1956, subject to the following conditions:—

(1) Candidates must obtain Honours at the Leaving Certificate Examination;

(2) Candidates must obtain the Matriculation Certificate of the University in which it is intended to pursue courses;

(3) Candidates must present five subjects for the examination; one of which must be Irish. Any five subjects which are recognised Matriculation subjects may be taken into account for the award of scholarships. Of these, at least four must be Honours subjects, and Honours must be obtained in at least three, with at least a Pass in the remaining two. The maximum mark for Honours subjects will be 150 for Honours mathematics; 150 for Honours Irish; 100 for each other Honours subject. For the fifth subject, if a Pass subject, the maximum mark will be 50.

(4) Subject to the provisions of clause 1, the three scholarships will be awarded to the candidates obtaining the highest total marks. Where no qualified candidate is available for the award of the scholarship reserved for the Faculty of General Agriculture, the scholarship will be awarded to the qualifying candidate obtaining next highest marks at the examination. The scholarship will be tenable in any Faculty of the University.

5. The University fees will be paid by the Council on receipt from the scholarship holder of an account furnished by the University Authorities. The balance of the amount of the scholarship after payment of the fees, will be paid to the scholarship holder in three equal instalments as follows:—

(1) First instalment will be paid on receipt of certificate from the College Authorities that the scholarship holder is attending the College;

(2) Second instalment will be paid in the month of January at the commencement of the Hilary Term;

(3) Third instalment will be paid during the month of April at the commencement of the Trinity Term.

The second and third instalments will be paid only on receipt of certificate from the College Authorities that the scholarship holder is attending the College and is making satisfactory progress. The certificates referred to shall be obtained by the scholarship holder and sent to the Secretary of the Council at the appropriate times.

6. The successful candidate must reside in the Collegiate Hostel when possible, or other place of residence approved by the University authorities.

7. Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of second and third year shall be made by each scholarship holder, and no payment will be made in respect of the second year in the case of a scholarship holder who fails to produce a certificate that he, or she, has passed the first University examination, and also a certificate from the college or the duly authorised officer thereof, of good conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year, and no payment will be made in respect of the third year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce such a certificate of satisfactory conduct and progress in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.

8. A renewal of a scholarship for the second and third year will not be granted if the student takes up paid employment or transfers to Evening Classes.

9. Any scholarship, in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, of which notice will be sent to each scholar or in respect of which the certificate or certificates hereinbefore set out, shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

10. The application from intending candidates, accompanied by birth certificate, will be received up to 12th April, 1956, by the Secretary of the County Council, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained, which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate, to be filled up by a clergyman or Peace Commissioner. Candidates must state the course of studies they intend to pursue and indicate whether they wish to compete for the scholarship reserved for the Faculty of General Agriculture. These documents, when properly completed, should be submitted to the County Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow, and if the application is approved, the applicant will, in due course, be notified to that effect.

11. The Council reserve the right to exclude any candidate from competing for these scholarships, and the Council's decision on all questions relating to this University Scholarship Scheme shall be conclusive and final.

12. Students desirous of competing for these University Scholarships, and who are not eligible for admission to the Leaving Certificate Examination by reason of their not pursuing an approved course of study as pupils of a Secondary School, may be admitted to that examination at the request of the Council for the purpose of competing for these scholarships, but will not be eligible for the award of the Secondary Leaving Certificate. Application for admission to the examination should be sent to the undersigned accompanied by a Postal Order for £1, payable to "The Secretary, Department of Education," in respect of the examination fee required, so as to reach him not later than 29th March, 1956.

13. Any successful candidate for one of these scholarships who has been (a) a student in a Preparatory College, or (b) recognised as a Pupil Teacher, or (c) admitted to a Training College in preparation for the position of National School Teacher is hereby reminded that under the Rules of the Department of Education, and in accordance with the undertaking signed by him and on his behalf by his parent (or guardian) in the event of his acceptance of the scholarship, any money expended by the State upon him must be refunded to the Department.

K. J. BRANGAN,

County Secretary.

County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of Committee appointed to consider University Scholarship Scheme, we approve of the recommendations of the Committee, and adopt a scheme in accordance with the draft submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the increase in value of University Scholarships as recommended by the Committee to take effect in respect of all current scholarships as from the University year commencing in October, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY SCHEME**

The County Secretary stated that a Bill had been introduced in the Dail to continue the authority for the operation of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, and that it was understood that the Bill provided that the decision whether or not to operate a scheme would be a reserved function of the Council. Particulars of the numbers of applicants and the amounts advanced during the past three years were submitted by the County Secretary. It was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the operation during the current year of a scheme for the supply of Seeds and Fertilisers in similar terms to the scheme operated in previous financial years."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—ROADS WORKS SCHEME, 1956/57**

Details of the County Engineer's proposals for the allocation of moneys available for road works to the four engineering areas had been circulated to the members. Councillor Senator McCrea drew attention to the amount allocated to the southern engineering district in respect of grants for main roads, and stated that he considered the amount inadequate. He claimed that the northern engineering district was receiving too great a portion of the total moneys available. Councillor Lawless pointed out that the northern engineering district included the Bray Electoral Area and a large part of the Wicklow Electoral Area. For the information of the members, the County Secretary gave particulars of the total valuation of each engineering district and of the total population in each district, which showed that the northern engineering district contained 48 per cent. of the valuation and 55 per cent. of the population, the south-eastern engineering district 22 per cent. of the valuation and 19 per cent. of the population, the western engineering district 19 per cent. of the valuation and 15 per cent. of the population, and the southern engineering district 11 per cent. of the valuation and 11 per cent. of the population. It was

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

and resolved:—

"That a sum of £2,000 be allocated to Main Road Grants for the southern engineering district and that provision for Main Road Grants for the northern engineering district be reduced by a like amount."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That a sum of £1,500 be allocated to Main Road Grants for the southern engineering district and that provision for Main Road Grants for the northern engineering district be reduced by a like amount."

As a further amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the allocation of moneys available for Road Works for the year 1956/57, as submitted to this meeting."

A vote having been called for on Councillor Lawless' amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:

**In Favour**—Councillors M. Deering, T.D.; J. O'Toole, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, William Lawless, Edward Byrne and H. J. Byrne...7

**Against**—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senators J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. Miley, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton ..... 11

The amendment was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 7 votes in favour. The Council then decided to accept the amendment in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne, and this being put as a substantive motion was declared passed unanimously.

The Council fixed the dates of meetings of the members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas to consider the Road Works programme in their respective areas.

**ITEM No. 7—TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS**

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

Department of Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

1st March, 1956.

Ref. 454.  
(RV.225/88/1).

**Temporary Closing of Roads.**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Department's circular letter No. 453 (RV/225/88/1) of 7th ultimo intimating that Section 35, Local Government Act, 1955, is being brought into force with effect from to-day, and that Section 29, Local Government Act, 1925, is repealed with effect from the same date. Regulations entitled the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956, have been made under Section 35 of the 1956 Act, and a copy is enclosed.

Local authorities now have full responsibility for the temporary closing of public roads in their care, and the Minister considers it desirable to advise them of the principles which, in his opinion, from the experience gained in the operation of Section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1925, should govern their approach in the matter, in order that action under sub-section (4) of Section 35 of the 1955 Act will not be necessary. The right of the public to use public roads for travelling should be interfered with as little as possible, and any inconvenience caused to the public by the unavoidable temporary closing of a road should be reduced to the minimum. Furthermore, persons particularly affected should be given full opportunity of voicing their objections and suggestions, which should be carefully considered. The following detailed suggestions are, therefore, made:—

1. Before it is decided to close a road, consideration should be given to the interests likely to be affected, and the most suitable time of the year should be selected, having regard to all the considerations involved.
2. Where an important main road is being closed, it would be well to ensure that a parallel route serving the same long-distance traffic is not also being closed by a neighbouring road authority.
3. No road should be closed for any period longer than is absolutely necessary.
4. Adequate notice should, wherever possible, be given, and the periods set out in Article 3 (2) of the Regulations should be regarded as the minimum. Resort should be had to Article 5 of the Regulations only in an emergency, when the need for closing arises suddenly and it is impossible to give the specified notice.
5. Objections received under Article 3 should be fully considered, and the persons objecting should be advised of the extent to which they can be facilitated and the reasons for the local authority's decision on their objections.
6. Where a road is closed for a longer period than 14 days, notice of its re-opening might be given as soon as possible after its re-opening to the Minister and in the newspaper or newspapers in which the closing was advertised.
7. A road should be closed to enable a road race or similar event to be held only where it is considered that the temporary inconvenience caused to the general public, who have the prior right to the use of the road, is outweighed by the advantages to the general public accruing from the holding of the race. Where an order is being made under sub-section (2) of Section 35, the following suggestions are made:—
  - (a) Only the minimum mileage of roads should be closed. Substantial sections of road should not be closed merely to facilitate parking, etc.
  - (b) Full consideration should be given to the views of the Garda Síochána.
  - (c) An assurance should be obtained from the organisers of the event that no charge will be made for the use of the roads temporarily closed, and that the general public will be facilitated by them as far as possible.
  - (d) An assurance should be obtained that the organisers will make all necessary arrangements for marshalling, etc., in consultation with the Garda Síochána.

Expense in advertising can be saved by omitting unnecessary verbiage in the advertisements, which should, however, contain the necessary information (see Article 7 of the Regulations). Where a road is closed at the request of an outside body it is taken that the local authority will see to the recovery of the cost of advertising, etc., from the body concerned.

Mise, le meas,  
E. T. SHEEHY.

To:

Secretary, each County Council;  
each City Manager and Town Clerk;  
Town Clerk, each Borough Corporation and Urban District Council.  
The Council noted the revised arrangements in regard to the closing of roads.

**ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FROM LEINSTER MOTOR CLUB LTD. FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT WICKLOW**

The County Secretary stated in accordance with the instructions of the Council at the last meeting, he had communicated with the Commissioner, Garda Síochána, The Leinster Motor Club Ltd., the Royal Irish Automobile Club, being the body controlling motor car racing in Ireland, and the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland, being the body controlling motor cycle racing in the country, in regard to the safety precautions to be taken for the protection of spectators at motor cycle and motor car races. The following letter was received from the Commissioner Garda Síochána:—

Commissioner,  
Garda Síochána,  
Phoenix Park,  
Dublin.

29th February, 1956.

A.66/9/56.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

I am directed by the Commissioner to refer to your letter of the 15th February, 1956, addressed to the Chief Superintendent at Bray, regarding the

application of the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd. to close the Wicklow motor racing circuit for racing, including practice, during the months of June and July, 1956.

In reply, I am to point out that the primary responsibility for the arrangement of safety measures for the protection of spectators is a matter for the motor racing club concerned. The Garda are always ready to give advice and assistance to motor racing clubs, but they are not in a position to guarantee that the safety measures are such as to eliminate all risk of accident to spectators.

Two matters which the Garda recommend for review are the times of arrival of excursion trains in Wicklow, and the appointment of additional course marshals.

The arrival of excursion trains just before the commencement of the races causes a large influx of persons to come on to the course at a critical time.

Mise, le meas,  
COIMISINEIR CUNTA.

The following letter had been received that morning from the Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Royal Irish Automobile Club to meet representatives of the Leinster Motor Club Ltd. to inspect the course at Wicklow.

Corkagh House,  
Clonakinn,  
Co. Dublin.  
10th March, 1956.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

**Leinster Motor Club's Car Race.**

Dear Sir,

I am writing in the capacity of Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Royal Irish Automobile Club to deal with the letter dated 17th February, from your Council on the subject of safety precautions on the Wicklow car race circuit.

This committee met to-day in Wicklow and spent some time in a detailed examination of the roads and surroundings covered by this event. In view of the fact that it is understood that your Council will meet on Monday next, and in order to expedite matters, it has been decided to send you a preliminary report of the findings of this committee to put before your meeting. It will be understood that this report has not been submitted to the R.I.A.C. and cannot be considered as entirely official until confirmed by that body.

Subject to the above, our report is as follows:—

1. That the established course is suitable for a motor race.
2. That the precautions for the safety of spectators arranged by the Leinster Motor Club for previous events were entirely adequate, but as an extra safeguard it is recommended that a protective wall of straw bales be placed along the outside of the fence of the main enclosure opposite the pits. It is also recommended that the grass verge on the pits side should be levelled to give an extra one or two feet of width at this point.
3. That the racing should be so arranged that cars of widely differing speed capabilities should not be on the course at the same time. (It is understood that the promoters intend to deal with this point by running two separate races).

Yours faithfully,  
D. COLLEY.

The following letter from the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland was submitted:—

37 Exchequer Street,  
Dublin.  
8th March, 1956.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.  
Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th February, re the Leinster "Two Hundred" Motor Cycle Race.

This course has been inspected by the Safety Committee of the Council and passed as suitable for racing. The stewards of the Union who inspected the arrangements before the last race were entirely satisfied with the course, spectator control and general arrangements. The Council felt that the precautions in question were adequate. We have consulted the Club and they inform us that they have arranged for extra marshals for the control of spectators this year.

The Union are fully aware of their responsibility towards the public and competitors, and thank you for your interests therein.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) J. J. O'NEILL,  
Hon. Secretary.

It was Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the closing of the road circuit from Wicklow via The Beehive and Rathnew to Wicklow on the dates set out hereunder for the purpose of holding the Motor Cycle Race and the practices therefor, and for the holding of a Motor Car Race and the practices therefor:—

- 14th June, 1956—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 15th June, 1956—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 16th June, 1956—2.00 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.
- 19th July, 1956—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 20th July, 1956—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 21st July, 1956—2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

and we direct that the appropriate notice, required by the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956, be issued by the Secretary."

Passed; Councillor W. Lawless and W. Hammond dissenting.

It was Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the holding of Motor Cycle Races and the practices therefor and of the holding of Motor Car Races and the practices therefor over the roads comprised in the circuit Wicklow—The Beehive Cross Roads—Rathnew—Wicklow when these roads are closed to public traffic, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Garda Síochána and the recommendations of the R.I.A.C."

Passed; Councillor W. Lawless and W. Hammond dissenting.

**ITEM No. 9—CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNISKERRY**

The following application from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd. was submitted:—

37 Exchequer Street,  
Dublin.  
25th February, 1956.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.  
Dear Sir,

My Board request the Council's permission for the use of the Main Road from Enniskerry for our Annual Hill Climb on April 14th, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., as previously granted.

We will, of course, secure the necessary local consent and have also approached the Garda for their concurrence.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) J. J. O'NEILL,  
Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was no objection to granting permission.

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved:—

That we approve of the closing of portion of Main Road No. 6 between Enniskerry National School and the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 14th April, 1956, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., and direct that appropriate notice be given by the Secretary."

Passed unanimously. It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved:—

That we approve of the holding of Motor Hill Climb by the Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd. on the portion of the Main Road No. 6 between Enniskerry N.S., and the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 14th April, 1956, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m."

ITEM No. 10—REPAIRS TO UNION LANE, SHILLELAGH

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

K. J. Brangan, Esq., County Secretary. re: Union Lane, Shillelagh. 27th February, 1956.

Dear Sir, Above lane is 1/4 mile (to the last house) long, and ends in a cul-de-sac, serves three cottages and one farmhouse apart from users who use it for farm purposes and to get to their land, it is 8 feet wide at its narrowest point. Estimated cost of repairs, £50. It is not in a bad state of repairs.

Yours faithfully, P. T. HICKEY, Assistant County Engineer.

The County Engineer indicated that he agreed with the report of the Assistant County Engineer and recommended that the work be carried out.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill, Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, and resolved:—

That we approve of the carrying out of repairs to Union Lane, Shillelagh, at estimated cost of £50, as recommended by County Engineer."

ITEM No. 11—BALLYKEANE LANE

The County Secretary read memorial submitted by Ratepayers "whose land adjoin or whose business necessitates the continuous use of the road at Ballykeane, Redcross, known as Ballykeane Lane," and requesting the Council to take over and keep in repair the road for their use and convenience and for the use and general convenience of the general public, who also used it extensively. The memorial was signed by 17 persons. The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Arklow. 29th February, 1956. K. J. Brangan, Esq., County Secretary.

Dear Sir, I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, with copy of memorial from residents of the district of Ballykeane asking the County Council to take over Ballykeane Lane.

I inspected this lane yesterday. It is the same lane which local people have often asked the Council to take over, but it is not possible to do so as there are several stretches of it which are under 11 feet in width, and in some places it is only 8 feet wide.

Yours faithfully, (Signed) J. P. CAFFREY.

The County Secretary stated that he understood that only 3 persons resided on the laneway. The Council adjourned the matter, and asked that the Assistant County Engineer submit an estimate of the cost of repairing the lane.

Lane at Tomnafinogue—Councillor Hammond referred to the road at Tomnafinogue which had been taken over by the Council following the carrying out of repairs with the aid of a special improvement grant, to which the persons in the area had contributed, and asked if the Council could arrange to carry out some minor repairs to a cul-de-sac road leading off the roadway taken over and on which there were a number of houses. The Council referred the matter for examination by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 12—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER RE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT STAFF OF ROAD WORKERS

Copy of the County Engineer's report of 13th February, 1956, had been circulated to the members of the Council. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter.

ITEM No. 13—LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL, 1955

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 2nd March, 1955, from Department of Local Government it had been indicated that it was intended to appoint 1st April, 1956, as the day on which Part 2 of the Act would come into operation. The County Secretary gave particulars of changes made in the Bill in relation to the superannuation of road workers. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter.

ITEM No. 14—REVISION OF TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Council received a deputation from the Irish Government Officials' Union. Mr. Hannan, Member of the Central Council of the Union, and Mr. O'Donoghue, General Secretary, attended and addressed the members. Mr. Hannan stated that on the basis of the official cost of living figures, the Union would have been justified in claiming a 20 per cent. increase in the temporary allowance to officers. They had, however, sought an increase of only 12 1/2 per cent. The Union were now prepared to accept 10 per cent on the first £300 of salary and 6 1/2 per cent on the balance of salary, this being the basis allowances. The representatives of the Union asked that the Council might agree to provide the moneys necessary for the payment of increase in temporary allowance as sanctioned by the Minister in respect of other counties. The members of the deputation thanked the Chairman and members for receiving them.

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

"I hereby give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of Wicklow County Council that Standing Orders be rescinded for the purpose of again considering application for wage increase on behalf of the Council's staff."

ITEM No. 15—APPLICATION FROM IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION, FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS, AND IRISH AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS' AND MECHANICS' UNION FOR REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES IN HOSPITALS, ETC.

The Council noted that these applications generally were on the same basis as the application from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union and deferred the matter for the decision in regard to the Union's application.

ITEM No. 16—PROPOSED RE-ORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES

The following letter in regard to the proposed re-organisation of veterinary services had been circulated to the members:—

Department of Agriculture, Dublin. 20th January, 1956. No. 11/29/38.

Sir, With reference to your letter of 18th November and previous correspondence about the proposed re-organisation of local authority veterinary services in County Wicklow in connection with the permanent filling of the posts involved, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he notes that Wicklow County Council is not prepared to create an additional post of part-time Veterinary Inspector.

It will be necessary, however, for the Council to have the usual arrangements made for the permanent filling (on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners) of the existing five posts in the county (excluding Bray Urban District) held on a temporary basis. For the purpose of the permanent appointments it is considered that the county (excluding Bray Urban District) should be re-divided into five suitable districts, in each of which a part-time permanent veterinary inspector would be appointed with appropriate remuneration to carry out both public health (meat and milk inspection) duties and duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The present division of duties in the county appears unsatisfactory both as regards the layout of the districts and the division of duties in the same district between more than one veterinary inspector.

It is accordingly proposed that the county should be re-divided on the lines of the enclosed draft scheme. The scheme would involve the amalgamation of the existing posts of veterinary inspector under the Wicklow and Arklow Urban District Councils with posts for the respective adjoining rural areas under the County Council.

Arrangements are being made for a veterinary officer of this Department to discuss the matter further with the County Manager as soon as possible.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant, (Signed) D. J. BUCKLEY, Secretary.

Suggested Division of County Wicklow (excluding Bray Urban District) into Five Districts

District	Population	Area (Acres)	Dairies	Slaughter-houses
1. Rathdrum No. 2 former Rural District and Newcastle Dispensary District	11,304	57,019	111	6
2. Baltinglass No. 1 former Rural District	9,612	154,966	117	9
3. Wicklow and Annamoe Dispensary Districts	8,661	84,374	114	7
4. Arklow, Avoca and Dunganstown Dispensary Districts	10,036	58,403	204	7
5. Rathdrum and Aughrim Dispensary Districts and Shillelagh former Rural District	10,915	144,428	108	9

It was Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary, and resolved:—

That having considered letter of 20th January, 1956, from Department of Agriculture, we approve of arrangements being made for the permanent filling, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission, of the existing five posts for Veterinary Inspectors in the county (excluding Bray Urban District) held on a temporary basis; the remuneration for the posts to be in accordance with the particulars of Office and Conditions of Appointment prescribed by the Minister."

ITEM No. 17—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY: SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to obtain a supplementary loan of £3,000 to defray the balance of the cost of Enniskerry Water Supply. There had been extras of over £2,000 on the main contract, due principally to the difficult terrain in which the filtration plant, and the Consulting Engineer had stated that extensive repairs or replacements would be needed to the existing tank at Kilgarron. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless, and resolved:—

That we hereby authorise the raising of a supplemental loan of £3,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, to defray the balance of the cost of Enniskerry Water Supply."

ITEM No. 18—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY: RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION

The Chairman stated that he had attended a meeting of residents in Enniskerry in regard to water rates to be charged and had explained that the rate would cover only part of the annual costs of the scheme, excluding loan charges. In the circumstances it had been decided not to send a deputation to the meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 19—AUGHRIM SEWERAGE SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of Aughrim Sewerage Scheme, as now estimated, was £18,817 10s. 0d. The figure included for the amount of the tender, extra for increases in wages, provision for compensation for wayleaves, Clerk of Works and for Consultant's fees. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy, Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill, and resolved:—

That we hereby authorise the raising of loan of £18,817 10s. 0d. from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, to defray the cost of Aughrim Sewerage Scheme."

ITEM No. 20—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956

County Secretary stated that in letter of 2nd March, 1956, from the Department of Local Government it had been indicated that the Gaming and Lotteries Act became law on the 14th February, and had been brought into operation on the 1st March, 1956. The Council could adopt Part 3 of the Act in respect of the whole or a specified part of its administrative area and might rescind such adoptions. The adoptive provisions related in the main to gaming in amusement halls and fun fairs organised and run for profit. They did not apply to gaming at carnivals, bazaars and other such events which were arranged by voluntary committees, provided the gaming did not

extend over a period exceeding one month, or to gaming at circuses and travelling shows, provided the gaming did not extend over a period exceeding 10 days in any one place. Gaming in amusement halls and fun fairs which were organised and run for private profit would be illegal in any area unless the appropriate local authority had adopted Part 3 of the Act. Not less than month's notice of intention to propose the resolution to adopt the Act must be given in writing to every member of the local authority and by advertisement in at least two newspapers circulating in the area to which the proposal related. Letters received from Mr. W. Boyle-Fawsitt, Solicitor, acting on behalf of the Irish Amusement Caterers' Association and from Mr. Stanley Carlyle, Anchor Amusements, The Harbour, Greystones, were submitted to the meeting. The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Lawless and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I, or some Councillor for me, will propose at the meeting of the Council to be held on 16th April, 1956, that the Council adopt Part 3 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, in relation to the County Health District of Wicklow."

**ITEM No. 21—MINING DEVELOPMENT AT AVOCA**

The following letter from An Taisce, National Trust of Ireland, was submitted to the Council:—

19 Dawson Street,  
Dublin.  
2nd February, 1956.

The County Manager,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The Council of An Taisce has been discussing the proposed mining development at Avoca and its possible effect on the appearance of the district. It was decided to appeal to all concerned to take every care to avoid any unnecessary interference with the amenities of the countryside, any spoliation of a place of historic and scenic interest.

We should be very glad if you would be kind enough to tell us what powers you and the County Council have to meet any threat to these amenities which might perhaps arise. As representing a considerable body of public opinion, we are most desirous of co-operating in every way possible, and we feel that with goodwill and judicious planning beforehand the project may be carried on to the satisfaction of all. We are writing also to the Mining Company and their Architect and Engineer at Avoca, making the same request.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,  
MISS M. McDONALD,  
Secretary.

Mr. Frank Gibney, Architect for St. Patrick's Copper Mines, had forwarded a copy of the following letter sent to An Taisce in reply to a letter received from them:—

7th February, 1956.  
Miss M. McDonald,  
Secretary,  
The National Trust of Ireland,  
19 Dawson Street, Dublin.

Dear Madam,  
St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd., Avoca.

I thank you for your letter of the 2nd instant, of which I am acquainting the Company, but hasten to assure you that steps have already been taken in the design and disposition of the proposed buildings to secure that same shall not be injurious to scenic amenities of the district and, therefore, you may take it that the Company are in full sympathy with your appeal.

The existing spoil heaps and waste are not resultant from the activities of the present Company, but the problems of disposition, disposal and landscape treatment are being considered in relation to plantation schemes.

Thanking you for co-operation extended.

Faithfully yours,  
(Signed) FRANK GIBNEY.

The Council noted that every effort was being made to avoid any injury to scenic amenities of the district.

**ITEM No. 22—PRICE FOR IRISH-GROWN WHEAT**

It was Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
and resolved:—

"That we ask the Government to restore the 12/6 per barrel on Irish-grown wheat to the Irish farmer."

A vote having been called for on the resolution, 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. W. Hudson...8

Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, M. Deering, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Haughton and H. J. Byrne ..... 10

The motion was declared defeated by 10 votes against to 8 votes in favour.

**ITEM No. 23—PRICES OF WHISKEY AND ALLIED SPIRITS**

In the absence of Councillor Dr. Donnelly, the Council agreed to adjourn this Notice of Motion to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 24—VALUATIONS**

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

National Bank Chambers,  
1/2 Cavendish Row, Dublin.  
27 Feabhra, 1956.

To the County Secretary.

**Valuation.**

A Chara,  
At the Special Meeting of the County Council's General Council, held in Dublin on the 9th instant, a motion from the Donegal County Council, dealing with Valuation, was moved, seconded and discussed.

After amendments had been carried, it was still felt that the motion was of such importance an immediate decision thereon should not be taken, but that the views of the individual Councils should first be ascertained.

Accordingly, I should be obliged if you would have the following amended motion put before your Council for its views:—

"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 setting up of a specialised committee to examine the problem, excluding agricultural land."

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

and resolved:—

"That this Council considers the present system of valuation and re-valuation of rateable hereditaments to be inequitable and unfair, and not suited to modern standards, and we recommend to the Oireachtas the setting up of a specialised committee to examine the problem, excluding agricultural land, and we suggest that the committee consider the basis of site values for valuation purposes."

Passed unanimously.

**Date of Next Meeting**—As the first Monday in April—2nd April, 1956—would be Easter Monday, the Council decided to hold the Housing Meeting of the Council on Monday, 9th April, and the ordinary Council meeting on the following Monday, 16th April, 1956.

**Notice of Motion**—The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor W. Hammond and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I wish to give Notice that the next meeting of the County Council I, or some one for me, shall move that in future meetings of the Housing Committee be held bi-monthly (alternate months). The Secretary being empowered that should the agenda for any month appear too long for an afternoon meeting, to summon same for 11 a.m."

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th April, 1956, at 2 p.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, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D.; James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. M. Byrne and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. Hickey, and the Council's Architect were present.

**AGENDA**

1. Report of the County Engineer on progress of Housing Schemes during the month of March, 1956.
2. Erection of Cottages at Kirikee, Glenmalure.
3. Increase in rate of interest payable on issues from Local Loans Fund.
4. To approve of draft Deed of Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £4,000 for making grants for reconstruction of houses, etc.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond for holding of meeting of Council to deal with housing matters in alternate months instead of monthly, as at present.
6. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. Access roadway to Ballygannon Cottages.
8. Public Lighting at Ballybawn, Enniskerry.
9. Repairs carried out during month of March, 1956.
10. Authorisation of repairs.

**Resolution of Sympathy**—On the proposal of Councillor W. Cleary, seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Canon Behan, Arklow, and with the curates in Arklow.

**Graded Rents**—Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he had received numerous representations from tenants of Council cottages whose rents had been increased recently under the Graded Rents Scheme. Councillor Senator McCrea stated that he had also received representations and that he intended to hand in Notice of Motion for the next meeting of the Council that the question of Graded or Differential Rents Scheme be considered. The County Manager pointed out that if members wished to raise individual cases, particulars of these cases should be submitted in advance.

**ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT**

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of March, 1956, had been circulated:—

**Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.**

County Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow,  
6th April, 1956.

**Housing Progress Report—Month of March, 1956.**

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

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	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>493</b>

The total number of men employed during March was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	22	15
1952 Scheme	11	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>

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

**Northern Area:**

Cottages completed at 31st March, 1956:—	
1946 Scheme	185
Newtownmountkennedy	16
Killincarrig	10
Kindlestown	40
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1048), Ballard	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1057), Ballynerrin	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1050), Dunganstown	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1049), Furzeditch	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1054), Ballard, Kilbride	1

Cottages in progress at 31st March, 1956:—

Direct Labour: Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
Contract: Newcastle	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

**South-Eastern Area:**

Cottages completed to 31st March, 1956	92
In progress (1952 Scheme), Ballinacor	1

**Southern Area:**

Cottages completed to 31st March, 1956:—	
1946 Scheme	54
Lugduff Scheme	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>
In progress—1952 Scheme (By Contract), Aughavannagh	2
By Direct Labour—Coolalug	1
Ballymaghroe	1
Coolfancy	1
Tombreaun	1
Kilcavan	1
Ballinglen	1
Ballycurragh	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

**Western Area:**

Cottages completed to 31st March, 1956	88
By Contract: Hempstown, Site No. 1001	1
Cryhelp, Site No. 1007	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Engineer.

It was Proposed by Councillor Senator 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 March, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE, GLENMALURE**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 4th April, 1956, from the Council's Solicitor, in which he stated that he had not received any reply to his letter of the 6th March, 1956, written to Messrs. McNulty Bros., whose tender had been accepted for the erection of cottages at Kirikee, and informing them that the Council did not intend to complete a contract for more than four houses, and asking if they were interested in same. The Council's Solicitor also stated that no reply had been received from Messrs. McNulty Bros. to previous letters of 12th December, 1955, and 26th January, 1956, in connection with the completion of the contract documents for these houses. The Council agreed that a further letter be sent by the Council's Solicitor to Messrs. McNulty Bros. indicating that if no reply was received within seven days, the Council would presume that they did not intend to proceed with the contract. The Council agreed that the cottages be erected by Direct Labour in the event of the contractor not proceeding with the contract. Councillor Haughton asked that a decision as to the number of houses to be built be deferred for two weeks, as he understood there were other persons seeking houses in the district.

**ITEM No. 3—INCREASE IN RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON ISSUES FROM LOCAL LOANS FUND**

Letter dated 10th March, 1956, from the Department of Local Government, indicating that the rate of interest on issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 10th March, 1956, would be 5½ per cent., was submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the rate chargeable to borrowers by the Council in respect of Small Dwellings Loans would be increased from 5 per cent. to 5½ per cent., and this would involve an increase of 11/9 per £100 borrowed in the annual repayments. The rate of interest payable by the Council on housing loans was increased by ½ per cent., to 5½ per cent., and the amount of annual repayment per £100 borrowed would be increased by 12/7. Councillor E. Byrne enquired if the Council could reduce the margin of ½ per cent. in respect of Small Dwellings Loans to ½ per cent. so as to make the rate chargeable by the Council 5¼ per cent. The County Manager stated that he would examine the matter.

**ITEM No. 4—RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS**

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

and resolved:—  
"That we approve of the draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £4,000 for making grants under Sections 9, 10, 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and hereby authorise that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—MEETINGS OF HOUSING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor Hammond,  
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

and resolved:—  
"That in future meeting of the Housing Committee be held bi-monthly (alternate months). The County Secretary is hereby empowered that should an agenda for any month appear too long to be dealt with at an afternoon meeting, to summon the meeting for 11 a.m."

Councillor Hammond referred to the loss of time to the Engineering Staff and other officials at attending meetings of the Housing Committee and also to the saving in travelling expenses which would result from the holding of such meetings only in alternate months. He pointed out that he had raised this matter some months previously, and at the request of the new members of the Council had agreed to it being deferred to enable them to obtain some experience as to the length of agendas to be dealt with at meetings. For some time past the agendas for the housing meetings had not been lengthy and the business had been disposed of within about 3 hours. Having heard the views of other members of the Council, who generally did not consider it desirable that the meetings of the Housing Committee be held only in alternate months, Councillor Hammond agreed to withdraw his proposal.

**ITEM No. 6—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS**

The Council approved of the making of a loan of £1,600 to John F. Darcy in respect of the erection of a house at Redford, subject to approval of the plans under the Town and Regional Planning Acts and confirmation of the valuation as being £2,000 or more."

The Council also approved of the making of a loan to Mr. B. Hooper in respect of the erection of a house at Balinglass, subject to the approval of the plans under the Town and Regional Planning Acts; the loan to be 80 per cent. of the valuation, as arrived at by the Council's Engineer.

**ITEM No. 7—ACCESS ROADWAY TO BALLYGANNON COTTAGES**

The County Secretary stated that at the Roads Committee meeting for the Wicklow area, Councillor Haughton asked that an estimate be submitted of the cost of repairing the roadway serving Ballygannon Cottages. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the road was 700 yards in length and that it would cost about £420 to put a light tarmac surface on it, 3 yards in width. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that steps be taken to have the road taken over as a public road and referred the matter of the provision of funds from the moneys available for road works for consideration by the local committee.

**ITEM No. 8—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BALLYBAWN, ENNISKERRY**

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had submitted a quotation in the sum of £57 for providing two 200-watt lamps at the points shown on the maps submitted by the Council, also a network extension and solar dial time switch control. There were 18 cottages in the group at Ballybawn.

It was Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—  
"That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £57 for the provision of two public lights at Ballybawn."  
Passed unanimously.

**Provision of Electricity Supply for Cottages at Dunlavin**—The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B., in letter of 28th March, 1956, had informed the Council that the 25 cottages at Dunlavin were included in the Gormans-town Rural Area, which had been selected for development under the Rural Electrification Scheme. Survey work in the area was in hands, and construction work would commence very shortly. An electricity supply would be extended free to any of the cottages wishing to avail of the scheme. The County Secretary stated that the charge to the tenants would, therefore, be only 3d. per week instead of 9d. per week. The Council noted that the electricity supply would now be made available without any charge for an extension of the network.

**ITEM No. 9—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1956**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of March, 1956, as prepared by the County Engineer.

## ITEM No. 10—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

Members of the Council drew attention to the fact that Council workers on many occasions had to return to a cottage to carry out further repairs within a short time of having worked on the cottage previously. In the course of a discussion in regard to the organisation for the carrying out of repairs, the Chief Assistant County Engineer explained why it was sometimes necessary to return to a cottage to carry out further repairs. The County Manager pointed out that the cost of repairs was very much affected by the cost of transport, materials and labour to the job.

**Repairs to Houses at Avondale Park**—Councillor Lawless referred to the visit made by members some time ago to inspect the houses at Avondale Park and to the assurance given that cracks, which had appeared in some of the houses, would be repaired, and gates adjusted. He stated that some of the work had not been done and asked the Engineer to submit a report on the matter.

**Hire of Well-Boring Plant to Arklow U.D.C.**—Councillor McCarthy asked if the Council's well-boring plant could be made available to Arklow Urban District Council to carry out work for the Urban District Council. The Council agreed that the plant be made available when the pump at Thomastown had been completed.

**House at Tinahely for Assistant County Engineer**—Councillor Hammond referred to a discussion at a recent meeting of the Council in regard to the need for a house in the Tinahely district for the Assistant County Engineer. He suggested that the Council examine the proposal to acquire the Tinahely Railway Station and the line between Ballyrahan Bridge and the Toghther Bridge. Councillor Hammond stated that the station house appeared to be in good condition and that there was a good storage yard attached, which could be used as a store by the Council in place of the present store in the district, which was unsightly. He pointed out that the sections of the railway line could be planted and a grant at the rate of £10 per acre obtained from the Department of Lands. The planted area would be a valuable asset in years to come. Councillor Senator McCrea pointed out that the matter would have to be considered in conjunction with any agreement with C.I.E. in regard to the maintenance of the bridges over the former railway line. The Council agreed that the matter be examined and that a report be submitted to the Council on the matter.

**Kilcoole Housing Scheme**—In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Lawless, the County Secretary read the following letter, which had been received by the Council's Solicitor:—

Church Street,  
Wicklow,  
9th April, 1956.

Kilcoole Housing Scheme—Mrs. M. A. Toner.

Dear Sirs,

I have received your letter of the 4th instant, and note your enquiry in above.

When I received your letter of the 28th February last, dealing with the missing documents, I wrote fully to Mrs. Toner as to same and directed her to have an interview with Messrs. Vincent and Beatty, Solicitors, to try to trace the document.

I understand that she has done so since, and I have daily been expecting to get some information as to same.

Up to the present I have not received any information, and am now writing so that you will understand the position, as the matter may be mentioned in the County Council meeting to-day.

I will be specially in touch with Mrs. Toner about the matter and I hope to be able to trace up the documents and will write you again.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) AUGUSTUS CULLEN.

Messrs. J. H. McCarroll and Co.,  
Solicitors, Wicklow.

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

By Councillor J. J. McCrea:

- (1) "That I, or someone for me, will move at the meeting of the County Council on Monday, 16th April, 1956, that the question of differential rents be considered."
- (2) "That the question of employment on roads be considered."
- (3) "That the appointment of a Finance Committee be considered."
- (4) "That the question of the provision of a water supply for five County Council cottages and two other houses at Prebawn, Tinahely, be investigated."

By Councillor W. Lawless:

"That I, or someone for me, will move at our next meeting, that this Council take over and maintain the road at Killincarrig leading from the Greystones-Delgany main road to the Cherry Orchard."

By Councillor J. Haughton:

"That I, or someone for me, will move at our next meeting, that the Council take over and maintain the road serving Ballygannon Cottages at Rathdrum, and also that an estimate be obtained for the provision of public lighting for these houses."

By Councillor J. Miley:

"That I, or some member of this Council for me, will propose the raising of £3,000 for the road at Knocknadruc."

By Councillor J. O'Neill:

"That I, or someone for me, will move at the meeting of the Council on next Monday, as to why the drainage for farmers in the Milland and Coolfancy area was not started last year. The Council agreed that the drainage be completed, and I may mention that Wexford County Council agreed to do their portion."

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th April, 1956, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillor 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, Seamus O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. 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, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey, and the Council's Architect, attended.

## AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign minutes of meetings held on 6th and 13th February, 1956.
2. Closing of roads at Wicklow and Enniskerry: To pass the necessary resolutions for the closing of the roads and authorising the holding of Motor Cycle Race, Motor Car Race and Hill Climb Test.
3. Ballykeane Lane, Redcross: Estimate of cost of repairs.
4. Application from Federation of Rural Workers for payment of additional half day's pay to road workers in respect of St. Patrick's Day.
5. Application from An Tostal Council, Newtownmountkennedy, for permission to place bunting across the Main Street at Newtownmountkennedy.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of again considering the application for increase in remuneration of Council's staff.
7. Applications from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Federation of Rural Workers and Irish Automobile Drivers' and Mechanics' Union for revision of remuneration of employees attached to Council's institutions.
8. Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless that the Council adopt Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, in relation to the County Health District of Wicklow.
9. Arklow Burial Ground: Revision of fees for grave spaces and interments.
10. Marine Hotel Wicklow: Correspondence with Messrs. Arthur O'Hagan and Sons, Solicitors, regarding proposed use of premises for purposes of Holiday Home.
11. St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum: Report of Consulting Engineer in regard to proposed improvements to laundry at estimated cost of £5,250.
12. Use by County Council Fire Brigades of water supplies in Greystones and adjoining areas.
13. Lette from Department of Local Government in regard to licensing of site at La Touche Place, Greystones, for camping.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator McCrea that the question of differential rents be considered.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator McCrea that the question of employment on roads be considered.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator McCrea that the question of the appointment of a Finance Committee be considered.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless for taking over and maintaining by the Council as a public road of the road at Killincarrig leading from Greystones-Delgany main road to Cherry Orchard.



18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Haughton for the taking over and maintaining by the Council as a public road of the road serving Ballygannon Cottages at Rathdrum and for the obtaining of an estimate for the provision of public lighting for these cottages.
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley for the raising of loan of £3,000 for reconstruction of road at Knocknadruc.
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Neill in regard to the carrying out of drainage scheme for farmers in the Milland and Coolfancy areas.
21. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly and Councillor M. Deering, T.D., "that this Council ask the Minister for Finance to introduce legislation whereby the vendors of whiskey and allied spirits be compelled to reduce the prices to an equitable price."
22. Resolution from Donegal County Council "that the restrictions imposed by the Road Traffic Act or proposed in any new legislation on the haulage of merchandise be removed to allow County Councils and other road-making authorities to transport by hired lorry road-making materials on work being carried out by direct labour."
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES**

It was Proposed by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,  
Seconded by Councillor Senator McCrea,

and resolved:—  
"That we hereby confirm and sign minutes of meetings held on 6th and 13th February, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

**Turf Production**—Councillor Lawless enquired as to the Council's policy in regard to the cutting of turf during the current season, and suggested that it was desirable that at least a small quantity of turf be cut by direct labour. The County Manager stated that provision for the cutting of turf had not been made in the Estimates and that the amount provided for fuel for the Council's institutions was based on the use of coal. If turf were used, it was likely that an additional expenditure would be incurred. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that the production of turf would not be economic unless the cost of coal increased very substantially. In reply to enquiries from members of the Council, the County Manager stated that there had been only three good seasons for the production of turf since the Council commenced production by direct labour, 1942, 1947 and 1955. Due to the height of the turf bogs in County Wicklow, the season was short and it was difficult to save the turf except when weather conditions were exceptionally good. Councillor Dr. Donnelly suggested that Bord na Mona be asked to arrange for the cutting of turf in County Wicklow's bogs. It was

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

and resolved:—  
"That we produce 800 tons of turf by direct labour from the most suitable bogs in the county."  
Passed; Councillor Dr. Donnelly dissenting.

**ITEM No. 2—CLOSING OF ROADS AT WICKLOW AND ENNISKERRY**

The County Secretary stated that to comply with the requirements of the Closing of Roads Regulations it would be necessary for the Council to pass resolutions at that meeting closing the roads at Wicklow and Enniskerry and permitting the running of motor cycle and motor car races and the motor hill climb on the roads, when so closed to public traffic. It was

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

and resolved:—  
"Having complied with the provision of the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956, and no objections having been received, we hereby close to public traffic the roads set out hereunder for the following periods:—

- 14th June, 1956—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 15th June, 1956—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 16th June, 1956—2.00 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.
- 19th July, 1956—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 20th July, 1956—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 21st July, 1956—2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**SCHEDULE**

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

Passed unanimously.  
It was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—  
"In accordance with the provisions of Section 35 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1955, we hereby permit the holding of Motor Cycle Races and practices therefor on the road circuit, Wicklow via The Beehive—Rathnew to Wicklow, during the periods on 14th, 15th and 16th June, 1956, during which these roads are closed to public traffic.

We also permit the holding of Motor Car Races and practices therefor on the road circuit, Wicklow via The Beehive—Rathnew to Wicklow, during the periods on 19th, 20th and 21st July, 1956, during which these roads are closed to public traffic, subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) That a protective wall of straw bales be placed along the outside fence of the main enclosure opposite the pits and that the grass verge on the pits side be levelled so as to give an extra width of up to 1' or 2' at this point.
- (2) That the racing be so arranged that cars of widely different speed capabilities shall not be on the course at the same time.
- (3) That a sufficient number of Course Marshals be engaged by the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd. to ensure the safety of spectators.
- (4) That the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd. arrange with C.I.E. so as to ensure that excursion trains will not arrive in Wicklow immediately prior to the commencement of the motor cycle or car races."

Passed unanimously.  
It was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—  
"Having complied with the provisions of the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956, and no objections having been received, we hereby close

to public traffic portion of Main Road No. 6 between Enniskerry National School and the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on the 14th April, 1956, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m."

Passed unanimously.  
It was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—  
"In accordance with the provisions of Section 35 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1955, we hereby permit the holding of a Motor Hill Climb by the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd. on the portion of Main Road No. 6 between Enniskerry National School and the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on the 14th April, 1956, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., during which period these roads are closed to public traffic."

Passed unanimously.  
The Council authorised the County Secretary to arrange for the publication of the necessary notices in future immediately on receipt of the application for the closing of the roads.

**ITEM No. 3—BALLYKEANE LANE, REDCROSS**

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—  
13th April, 1956.

re: Ballykeane Lane.

Dear Sir,  
I again inspected Ballykeane Lane, which runs for a distance of 1.3 miles from Road 158 at Ballykeane to Road 165 at Ballinabarney South. There are six farmers living on this road and it is also used as a short cut by local people.

The road is in bad condition, narrow, bumpy and uneven. Along with ordinary widening, cleaning and metalling, a length of 350 lineal yards will have to be widened from 8 feet to 12 feet, and the total cost will be about £1,200. The total amount of money allowed for the maintenance of 72 miles of road in this area is £2,455, so that it would be impossible to take over this road without the additional £1,200.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) J. P. CAFFREY.

The Council decided that it be suggested to the petitioners that a Rural Improvements Scheme Grant be sought.

**ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS FOR PAYMENT OF HALF DAY IN LIEU OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

The County Secretary stated that the Federation of Rural Workers had applied for a holiday with pay for road workers on Easter Saturday on the grounds that since St. Patrick's Day fell on a Saturday, the workers had been deprived of the benefit of a full day's holiday. At the matter could not be considered by the Council prior to Easter Saturday, the Federation subsequently asked that the workers be granted an additional half day's pay to make up the half day lost through St. Patrick's Day falling on a Saturday. The County Manager pointed out that similar circumstances might arise in respect of certain Bank Holidays or Church Holidays and instanced the fact that the 8th December would also fall on a Saturday in the present year. The Council decided to refer the matter for discussion between the County Manager and the employees' unions.

**ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FROM AN TOSTAL COUNCIL, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY**

The County Secretary stated that An Tostal Council, Newtownmountkennedy, had applied for permission to put bunting across the Main Street at Newtownmountkennedy at (1) the Bus Stop, (2) the Courthouse, and (3) near McCormack's Garage at north end of the town. The County Engineer had stated that there was no objection to the proposal. It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—  
"That we hereby grant permission to An Tostal Council, Newtownmountkennedy, to place bunting across the Main Street at Newtownmountkennedy at the bus stop, Courthouse and near McCormack's Garage at north end of the town, provided that the Tostal Council accepts full responsibility for any risk to traffic arising from the erection, maintenance or taking down of the bunting."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—INCREASE IN REMUNERATION OF COUNCIL'S STAFF**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill,

and resolved:—  
"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the application of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union for increase in remuneration of Council's staff."  
Passed unanimously.

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

and resolved:—  
"We rescind the resolution passed by the Council accepting the recommendation of the committee for payment of increased remuneration to the Council's staff on the basis of 7½ per cent. of salaries, not exceeding £600 per annum."  
Passed; Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

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

and resolved:—  
"That we approve of the payment of an increase in the temporary allowance to officers of the Council on the basis of 10 per cent. on first £300 of salary and 6½ per cent. on balance of salary, with effect from 1st November, 1955, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates, and in the Estimates for the year 1956/57, to defray the cost of the increase in temporary allowance."  
As an amendment, it was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—  
"That we amend the motion of Councillor McCarthy by applying a minimum increase of £40 and a maximum increase of £60."

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.; Senator J. J. McCrea, William Cleary, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley, James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. M. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and J. Haughton ..... 14

Against—Councillors P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, Dr. B. Donnelly, H. J. Byrne ..... 5

The amendment was declared passed by 14 votes in favour to 5 votes against. The original motion, as amended, was declared passed on the same voting.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Miley, the County Manager indicated that it was proposed to increase the allowance to clerical assistants for the Assistant County Engineers by £1 per week, as recommended by the committee appointed by the Council.

**ITEM No. 7—APPLICATION FROM UNIONS FOR REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN COUNCIL'S INSTITUTIONS**

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

and resolved:—  
"That having considered applications from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Federation of Rural Workers, and the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Mechanics' Union, we approve of an increase in remuneration of members of the unions employed in the Council's institutions and each ambulance driver, on the basis of 10 per cent. on the first £300 of salary and 6½ per cent. on the balance, with effect from 1st November, 1955, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the estimates for the year 1955/56 and in the estimates for the current financial year, subject to minimum of £40 per annum and maximum of £60 per annum."

Passed on same voting as in resolution dealing with officials of the Council generally.

**ITEM No. 8—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—  
"That we hereby adopt Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, in respect of the County Health District of Wicklow."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 9—ARKLOW BURIAL GROUND: REVISION OF FEES FOR GRAVE SPACES AND INTERMENTS**

The County Secretary stated that the fees for the purpose of grave spaces and for interments in Arklow Cemetery had remained unaltered since it was first opened in 1870. Particulars of the fees were submitted. In the case of two-thirds of those charged to persons residing outside the area, it was not considered that there was any justification for such discrimination. Particulars of the burial ground was charged on the County Health District. Particulars of revised fees proposed by the County Manager, which represented increases of 100 per cent. on the existing fees, were submitted. It was recommended that the scales be operated as from 1st April, 1956.

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

and resolved:—  
"That fees in Arklow Burial Ground be increased by only 50 per cent." A vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

- In Favour—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne
- Against—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, G. Timmins, M. Deering, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Haughton and H. J. Byrne

The Chairman gave his Casting Vote against the motion and the motion was declared lost on the Chairman's Casting Vote.  
The Council accordingly approved of fees proposed by County Manager.

**ITEM No. 10—MARINE HOTEL, WICKLOW**

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter in view of further proposals which were likely to be submitted.

**ITEM No. 11—ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO LAUNDRY**

The County Manager stated that some while ago a Medical Inspector of the Department of Health had reported that the laundry arrangements in St. Colman's Hospital were not regarded as satisfactory. After consideration of estimates obtained by the Matron, it was decided that the advice of a Consulting Engineer be obtained, and a report had now been received from Mr. J. C. Costello, the Consulting Engineer, who had also been engaged for the Wicklow Fever Hospital. The estimated cost of the improvements was £5,250, which included certain new machines, such as a washing machine, a calendar and a general utility press. The cost of the new machines would amount to £3,050. The Consultant pointed out that it would be essential to improve the steam supply to the institution, as any other improvements would not be effective unless this were done. The County Manager suggested that the matters might be deferred for the present with a view to seeing if less elaborate alterations costing a smaller sum could be arranged. The Council noted the report on the matter and agreed to its adjournment.

**ITEM No. 12—USE BY COUNTY COUNCIL FIRE BRIGADES OF WATER SUPPLIES IN GREYSTONES AND ADJOINING AREAS**

The County Secretary stated that difficulties had arisen with Dublin Corporation in regard to the right of the Council's Fire Officers to operate valves on watermains in the Greystones and adjoining areas for the purpose of enforcing that there would be adequate pressure for dealing with outbreaks of fire. Following an interview between the Council's Chief Fire Officer and Officers of the Corporation, a letter indicating the Council's views on the matters had been sent to the Corporation of Dublin. The letter of 21st March, 1956, from the Corporation of Dublin was submitted to the Council. In the letter the Corporation of Dublin indicated that they would not agree to permit the Council's Fire Brigade officers to interfere in any way with the watermains or valves in the Greystones and adjoining areas. The Council agreed that the matter be pursued with the Corporation of Dublin and that copies of the correspondence be forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

**ITEM No. 13—LICENSING OF SITE AT LA TOUCHE PLACE, GREYSTONES FOR TEMPORARY DWELLINGS**

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 10th April, 1956, from the Department of Local Government, it was stated that the Minister had made an Order under Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, directing the Council to grant a licence to Mr. Hunter MacComas, Coolagad, Greystones, permitting the use of a site at La Touche Place, Greystones,

for camping. The County Secretary gave particulars of the reports of the County Medical Officer and the Council's Engineer in regard to the hut situated at La Touche Place. The County Medical Officer had stated that, in his opinion, the hut was totally and completely unfit for either temporary or permanent residence and should be demolished. Members of the Council expressed strong disapproval of the action of the Minister in deciding to direct the Council to grant a licence, and decided to request the reception of a deputation by the Minister to put forward the Council's views on the matter. It was decided that the deputation would consist of the Chairman and the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, together with Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Councillor M. Deering, T.D., and Senator McCrea.

**ITEM No. 14—DIFFERENTIAL RENTS**

In accordance with Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator McCrea, the Council considered the question of differential rents. Councillor Senator McCrea and other Councillors referred to representations they had received from tenants of Council cottages in regard to recent increases in rents under the Differential Rents Scheme and submitted petitions which had been received by them. The County Manager pointed out that as a result of considerable increase in building costs following the war, local authorities found that the rents which would have to be charged for post-war houses would be higher than many applicants could afford. If greater subsidies were to be given from rates, the burden on the Council's resources would be such that they would not be able to continue the building of houses. As a result, differential and graded rental schemes were introduced by many local authorities. Prior to the war it had been the general practice to relate rent to income, on the basis that a person could afford to pay one-sixth of income by way of rent. The County Manager pointed out that the Council's Graded Rent Scheme was on a very much lower basis as regards the proportion of rent to income; even at the maximum of the scale for serviced cottages the proportion was only one-tenth of income. The Council had in all 3,250 cottages, of which 295 were vested, leaving 2,955 under rent. Of that number 2,684 were let at rents of 4/- per week or less, and, in fact, 1,547 were let at rents between 1/- and 2/- per week. Of the remaining 271 cottages, 107 were let at rents between 4/- and 5/-, and the remainder of varying rents up to a maximum of 15/-. There were, however, only four houses let at rents exceeding 14/-. Since the introduction of the Graded Rents Scheme in 1951, no revision of the rents, as result of variations in income, had been made generally. As a result of the present revision, 45 per cent. of the rents had been increased, 10 per cent. had been reduced, and in about 45 per cent. of the cases there had been no alteration. The County Manager pointed out that most of the cases where the rent had been increased arose from income available from other members of the family residing in the house who had gone to work. Where there was a reduction in income of the household, the rent was reduced. The County Manager also pointed out that the amounts spent on repairs to cottages in recent years had been very considerable and had exceeded the estimates during the past five years by the following amounts: 1950/51, £2,100; 1951/52, £1,800; 1952/53, £5,280; 1953/54, £4,900; 1954/55, £8,000. The income from the application of the differential rents scheme had given some assistance to the Council towards defraying the high cost of repairs to cottages in recent years. The Council noted the report of the County Manager on the matter.

**ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SENATOR MCCREA REGARDING THE QUESTION OF EMPLOYMENT ON ROADS**

Councillor Senator McCrea referred to the lack of employment in the Carnew area and urged that the County Engineer arrange for the commencement of road works in the district as soon as possible. The County Engineer pointed out that it was necessary to obtain the approval of the Department to the works proposed under the Roads Works Scheme, but that workers were employed in the quarries on the production of material.

**ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SENATOR MCCREA, RE APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Councillor McCrea the Council considered the appointment of a Finance Committee. The County Manager pointed out that the Council were fully informed at its Estimates Meeting of all works and items of expenditure proposed to be incurred during the following year. The Council was kept informed during the year should any change in programme arise or if any additional expenditure was proposed. Having discussed the matter, the Council decided not to appoint a Finance Committee.

**ITEM No. 17—ROAD AT KILLINCARRIG**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,  
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:—  
"That we approve of public notice being given of the intention of the Council to take over and maintain as a public road the road at Killincarrig leading from the Greystones-Delgany Main Road to Cherry Orchard." Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 18—ROAD SERVING BALLYGANNON COTTAGES, RATHDRUM**

It was Proposed by Councillor J. Haughton,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—  
"That we approve of public notice being given of the intention of the Council to take over and maintain as a public road the road serving Ballygannon Cottages at Rathdrum." Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notices would be given and that the matters would come up for consideration by the Council at the meeting to be held in June.

**ITEM No. 19—RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AT KNOCKNADRUCE**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

and resolved:—  
"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £3,000 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years for the purpose of defraying the cost of reconstruction of portion of the road from Locktown to Knocknadruc." Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 20—DRAINAGE SCHEME IN MILLAND AND COOLFANCY AREAS**

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill, the County Secretary stated that a drainage scheme for Milland River had been submitted in the year 1955/56, but approval to the work had not been received until 4th February, 1956. At that time it was not possible to carry out work on the river. Arrangements had been made at the time with Wexford County Council, under which Wexford County Council would allocate a sum of £500 towards the cost of the work on the river in Co. Wexford, and Wicklow County Council would allocate the balance of £400. The scheme would be submitted again in the current year.

**ITEM No. 21**  
 The Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Dr. Donnelly and M. Deering, T.D., in regard to the price of whiskey and allied spirits was withdrawn.

**ITEM No. 22—RESOLUTION FROM DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Donegal County Council:—

"That the restrictions imposed by the Road Transport Act or proposed in any new legislation on the haulage of merchandise be removed to allow County Councils and other road-making authorities to transport by hired lorry road-making materials on work being carried out by direct labour."

**Making of Water Rates**—It was Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe, Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, and resolved:—

"That the Water Rate Book, as submitted by the Secretary, be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1956, made for towns of Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Carnew, Avoca, Tinahely, Shillelagh, Coolboy and Enniskerry, in accordance with those adopted on consideration of the Secretary's Estimates, namely, in the following towns:—

- Baltinglass—3/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Dunlavin—3/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Rathnew—3/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Stratford—3/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Roundwood—3/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Kilcoole—3/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Newcastle—3/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Avoca—3/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Carnew—1/9 in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Tinahely—1/9 in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Shillelagh—1/9 in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Coolboy—6/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.
- Enniskerry—6/- in the pound on the rateable valuation of premises connected to the public water supply.

Passed unanimously.

**Filling of Vacancy for Rate Collector**—The County Secretary stated that consequent on the resignation of Mr. Michael O'Toole, Rate Collector, a vacancy had arisen for Rate Collector for No. 18 District. It was proposed to invite applications for the post by public advertisement. The Council noted that applications for the post were being invited.

**Tenders for Fire Engine**—Ten tenders received in response to public advertisement for the supply of a new fire engine were opened in the presence of the Council. The tenders were referred to the Chief Fire Officer for examination and recommendation.

**Tenders for Printing and Stationery**—Six tenders received in response to public advertisement for printing and stationery supplies were opened in the presence of the Council. The tenders were referred for examination and analysis to the County Secretary.

**Caravan Sites at Brittas**—The County Manager stated that two applications had been received for development of lands at Brittas, one from J. Higgins and Son, 46 St. Brigid's Park, Athy, in respect of a site at Cornagower West, Brittas Bay, and the other from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, on behalf of Mr. H. C. Delahunt, Furzeditch, Wicklow, in respect of Ballinacarrig, Brittas. The application of Messrs. Higgins and Sons related to the provision of 34 semi-detached chalets, toilets, and snack bar. It was proposed to refuse permission, as the site was exposed and unsuited to the type of structure proposed. The buildings were of a temporary character and liable to rapid deterioration. There was no evidence that an adequate supply of water would be available, and sanitary arrangements and sewage disposal were unsatisfactory. In the case of the application on behalf of Mr. Delahunt, it was proposed to approve in principle of the development of portion of the site, which was not visible from the public road, as a caravan park, provided there was evidence of a satisfactory water supply, but it was considered that the other portion adjoining the road was not suitable for such development. The Council's Architect had prepared a report generally on the question of developments in the area and it was proposed to circulate it to the members of the Council for consideration at the next meeting of the Housing Committee. The Council agreed that the application of Messrs. J. Higgins and Sons, Athy, be refused, and approved of the Manager's recommendation in regard to the application on behalf of Mr. Delahunt.

The Chairman referred to a complaint he had received in respect of another caravan site at Brittas and asked that the matter be examined.

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

- In the name of Councillor Miley: "That An Bord Failte be asked to provide a number of parking bays on the road around the Blessington Lake."
- In the name of Councillor P. Kehoe: "That the Council carry out drainage works in the Clough-Baltinglass area, Irongrange-Baltinglass area and in the Talbotstown area."

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 May, 1956, at 2 p.m.  
 The following members attended:—  
 Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;  
 Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. McCrea; P. McCarthy; J. O'Neill; W. Hammond; G. Timmins; P. Kehoe; M. Deering, T.D.; J. Miley; S. UaTuathail; Dr. B. Donnelly; Mrs. M. Ledwidge; W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; Ed. Byrne; C. M. O. Broin; C. W. Hudson.  
 The County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, R. M. Fenlon, P. J. Foley and P. T. Hickey attended.

**AGENDA**

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of April, 1956.
2. To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage in respect of loan of £4,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making supplementary grants for reconstruction of houses, etc.
3. Water supply for cottages on Main Road between Glenealy and Rathnew.
4. Public lighting—Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
5. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Report of Council's Architect in regard to future development of coastal area from Wicklow to Arklow (copy enclosed).
7. Unfit structures at Ballydonarea, Kilcoole.
8. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Suggested painting of structures at the Square, Blessington.
10. Repairs carried out during the month of April, 1956.
11. Authorisation of repairs.
12. Coat of Arms for Wicklow County.

**Resolution of Sympathy**—On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members of the Council with Councillor J. O'Toole and his family on the death of his mother.

**ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT**

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of the Housing Schemes during the month of April, 1956, was submitted:—

**Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.**

County Engineer's Office,  
 Courthouse, Wicklow,  
 4th May, 1956.

**Housing Progress Report—Month of April, 1956.**

Gentlemen,  
 During the month of April satisfactory progress was maintained on all sites. The site at Aughrim has been entered on and work is commencing on the erection of 6 cottages.

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	6
	94

The total number of men employed during April was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgannon, Enniskerry	17	12
1952 Scheme	11	13
Totals	28	25

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

Northern Area:	
Cottages completed at 30th April, 1956:—	
1946 Scheme	185
Newtownmountkennedy	16
Killincarrig	10
Kindlestown	40
1952 Scheme	1
(Site No. 1048) Ballard	1
(Site No. 1057) Ballynerrin	1
(Site No. 1050) Dunganstown	1
(Site No. 1049) Furzeditch	1
(Site No. 1054) Ballard	1
(Site No. 1029) Ballinacor	1
	257
Cottages in progress at 30th April, 1956:—	
Kilgarron, Enniskerry (Direct Labour)	20
Newcastle (Contract)	1
	21
South-Eastern Area:	
Cottages completed to 30th April, 1956	
	92
Southern Area:	
Cottages completed to 30th April, 1956:—	
1946 Scheme	54
Lugduff Scheme	3
	57
In progress, 1952 Scheme (By Contract)—Aughavannagh	
By Direct Labour: Coolalug	2
Ballymaghroe	1
Coolfaeny	1
Tombreaun	1
Kilcavan	1
Ballingleen	1
Ballycurragh	2
	10
Western Area:	
Cottages completed to 30th April, 1956	
In progress (By Contract)—Hempstown, Site No. 1001	88
Cryhelp, Site No. 1007	1
Ballinacrow, Site No. 1009	1
Logstown, Site No. 1003	1
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J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Senator 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 the housing schemes during the month of April, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

**Housing Scheme at Enniskerry**—In reply to inquiries from members the Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that it was expected that eight houses would be ready by July.

**Site at Ballycapple, 1952 Scheme**—In reply to inquiry from Councillor C. W. Hudson, the County Manager stated that the cost of erection of the house had been queried by the Department, and sanction to proceeding with the house had not yet been received. The County Manager stated that another house built under the 1952 Scheme a short distance away was available, and inquired if the applicant would be interested in this house. It was stated by Councillor Hudson that the other house at Ballard would not be suitable for the applicant.

#### ITEM No. 2—LOAN FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION, ETC.

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

and resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES ON MAIN ROAD BETWEEN GLENEALY AND RATHNEW

The County Secretary stated that the Minister for Justice had asked for a report in regard to the need for a water supply for three Council cottages on the main road between Glenealy and Rathnew. The Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of providing the supply by means of a fountain at approximately £340. The proposal was to carry an extension of the existing supply at Glenealy in a 3" plastic pipe to a fountain in the vicinity of the cottages. The Health Inspector reported that there were 15 persons residing in the three cottages, which were approximately half a mile from the village, where they obtained a water supply; he considered that a supply should be provided for the three cottages. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector we approve of the provision of a water supply for three Council cottages on the main road between Glenealy and Rathnew by an extension on the existing supply at Glenealy at estimated cost of £340, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 4—PUBLIC LIGHTING—BALLYGANNON, RATHDRUM

The County Secretary submitted estimate from the E.S.B. in the sum of £100 for the provision of four public lights at Ballygannon Road to serve the Council housing scheme. The estimate included for the erection of time-switch, switchwire, etc. Following a discussion on the matter, it was decided to accept the quotation of the E.S.B., but the Council's Engineer was to meet the E.S.B. Engineer with a view to seeing if the cost could be reduced.

#### ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS

The Council approved of the transfer of loan in respect of house at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, from Mr. George Furlong to Sergt. P. Friel, Enniskerry.

Having regard to the age of the applicant and the fact that he was not a resident of County Wicklow, the Council recommended that the application of John J. McNulty for loan be refused.

#### ITEM No. 6—FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL AREA FROM WICKLOW TO ARKLOW

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

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

#### Development of Coastal Area from Wicklow to Arklow.

With reference to two recent applications for proposed caravan and holiday camps in the Brittas area, the Council's Architect submitted a report indicating in general terms his recommendations concerning the development of the coastal area from Wicklow to Arklow.

His report is as follows:—

"Before dealing with the above proposals, I consider it desirable to consider in general terms the whole development of the coastal area from Wicklow to Arklow. It is an area of coves and rocky headlands, dunes and sandy beaches. In other words, it is exactly the type of country that more and more people are seeking for their summer holidays and week-end excursions. In addition to its natural attraction, this area is easily accessible to all parts of the county and lies within an hour's drive of Dublin. In the past a number of summer homes were erected in this area. These were buildings of a permanent nature, and presented no real problem to the general development of the area.

Recent year, however, have seen a new trend in holiday living. The day or week-end trip to the seashore has become possible to the ever-increasing number of owners of cars, motor cycles or even pedal bicycles. More and more people are going away for their annual holidays and are quite prepared to accept, and even enjoy, the minimum physical standards offered by a caravan, hut or tent. The above trend is not peculiar to this country. It may be seen in an even more exaggerated form in cross-Channel or Continental seaside areas. Last summer was undoubtedly an exceptional one, but the problem it presented in this area can very well be regarded as a forecast of what may be expected in a normal year in the very near future.

In general, the problem would appear to be as follows: An ever-increasing number of people are going to look to this area for summer recreation. There is nothing that the Wicklow Council can do to reverse this trend. Development resulting from this pressure, if uncontrolled and unprovided for, will very soon present problems of traffic control, public health and general amenity, which will be extremely expensive, if not impossible, to remedy. It may be pointed out that the majority of people availing of the facilities will be "out of county" people. On the other hand it would appear that properly controlled, this development can result in considerable local prosperity and play no small part in the national tourist industry. Again the problem, although national in many respects, arises within the county. It would appear, therefore, that the general development of the area is within the province of the Wicklow Council, who should do all in their power to assure that such development becomes a national asset rather than a county liability. It should be possible, if necessary, to acquire funds from national sources to add to the amenities of the area. It would, however, be far more difficult, if not impossible, to acquire such funds for the restoration of natural amenities if such have been lost through permitting development which injuriously affects the amenity of the area.

With the above in mind, the following brief notes are appended as a basis for a general policy which the Council might adopt for this area.

**Road Access:** The existing roads, though not entirely suited to heavy traffic, could, with minor widening and realignment, be made adequate to serve the area. The traffic congestion, which occurred on a number of week-ends last summer was entirely due to the parking of vehicles on the main thoroughfare, resulting in restriction of the traffic flow to a single lane.

**Parking:** A number of private car parks are operated in the area. These are not adequate. Further parking spaces are necessary and will have to be provided. The policy of charging for parking, although initially unpopular, has now been generally accepted. Should additional parking facilities not be made available by private interests, the Council should consider providing such facilities and might themselves operate or lease such facilities under short term contract. All car parks should have well defined exits and entrances, providing clear visibility to approaching traffic. The present practice of parking on private land forming part of the undefined road margin is highly undesirable and extremely dangerous.

**Caravan Parks and Camping Sites:** Caravan parking, unlike car parking raises questions of general amenity and public health of a much more serious nature. Experience has shown that a concentration of caravans in any one area is an unsightly thing and does in fact seriously injure the amenities of the area. In addition to this, the tendency has grown to park for longer and longer periods until, to-day, a large number of these caravans are parked all year round in the area. They must, therefore, be considered as temporary dwellings rather than transient vehicles.

As a first principle, therefore, I would recommend that caravan parks be permitted only in those areas which are adequately screened or out of sight of the public road.

The parking of a single caravan might not be considered as creating a caravan park, but any field or enclosed area where two or more caravans are admitted should be considered as such and should only be permitted to operate under licence.

Such licence should only be issued where an adequate supply of drinking water is available. A minimum of sixty gallons per caravan per day is suggested and the number of caravans permitted on any site should be limited to the supply available.

The licence should place responsibility for the general maintenance of the area in a clean and sanitary state upon the licensee and might specifically require him to collect garbage and refuse and empty all pail closets daily, keep all ditches and adjoining lands free from bottles, cans and other rubbish at all times.

It is also considered desirable that the number of caravans permitted in any part be strictly limited on a density basis. It is suggested that two densities be provided for—(a) A density of 5 caravans per acre where no sanitary accommodation is provided by the licensee, and (b) a maximum density of 10 caravans per acre could be permitted where the Council is satisfied that adequate sanitary accommodation has been provided by the licensee. Two further restrictions should be added to the higher density park, i.e., no two caravans should be less than 50 feet apart. A plan of the area, showing the proposed siting of caravans, must be approved by the Council before a licence is issued.

It is further proposed that the public display of the terms of such licence in a prominent place in the park be stipulated as a condition of the licence.

**Huts and Temporary Dwellings:** It is felt that developments of this nature are in most cases unsightly and should only be permitted in those areas which are adequately screened or out of sight of the public road. Again, responsibility for general maintenance of the area should be placed on the licensee. A maximum density of five temporary dwellings per acre is suggested. Requirements for water supply should be raised to 100 gallons per day per dwelling. Plans and details of construction should be approved by the Council. The present bye-laws regarding temporary dwellings are in the main satisfactory, but might be revised to deal more specifically with room sizes, lighting and ventilation.

**Commercial Undertakings:** It can be foreseen that permission to operate shops, stalls, restaurants, etc., will be sought throughout the entire area. It is felt that such applications must be dealt with as they arise, and must depend to a large extent on the appearance and general nature of the proposed structure. As a general principle, however, such proposals should not be permitted adjacent to existing residential property, and must provide adequate parking facilities to avoid traffic congestion."

K. J. BRANGAN,

2nd May, 1956.

County Secretary.

In the course of the discussion, the County Manager pointed out that the roadway between Wicklow via Brittas to Arklow was too narrow to carry heavy traffic. There were insufficient parking places, and if cars parked on the side of the road, congestion and obstruction of traffic was caused. The Council had endeavoured to obtain land for the purpose of providing access to the sea at various points between Wicklow and Arklow, and also for the purpose of providing car parks, but it had not been found possible to reach agreement with land owners. When the matter had been considered previously by the Council, the Council considered that an application should be made to An Bord Fáilte for a grant towards the cost of providing car parks and access to the sea, having regard to the fact that the amenities provided would be for the benefit of tourists and would not primarily be provided for the purpose of the ratepayers of the county. The Council agreed that an estimate be obtained of the cost of widening the roads serving Brittas, and of providing parking places.

#### ITEM No. 7—UNFIT STRUCTURES AT BALLYDONAREA, KILCOOLE

The County Secretary stated that on the 15th September, 1954, Demolition Orders had been made in respect of five unfit structures at Ballydonarea, Kilcoole, which were then the property of Mr. Arthur Allen or Mrs. Bridgid Pope. Demolition Orders were served on both persons, and the structures were subsequently disposed of by Messrs. Clarke, Delahunt and Co., Wicklow, for demolition. Following repeated reminders to the owners, the Assistant County Engineer found, on 26th January, 1955, that one structure had been demolished, another partly demolished and the other three remained intact. The Council Solicitors were instructed to serve notice on the Solicitors who acted for the original owners, indicating that unless the structures were demolished, the Council would enter on the site, carry out the demolition and charge the cost to the owners. On 12th October, 1955, the Council's Solicitors stated that it was understood that an Undertaking had been furnished by a member of the Council that the structures would be removed without delay, and the Solicitors understood that the Councillor had purchased the structures in question. In a report dated 24th April, 1956, the Assistant County Engineer stated that no further action had been taken towards demolition of the unfit structures.

Councillor W. Lawless confirmed that arrangements would be made by him to have the structures demolished at an early date.

The Council noted that the undertaking had been given for the removal of the structures.

**Demolition Order in respect of House at Windgates**—Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to what he regarded as an unfair attack on the County Manager by the Circuit Court Judge in a recent case concerning a Demolition Order made in respect of a house at Windgates. The Chairman stated that he agreed with the County Manager in his action in serving a Demolition Order in respect of this house. The County Manager stated that he had arranged for photographs to be taken of the house in question and would submit them to the next meeting of the Council. He pointed out that the greatest care had been taken in reaching a decision to serve a Demolition Order in respect of the house and that representations made by the owners had been carefully considered.

#### ITEM No. 8—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

The Council approved in principle of the proposals for the erection of houses on site at Avoca by St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd. The County Manager explained that the mining company had asked if the Council would assist in providing the principal road through the site, and it was agreed that an estimate of the cost be submitted to the Council.

**Filling Station at Jameson's Corner, Kilmacanogue**—The Council agreed that the site at Jameson's Corner, Kilmacanogue, in respect of which an inquiry had been received from Messrs. James Byrne and Son, Bray, on behalf of Mr. D. O'Leary, was unsuitable for use as a filling station, and recommended that the applicant be informed accordingly.

With reference to the existing garage at Kilmacanogue and the road improvements recently completed there, it was agreed that the road serving the garage should be left open to traffic.

**Bus route Dublin-Enniskerry-Golden Gates**—In reply to inquiry from Councillor W. Lawless, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had received an inquiry from the Department of Local Government as to whether the road to the Golden Gates, Powerscourt, was considered suitable for bus traffic, and had replied that there was no objection to buses proceeding as far as the Golden Gate, where it was possible for them to turn.

#### ITEM No. 9—STRUCTURES IN THE SQUARE AT BLESSINGTON

The Council approved of the painting of the sanitary convenience and fire engine house at Blessington, as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 10—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1956

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of April, 1956, as submitted by the County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 11—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

#### ITEM No. 12—COAT OF ARMS FOR WICKLOW COUNTY

The County Manager submitted a sketch showing the proposed Coat of Arms for Wicklow County.

On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D., the Council adopted the Coat of Arms and approved of having the Arms registered.

The Chairman and members complimented the County Manager on the work he had done in connection with the design of the Coats of Arms for the County and Urban Districts.

**Sewerage Scheme and Disposal of Surface Water at Churchlands**—With reference to inquiry made by Councillor J. O'Neill, it was agreed that reports on these matters be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

**Pump at Ballyrahan**—The Council asked that report be submitted in regard to the pump at Ballyrahan.

**Redford Water Supply**—In reply to inquiry from Councillor W. Lawless, the County Manager stated that a report on the matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

**Burial Ground at Baltinglass**—Councillor P. Kehoe asked if arrangements could be made to have rocks removed from the graveyard at Baltinglass.

**Hire of lorries from C.I.E.**—The members of the Council agreed that representations be made to C.I.E. for the issue of plates to local lorry drivers when lorries were being hired to the Council by C.I.E.

**Consultative Health Committee**—It was agreed that a meeting of the Consultative Health Committee be held on Wednesday, 16th May, 1956, at 3 p.m.

**Meetings of the Council**—The Council agreed that the next meeting of the Council on the following Monday be held in the Record Court.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Record Court, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th May, 1956, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. McCrea; P. McCarthy; J. O'Neill; W. Hammond; G. Timmins; P. Kehoe; M. Deering, T.D.; J. Miley; S. UaTuathail; Dr. B. Donnelly; Mrs. M. Ledwidge; Ed. Byrne; W. Lawless; 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, P. J. Foley and P. T. Hickey attended.

#### AGENDA

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 24th February, 5th and 12th March, 1956.
- University Scholarship Scheme: To consider applications.
- To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee occasioned by the death of Rev. Canon Behan, P.P.
- To authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage for £2,347 from National Bank Ltd. for electrification of Ballinclare Quarry.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond, as follows: "That where any sub-standard lane or approach leads to a County Road, and there are rateable residences on that lane, or approach, when and if the rates derivable from such residences amount to £50 per annum that up to half the amount of such rates received be spent each year, until the lane is considered by the Co. Surveyor to be in a reasonable state of repair."
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond, as follows: "That all approaches to Churches and Schools be put in a reasonable state of repair as far as the gates or bounds of such."
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley: "That the Tourist Board be asked to provide a number of parking bays on the road around the Blessington Lake."
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe in regard to the carrying out of drainage in the Clough, Baltinglass area; Iron Grange, Baltinglass area; and Talbotstown area.
- Applications from Federation of Rural Workers and Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for increase in wages of road workers.
- Application from Federation of Rural Workers for increase in allowance for certain types of work from 1/3 to 2/6 per day and for payment of wages weekly instead of fortnightly.
- Application from Federation of Rural Workers for sick pay scheme for Overseers and Assistant Overseers and for payment of travelling allowance of £1 per week.
- Application from Federation of Rural Workers for increase in wages of lorry, roller, tractor drivers, etc., and of well borers, and for payment of wages weekly.
- Appointment of Rate Collector—No. 18 District.
- Increase in temporary allowance to officers: Letters from Department of Local Government, Department of Health and Department of Social Welfare.
- Demolition Order in respect of house at Windgates: Report of County Manager.
- Tinahely sewerage scheme: Provision of fittings for purification works.
- Drainage at Churchlands, Tinahely.
- Extension of watermain at Newcastle.
- Water supply, Redford.
- Rathdrum Dispensary Residence: Opinion of Counsel in regard to Lease.
- Road Transport Act, 1956: Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce in regard to Council's resolution.
- Minutes of meetings of County Councils' General Council.
- Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES**

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

and resolved:—

"That we confirm and sign minutes of meetings held on 20th February, 1956, the 5th and 12th March, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

**Welcome to Member**—The Chairman and members welcomed Councillor W. Clarke on his return to the Council after his illness.

**ITEM No. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME**

Having considered particulars of the applications received, it was

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

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the following applications received under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1956:—

Phelim Cullen, Killamoate, Kiltegan.  
John A. Fisher, 7 Fatima Terrace, Bray.  
William J. Grimes, Vale View House, Coolgreaney Road, Arklow.  
Mary C. Haughton, St. Anne's, Seaview Road, Wicklow.  
David Herman, Braeside, Westfield Park, Bray.  
Francis O. Kavanagh, Springmount, Wicklow.  
William T. Keegan, 11 Mill Bank, Killincarrick, Delgany.  
Clare F. Lynam, Church Street, Wicklow.  
Nuala Quinn, Brewery Place, Rathdrum.  
Nuala Ryan, Millbank House, Shillelagh.  
Deirdre M. Scullion, Putland Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—VACANCY ON COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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

and resolved:—

"That we appoint Very Rev. J. Pigott, P.P., Arklow, as representative of the County Council on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Very Rev. Canon Behan, P.P."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—ELECTRIFICATION OF BALLINCLARE QUARRY**

Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated the 28th March, 1956, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £2,347 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the electrification of Ballinclare Quarry, to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the bank from time to time for such advances, as in the 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—LANEWAYS AND APPROACH ROADS**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:

"That where any sub-standard lane or approach leads to a County Road, and there are rateable residences on that lane, or approach, when and if the rates derivable from such residences amount to £50 per annum, that up to half the amount of such rates received be spent each year until the lane is considered by the County Surveyor to be in a reasonable state of repair."

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea referred to a Notice of Motion in his name which had been discussed at a previous meeting of the Council, and suggested that the Council might allocate about £2,000 in the Roads Estimates each year and devote such monies to the repair of two or three lanes. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the Council's Engineers should submit particulars of the number of roads likely to be affected under the terms of the proposal.

Councillor W. Hammond replying to the discussion, suggested that a contract system might be adopted under which such roads could be maintained at a low cost.

The County Manager pointed out that before any monies could be spent on a roadway, the road would have to be taken over by the Council as a public road, and that before this could be done the Council would have to be satisfied that the road was of general public utility. The Council would have to consider each particular case on its merits.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter.

**ITEM No. 6—APPROACHES TO CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

"That all approaches to Churches and Schools be put in a reasonable state of repair as far as gates or bounds of such."

Councillor W. Hammond referred, as an example, to the roadway approaching Kilcommon School, and stated that it would be very desirable that this approach road be improved and the corner at the main road eased. It was decided to obtain a special report in regard to this laneway with a view to considering whether it could be taken over as a public road. The Council agreed that the question of taking over and maintaining such approach roads could only be dealt with by examining each case individually.

**ITEM No. 7—PARKING BAYS ON ROAD ROUND BLESSINGTON LAKE**

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley the Council agreed that application be made to An Bord Failte for grants towards the cost of providing parking bays on the road around the Blessington Lake. The County Engineer was directed to prepare an estimate for submission to An Bord Failte.

**ITEM No. 8—DRAINAGE SCHEMES IN CLOUGH/BALTINGLASS AREA; IRON GRANGE/BALTINGLASS AREA; and TALBOTSTOWN AREA**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer would prepare schemes for drainage in the areas mentioned, and these schemes would be submitted to the Council for approval.

In reply to inquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that the Council could not commence any works under the Local Authorities Works Acts until 1st October in each year. The Council directed that the Department be requested to grant permission for drainage schemes being carried out during the summer season.

**ITEM No. 9—APPLICATIONS FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS AND IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION FOR INCREASE IN WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS**

The following letters received from the Federation of Rural Workers and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union were submitted:—

Federation of Rural Workers,  
6 Gardiner Place, Dublin.  
17th April, 1956.

The Manager,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of our members employed by your Council as road labourers, quarry labourers, charge-hands, gangers, assistant overseers, overseers and carters we make the following application:—

1. An increase in wages of 12/6 per week.
2. An increase in the "skilled rate" from 1/3 to 2/6 per day.
3. Payment of wages weekly instead of fortnightly.

With regard to the wages application, the last increase given by your Council was in respect of our application made on 22nd March, 1955. While similar applications made to other County Councils about the same time were dealt with and finalised within four to eight weeks, the negotiations with your Council dragged on and were only finalised after very protracted negotiations and a reference to the Labour Court, which was afterwards withdrawn.

The final increase of 7/6 per week was given in two parts, 5/- first and an added 2/6 later, both with effect from 5th August, 1955. In most other counties increases granted were effective from dates in March or April, 1955.

The 7/6 increase was accepted by our members as a settlement for the time being of their claim for a wage that would provide them with a reasonable standard of living, and the present application is a continuance of the effort to achieve that object. But for the fact that last year's negotiations were so long protracted and an offer by your Council delayed, application would have been made in January this year at the same time as the applications were made to other Councils.

For your information, we have to point out what the position is now in certain other counties regarding the wages of the road staffs employed by them:

**County Dublin**—Wages of road labourers increased by 8/6 per week from £5 12s. 6d. to £6 1s. 0d. as the result of a Labour Court recommendation.

**Co. Tipperary (N.R.)**—Wages of road labourers, gangers, foremen, overseers and carters increased by 10/- per week with retrospective effect to 1st October, 1955, by direct negotiation between this Union and the County Manager and the County Council. The labourers' wages are now £5 10s. 0d. per week.

**Co. Tipperary (S.R.)**—Wages of road labourers, gangers, foremen and overseers increased by 8/- per week with retrospective effect to 1st October, 1955, by direct negotiations between this Union and the County Manager and the County Council. The wage of road labourers is now £5 8s. 0d. per week.

**Co. Waterford**—The wages of road labourers, gangers, foremen and overseers and carters increased by 10/6 per week with effect from 2nd February, 1956, by direct negotiation between this and one other union and the County Manager. The wage of the road labourers is now £5 8s. 0d. per week.

**Co. Monaghan**—The County Manager has informed us that he is prepared to increase the wages of road labourers by 8/- per week from £5 to £5 8s. 0d., subject to ratification by his Council and sanction by the Minister.

In your county a higher rate of wages is usually paid than in the counties quoted. In other counties such as Kildare, Donegal, Mayo and Carlow negotiations are still proceeding.

Please place this before your Council as soon as possible. Hoping to have an early and favourable reply.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE POLLOCK, President.

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,  
94 Merrion Square, Dublin.  
21st April, 1956.

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

re: Road Workers' Wages.

Dear Sir,

We are to refer to the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. McCarthy, Secretary of our Arklow Branch, at the November, 1955, meeting of the Council for an increase of 11/6 per week in the wages of the road workers and to the subsequent increase of 2/6 granted, and to request that the Council will now give favourable consideration to conceding the balance claimed, that is a further increase of 9/- per week, in addition to an extra 6d. so as to bring the total amount now claimed up to 9/6.

This claim is based on the factors on which the original application was fully sustained, mainly the continued high cost of living and the inadequacy of the existing rate of wages to enable our members concerned to support themselves and their dependants.

In addition, as you are no doubt aware, as a result of discussions between us and the Kildare County Manager and Kildare County Secretary, an Order is to be made increasing the rate of wages of the road workers employed in County Kildare by 9/6 per week. In effect, therefore, we are asking for exactly the same increase, 9/6 per week, as conceded by an adjoining Council, and we feel sure that in all the circumstances your Council will give sympathetic consideration to this request.

An early and favourable decision would be appreciated by our members concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,  
JOHN CONROY, General President.

In reference to the statement in the letter from the Federation of Rural Workers that similar applications made to other Councils in March, 1955, had been dealt with and finalised within four to eight weeks, in only three counties were increases in wages granted during the month of April, 1955. In July, 1955, an increase in wages was applied in Dublin, and the increase in wages in Wicklow was dated from 5th August, 1955. Increases in wages in other counties applied from later dates. With reference to the statement that but for negotiations being so long protracted and an offer by the Council delayed, application would have been made in January of the present year for an increase in wages, the County Secretary stated that the Council's offer of a further 2/6 per week was accepted by the Federation of Rural Workers in letter of 20th January, 1956.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, the Council agreed to refer the applications for the increases in wages for consideration by a committee appointed by the Council. It was agreed that the committee consist of the members appointed to form the committee to consider the previous application for an increase in wages. Councillor J. D. Haughton having indicated that he did not wish to serve on the committee.

Councillor C. W. Hudson was appointed in his place. The committee, therefore, consisted of the following members—Councillor H. J. Byrne (Chairman), Councillors E. Byrne, W. Hammond, C. W. Hudson, J. Miley, J. O'Toole and G. Timmins.

It was decided that the committee meet on Tuesday, 22nd May, 1956, at 3 p.m.

**ITEM No. 10—APPLICATION FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS FOR AN ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF WORK FROM 1/3 TO 2/6 PER DAY, AND FOR PAYMENT OF WAGES WEEKLY INSTEAD OF FORTNIGHTLY**

The Council referred this application for consideration by the committee appointed to consider the applications for increases in wages.

**ITEM No. 11—APPLICATION FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS FOR SICK PAY SCHEME FOR OVERSEERS AND ASSISTANT OVERSEERS AND FOR PAYMENT OF TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE OF £1 PER WEEK**

The Council referred this application for consideration by the committee appointed to consider application for increase in wages of road workers.

**ITEM No. 12—APPLICATION FROM FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS FOR INCREASE IN WAGES OF LORRY, ROLLER, TRACTOR DRIVERS AND OF WELL BORERS, AND FOR PAYMENT OF WAGES WEEKLY**

The Council referred this application for examination by the committee appointed to consider the applications for increases in wages of road workers.

**ITEM No. 13—APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR, No. 18 DISTRICT**

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement, fourteen applications had been received for the post of Rate Collector, No. 18 District. One applicant, however, was over the age limit, and particulars of the remaining thirteen applicants had been circulated to the members.

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

and resolved:

"That this Council consider that, having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties and the qualifications for that office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination, and we decide that the person be selected as the result of an examination of the applications received."

Passed unanimously.

A vote was called for and resulted as follows:—

For Mr. S. R. Brennan: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Kehoe; J. Miley; J. O'Toole; Mrs. M. Ledwidge and C. M. Byrne ... 6

For Mr. R. J. Browne: Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly ... 1

For Mr. Richard V. McCrea: Councillors Senator J. McCrea; P. McCarthy; J. O'Neill; G. Timmins; M. Deering, T.D.; W. Lawless; Ed. Byrne; J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; W. Clarke; C. W. Hudson; J. D. Haughton and H. J. Byrne ... 12

For Mr. James McEvoy: Councillor W. Hammond ... 1

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

and resolved:

"That having considered and examined the applications received for the position of Rate Collector, No. 18 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Richard V. McCrea to the position in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister for Local Government on 19th February, 1952."

Passed.

**ITEM No. 14—TEMPORARY ALLOWANCES TO OFFICERS**

Letters of 4th May, 1956, from the Department of Local Government; 24th April, 1956, from the Department of Social Welfare, and 28th April, 1956, from Department of Health, in regard to the increase in the temporary allowance to officers were submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the Ministers for Local Government and Social Welfare were not prepared to approve of the application of a minimum increase to officers, but had approved of maximum increase of £60 as proposed by the Council. The Council noted that the Minister for Health was not prepared to approve of the payment of increases in cost of living bonus to staffs employed by the Council for whom he was the appropriate Minister, otherwise than within the limits and subject to the conditions set out in the memorandum attached to the letter.

Councillor P. McCarthy and Dr. B. Donnelly asked that they be recorded as dissenting.

**ITEM No. 15—DEMOLITION ORDER IN RESPECT OF HOUSE AT WINDGATES, BRAY**

As arranged at previous meeting of the Council, the County Manager submitted photographs of the house at Windgates in respect of which a Demolition Order had been made and the Order quashed on appeal to the Circuit Court.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:

"Having considered report of the County Manager in regard to the decision of the Circuit Court in respect of the Demolition Order made on premises at Windgates, owned by Mrs. Nora Hughes, we approve of the making of a new Demolition Order in respect of these premises."

Passed unanimously

**ITEM No. 16—TINAHELY SEWERAGE SCHEME**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the purchase of fittings required for the purification works at Tinahely Sewerage Scheme. These fittings were required to complete the installation and could not be obtained when the scheme was put in, as the last war had commenced at the time. The special fittings had been unobtainable until now, in spite of every effort made to acquire them. The estimated cost of providing and fitting the equipment was £579 1s. 6d.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Neill,

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. McCrea,  
and resolved:

"That we approve of expenditure of £579 1s. 6d. on the provision of fittings for the Sewage Purification Works at Tinahely, as recommended by the County Engineer, and hereby authorise the raising of loan from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years, to defray the cost of the supply and provision of these fittings."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 17—DRAINAGE AT CHURCHLANDS, TINAHELY**

The County Secretary stated that in October, 1952, the Council had approved of the carrying out of works for the disposal of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely, at an estimated cost of £400. In 1954 the County Engineer had reported that it had not been possible to carry out the work during the financial year in which it was approved, and a revised estimate for the work was £539. The Council, at meeting held on 8th November, 1954, decided not to proceed with the scheme at that time, and suggested that the work might be embodied in a sewerage scheme for the cottages at a later date. An estimate of the cost of providing a sewerage scheme was obtained, and it was found that the estimated cost would be £2,893. The County Medical Officer had been consulted on the matter, and had reported that since the cottages were built as rural non-serviced cottages, and since each cottage had a large plot of land, the provision of a sewerage scheme could not be considered essential on the grounds of public health. The contribution from the tenants, which would be required to defray the cost of the scheme, was estimated at 4/11 per week, and the Council was informed at meeting held on 9th May, 1955, that the tenants had been asked if they were agreeable to pay this increased charge. The tenants were not agreeable to pay the contribution requested, and consequently the matter was not proceeded with.

The Council asked that the Engineer re-investigate the proposal and submit a report.

**ITEM No. 18—EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY AT NEWCASTLE**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had deferred consideration of proposal to provide an improved water supply for Newcastle by means of an extension from the Dublin Corporation main, pending the submission of report and estimate of the cost of extending the supply to cottages south of Newcastle village. The County Engineer had estimated the cost of the extension at £780 10s. 0d. There were four private dwellings to be served and nine Council cottages. The owners of the private dwellings had been asked if they would be agreeable to contribute the sum of £68 each towards the cost of the extension to serve their houses, and the tenants of the cottages had been asked if they would be agreeable to pay an extra charge of 1/9 per week in respect of the extension of the water supply. Only five of the four private individuals concerned had not replied.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to the next meeting, with a view to seeing if the remaining tenants would agree to pay the contribution, and if the private persons concerned would re-consider the matter.

**ITEM No. 19—WATER SUPPLY AT REDFORD**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that the Contract Documents submitted appeared to be in order, and no objection was raised thereto. The Department had suggested that the proposed main should be extended to some point beyond the road junction at Redford to ensure that any premises which now obtain their water supply from the existing scheme could be connected to the new main. The County Engineer had reported that the cost of extending the 4" main to serve two additional houses on the Redford-Templecarrig Road would be £470. However, as the County Engineer did not foresee any extensive development along this road, he suggested that the extension might be made in 2" copper as far as one house, and in 1 1/2" copper from there to the second house, subject to the Department's approval. The cost of this work would be £150.

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

and resolved:

"That having considered letter of 23rd January, 1956, from the Department of Local Government, and report of County Engineer, we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £1,150 to defray the cost of the provision of new water supply at Redford by means of extension from Dublin Corporation supply, the loan to be borrowed from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, and to be repayable over a period of 10 years."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 20—RATHDRUM DISPENSARY RESIDENCE**

The Council considered in committee the opinion of Mr. J. F. Miley, S.C., in regard to the terms of the lease of the dispensary residence at Rathdrum. The Council noted Counsel's opinion in regard to the covenant in the lease in relation to the keeping of the house in a good state of repair. The Council agreed that it would be necessary to erect a new residence, and to arrange for the sale of the old building.

**ITEM No. 21—ROAD TRANSPORT ACT, 1956**

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Industry and Commerce in regard to the resolution from Donegal County Council, which was adopted by Wicklow County Council at meeting held on 16th April, 1956:—

Department of Industry and Commerce,  
Kildare Street, Dublin.  
7 Bealtaine, 1956.

T.S.10475/5A.  
A Chara,  
I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of 20th April, 1956, addressed to the Secretary, Department of Local Government, conveying a resolution about road transport legislation received from the Donegal County Council and adopted by the Wicklow County Council at its meeting on the 16th April, 1956, and to inform you that the Minister is unable to accept the proposal contained in the resolution.

The Road Transport Act, 1933, provides that, except in certain exempted areas around the principal ports, no person may carry merchandise for reward by road in a mechanically-propelled vehicle unless he is the holder of a merchandise licence. The Act also provides that it is not lawful for a person to enter into an agreement for the carriage of goods for reward by any other person not the holder of a merchandise licence. A person may carry his own goods in his own vehicle without restriction, and it was accepted until recently that the Act prohibited the carriage of a person's own goods in a vehicle hired from an unlicensed haulier; a Supreme Court decision revealed, however, that such hireage did not contravene the provisions of the then road transport legislation.

The loophole thus revealed would have frustrated very substantially the objects of the Road Transport Acts. Anyone who had goods for transport could hire a vehicle for the purpose even though the vehicle owner was not a licensed haulier. If this position had been allowed to continue a large proportion of the merchandise road transport business carried on by the public transport concerns and by licensed hauliers might have passed to unlicensed hauliers. The existing organisation of public road transport would have been jeopardised and the financial position of the public transport companies adversely affected.

To remedy the defect in the existing legislation revealed by the Supreme Court's decision, the Road Transport Act, 1956, was introduced. This Act, which was recently enacted by the Oireachtas, imposes no new restrictions or control on transport, but merely preserves the status quo by making illegal in fact what was previously regarded as illegal in practice.

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County Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

**ITEM No. 22—MEETINGS OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL**

The Council noted the receipt of the Minutes of the Meetings of the County Councils' General Council held on 8th December, 1955, and 9th February, 1956.

**ITEM No. 23—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS**

Members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Mr. R. M. Fenlon, Assistant County Engineer, on his new appointment, and expressed regret at his leaving the service of the Council.

**Grants from An Bord Failte**—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, suggested that further applications should be made to An Bord Failte for grants for works in the county, and mentioned the provision of railings in lieu of a wall at the Mass Rock at Newtownmountkennedy.

**Road Signs**—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that "Go Slow" signs be erected at approaches to Carnew. Councillor W. Hammond asked that similar signs be erected at Shillelagh.

**Unveiling of Custom House Memorial**—The Chairman stated that he had received an invitation to attend at the unveiling of the Custom House Memorial, which he was accepting on behalf of the Council.

**Public Health Nurse**—The Chairman read letter received from Nurse Daly, Public Health Nurse, in regard to her post. The County Manager explained the reason for the alteration made in regard to Nurse Daly's duties. It was agreed that the County Manager would discuss the matter with the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

**Kilcoole Housing Site**—In reply to Councillor W. Lawless, the County Secretary stated that it had not yet been possible to obtain the necessary details of title to the site.

**Water Supply, Littlewood School**—Councillor W. Hammond stated that he understood that there was a well supplying the school, and that only one cottage needed a water supply. It was decided to include the matter on the agenda for the next housing meeting of the Council.

**Water Supply for Johnstown Village**—Councillor J. Miley stated that there were eight houses in the village of Johnstown, and asked for a report in regard to the provision of a water supply to serve these houses.

**Supply of Milk to Council's Institutions**—Councillor J. Haughton asked that it be verified that the suppliers of milk to the Council's institutions, and for the Free Milk Schemes, were registered under the Milk and Dairies Acts.

**General Medical Register**—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, stated that a different scale in regard to the General Medical Register was operated in other counties. It was decided to obtain particulars of the scale used in adjoining counties.

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

In the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson:

"I will propose at the next housing meeting of the County Council that we ask the Department's sanction to have cottage on the lands of Mr. Michael Byrne, Ballycapple, built without further delay. The Council would like to draw the attention of the Department to the fact that this cottage will not cost more than cottages of same design already built in this area and sanctioned by the Department."

In the name of Councillor M. Deering, T.D.:

"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that, having regard to the increased duties placed upon them under the Health Act, the travelling expenses of Assistant Officers, whole-time officers of the Council, be brought into line with expenses paid to other full-time officials."

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held in the Record Court, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th June, 1956, at 2 p.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. Hammond; G. Timmins; P. Kehoe; Mark Deering, T.D.; James Miley; S. O'Tuathail; Dr. B. Donnelly; Mrs. M. Ledwidge; W. Lawless; Edward Byrne; 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 J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. T. Hickey, and Mr. L. Cuffe, Architect, were present.

**AGENDA**

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of May, 1956.
2. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson in regard to erection of cottage on lands of Michael Byrne, Ballycapple.
3. Blessington Housing Scheme: Report of County Medical Officer.
4. Water Supply for Cottages at Prebban, Ballinglen.
5. Water Supply for 13 Houses at Kilpedder.
6. Water Supply for Cottages at Plattenstown on Wicklow-Wexford bounds.
7. Temporary Dwellings: Letter from Department of Local Government in reply to Council's application for reception of deputation.
8. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
9. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
10. Repairs carried out during the month of May, 1956.
11. Authorisation of repairs.
12. To receive deputation from Irish Local Government Officials' Union in regard to increase in temporary allowance to Council Officers.

**ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT**

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of May, 1956, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

Co. Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
1st June, 1956.

Housing Progress Report—Month of May, 1956.

Gentlemen,

During the month of May satisfactory progress was maintained on all sites. The site at Aughrim has been entered on, and work has commenced on the erection of 6 cottages.

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	...	...	8
		Total	496



The total number of men employed during May was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	21	10
1952 Scheme	11	13
Totals	32	23

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

**Northern Area:**

Cottages completed at 31st May, 1956:		
1946 Scheme		185
Newtownmountkenedy		16
Killincarrig		10
Kindlestown		40
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1048) Ballard		1
(Site No. 1057) Ballynerrin		1
(Site No. 1050) Dunganstown		1
(Site No. 1049) Furzeditch		1
(Site No. 1054) Ballard		1
(Site No. 1029) Ballinacor		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>257</b>
Cottages in progress at 31st May, 1956:		
Kilgarron, Enniskerry (Direct Labour)		20
Newcastle (Contract)		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>

**South-Eastern Area:**

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1956:		
1946 Scheme		92
In progress—Aughrim Scheme		6
<b>Total</b>		<b>98</b>

**Southern Area:**

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1956:		
1946 Scheme		54
Lugduff Scheme		3
<b>Total</b>		<b>57</b>
1952 Scheme (Completed)—Kilcavan		
Ballymaghroe		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>
In progress (By Contract)—Aughavannagh		
By Direct Labour—Coolalug		1
Coolfancy		1
Tombran		1
Ballinglen		1
Ballycurragh		2
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>

**Western Area:**

Cottages completed to 31st May, 1956:		
In progress (By Contract)—Hempstown (Site No. 1001)		1
Cryhelp (Site No. 1007)		1
Ballinacrow (Site No. 1009)		1
Logstown (Site No. 1003)		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

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

and resolved:

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of May, 1956."

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that particulars of the all-in cost of the cottage erected at Kilcavan, Carnew, be submitted to the Council.

**Cottage Purchase Scheme**—In reply to enquiries from members, the County Engineer stated that he was endeavouring to obtain an Engineer to prepare the maps required for the Cottage Purchase Scheme. When the road work at Strand Road, Bray, was completed, the Engineer in charge would be available to do part of this work, and he was endeavouring to recruit another Engineer. The Chairman and members of the Council complimented the engineering staff and the workers concerned on the work carried out at Strand Road, Bray.

**Graded Rents**—Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Senator McCrea raised the question of the revision of the rents under the Graded Rents Scheme in respect of cottages for which applications to purchase had been submitted, and suggested that such increases in rents should be postponed. Councillor McCarthy stated that he would hand in Notice of Motion for the rescinding of the resolution adopting a Graded Rents Scheme.

**Date of Annual Meeting**—The Council fixed Monday, 25th June, 1956, as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 2—COTTAGE AT BALLYCAPPLE**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

and resolved:

"That we request the sanction of the Department of Local Government to the erection of a cottage on the lands of Mr. Michael Byrne, Ballycapple, without further delay. We wish to draw the attention of the Department to the fact that the cottage will not cost more than cottages of the same design already built in the area and sanctioned by the Department."

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager, in reply to enquiries from members, stated that the Department of Local Government had drawn attention to the estimated cost of the erection of the cottage by direct labour, which amounted to £1,204. The County Engineer found that the cost of erecting cottages on isolated sites was very little less than the cost of erecting cottages on isolated sites. It was the experience of the Council that cottages built in isolated sites were often difficult to relet after the original applicants left them. The Department was also concerned as to the need for cottages in the area. A cottage had been erected under the 1952 Scheme somewhat less than a mile away and was at present vacant. As this cottage had been advertised twice and only two applications had been received on the second occasion, there did not appear to be a great demand for cottages in the area. Councillor Hudson pointed out that the other cottage was nearly a mile distant and would not suit the applicant for the cottage at Ballycapple, nor was the water supply as convenient.

**ITEM No. 3—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME**

The County Secretary submitted report of the County Medical Officer of the 8th May in regard to his examination of the housing conditions of the applicants for houses in Blessington. There were altogether 13 applicants, and the County Medical Officer reported that in his opinion the first six applicants needed housing accommodation, but that there did not appear to be much

need in the other cases, and he recommended that not more than six houses be provided in the first instance at any rate. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

and resolved:—

"That we note the report of the County Medical Officer in regard to the applications for houses in the Blessington area and agree that not more than six houses be provided at present."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT PREBBAN, BALLINGLEN**

The Health Inspector, in report of the 1st May, 1956, stated that there were five cottages with a total of 25 persons using a well that was unprotected and which dried up during the summer. He recommended the possibility of piping water from a well on Mr. Kidd's land, a distance of about 100 yards, or the erection of a pump. The Assistant County Engineer, in report of the 9th May, 1956, recommended that a pump be provided, and pointed out that the existing supply was indifferent and unreliable, especially during summer months, and was not readily accessible. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Haughton,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump to serve five Council cottages at Prebban, Tinahely, at an estimated cost of £240, and directed that the work be included on the priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—WATER SUPPLY FOR 13 HOUSES AT KILPEDDER**

The County Engineer had reported that a connection could not be obtained from the Dublin Corporation main and that the Corporation had suggested that a supply for the 13 houses at Kilpedder be obtained from the Council's 6" main supplying the Kilquade/Kilcoole area. This proposal would necessitate the provision of a further 115 lin. yards of 3" watermain at a cost of £120 15s. 0d., to make the total estimated cost of the work £733 11s. 0d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

and resolved:—

"That having considered report of the County Engineer of the 25th May, 1956, we approve of the taking off of a water supply to serve 13 houses at Kilpedder from the 6" main supplying the Kilquade/Kilcoole area, at total cost of £733 11s. 0d., the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT PLATTENSTOWN, ON WICKLOW/WEXFORD BOUNDARY**

The Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer had recommended that a well be provided at the Wicklow-Wexford border on the Arklow-Coolgreany Road to serve two cottages at Johnstown Lower, Arklow, and two cottages at Plattenstown, in Co. Wexford. The total cost would be about £280, and Wexford County Council, in letter of 24th May, 1956, had agreed to pay half the cost provided that the site for the pump would be halfway between the two outer cottages. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of the Assistant County Engineer of the 25th March, 1955, and of the Health Inspector of 23rd February, 1955, and letter of 24th May, 1956, from Wexford County Council, undertaking to defray half the cost, we approve of the erection of a pump to provide a water supply for four cottages on the Wicklow-Wexford border at Plattenstown, the work to be included on the priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—TEMPORARY DWELLINGS**

The following letter from Department of Local Government was submitted: L.27/28/5. 9 Bealtaine, 1956.  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,  
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 19th April, 1956, regarding his Order under Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, directing the Council to issue a licence in respect of a site at La Touche Place, in Greystones, and I am to state that it appears to him that having made a decision of a quasijudicial nature he could not now properly discuss the matter with the party to whom his direction was addressed. I am to point out that it is mandatory on the Council to comply with the direction contained in the Order of the 5th April, 1956, but if they wish to submit any representations of a general nature in regard to the control of temporary dwellings, the Minister would be prepared to consider their views.

Mise, le meas,  
(Signed) B. Mac AN DRAOI.

The Council directed that the Minister be informed that the Council were not satisfied and that they considered the action taken by the Minister in granting a licence to have been ill-advised. The Council noted that it was mandatory on the Council to issue a licence.

**ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS**

The Council was not agreeable to the making of a loan to Patrick O'Donohoe, Coolacork, Glenealy, in respect of the erection of a house at Coolacork. The Council suggested that Mr. O'Donohoe be considered for any cottage which might become vacant in the neighbourhood.

**ITEM No. 9—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS**

The Council approved of the granting of permission for the erection by St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., of a Directors' House, Manager's House and three Staff Houses in accordance with the plans submitted and subject to the condition that details of satisfactory sewerage system be submitted.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd. in regard to the erection of an open-air dance hall on the corner of Red Road on the main Dublin-Arklow Road. It was explained to the

Council that no application had been made to the Council and it was understood that it was not proposed to erect any structure. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Improvements at Blessington**—The Assistant County Engineer reported that Very Rev. Fr. Lucy, P.P., had asked if there were any objections to taking down a hedge fronting the street beside the Catholic Church, where he proposed to build a wall. The Assistant County Engineer stated that there was no objection to the proposal and that a wall would improve the appearance in general. Very Rev. Fr. Lucy, P.P., had also asked that the grass margin north of the Band Hall in Blessington, known as the "Dump," be removed, and stated that it could be thrown into a piece of land which he owned there. Very Rev. Fr. Lucy proposed to build a wall on the site of the old boundary wall at this point. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that this be done, as it would also be an improvement. On the proposal of Councillor Miley, the Council noted the proposals and agreed that there was no objection.

**ITEM No. 10—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1956**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of May, 1956, as submitted by the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 11—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS**

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

**ITEM No. 12—DEPUTATION FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION REGARDING INCREASE IN TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO COUNCIL OFFICERS**

The Council received a deputation consisting of Mr. O'Donoghue, Secretary to the Union; Mr. S. Kerr and Mr. P. Wood. The members of the deputation addressed the Council and urged that the Council agree to remove the limitation of £60 in the amount of the bonus payable to the Council officers. Councillor Lawless and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, complained of the manner in which certain officers had carried out their duties. Having heard the opinion of the Council's Solicitor, the Council accepted Notice of Motion from Councillor P. McCarthy for the next meeting of the Council.

**Repairs to Cottage at Ballindoyle**—Councillor Haughton enquired when repairs to the cottage at Ballindoyle, occupied by Mrs. O'Toole, would be carried out.

**Glenmalur Housing Scheme (Kirikee)**—In reply to Councillor Haughton, it was stated that the County Medical Officer had been asked to submit reports on the housing needs of additional applicants whose names had been submitted by Councillor Haughton.

**Littlewood School Water Supply**—In reply to Councillor O'Neill it was stated that the sinking of a well for water supply at Littlewood School had been included on the priority list. Councillor Hammond stated that he understood that the school would be abandoned and a new school provided at another place where there would be a good water supply and that the proposed pump would then only serve one house.

**Well at Teetemple, Red Lane, Delgany**—Councillor O'Toole asked that a report giving details of the cost of this well be submitted to the next meeting.

Councillor Lawless asked that a report be obtained from the County Engineer and County Medical Officer in regard to the sinking of wells, and stated that, in his opinion, certain wells sunk in the northern area had not been a success.

**Pump at Newbawn**—Councillor Haughton stated that the water from the pump at Newbawn was unsatisfactory and asked that it be analysed.

**Water Supply for Cottages at Laragh**—Councillor Haughton stated that residents at Laragh were prepared to carry out the work of laying a watermain if the pipes were provided. It was agreed that the matter be examined.

**Kilcoole Housing Scheme**—The County Secretary read letter from Mr. A. Cullen, State Solicitor, in which he stated that he was aware of the difficulties in furnishing Title to the lands and had been dealing with the matter for some time and he was making further searches to see if the missing documents could be traced so that the complete 40 years' Title could be furnished to the Council's Solicitor. Councillor Lawless asked if an Affidavit signed by the owner of the lands would be sufficient to enable the Council to obtain satisfactory Title.

**Bray-Greystones Cliff Walk**—Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the delay in commencing the work on the Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones. The Council asked that Bord Fáilte be requested to receive a deputation on the matter.

The Chairman submitted a Petition received by him from ratepayers and residents in the townlands of Tinnapark, Altidore and Calary requesting the Council to carry out road works on the road from Tinnapark Corner to Carrigower. The matter was referred to the County Engineer for a report for submission to the next meeting.

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

1. By Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:  
"That I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting that each member receive a quarterly financial statement covering all services of the County Council for the previous three months."
2. By Councillor P. McCarthy:  
"That I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that this Council rescind the resolution pertaining to the Graded Rents System."
3. By Councillor P. McCarthy:  
"That I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of re-considering revision of temporary allowance to officers of the Council."

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Record Court, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th June, 1956, 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. Hammond; G. Timmins; P. Kehoe; M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley; S. O'Tuathail; Dr. B. Donnelly; Mrs. M. Ledwidge; W. Lawless; E. Byrne; 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 J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. Hickey, and Mr. L. Cuffe, County Architect, attended.

**AGENDA**

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th and 16th April, 1956.
2. To allow and make County Rate for services of Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1957, sign and seal Rate Books, authorise affixing of Seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants, and sign and seal Demands on Urban District Councils.
3. To authorise the raising of temporary overdrafts on the Council's General and Capital Accounts for the quarter to 30th September, 1956.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., in regard to the issue of quarterly financial statement covering all services of the Council for the previous three months.
5. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956: Letter from Department of Education in regard to candidate.
6. University Scholarship: Letter from scholarship holder requesting postponement of scholarship.
7. Cinematograph Licence: Report of Chief Fire Officer in regard to application for licence.
8. Tenders for Fire Engine: Reports of County Engineer and Chief Fire Officer in regard to tenders received.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of reconsidering amount of temporary allowance to Council officers.
10. Report of Committee appointed by Council to consider applications from employees' Unions for increase in wages and allowances, payment of wages weekly, sick pay scheme for Overseers and Assistant Overseers and payment of travelling allowances to Overseers and Assistant Overseers.
11. Report of Rate Collection for year to 31st March, 1956.
12. Application for closing of roads at Wicklow in connection with Annual Regatta on 6th August, 1956.
13. To declare the following roads to be public roads:—  
(a) Road at Killincarrig from Cherry Orchard to connect with Greystones/Delgany Road;  
(b) Road from Greenane Road to Ballinderry Road with branches to Ballygannon Cottages, Rathdrum.
14. Petition from Ratepayers and Residents of Tinnapark, Altidore and Calary in regard to improvement of road from Tinnapark Corner to Carrigower and report of County Engineer.
15. Courthouse, Dunlavin: Report of Valuer.
16. Redford Water Supply: To approve of obtaining loan from Treasurer.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering, T.D., in regard to rate of payment of travelling expenses to Assistant Officers.
18. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES**

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

and resolved:—  
"That we hereby confirm and sign minutes of Meetings held on the 9th April, and 16th April, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—MAKING OF COUNTY RATE, ETC.**

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

and resolved:—  
“That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1957, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending 31st March, 1957.”

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

and resolved:—  
“That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1957, as follows:—

Arklow	£10,629	12	6
Bray	£42,427	7	0
Wicklow	£8,911	9	4

**ITEM No. 3—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

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

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., 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, 1956, shall not exceed £200,000.”

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

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, 1956, shall not exceed £58,500.”

**ITEM No. 4—ISSUE OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was  
Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

and resolved:—  
“That each member receive a quarterly financial statement covering all services of the Council for the previous three months.”

Passed unanimously.  
The Council agreed that the statement to be furnished need not be in great detail and would cover the principal service headings only.

**ITEM No. 5—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1956**

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—  
Technical Instruction Branch,  
Talbot House, Dublin,  
16 Bealtaine, 1956.

An Runai,  
Comhairle Contae Chille Manntain,  
Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956,  
County Wicklow.

A Chara,  
I am directed to refer to previous correspondence with regard to the question of the acceptance of Thomas J. Elliott as an eligible candidate at the examination for the award of scholarships under the terms of the above-named scheme. In this connection I am to say that this Department has made further enquiries from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding the income of the applicant's father in the year ended 31st December, 1955, and that it has been ascertained that the actual amount paid to him was less than £376. In the circumstances, the Minister considers that the candidate may be accepted as eligible under the terms of the scheme. If the Council agrees, the usual certificate of eligibility should be forwarded to this Department in respect of the candidate.

Mise, le meas,  
(Signed) D. O'LAOGHAIRE.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—  
“That having considered letter of the 16th May, 1956, from Department of Education, we accept Thomas J. Elliott as an eligible candidate under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956.”

**ITEM No. 6—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP: LETTER FROM SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Patrick G. Cox, scholarship holder, indicating that he had contracted tuberculosis and was at present at Newcastle Sanatorium. As a consequence, he was unable to attend lectures during the Trinity Term and would be unable to do the B.A. Examination in September. He asked that the final instalment of the scholarship be held over until he was fit to resume studies. The University Authorities had recommended that the scholarship be suspended.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton,

and resolved:—  
“That having considered letter of 30th May, 1956, from Patrick J. Cox, Newcastle, and recommendation of the Registrar, University College, Dublin, we approve of the suspension of the University Scholarship awarded to him pending his being able to resume his studies.”

**ITEM No. 7—CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE**

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had now reported that the Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass (Proprietor, Edward Bradley), was now equipped with secondary lighting and that there was no objection to the issue of Cinematograph Licence in respect of the cinema. It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

and resolved:—  
“Having noted report of the Chief Fire Officer of the 16th May, 1956, that cinema is now equipped with secondary lighting, we hereby authorise the issue of the licence under the Cinematograph Act in respect of the Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass.”

**ITEM No. 8—TENDERS FOR FIRE ENGINE**

The following reports of the Chief Fire Officer and County Engineer on their examination of the tenders received for the new fire engine was submitted:—  
Courthouse,  
Bray,

County Engineer,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Co. Wicklow,  
4th May, 1956.

re Tenders for Fire Appliance.

Dear Sir,  
I consider the Rathdrum brigade is the most important of all brigades in the county because of its geographical position, I regard it as a reinforcing

brigade for Arklow, Wicklow and Bray, thus it has to travel long distances in comparison with other stations. With respect to its duties for rural fires, I consider them to be of a secondary nature, as the risk of spread of such fires is not great.

In England the current design is towards a smaller and more compact type of fire engine, but it must be borne in mind that they have large numbers of appliances available and it is the usual practice to have as many as 6 engines in attendance at an average fire. In Co. Wicklow, it is not economical to provide such coverage, and our usual attendance at serious fires is 2 appliances.

With the above comments in mind, I consider it essential that the specification of any engine sited at Rathdrum should include:—

1. Powerful engine for fast road travel, even with a trailer pump.
2. Very large locker accommodation for hose and equipment.
3. Large crew accommodation.

Having examined the tenders submitted, I make the following notes:—

**Messrs. Lincoln and Nolan, Austin Chassis—£2,450:**

- (a) The tender price of £2,450 does not include such items as ladder, suction hose, search light, strainer, fog nozzle.
- (b) The brake horse power of 100 is low compared with other engines.
- (c) The locker accommodation is too small, only four lockers provided.
- (d) The suction hose is 5½" diameter and is heavy, all other pumps have 4" diameter hose.
- (e) The primer is of the piston type, which I do not favour.
- (f) The main gland of the pump is packed with cubes of graphited asbestos, a type of packing I do not like. We have one Gwynne pump stationed in Dunlavin and it has given a lot of trouble.
- (g) The crew space accommodates six men.

**Messrs. Alfred Miles, Bedford Chassis—£2,737:**

- (a) The brake horse power of 85 is too low and is below the minimum specified in our advertisement.

**Messrs. Alfred Miles, Bedford Chassis—£2,857:**

- (a) The brake horse power of 115 is adequate.
- (b) The tender price of £2,857 does not include—Shipping charges (approx. £75), towing eyes (£10), ladder (£66 13s. 6d.), searchlight (£69), suction hose (£54), thus the price becomes at least £3,131.
- (c) The crew accommodation is for 6 men.
- (d) The locker accommodation is small and consists of 6 lockers.

**Messrs. Hampshire Car Bodies, Bedford Chassis—£2,930:**

- (a) The tender price does not include—Ladder, suction hose, searchlight, towing eyes.
- (b) The crew accommodation for 6 men.
- (c) The locker space is small, consisting of 5 lockers.

**Messrs. Autocars, Ford Chassis—£2,969:**

- (a) The tender price does not include suction hose, searchlight, ladder, towing eyes.
- (b) The turning circle is too large at 51 feet.
- (c) The tendered specification is very vague, no details as to bodywork, locker accommodation, etc. No drawing or photograph of proposed engine.
- (d) To my knowledge, Messrs. Autocars have not built a fire engine as yet similar to that tendered.
- (e) A full forward control driving cab costs an extra £250, this is an essential on any chassis if full use of chassis space is utilised, all other tenders have this type of cab.

**Messrs. Merryweather and Sons, Commer Chassis—£3,200:**

- (a) This is not a full limousine body, only the driver and officer are under cover, not a suitable body.
- (b) The tender price does not include a ladder, searchlight, towing eyes.
- (c) Crew accommodation is for 6-7 men.

**Messrs. Fire Armour, Bedford Chassis—£3,245:**

- (a) This chassis has adequate power at 115 b.h.p.
- (b) The crew accommodation is for 10 men, which I consider is the minimum number suitable for Rathdrum Station.
- (c) The pump is a very well-known type and make and is the same as fitted to the Bray engine, which has given excellent service.
- (d) The tender price includes ladder, searchlight, suction hose, towing eyes.
- (e) The locker space is larger than any other engine and consists of 10 lockers.
- (f) It is the only engine that provides sufficient accommodation for carrying our existing light trailer pump, thus its road speed will be faster and safer than an engine towing a trailer pump, towing eyes are provided should a large trailer pump be required.
- (g) The turning circle is 49 feet, which is good for a long wheel base chassis.
- (h) The Bray engine is also a Fire Armour appliance and it is giving excellent service free of troubles.

The personnel of the Rathdrum brigade is 12 men, and I do not wish to reduce this figure if at all possible; however, records over a period of five years show that a maximum attendance at a fire was 11 on two occasions and the average turnout was 8 men.

It may be considered that the Fire Armour appliance may not be able to serve some of the more awkwardly sited rural fires because of its slightly larger overall dimensions (long wheel base chassis) than other engines. The Bray appliance, which is the same width, is able to deal with most rural fires, and in case of Rathdrum a light trailer pump will always be available for use in inaccessible places.

It will be noted that the original tender of Messrs. Fire Armour was priced at £3,185, whereas the tender I recommend is in the sum of £3,245. The original layout is shown on drawing No. T.792, and the revised layout is on drawing No. T.792/A. and provides extra locker accommodation and also allows suitable space on the appliance for our existing light trailer pump, but it reduces the crew space from 12 to 10 men. I do not regard this reduction of crew accommodation as important, because, as I stated, the average turnout of personnel is 8 men.

In recommending the acceptance of Messrs. Fire Armour's tender in the sum of £3,245, I have taken into consideration such things as the amount of equipment supplied as standard, type of pump, locker space, chassis and price. I return herewith all tenders received.

Your faithfully,

H. R. H. SHARPE,

Chief Fire Officer,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

16th May, 1956.

County Secretary,  
re Tender for Fire Appliance.

Dear Sir,  
I have examined the tenders received for the Fire Fighting Unit proposed to be provided at Rathdrum, and I have received a letter dated 4th instant from the Chief Fire Officer in this connection and which I attach for your information and with which I agree.

I recommend acceptance of the tender of Messrs. O'Gorman, Quinn and Co., Ltd., 26 Garville Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin, in the sum of £3,245.

I have carefully considered the matter and consulted with the Fire Officer also, and it is as a result of our examination of the tenders that he has set out the observations in his letter. In general, the specification for any engine to be sited in Rathdrum should include items 1, 2 and 3 referred to in the third paragraph of Mr. Sharpe's letter. Apart from the fact that most of the

tenders do not include for full equipment, the accommodation offered in regard to crew space is insufficient in those tenders submitted by:—

Messrs. Lincoln and Nolan (Austin Chassis), £2,450.  
Messrs. Alfred Miles (Bedford Chassis), £2,737 (below minimum spec.).  
Messrs. Alfred Miles (Bedford Chassis), £2,857.  
Messrs. Hampshire Car Bodies (Bedford Chassis), £2,930.  
Messrs. Merryweather and Sons (Commer Chassis), £3,200.  
In the case of Messrs. Autocars (Ford Chassis, £2,969), the specification is vague as to body work, etc., turning circle is too large, and Messrs. Autocars have not built a fire engine as yet similar to that tender, and Messrs. Autocars driving cab costs an extra £250 and this is an essential part, and having regard to the fact that there is in the county (Bray U.D.C.) a Fire Armour machine giving entire satisfaction, and considered to be suitable in all respects, particularly in regard to crew accommodation and sufficient accommodation for carrying out light trailer pump, I recommend, therefore, its acceptance at £3,245.

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,  
and resolved:—

"That having considered recommendations of the County Engineer and Chief Fire Officer on tenders received for fire fighting unit, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. O'Gorman, Quinn and Co., Ltd., 26 Garville Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin, in the sum of £3,245 for fire engine manufactured by Fire Armour, Ltd., and authorise the borrowing of the sum of £3,245 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the bank, to defray the cost of the purchase of the fire engine."  
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO COUNCIL'S OFFICERS

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,  
and resolved:—

"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the amount of the temporary allowance granted to officers of the Council."  
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,  
and resolved:—

"That we hereby amend the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on the 16th April, 1956, in relation to the payment of an increase in the temporary allowance to officers of the Council by the omission of the limitation of £60 as the maximum amount of the increase in temporary allowance to any one officer."

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

In Favour—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy; James O'Neill; G. Timmins; P. Kehoe; M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley; J. O'Toole; Dr. B. Donnelly; Mrs. M. Ledwidge ... 10  
Against—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea; W. Lawless; E. Byrne; J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. Byrne; C. W. Hudson; J. Haughton and H. J. Byrne ... 8  
Councillor W. Hammond did not vote.

The resolution was declared passed by 10 votes in favour to 8 votes against.

In reply to enquiries from members, the Council's Law Agent confirmed that a simple majority was sufficient for the passing of the resolution and that a two-thirds majority would be required only if there was a lesser number of members present at that meeting than at the meeting held on the 16th April, 1956.

ITEM No. 10—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASES IN WAGES, PAYMENT OF WAGES WEEKLY, SICK PAY SCHEME FOR OVERSEERS AND ASSISTANT OVERSEERS, AND PAYMENT OF TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES TO OVERSEERS AND ASSISTANT OVERSEERS

The following report of the recommendations of the committee was submitted:—

A meeting of the committee appointed by the Council at the meeting held on the 14th May, 1956, to consider applications received from employees' unions for increase in wages, etc., was held at the Record Court, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 22nd May, 1956, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended: Councillor H. J. Byrne (Chairman), Councillors J. O'Toole, W. Hammond, Edward Byrne, C. W. Hudson, J. Miley and G. Timmins.

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

1. Application for Increase in Wages of Road Workers:

Having considered applications from the Federation of Rural Workers and Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, and having noted the rates of wages of road workers paid in other counties, the committee decided that no alteration in the present rate of wages of road workers be recommended.

2. Application for Increase in Wages of Lorry Drivers, Machinery Attendants, etc.:

Having considered the rates of wages paid to lorry drivers and machinery assistants in other counties, the committee agreed to recommend an increase of 5/6 per week in the wages of lorry drivers and machinery attendants as from 17th April, 1956.

3. Allowances for Special Types of Work:

Having considered the application in relation to the rate of wages paid to road workers at the time the allowance was first approved and the present rate of wages of road workers, the committee agreed to recommend an increase to 2/3 per day.

4. Payments of Wages Weekly:

Having considered the records of the previous discussions on such proposal by the Council and particulars of the cost involved, the committee did not recommend payment of wages weekly.

5. Sick Pay Scheme for Overseers and Assistant Overseers:

The committee did not recommend the introduction of a sick pay scheme for Overseers and Assistant Overseers.

6. Payment of Travelling Allowances to Overseers and Assistant Overseers:

The committee recommended that the question of the payment of travelling allowances to Overseers and Assistant Overseers be examined by the County Manager and County Engineer and proposals submitted to the Council.

In reference to the proposed payment of travelling allowances to Overseers and Assistant Overseers, the County Secretary stated that the matter had been examined by the County Manager and that he suggested that an allowance at the rate of £30 per annum be made to any Overseer who used an autocytle, motorcycle or motor car in the course of his duties. Following a discussion on the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,  
and resolved:—

"That we adjourn consideration of the report of the committee in regard to the applications for increases in wages, etc."  
Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that particulars of the committee's recommendations be supplied to the employees' unions and that details of the rates of wages at present paid to road workers in Co. Kildare, Co. Carlow and Co. Wexford be obtained.

ITEM No. 11—RATE COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1956

The following statement showing the details of the 1955/56 rate collection was submitted:—

Table with columns: District Number, Rate Collector, Warrant, Amount Lodged, Discount, Credit Notes, Over Lodged, Under Lodged, Irrecoverable, C/F to 1956/57 Warrant, Disallowed, Percentage Collected, Irrecoverable, Disallowed, C/F to 1955/56. Includes a list of rate collectors and their respective amounts.

The Council noted that the amounts collected, together with discounts and credit notes, represented 98.847 per cent., and allowing for the amounts written off as irrecoverable, the percentage collected was 99.046 per cent. The comparative figures for the previous year were 98.698 and 98.892.

ITEM No. 12—CLOSING OF ROADS AT WICKLOW

The County Secretary submitted application from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for the closing of the roads serving the Parnell and Stone Bridges leading to the Morrough, Wicklow, for the period 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 6th August, 1956, in connection with the Annual Regatta. The Regatta Committee stated that the rights of residents of the Morrough area would not be interfered with in any way. It was Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

and resolved:—  
"That having considered application from Wicklow Regatta Committee, we approve of the necessary public notice being published in regard to the proposed closing of the roads under the Parnell and Stone Bridges at Wicklow for the period 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 6th August, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given in regard to the proposed declaration of roads to be public roads. It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

and resolved:—  
"That we hereby declare the roads described hereunder to be public roads:—

- (1) Road leading from Main Road No. L29 at Cherry Orchard, Killincarrig, to connect with Greystones-Delgany Road, No. L169—Length 110 pers.
- (2) Road from Greenane Road to Ballinderry Road with branches to Ballygannon Cottages—Length 123 pers."

Passed unanimously.  
Councillor Lawless asked that arrangements be made to have the road at Killincarrig put into proper repair immediately. The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates for this work. Councillor Haughton asked that the roads at Ballygannon also be repaired. The County Secretary stated that as provision had not been made in the Estimates for repairs to these roads, it would be necessary for the local members to agree on a change in the allocation of moneys for road works in the area if it was intended to repair these roads.

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ITEM No. 14—PETITION FROM RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS OF TINNAPARK, ALTDIRE AND CALARY IN REGARD TO ROAD FROM TINNAPARK CORNER TO CARRIGOWER

The following Petition, signed by 15 persons, was submitted:—
We, the undersigned ratepayers and residents of the townlands of Tinnapark, Altdire and Calary, earnestly request the Council to carry out immediately the road works proposed by the County Engineer, i.e., the widening, draining and surfacing of the Altdire Hill from Tinnapark Corner to Carrigower.
The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
11th June, 1956.

re: Road No. 39-40.

A Chara,
In the present financial year the Council agreed with my proposal to allocate £2,000 from Special Grants towards the improvement of this road. When the Local Authorities (Works) Grant became available later in this year, it will be suggested to devote a greater sum from that fund for the improvement of the hills along the same route, so that I think the Memorialists should be satisfied with the efforts of the Council on their behalf.

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

The Council noted the position in regard to the improvement of the roads and the preparation of a scheme under the Local Authorities (Works) Act.

ITEM No. 15—COURTHOUSE, DUNLAVIN

The County Secretary submitted report of Mr. H. J. Byrne, Valuer, in which he gave particulars of the accommodation in the building at Dunlavin used as Courthouse, Fire Station and Stores, and reported on its condition. The valuer recommended that a nominal sum of, say, £200 might be paid for the building.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,
and resolved:—

"That having considered report of valuer, we approve of an offer of £200 being made for the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the building at Dunlavin used as Courthouse, Fire Station and Stores."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—REDFORD WATER SUPPLY

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 30th May, 1956, from Department of Local Government it had been indicated that as the resources of the Local Loans Fund were being reserved for major capital works, the Minister regretted that he could not recommend the issue from the fund of a loan of £1,150 for the Redford Scheme. It was indicated that a short-term loan from the Council's Treasurer or some other source would be considered more appropriate.

It was
Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,
and resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 30th May, 1956, from Department of Local Government, we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £1,150 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., repayable over a period of 10 years, with interest at the appropriate rate for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Redford Water Supply Improvement Scheme."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF ASSISTANCE OFFICERS

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor M. Deering, T.D., that Assistance Officers be paid travelling expenses in accordance with the scale approved for other full-time officers, having regard to increased duties placed upon them under the Health Acts. The Council agreed to the proposal.

Travelling Expenses to Rent Collectors—In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government had again indicated that he was not prepared to approve of the payment of travelling expenses to Rent Collectors. The Council asked that the matter be re-submitted to the Minister.

ITEM No. 18—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

Vacancies for Motor Drivers—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, enquired how recent vacancies for motor drivers in the employment of the Council had been filled, and asked for a report for the next meeting.

1952 Agreed Sites Scheme—Councillor Senator McCrea enquired when the house to be erected for Mr. Carty at Ballinacurragh would be commenced.

Cross Roads at Annacorra-Ballycoogue—Members of the Council asked that proposals for improvement of the roads at this cross-roads be submitted to the next meeting.

Allowance of Half Day to Road Workers—The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council held on the 16th April, 1956, the Council had considered an application from the Federation of Rural Workers for a holiday with pay for road workers on a Saturday in lieu of St. Patrick's Day. The Council had deferred the matter for a discussion between the County Manager and the Federation of Rural Workers. Representatives of the Federation had met the County Manager and County Secretary and had indicated that their application related only to public holidays. They contended that since St. Patrick's Day had fallen on a Saturday in the present year, road workers were at the loss of a half day's leave in that week. If St. Patrick's Day had been on any other day of the week, the road worker would have obtained a full day's leave with pay and would also have obtained the usual half-holiday on the Saturday. It was contended also that this concession had been granted by other employers. The County Manager was agreeable to allow a holiday on another Saturday in lieu of St. Patrick's Day if the Council agreed. The Council agreed with the County Manager's suggestion.

Public Lighting at Boghall Road—The Chairman read a letter received by Councillor O'Toole from the Portland Glass Co., Ltd., requesting him to convey to the members of the Council the appreciation of the company of the helpfulness of the Council in having lighting erected outside their factory on the Boghall Road.

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Record Court, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th June, 1956, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors, P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. J. McCrea, 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, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. M. O'Broin, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Secretary also attended.

AGENDA

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

ITEM No. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was
Proposed by Councillor B. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,
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."

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,
Resolved:—

"That Councillor William Cleary 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."

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

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Councillor H. J. Byrne (11 votes) and Councillor W. Cleary (7 votes).

Councillor H. J. Byrne was accordingly declared elected Chairman by 11 votes in his favour as compared with 7 votes for Councillor W. Cleary. Councillor H. J. Byrne signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and expressed thanks to the members for his re-election.

**ITEM No. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

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

Resolved:—  
"That Councillor C. W. Hudson be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office."

It was Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved:—  
"That Councillor James O'Toole be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office."

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

For COUNCILLOR C. W. HUDSON: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, Dr. B. Donnelly, William Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton and H. J. Byrne ..... 11

For COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., William Cleary, P. Kehoe, James Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne ..... 7

Councillor C. W. Hudson was accordingly declared elected Vice-Chairman by 11 votes in his favour to 7 votes for Councillor J. O'Toole. Councillor Hudson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and expressed thanks to the members for his re-election.

**ITEM No. 3—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**

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

Resolved:—  
"That the following members be appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board: Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless, P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD.**

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

Resolved:—  
"That the following members be appointed to represent, with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., C. M. Byrne, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, J. Haughton, C. W. Hudson and W. Lawless.

Passed unanimously.

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

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,  
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton,

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, C. M. Byrne and J. O'Neill."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.**

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

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby appoint Councillor Senator McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association."

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

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby appoint Councillor J. O'Toole to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association."

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

For COUNCILLOR SENATOR MCCREA: Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, Dr. B. Donnelly, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton and H. J. Byrne ..... 11

For COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., William Cleary, P. Kehoe, James Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. Ledwidge, C. M. Byrne ..... 7

Councillor Senator McCrea was accordingly declared appointed by 11 votes in his favour to 7 votes in favour of Councillor J. O'Toole.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chambers, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd July, 1956, at 2 p.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. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. M. O'Broin and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey, and Council's Architect, Mr. L. Cuffe, and Staff Officer, A. O'Connor attended.

**AGENDA**

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of June, 1956.
2. Graded Rents Scheme—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for rescinding of resolution pertaining to the Graded Rents Scheme.
3. Graded Rents—letter from Department of Local Government in regard to extension of graded rents scale to economic level.
4. Letter from Department of Local Government enclosing copy of statement of Minister for Local Government in regard to advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
5. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Application for Supplementary Grant for new house.
8. Use of lands for temporary dwellings.
9. Offices of Committee of Agriculture.
10. Repairs carried out during month of June, 1956.
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 June, 1956, had been circulated to the members:—

**Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.**

County Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow,  
28th June, 1956.

**Housing Progress Report—Month of June, 1956.**

Gentlemen,  
During the month of June satisfactory progress was maintained on all sites. The present position regarding schemes is as follows:—

**Kilgarron, Enniskerry:**  
20 cottages in progress (nearing completion).

**1952 (Agreed Sites) Schemes:**  
12 cottages in progress—10 cottages completed.

**Aughrim Scheme:**  
6 cottages in progress.

The number of men employed during June was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	12	11
1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme	11	13
Aughrim Scheme	4	6
Totals	27	30

The following are details of the schemes relating to the various districts:—

<b>Northern Area :</b>	
Completed : 1952 Scheme.	
Ballynerrin (Site No. 1,057)	1
Newcastle (Site No. 1,045)	1
Total	2
In Progress :	
1952 Scheme, Bolinass (Site No. 1043)	1
Kilgarron Scheme	20
Total in Progress	21
<b>South/Eastern Area :</b>	
Completed :	
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,029) Ballinacor	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,048) Ballard	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,049) Furzeditch	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,050) Dunganstown	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,054) Ballard	1
Total	5
In Progress :	
Aughrim Scheme	6
1952 Scheme, Aughavanagh (Contract)	2
Total	8
<b>Southern Area :</b>	
Completed :	
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,015) Kilcavan	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,025) Ballymaghroe	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,031) Coolalug	1
Total	3
In Progress :	
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,013) Coolfancy	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,016) Tombrean	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,030) Ballinglen	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,022/23) Ballycurragh	2
Total	5
<b>Western Area :</b>	
In Progress—By Contract :	
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,001) Hempstown	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,003) Logstown	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,007) Cryhelp	1
1952 Scheme (Site No. 1,009) Ballinacrow	1
Total	4

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Engineer.

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of June, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM NO. 2—GRADED RENTS SCHEME.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was  
Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby rescind the resolutions passed at meetings held on the 28th November, 1949, 13th August, 1951, and 8th February, 1954, in regard to the operation of Graded Rents Scheme for Council cottages.

In proposing the motion, Councillor McCarthy stated that he was opposed to the Graded Rents Scheme and did not agree that the rent of a house should be increased when a worker obtained an increase in his wages. He stated that workers feared that any increases they obtained in remuneration to compensate for an increase in the cost of living would be ineffective due to an increase in the rents of houses. The Chairman stated that in his opinion the Graded Rents System was a fair System and had been operated in the county in the best interests of the tenant. The County Manager gave particulars of the total number of cottages and the number vested under the Cottage Purchase Scheme and of the number let at various rents. He pointed out that of the number let 2,684 were at rents of 4s. per week or less, and that in fact 1,547 were let at rents between 1s. and 2s. per week. It was clear, therefore, that any higher rents which had been applied under the Graded Rents Scheme applied only in a comparatively small number of cases. As the result of the considerable increase in building costs following the war, local authorities found that the rents which would have to be charged for post-war houses would be higher than many applicants could afford. If greater subsidies were to be given from rates, the burden on the Council's resources would be such that they would not be able to continue the building of houses. As a result, differential and graded Rents Schemes were introduced by many local authorities. The Council had taken this matter into consideration when deciding upon the introduction of a Graded Rents Scheme.

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

In favour:—

Councillors: Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill and J. Haughton

Against:—

Councillors: P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; J. Miley, J. O'Toole, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. M. Byrne and H. J. Byrne

The motion was declared defeated by 13 votes against to 4 votes in favour.

#### ITEM NO. 3—GRADED RENTS—EXTENSION OF GRADED RENTS TO ECONOMIC LEVEL

The Council was informed that the Department of Local Government had enquired if the Council had yet adopted a Graded Rents Scale for new houses graded to the economic rent. Copies of suggested graded rents scale had been circulated to the members. The Council decided to make no change in the Graded Rents Scale as at present applied.

#### ITEM No. 4—SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Letters of 9th June, 1956, from the Department of Local Government enclosing copy of statement issued by the Minister indicating that he proposed to include a provision in the forthcoming housing bill empowering Local Authorities to give guarantees in relation to advances made by Building Societies for the purchase or erection of new houses, and letter of 28th June, 1956, from the Department of Local Government conveying the views of the Minister in regard to the confining of new advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to applicants who could not reasonably be expected to finance the provision of their houses otherwise were submitted to the Council. The County Manager explained the proposed system of guarantee and the effect of the sug-

gested scheme. The Council asked that a Memorandum in regard to the proposed scheme be circulated to the members and submitted for consideration at the next housing meeting.

#### ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Council did not approve of the making of loans to Messrs John F. Darcy, in respect of a house at Redford; J. I. Morrin, in respect of a house at Balinglass, and Norman A. Peachey, being of opinion that these applicants could reasonably be expected to finance the provision of houses otherwise than with the aid of loans from the Council.

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

The Council agreed that permission be refused for the conversion of hay barns and other buildings at Jameson's Corner, Glencormac, into a filling station and repair garage. The Council noted that the site was not suitable for use for a filling station having regard to traffic difficulties which might arise.

#### ITEM No. 7—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT FOR NEW HOUSES

The Council recommended that the application of Mr. John J. Jones for a supplementary grant, in respect of a new house, be refused.

#### ITEM No. 8—USE OF LANDS FOR TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

The Council noted reports of the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer in regard to the proposed use of a site at Greystones for temporary dwellings by Mr. S. P. Walker, of Lildmoor, Newcourt Road, Bray, and agreed that no licence be issued in respect of the use of this site for temporary dwellings. The Council noted also that reports were being obtained from the Council's Officers in regard to the use of a site near Brittas for caravans and temporary dwellings by Mr. Higgins.

#### ITEM No. 9—OFFICES OF COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

Councillor Senator McCrea raised the question of a proposal that the County Council should purchase premises at Market Square, Wicklow, used as offices by the Committee of Agriculture. The County Manager referred to previous discussions on this subject at meetings of the County Council and stated that there had been no change in the circumstances. He understood that the Committee of Agriculture had sought the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture to the payment of an annual sum to cover loan charges in respect of the premises, but that no reply had yet been received from the Department.

#### ITEM No. 10—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1956

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of June, 1956, as circulated by the County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 11—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS

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

**Housing Scheme at Kirikee**—The Council agreed that tenders be invited by public advertisement for the erection by contract of seven houses proposed to be built under the 1952 Scheme at Kirikee, Glenmalur. It was arranged that the tenders would be submitted at the beginning of August and would be available for the next meeting of the Council's Housing Committee.

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th July, 1956, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. 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, and C. W. Hudson.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. T. Hickey, and Mr. L. Cuffe, Council's Architect, attended.

#### AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th and 14th May, 1956, and 4th June, 1956.
2. Manor Avenue, Greystones—to consider taking over road as public road.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor E. Byrne for the taking over by the Council of portion of road north-east of Old Boat House at Greystones.
4. Proposed improvement of Main Road at Bray—report of County Engineer.
5. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors E. Byrne and W. Lawless for the carrying out of repairs to Greystones Harbour in order to make it safe for bathing and that the Council seek Government aid for the purpose.
6. Report of Committee appointed by the Council to consider applications for increase in wages, payment of wages weekly, sick pay scheme for Overseers and Assistant Overseers, and payment of travelling allowances to Overseers and Assistant Overseers and correspondence from Federation of Rural Workers.
7. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956—circular from Department of Local Government.
8. Water Safety—Provision of life saving equipment.
9. Water Supply for Cottages at Dunbur, Wicklow.
10. Tenders for X-ray Equipment, Baltinglass Hospital.
11. Travelling expenses for Assistance Officers.
12. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 7th and 14th May, 1956, and 4th June, 1956.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—MANOR AVENUE, GREYSTONES

The County Secretary stated that Manor Avenue, Greystones, which was a new road, had been constructed to the Council's requirements, and it was proposed to take over the road as a public road.

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to take over road at Manor Avenue, Greystones, as a public road.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION RE PROPOSED TAKING OVER OF PORTION OF ROADWAY NORTH-EAST OF OLD BOATHOUSE AT GREYSTONES

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor E. Byrne, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the roadway in question was portion of an old passage or lane in front of a row of houses originally in existence along the north beach, Greystones. Most of the houses, together with the greater part of the lane, were washed away in 1931 and only about 90 yards of it still remained and ended at the beach. The County Engineer reported that it was subject to sea flooding and that the surface of it would need extensive repairs. It was never maintained by the Council. The County Engineer estimated that it would cost £200 to put a reasonable surface on it and that it was of course liable to be washed away by the sea action. Councillor E. Byrne stated that he did not suggest that the Council should expend any substantial sum of money on this roadway but that the persons residing on it wished to have stones removed from the road. It was decided to obtain the opinion of the Council's Solicitor as to whether the Council would be accepting liability for maintaining the road if the stones were removed as suggested by Councillor Byrne.

#### ITEM No. 4—PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF MAIN ROAD AT BRAY

The County Secretary stated that recently two houses at the corner of Sunnybank at the junction of Dublin and Dargle Roads had been available for sale and the County Engineer had been asked for a report as to the desirability of acquiring the houses in order to improve the corner. The County Engineer had reported that the two houses concerned would be of little use in regard to the satisfactory re-alignment of the bend unless the adjoining publichouse was also acquired. If the two houses could have been acquired at a low cost a certain amount of improvement in sight distance could have been effected and the footpath on the turn to Dublin could be eased. It was understood, however, that the houses had since been sold. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION RE REPAIRS TO GREYSTONES HARBOUR

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors E. Byrne and W. Lawless for the carrying out of repairs to Greystones Harbour in order to make it safe for bathing, the County Engineer had reported that he had inspected the place again and pointed out that he had submitted a report to the Council in 1955 with a view to obtaining a grant from An Bord Fáilte towards the repair of the harbour. He stated that the pier was in a very bad condition and his estimate for (1) removing stones, boulders and copings was £2,500, and for (2) breaking down dangerous cavities and filling in with stone, concrete, etc., and making good promenade was £3,000. The County Engineer stated that the shelters erected by means of funds provided by An Bord Fáilte. Councillor W. Lawless stated that the main work needed was the filling of three very bad holes in the pier. He enquired if it would be possible for the County Engineer to reduce his estimate and provide only for the minimum amount of work necessary to render the pier safe for the purpose of bathing. The Council agreed that the County Engineer re-examine the matter and that the Department of Local Government and An Bord Fáilte be approached with a view to obtaining grants towards defraying the cost of the work.

#### ITEM No. 6—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASES IN WAGES, PAYMENT OF WAGES WEEKLY, SICK PAY SCHEME FOR OVERSEERS AND ASSISTANT OVERSEERS, AND PAYMENT OF TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES TO OVERSEERS AND ASSISTANT OVERSEERS.

The County Secretary stated that the report of the Committee had been deferred from the last meeting and in the meantime he had been instructed to notify the employees' unions of the Committee's recommendations and to obtain particulars of the rates of wages paid to road workers in Counties Kildare, Car-

low and Wexford. The following letter received from the Federation of Rural Workers were submitted.

3rd July, 1956.

The County Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

#### Re Road and Quarry Labourers, Charge Hands, Gangers and Carters.

Dear Sir—The recommendations of the committee appointed by the Wicklow County Council to enquire into our application on behalf of the above have been considered by this trade union.

We regret the refusal of the committee to make any recommendation on the issue of an increase in wages. We consider that a clear-cut case was made in our original application for an increased wage. We again desire to emphasise that the 2/6d. increase granted last January was in response to an application served in March, 1955, and the delay in effecting a settlement was not caused by this union. The application for an increase, therefore, was not served within three months of the last one, as has been suggested, but was served at least 12 months after the last one. In the circumstances, we request that the Council, when the committee's report comes before them should re-examine our application.

The increase to 2/3d. per day for skilled work recommended by the committee is acceptable, but in this connection we would draw your attention to the position which will result in relation to the charge-hands and gangers. A charge-hand in charge of skilled men would receive 1/6d. per week less than the skilled men, while a ganger would only receive 4/6d. per week more. Two years ago we asked the County Council to pay gangers the maximum differential permitted by the Minister for Local Government, i.e. 4/- per day, but only 3/- per day was conceded. We consider that it is now opportune for the Council to examine our application for the maximum allowance of 4/-.

Please place this letter before the Council on the 9th July.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) GEORGE POLLOCK, President.

3rd July, 1956.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

#### Re Overseers and Assistant Overseers.

Dear Sir—The recommendations of the committee appointed by the Wicklow County Council to enquire into our application on behalf of the above have been considered by this trade union.

We regret the refusal of the committee to make any recommendations on the issues of an increase in wages and a sick pay scheme. We consider that a clear-cut case was made in our original application for an increased wage, and the introduction of a sick pay scheme is not without precedent for local authority employees. Accordingly, we request that the County Council, when the committee's report comes before it, should re-examine our applications on these two matters. The proposal to introduce a travelling allowance of £30 per annum for overseers employing motor vehicles in the course of their duties has been welcomed by our members as a step in the right direction. In so far as the scheme excludes assistant overseers, however, we feel that reconsideration of the position is merited. In quite a number of cases, as we are sure the Council's Engineering Staff will bear out, the assistant overseer has every bit as much travelling to do in the course of his duties as the overseer. It would be inequitable to exclude them, in our view.

Please place this letter before the County Council at their meeting on the 9th instant.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) GEORGE POLLOCK, President.

3rd July, 1956.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

#### Re Drivers and Machinery Attendants.

Dear Sir—The recommendations of the committee appointed by the Wicklow County Council to enquire into our applications on behalf of the above have been considered by this trade union.

The proposal to increase their wages by 5/6d. per week is wholly inadequate and unacceptable. Even with that increase, which would bring their wages to £6-16-0 per week, their rate of pay would still compare unfavourably with other workers in comparable employment. In the circumstances we must request that the committee's report, when it comes before the County Council on the 9th instant, should be reconsidered and a more equitable increase granted to these grades of employees.

Please place this letter before the County Council at their meeting on the 9th instant.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) GEORGE POLLOCK, President.

The County Secretary stated that the rate of wages payable in County Carlow was £5 per week, but that a proposed increase of 6/6d. per week was under consideration by the Council. The present rate of wages paid in Co. Kildare was £5-1-6. A proposal to pay a rate of £5-11-0 had been approved by the County Council and submitted for the sanction of the Minister. The sanction of the Minister had not yet been received. The rate of wages in Co. Wexford was £5-2-0 per week, which had applied since 1st April, 1956, at which time an increase of 5/6 per week had been granted. The present rate of wages in Co. Wicklow was £5-6-0 per week. Following a discussion on the matter, it was—

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That report of the committee be referred back for further consideration."

Passed.

Councillor Lawless asked that the committee hear evidence from the Assistant Engineers as to the number of workers employed under each Overseer and Assistant Overseer and Gangers. The Council agreed that the report of the committee be circulated to the members before the meeting at which it would be considered.

#### ITEM No. 7—SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY ACT, 1956.

The County Secretary stated that in circular of 6th June, 1956, from the Department of Local Government it had been stated that the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, became law on the 22nd May, 1956, and that the Act made permanent the legislation in regard to the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme. The adoption of a scheme in any year was made a reserved function of the Council. The Act provided for the recoupment by the State of one-half of the loss incurred by Councils on schemes subject to the Minister being satisfied that the Council took reasonable care in regard to the selection or approval of the person to whom credit was given and subject to his being satisfied that the sum involved was irrecoverable from that person. The Act also validated actions taken by Councils in anticipation of the passing of the Act. The County Secretary stated that the scheme operated by the Council required certain amendments in wording to comply with the terms of the Act. It was—

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved:—

"That in accordance with Section 2 of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, we hereby adopt scheme for the supply of seeds and fertilisers in respect of the sale period ending on 31st July, 1956, in accordance with the draft submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.



**ITEM No. 8—WATER SAFETY.**

The County Secretary stated that a circular letter dated 16th February, 1956, had been received from the Department of Local Government drawing attention to the importance of sanitary authorities exercising their powers under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, particularly in regard to the provision of life-saving equipment at bathing places. The Water Safety Section of the Irish Red Cross Society had assisted the County Engineer in carrying out a survey of the life-saving facilities necessary to bathing places and a report had been obtained from Mr. Plunkett Walsh, the Area Officer and Water Safety Organiser of the Irish Red Cross Society. It was proposed to provide lifebuoys at Greystones North Beach, Greystones Harbour, Greystones South Beach, Killoole, Newcastle, Rathdrum, Glendalough, Arklow Rock, Clugga, Arklow and Killoughter. The lifebuoys to be provided would be of a type recommended by the Water Safety Section of the Irish Red Cross Society and would be 18" in diameter with a life-line of approximately 30 yards in length. The Council has asked the co-operation of persons having control of private bathing places in providing the minimum amount of life-saving equipment as recommended by the Red Cross Society, and letters have been addressed to Messrs. Smiths, Silver Strand, Wicklow; Messrs. Woolaghan, Silver Strand, Wicklow; Mr. C. Cooney, Magherymore House Strand, and Mr. H. C. Delahun, Ballinacarrig Strand; Messrs. Rockfield Hotel in respect of Rockfield Strand; Messrs. McDaniels in respect of strand at Jack's Hole; Mr. Justice Martin Maguire in respect of Brittas Bay; Dr. E. T. Freeman in respect of Ennereilly Strand, and Mr. Sharpe in respect of Johnstown Strand. Letters received from Mr. Justice Martin Maguire and from Messrs. S. S. and E. Reeves & Sons, acting for Mr. Cooney were submitted to the Council. Mr. Justice Martin Maguire pointed out that the beaches and foreshore on the Wicklow Coast were the property of the State and that persons merely crossed his lands to go to the beach. He could not accept responsibility for the beach or the foreshore, though he would be prepared to co-operate with the Council in allowing entry through his lands by the Council's officers and allowing the provision and maintenance on the beach or on his lands of such safety appliances as the Council might consider necessary. Messrs. Reeves and Son stated that the beach at Magherymore was entirely private and not open to the public. The guests at Magherymore also had the right to use the beach, and in this connection the Council was referred to the manager of the hotel. The County Secretary stated that the Council had the power to make bye-laws under Section 42 (2) of the Act to require owners to provide the life-saving equipment which the Council considers necessary. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of lifebuoys up to a cost of £100 (being the provision made in the Estimates) and also approve of the preparation and submission for adoption by the Council of Bye-Laws under Section 42, Sub-section 2 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, in regard to the regulation of bathing places.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 9—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT DUNBUR, WICKLOW**

Having considered reports of the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.

and resolved:—

"That having considered reports of the Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer we approve of the provision of a small covered tank to collect water from spring in field owned by Mrs. Codd, Dunbur, and the pumping of water to the roadside to provide water supply for 7 cottages at Dunbur.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 10—TENDERS FOR X-RAY EQUIPMENT FOR BALTINGLASS HOSPITAL.**

In response to public advertisement the following four tenders were received for X-ray equipment for Baltinglass District Hospital and were opened in the presence of the members of the Council:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Waterson and Sons, North Wembley.	£755.
Newton Victor, Ltd., 6 Harcourt Road, Dublin.	£882 (Table £243).
General Radiological Ltd.	£750.
Irish Overseas Importing and Exporting, Ltd. (for Koch and Sterzel Appliances)	£575.
Alternative	£615 (Table £220).

The tenders were referred for examination by the Consulting Engineers and the Visiting Surgeon to Baltinglass District Hospital.

**ITEM No. 11—TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO ASSISTANCE OFFICERS**

With reference to the resolution passed at the previous meeting of the Council, the County Secretary pointed out that it would not be possible to implement the Council's recommendation that Assistance Officers be paid travelling expenses in accordance with the scale approved for other full-time officers having regard to the type of work on which Assistance Officers are engaged. The County Secretary stated that a proposal to increase the travelling allowance to Assistance Officers from £50 to £100 per annum had been submitted to the Department of Social Welfare, but that the Department had sanctioned only £75 per annum. The Council asked that the Department be approached again and requested to reconsider the previous application and to allow travelling expenses at the rate of £100 per annum.

**Road from Aughrim to Woodenbridge.**

Councillor Senator McCrea asked that a report in regard to the improvement of the road by the improvement of Coates' Bridge be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

**Glendalough Burial Ground.**

The Council agreed to receive a deputation consisting of three members of the Glendalough Local Committee in regard to the Burial Ground at Glendalough. Messrs. Mahon, Clarke and Carr attended and addressed the Council. They stated that there were 22 families living in the portion of the Rathdrum Parish in the neighbourhood of Glendalough and asked that these families be granted permission for burials in Glendalough Burial Ground. They stated that they did not require reservations for each person but asked that if a grave space was required for a member of these families that the application would be considered sympathetically.

The Council informed the deputation that the matter would be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council and that their representations would receive full consideration.

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, 13th August, 1956, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; J. Miley, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. M. O Broin and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey and P. T. Hickey, and the Council's Architect, L. Cuffe, attended.

**AGENDA**

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of July, 1956.
2. Scheme for erection of 7 cottages at Kirikee, Glenmalur—report of County Engineer on tenders received.
3. Loan of £50,500—1952 Agreed Sites Scheme: to approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
4. Loan of £17,520—Aughrim Housing Scheme: to approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
5. Loan of £3,000—Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme (Supplemental); to approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
6. Loan of £18,817—Aughrim Sewerage Scheme: to approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
7. Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956—Circular from Department of Local Government.
8. Advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Guarantee Scheme (Memorandum circulated to members).
9. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
10. Water Supply for cottages at Kilcandra, Glenealy.
11. Repairs carried out during month of July, 1956.
12. 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 July, 1956, was submitted:—

**Housing Progress Report—Month of July, 1956.**

Gentlemen—During the month of July satisfactory progress was maintained on all sites.

The present position regarding schemes is as follows:—

**Kilgarron, Enniskerry**—20 cottages in progress (nearing completion).

**1952 (Agreed Sites)**—12 cottages in progress. 10 cottages completed Aughrim Scheme; 6 cottages in progress.

The number of men employed during July was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	8	11
1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme	10	17
Aughrim Scheme	3	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>

The following are details of the schemes relating to the various districts :-

<b>Northern Area :</b>	
Completed, 1952 Scheme :	
Ballynerring (Site No. 1057) .....	1
Newcastle (Site No. 1045) .....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>2</b>
In Progress, 1952 Scheme :	
Bolinass (Site No. 1043) .....	1
Kilgarron Scheme .....	20
<b>Total in Progress</b> .....	<b>21</b>
<b>South-Eastern Area :</b>	
Completed, 1952 Scheme :	
Ballinacor (Site No. 1029) .....	1
Ballard (Site No. 1048) .....	1
Furzeditch (Site No. 1049) .....	1
Dunganstown (Site No. 1050) .....	1
Ballard (Site No. 1054) .....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>5</b>
In Progress :	
Aughrim Scheme .....	6
1952 Scheme, AUGHAVANNAGH .....	2
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>8</b>
<b>Southern Area :</b>	
Completed, 1952 Scheme :	
Kilcavan (Site No. 1015) .....	1
Ballymaghroe (Site No. 1025) .....	1
Coolalug (Site No. 1031) .....	1
Coolfancy (Site No. 1013) .....	1
Ballinglen (Site No. 1030) .....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>5</b>
In Progress :-	
Ballycurragh (Site No. 1022/23) .....	2
Tombrean (Site No. 1016) .....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>Western Area :</b>	
1952 Scheme :	
In Progress (by Contract) :	
Almost complete—Hempstown (Site No. 1001) .....	1
Logstown (Site No. 1003) .....	1
Cryhelp (Site No. 1007) .....	1
Ballinacrow (Site No. 1009) .....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>4</b>

J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

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

and resolved :-  
"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of July, 1956.

Passed unanimously.

**Housing at Blessington.**

Councillor J. Miley referred to a report published in the "Leinster Leader" of the sermon delivered by Very Rev. Daniel J. Lucey, P.P., Blessington, in which it was stated that Blessington was badly off as regards housing, and that on enquiry by a deputation in the spring of the year the deputation was informed that there was no money available for building. Reference was also made to garbage dumps in the town and to sewage having been flowing by the public path under the road and emptying into a dump opposite the church. The County Manager pointed out that prior to 1945 the Council had provided 26 houses in Blessington, and since that date a further 14 houses had been provided. If the townlands within five miles of Blessington were taken into account, it was found that 49 houses in these townlands had been provided prior to 1945, and a further eight houses since 1945. It was evident, therefore, that Blessington had not been neglected by the Council in regard to the provision of houses. The Council had proposed to provide a scheme of 14 houses and had met with considerable difficulty in acquiring the site. When the site had been acquired, the Council had made a further examination of housing needs in the district, and it had been agreed that the provision of six houses would meet the demand at present existing. The Council's architect had been instructed to get in touch with the lowest tenderer with a view to reaching agreement on a revised figure to cover six houses only. In regard to the alleged discharge of sewage, which it was stated had existed on Father Lucey's coming to the parish, the County Manager pointed out that there was a drainage of surface water only from a yard and a field which was in no way offensive. The responsibility for disposing of this surface water was not that of the Council but was a matter for the owner of the lands. There was no record of any garbage having been deposited on footpaths in the village. It had been stated also in the report that persons had left the district on account of the lack of housing, but it appears that some of these persons had actually left new cottages to seek employment abroad.

In reply to Councillor Miley's inquiry regarding the proposal to remove the Fire Station and public convenience from the Square at Blessington to an alternative site, the County Manager stated that an estimate of the cost would be submitted to the Council.

The Chairman stated that a letter had been received from the Irish Countrywomen's Association stating that the Blessington I.C.A. Guild had won the Tostal Shield for Roadside Gardens and that Enniskerry Guild had been placed fourth in the competition.

**Erection of Cottages on Agreed Sites.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., inquired if any additional cottages could be included under the scheme for the erection of cottages on Agreed Sites. The County Secretary stated that this scheme had been closed, and that it would not be possible to add any additional cottages to the present scheme.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT KIRIKEE**

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement, seven tenders had been received for the erection of seven cottages at Kirikee, including the tender of the County Engineer. The lowest tender was that of Messrs. W. P. Forde and Sons, Ltd., Mount Merrion, Dublin. The Council's Architect reported that he was unable to get in touch with Mr. Forde at present as he was on holidays, and consequently it was not possible to submit a final recommendation in regard to the tenders.

The Council noted the position and deferred further examination of the matter to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 3—LOAN OF £50,500—1952 AGREED SITES SCHEME**

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson.

and resolved :-

"That we approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £50,500 to defray the cost of erection of 43 cottages under

the 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz. 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—LOAN OF £17,520—AUGHRIM HOUSING SCHEME.**

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

and resolved :-

"That we approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £17,520 to defray the cost of the Aughrim Housing Scheme and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz. 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—LOAN OF £3,000—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME (SUPPLEMENTAL).**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

and resolved :-

"That we approve of Draft Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £3,000 (Supplemental) to defray the cost of Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz. 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge inquired whether it would be possible to provide in this scheme for an extension to cottages at Monastery. The Council agreed that Dublin County Council be approached again in the matter, in regard to a contribution from that Council towards the cost of such an extension.

**ITEM No. 6—AUGHRIM SEWERAGE SCHEME—LOAN OF £18,817.**

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

and resolved :-

"That we approve of Draft Mortgage from the Commissioners for Public Works in respect of loan of £18,817 to defray the cost of the Aughrim Sewerage Scheme and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz. 1st May and 1st November in each year.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1956.**

The County Secretary stated that a circular letter had been received from the Department of Local Government enclosing copy of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, and summary of the provisions of the Act.

The Council directed that a summary of the provisions of the Act be circulated to the members.

**ITEM No. 8—ADVANCES UNDER S.D.A. ACTS—GUARANTEE SCHEME.**

A memorandum giving particulars of the proposed scheme for guarantees by housing authorities of loans by building societies had been circulated to members of the Council. The Council directed that a copy of a draft scheme for adoption by the Council be circulated to the members, and the matter considered at the next housing meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 9—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.**

The County Secretary stated that only one application had been submitted but the full details were not yet available in regard to the valuation of the house.

The Council decided to defer the matter to the meeting of the Council to be held on 20th instant.

**ITEM No. 10—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT KILCANDRA, GLENEALY.**

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received for provision of water supply for cottages at Kilcandra, Glenealy. The Health Inspector stated that there were three cottages at Kilcandra Middle and three at Kilcandra Lower which had no proper water supply, and suggested that as the cottages were scattered, a pump should be provided and erected at a central point between Kilcandra Middle and Kilcandra Lower, so that a good supply might be made available which would be more or less equidistant from each group of cottages. The Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of providing a pump at £250.

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, approved of the provision of a well and pump—the work to be included in priority list, and defrayed from loan, and the pump to be sited on an agreed site which would serve both groups of cottages.

**ITEM No. 11—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF JULY, 1956.**

The Council noted list of repairs carried out during month of July, 1956, as prepared by the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 12—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.**

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

**Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools.**

The County Secretary stated that the results of the Examination under the Scheme had been received, and would be submitted to the Council at the meeting on 20th August, 1956. The Council agreed that particulars of the marks might be released to schools.

**Application for Closing of Road at Enniskerry.**

The Council indicated that there was no objection to the closing of road at Enniskerry in connection with Soap Box Derby to be held on 16th September, 1956, and agreed that the necessary public notice be given, and the matter be included on the Agenda for the meeting in September.

**Surface Water on Roadway at Churchlands, Tinahely.**

Following an inquiry from Councillor J. O'Neill it was agreed that this matter be included on the Agenda for the next monthly meeting of the Council.

**Issue of Medical Cards.**

Councillor P. McCarthy asked that an item be included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council to be held on 20th August, 1956, in regard to the issue of Medical Cards in County Wicklow. The Council agreed that this matter be included on the Agenda.

**Houses at Roundwood.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he understood that Dublin Corporation proposed to demolish certain houses at Roundwood, and asked that a report be obtained on their condition with a view to considering whether they might be acquired by the Council for housing purposes.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th August, 1956, 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. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. 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, P. J. Foley and P. Hickey, and the Council's Architect, Mr. L. Cuffe, attended.

**AGENDA**

1. To fill vacancy on Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub Committee.
2. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1956: Results of Examination.
3. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools.
4. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools: To consider Scheme for 1957.
5. University Scholarship Schemes: Letter from University College, Dublin, re renewal of Scholarships.
- 5a. University Scholarship Scheme, 1956: Results of Examination.
6. University Scholarship Scheme: Application from Scholarship holder for extension of Scholarship.
7. Closing of roads at Bray: Application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray for purpose of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on 9th September, 1956.
8. Local Authorities Works Act: Letter from Department of Local Government indicating amount of grant available for 1956/57 programme. Report of County Engineer, submitting proposals for works.
9. Greystones Harbour: Report of County Engineer in regard to revision of estimate of cost of repairs.
10. Woodenbridge/Aughrim Road: Report of County Engineer in regard to estimated cost of improvements to Coates Bridge, and giving particulars of expenditure incurred by the Council on improvements in recent years.
11. Complaints from landowners in regard to camping of itinerants along-side roads.
12. Report of Committee appointed by the Council to consider applications for increases of wages, etc., in respect of road workers.
13. Letters from Department of Health and Department of Local Government in relation to economies in Services, and the restricting of purchases of imported materials.
14. Issue of Medical Cards.
15. To fix date for meeting of Consultative Health Committee.
16. Application for Loans under S.D.A. Acts.
17. Public lighting at Blessington: Estimate of E.S.B.
18. Glendalough Burial Ground: Application for reservation of grave spaces for persons residing in portion of Rathdrum parish.
19. Scheme for Welfare of Blind: To consider amendment to Scheme.
20. Extension of Cemetery at Merrymeeting, Rathnew: Letter from Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
21. Application from Labour Party, Connolly/Metcalf Branch, Bray, for the making of representations to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to have a telephone kiosk provided for Boehall area.
22. Minutes of Meetings of County Councils' General Council held on 18th April, 1956.
23. 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 with the relatives and with the Hierarchy and the Clergy of the Diocese of Westminister on the death of Cardinal Griffin.

**ITEM No. 1—ARKLOW O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.**

Having considered letter of 3rd August, 1956, from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Mr. Michael Kavanagh, 1 St. Mary's Terrace, Arklow, as a member of the Arklow Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Thomas P. Kavanagh."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1956.**

The County Secretary stated that the results of the examination under the Scheme had been received and particulars of the marks of the successful candidates had been circulated to the members. The County Secretary stated that pending the receipt of further particulars in regard to the income of the parents of one of the candidates, the Council were in a position to approve of the award of only five of the six scholarships available under Category 1 (b) of the Scheme, i.e., to pupils attending schools in an Urban area. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the award of scholarships under the Schemes of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1956, as follows:—"

**Category 1a:**

Henry Byrne, Tourboy, Rathdangan.  
Sean MacSeoin, 22 Carrig Villas, Killinacarrig.  
Gerald Gilmore, 17 Pearse Square, Dargle Road, Bray.  
Ann C. Cullen, Killamoat, Rathdangan.  
Maire Ann Ferguson, Kilpedder.  
Mary F. O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray.

**Category 1b:**

John P. Coffey, St. Laurence Road, Wicklow.  
Michael J. Hollingsworth, 6 Castle Avenue, Wicklow.  
Mary Emily Doyle, Summerhill, Wicklow.  
Catherine E. Timmins, Ballycullen, Ashford.  
Bernadette A. Byrne, 4 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow.  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the scholarships awarded to the following twelve successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1952, satisfactory reports as to 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.  
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, Terenure 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.

It was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,  
 Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved :-

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

- Jeanne Iseult Sheehy, Dominican Convent, Eccles St., Dublin.
- John Martin Gilmore, Colaiste Muire, Parnell Square, Dublin.
- Margaret Dagg, Brigidine Convent, Tullow.
- Patrick Brendan Quinn, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
- Myles E. M. Mullaly, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
- 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.

It was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,  
 Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :-

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the scholarships awarded to the following fifteen successful candidates under the 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, Dublin.
- Edward J. Archer, Christian Brothers, Synge Street, Dublin.
- John J. Kelly, Terenure 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 McElherson, St. Patrick's Secondary School, Arklow.
- Christopher Magee, 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.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,  
 Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :-

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve months of the scholarships awarded to the following 12 successful candidates under the Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1955, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of the schools :-

- 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. O'Quigley, 34 O'Byrne Road, Bray.
- Laurence O'Duffy, 8 O'Connell Terrace, Abbey Street, Arklow.
- Abraham F. Jacob, The Brow, Rathnew.
- Laurence P. Tallon, Emoclew, Arklow.
- Maria T. O'Toole, 7 Auburn Villas, Bray.
- Philomena M. Crinnion, 26 Boghall Road, Bray.
- Mary Anne O'Dea, 30 Vevay Road, Bray.

**ITEM No. 4—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS—SCHEME FOR 1957.**

Having considered letter of 20th July, 1956, from Department of Education, the Council decided to refer consideration of a scheme for 1957 to the Scholarship Committee which had been appointed by the Council to consider University Scholarship Scheme for the current year.

**ITEM No. 5—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES: LETTER FROM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, RE RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS.**

It was Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
 Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

Resolved :-

"That having considered letter of 17th July, 1956, from Registrar, University College, Dublin, we approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for Michael J. Woods and Terence F. Brennan."  
 Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5(a)—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1956: RESULTS OF EXAMINATION.**

The County Secretary stated that the results obtained by the candidates under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme at the Leaving Certificate Examination had been received from the Department of Education. The marks had been adjusted in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme and five candidates appeared to be qualified, subject to their matriculating. Three scholarships were offered under the scheme and the first three in order of merit were :-

- David H. Herman, Braeside, Westfield Park, Bray.
- Francis O. Kavanagh, Springmount, Summerhill, Wicklow.
- Nuala A. Ryan, Millbank House, Shillelagh.

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

Resolved :-

"That we hereby approve of the award of University Scholarships under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1956, to the following successful candidates :-  
 David H. Herman, Braeside, Westfield Park, Bray.  
 Francis O. Kavanagh, Springmount, Summerhill, Wicklow.  
 Nuala A. Ryan, Millbank House, Shillelagh.  
 Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: APPLICATION FROM SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER FOR EXTENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP.**

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Leonard E. O'Malley, 1 Marie Villas, Bray, the holder of University Scholarship from the Council, asking that an additional payment under the scholarship be made in the present year to meet the cost of an extra term from June to September. The County Secretary pointed out that the full amount of the scholarship for the year had been paid and that it would not be possible to make any additional payment in respect of any extra term or lectures attended during the present University Year. The Council asked that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be ascertained as to whether the Council could make any additional payment in this instance.

**ITEM No. 7—CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY.**

Having considered application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray for the purpose of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on 9th September, 1956, and the County Secretary having stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections received, it was

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

Resolved :-

"That having considered application of Bray Amusements Committee, we hereby close to public traffic the roads at Bray, as set out hereunder, on Sunday, 9th September, 1956, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.:-  
 Strand Road, Bray, 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, from junction with Florence Road to Albert Avenue;
- Albert Avenue.

Passed unanimously.  
 It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
 Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

Resolved :-

"That having considered application of Bray Amusements Committee, we hereby approve of the holding of a Cycle Race on the roads in Bray which are closed to public traffic on Sunday, 9th September, 1956, between 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m."  
 Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT.**

Letter of 16th July, 1956, from Department of Local Government, indicating that a grant of £16,000 was being made available to the Council for the execution in the current financial year of approved works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, and requesting that a programme of suitable works for execution with the aid of the grant be submitted, was brought to the notice of the Council. The County Engineer had prepared schemes estimated to cost £42,306 and in his report of the 10th August, 1956, suggested that a request be made for a further allocation over the amount of £16,000 notified. The County Engineer stated it was proposed to allow £4,000 to each Engineer's area and it would be noted that the schemes were for the improvement of roads in those districts which were useful to people in those areas and which would not be reconstructed out of the road funds for a considerable time. It was

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

Resolved :-

"That we approve of the following apportionment between the four Electoral Areas of moneys available for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, in the present year :

Arklow Electoral Area	£4,000
Baltinglass Electoral Area	£4,000
Bray Electoral Area	£4,000
Wicklow Electoral Area	£4,000

"That we approve of the selection of suitable schemes by the members of the Council for the respective Electoral Areas for submission to the Minister for Local Government for approval."

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that the grant notified at the corresponding time last year was £21,000. On the proposal of Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor Kehoe, the Council agreed that the Department be asked if a further grant could be allocated. The Council fixed the dates for the meetings of the Local Committees as follows :-

- Arklow Electoral Area—Monday, 27th August, 1956, at 3 p.m. at Shillelagh.
- Baltinglass Electoral Area—Friday, 24th August, 1956, at 3 p.m. at Court-house, Baltinglass.
- Bray Electoral Area—Monday, 27th August, 1956, at 8 p.m. at Town Hall, Bray.
- Wicklow Electoral Area—Monday, 27th August, 1956, at 10.30 a.m. at Court-house, Wicklow.

**ITEM No. 9—GREYSTONES HARBOUR.**

The report of the County Engineer of 18th July, 1956, was submitted to the meeting. In his report the County Engineer stated that the work which he intended to carry out at the previous estimated cost of £3,000 included filling cavities in the pier and sealing off with concrete. He stated that it would be uneconomical to try and modify the strength of the proposed construction as his experience over many years in dealing with sea action confirmed his opinion of the power of the water during storms. The proposals also included for the removal of boulders from the sea bed, which had fallen in, and replacing same in position. Having carefully considered the scheme, he submitted details showing the very least amount of work which should be carried out, and estimated to cost a total of £2,906. The Council decided that an application be made to the Department of Industry and Commerce for a grant towards the cost of the repairs to the harbour.

**ITEM No. 10—WOODENBRIDGE-AUGHIRM ROAD.**

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of completing the reconstruction of the road from Woodenbridge to Aughirm, including the widening of Coates' Bridge, was £8,408, of which a sum of £1,500 related to the widening of the bridge. A sum of £3,600 was being spent on the road in the present year in building retaining walls and removing a rock corner. Over £6,000 had been expended on improvements to the road in recent years. Until Coates' Bridge was widened the road was not considered suitable for use for a bus service. The Council noted that if the improvements to Coates' Bridge, as proposed by the County Engineer, were carried out, it would be possible to approve of the use of the road for a bus service, and directed that an application be made to the Department of Local Government for a special grant of £1,500 to defray the cost of widening the bridge as estimated by the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 11—COMPLAINTS FROM LANDOWNERS REGARDING CAMPING OF ITINERANTS ALONGSIDE ROADS.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received complaints from landowners in regard to the camping of itinerants alongside the Rathnew-Newrath-Kilcoole Road. The County Engineer in a report on the matter considered it would be opening a very big question if the Council attempted to close or fence off places where road improvements had been carried out, especially on main roads. He suggested that in the case of certain county roads there might be no objection to a landowner closing off a portion which was on a corner improved and re-aligned. The County Engineer pointed out that many people, other than itinerants, did draw in on sections of old roads which were used as lay-bys for the purpose of lunching or resting on their journey. He suggested that the Gardai ought to be able to deal with itinerants and that it would be scarcely fair to victimise the general, law-abiding travelling motorist. The County Secretary stated that the matter had been considered at a recent meeting of the General Council of County Councils and that the General Council had passed a resolution urging that the Law be amended so as to deal effectively with the nuisance caused by itinerants. The Council agreed with the resolution of the General Council and asked that the General Council be requested to keep the Council informed of developments in the matter.

**ITEM No. 12—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASES OF WAGES, ETC., IN RESPECT OF ROAD WORKERS.**

The County Secretary stated that the Committee appointed by the Council had met but were not yet in a position to submit their recommendation to the Council. A majority of the Committee did not feel justified in recommending any increase, but it was agreed that the Committee's views be brought to the notice of the employees' Unions and that enquiry be made from the Unions as to whether they would be prepared to accept 2/6 per week if such were approved by the Council. A reply had been received that morning from one of the employees' Unions, but no reply had yet been received from the other Union concerned. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred pending the receipt of a reply from the other Union and further consideration of the matter by the Committee.

**ITEM No. 13—LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO ECONOMIES IN SERVICES AND THE RESTRICTING OF PURCHASES OF IMPORTED MATERIALS.**

The County Manager stated that in letter of 27th July, 1956, from Department of Health, reference was made to the recent review in Dail Eireann of the budgetary situation with particular reference to the critical situation which may develop in prevailing economic circumstances unless immediate and effective steps are taken to limit State and Local Authority spending to the utmost practicable extent consistent with the maintenance of essential services. The Council were requested to arrange for an immediate review of the expenditure on Health Services with a view to seeing what economies could be effected. Special attention was directed in the letter to a number of points where it was suggested economies might be achieved. The County Manager stated that the Council's estimates for Health Services had been prepared with the greatest of care and had been examined minutely by the members of the Council when considering the estimates. Consequently it was difficult to find any heading under which economies could be effected. A detailed examination had been made of expenditure to date on the services and it would appear that the maximum saving which might be made on the total estimate would be approximately £1,000. In regard to the circulars from the Department of Health and Department of Local Government urging that economies be effected in regard to the purchase of goods which have to be imported, every effort was being made to reduce the use of imported materials. The Council noted the County Manager's reports on these matters.

**ITEM No. 14—ISSUE OF MEDICAL CARDS.**

Councillor McCarthy referred to the issue of medical cards in the Arklow area, and stated that some applicants had received medical cards who were in a better financial position than others who had been refused registration. The County Manager stated that he would investigate any special cases of which information would be supplied.

**ITEM No. 15—CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

The Council fixed 2 p.m., on Wednesday, 29th August, 1956, as the time for the next meeting of the Consultative Health Committee.

**ITEM No. 16—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.**

The Council directed that the applicant, Mr. F. J. Stafford, be informed that the maximum loan which might be considered would be £1,200 and that he be given particulars of the annual repayments and of the annual outgoings in respect of the house in relation to his income and his observations requested.

**ITEM No. 17—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BLESSINGTON: ESTIMATE OF E.S.B.**

The County Secretary stated that an estimate had been obtained from the E.S.B. of the cost of providing four additional lamps at Blessington, situated as follows:

2 at Kilbride Road; 1 at the Square and 1 near the Band Hall. The capital cost of installing the four lamps would be £128. The County Secretary pointed out that this sum seemed excessive and was equivalent to the cost of maintaining public lighting in a town the size of Baltinglass for a period of one year. In addition, the estimate for the current year for public lighting did not make provision for an expenditure of this amount. The Council agreed that the E.S.B. be asked if they could reduce their estimate and also be requested to supply a separate quotation for the two lamps at Kilbride Road.

**ITEM No. 18—GLENDALOUGH BURIAL GROUND.**

The Council considered application made by a deputation received at a previous meeting for the reservation of grave spaces in Glendalough Burial Ground for persons residing in portion of Rathdrum Parish. The County Manager referred to the Public Inquiry in connection with the Council's Application for an extension of the Burial Ground held some years ago, and pointed out that the Council had failed to obtain the extension. Subsequently, the Council's Engineers had arranged for the removal of a fence around the burial ground and thereby had provided an additional 120 grave spaces. He was of opinion that all these spaces should be reserved for the Parish of Glendalough. It seemed very unlikely that the Council would ever be able to obtain any additional land for the purpose of an extension to the Burial Ground. Councillor Haughton pointed out that only 22 persons were concerned and that they did not ask that grave spaces be definitely allocated to them but merely that when the necessity arose an application for a grave space would be accepted. Following a discussion on the matter, the County Manager agreed to examine the matter further and Councillor Haughton stated that he would see if the number of applications could be reduced.

**ITEM No. 19—SCHEME FOR WELFARE OF THE BLIND.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received an application from the National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, for a payment of a grant of £2-10-0 per reader per annum in respect of a library service to blind readers. The National Library had been providing a service for certain blind persons in the county for a number of years. Two of these persons were in receipt of allowances under the Council's scheme, and the Department of Social Welfare had indicated that the Minister had no objection to the payment of a grant at the rate of £2-10-0 p.a. in respect of each of these two registered blind readers. The Department had pointed out, however, that it would be necessary to insert an amendment in the Council's scheme providing for the payment of a grant. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby amend the Scheme for the Welfare of the Blind in the County of Wicklow as adopted by us at meeting held on 16th January, 1950, by the addition of the following Clause:

"The Council may, with the approval of the Minister make a grant to any Authority or Body providing a library service for the Blind in Co. Wicklow."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 20—EXTENSION OF CEMETERY AT MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW.**

Having considered letter of 18th July, 1956, from the Clerk to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the proposal of Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board to purchase a field containing approximately 5½ acres and adjoining the cemetery at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, from Mrs. Tyndall, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, and note that the annual loan charges in respect of the acquisition and layout of the extension chargeable to Wicklow County Council will be about £120.  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 21—APPLICATION FROM LABOUR PARTY, CONNOLLY/METCALFE BRANCH, BRAY, FOR PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT BOGHALL.**

Having considered letter of 9th July, 1956, from the Labour Party, Connolly/Metcalf Branch, for the making of representations to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of a telephone kiosk in the Boghall area, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk at Boghall Road, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 22—MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL.**

The Council noted the receipt of the Minutes of the Spring Meeting of the County Council's General Council held on the 18th April, 1956, and the Minutes of the Special Seanad Election Meeting held on the same date.

**1952 Agreed Sites Scheme:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

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 £50,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers Acts, 1883-1954."

Passed unanimously.

**Aughrim Housing Scheme:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

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 £17,520 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers Acts, 1883-1954."

Passed unanimously.

**Aughrim Sewerage Scheme:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

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 £18,817 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878-1948."

Passed unanimously.

**Enniskerry Water Supply—Supplemental Loan:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £3,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878-1948."

Passed unanimously.

**Redford Water Supply Improvement Scheme:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated the 12th July, 1956, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £1,150 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the Redford Water Supply Improvement Scheme, to be repaid within ten years 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.

**Memorial in relation to Aughrim/Aughavannagh Road:**

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that a memorial had been received from the Aughrim district in regard to the condition of the Aughrim-Aughavannagh Road. The County Secretary stated that work had been in progress on portion of the road and due to weather conditions it had been necessary to stop work temporarily. Work on this section would be resumed very shortly. The work on the section referred to had not been completed.

**Roundwood Water Supply:**

In reply to an enquiry from a member of the Council, the Assistant County Engineer stated that work was in progress on Roundwood Water Supply and that the works would be completed in three or four weeks.

**Town Planning Application—Messrs. Geraty, Carnew:**

The County Secretary submitted plans received from Messrs. Geraty for an extension to their offices and indicated the alterations in the plan considered desirable by the County Engineer. It was agreed that Messrs. Geraty be informed of the County Engineer's recommendation on the matter.

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 September, 1956, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—  
 Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;  
 Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, William Cleary, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. 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, P. J. Foley and P. T. Hickey, and Mr. L. Cuffe, Council's Architect attended.

**AGENDA.**

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of August, 1956.
2. Housing Scheme at Kirikee—Report on Tenders.
3. Housing Scheme at Blessington.
4. Housing Amendment Act, 1956—Summary of provisions of Act circulated to members.
5. Supplementary Reconstruction Grants—to consider applications received.
6. Water Supply for cottages at Toolestown, Dunlavin.
7. Advances under S.D.A. Acts—Guarantee Scheme. To consider Draft Scheme; copy circulated to each member.
8. Application for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
9. Vested Cottages—letter from County Council's General Council.
10. Repairs carried out during the month of August, 1956.
11. Authorisation of repairs.

**Resolution of Sympathy:**

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a resolution unanimously expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. W. J. Richardson, M.R.C.V.S., who had been Veterinary Inspector to the Council for a great number of years.

**ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.**

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of August, 1956 had been circulated to the members:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—HOUSING SECTION.**

County Engineer's Office,  
 Courthouse,  
 Wicklow.

31st August, 1956.

**Housing Progress Report, Month of August, 1956.**

Gentlemen,  
 During the month of August, satisfactory progress was maintained on all sites except during first fortnight when work was closed down due to annual holidays.

The present position regarding schemes is as follows:—

Kilgarron, Enniskerry: 20 cottages in progress (nearing completion).  
 1952 (Agreed Sites): 13 cottages completed and 9 cottages in progress.  
 Aughrim Scheme: 6 cottages in progress.

The number of men employed during August was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	8	11
1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme	10	18
Aughrim Scheme	3	9
Totals:	21	38

The following are details of the schemes relating to the various districts:—

**Northern Area.**

**Completed: 1952 Scheme.**

Ballynerrin (Site No. 1057)	1
Newcastle (Site No. 1045)	1
Total:	2

**In Progress: 1952 Scheme.**

Bolinass (Site No. 1043)	1
Kilgarron Scheme	20
Total in Progress	21

**South Eastern Area.**

**Completed: 1952 Scheme.**

Ballinacor (Site No. 1029)	1
Ballard (Site No. 1048)	1
Furzeditch (Site No. 1049)	1
Dunganstown (Site No. 1050)	1
Ballard (Site No. 1054)	1
Total:	5

**In Progress:**

Aughrim Scheme	6
1952 Scheme: Aughavannagh	2
Total:	8

**Southern Area.**

**Completed: 1952 Scheme.**

Kilcavan (Site No. 1015)	1
Ballymaghroe (Site No. 1025)	1
Coolalug (Site No. 1031)	1
Coolfancy (Site No. 1013)	1
Ballinglen (Site No. 1030)	1
Tombreen (Site No. 1016)	1
Total:	6

**In Progress:**

Ballycurragh (Site No. 1022/23)	2
Total:	2

**Western Area.**

**In Progress: By Contract:— 1952 Scheme.**

Hempstown (Site No. 1001)	1
Logstown (Site No. 1003)	1
Cryhelp (Site No. 1007)	1
Ballinacrow (Site No. 1009)	1
Total:	4

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,  
 Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

Resolved:—  
 "That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of August, 1956."  
 Passed unanimously.

In view of the report of the County Engineer that the houses at Kilgarron would shortly be completed, it was decided to hold a meeting of the Local Housing Committee for the Bray area to consider the applications for the houses on Friday, 7th September, 1956, at 7.30 p.m. at Town Hall, Bray.

**Bus Service at Kilgarron:** With reference to representations made by the members that the bus service to the village of Enniskerry should be extended to serve Kilgarron district, the County Secretary submitted letter of 24th August, 1956, from C.I.E. in which it was stated that the Company could not agree to accede to the request. It was stated in the letter that the road from Enniskerry to Kilgarron was on a steep incline of approximately 1 in 10 and that the area was sparsely populated. The revenue likely to be obtained on such an extension, even when the new houses were fully occupied, would not be sufficient to offset the additional cost involved in fuel consumption and the excessive wear on the vehicles operating on such a road. The Council asked that the matter of providing school buses be taken up with the Company.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT KIRIKEE: REPORT ON TENDERS.**

The report of the Council's Architect of 30th August, 1956, in regard to his examination of the tenders for the housing scheme at Kirikee and letter of 3rd September, 1956, from Messrs. W. P. Forde and Sons, Ltd., the lowest tenderers, confirming their lump sum tender of £7,699-18-4 were submitted to the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
 Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

Resolved:—  
 "That having considered report of Council's Architect and County Engineer, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. W. P. Forde and Sons, Ltd., Menapia, Redesdale Crescent, Mount Merrion, Dublin, in the sum of £7,669-18-4 for the erection of seven houses at Kirikee."

Passed: Councillors W. Lawless, E. E. Byrne, J. O'Toole, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge dissenting.

**ITEM No. 3—HOUSING SCHEME AT BLESSINGTON.**

The Council considered the report of 30th August, 1956, from the Council's Architect in regard to his discussion with Messrs. Tutty and Fleming for the purpose of arriving at an agreed price for the erection of six houses only. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
 Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—  
 "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government we approve of the acceptance of the revised tender of £8,648-16-0 of Messrs. Tutty and Fleming for the erection of 6 houses at Blessington."

Passed unanimously.  
 The Chairman referred to criticism of the Council which had appeared in the public press in relation to the provision of housing in Blessington and decried the comments made, which were not in accordance with the facts. The County Manager stated that a report had appeared in the "Leinster Leader" of a sermon given by Very Rev. Fr. Lucy, P.P., Blessington, but that the reply given by him to the Council at their next meeting had not been published. Councillor J. Miley stated that as Local Councillor he had received no objections or complaints and he could not understand why the criticisms were made.

ITEM No. 4—HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1956.

The Council noted the summary of the provisions of the Act which had been circulated to the members of the Council. The County Secretary replied to enquiries from members regarding reconstruction grants and supplementary grants.

ITEM No. 5—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

The County Secretary stated that to date the amount of grants allocated was £7,349, of which £6,641 was in respect of reconstruction grants. The amount paid to date was £4,257, of which £3,816 related to reconstruction grants. Particulars of applications for grants under Section 12 were submitted to the Council.

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

Resolved:— That we approve of the making of Supplementary Reconstruction Grants as follows—

John Byrne, Rathdangan, Kiltegan	£80
James Bohan, Main Street, Blessington	£80
Jeremiah Doran, Schoolheight, Carnew	£80
Richard Doyle, Main Street, Carnew	£80
Mrs. R. Robertson, Rannock Lodge, Shelton Farm, Arklow	£80
Michael J. Hender, Ballinahinch, Ashford	£80
Joseph Healy, Marian House, Church Rd., Greystones	£80

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT TOOLESTOWN, DUNLAVIN.

Following representations received as to the need for a water supply at Toolestown, Dunlavin, the Health Inspector had carried out an investigation and reported that there were four cottages with total of 17 persons who had no proper water supply. All were Council cottages. The Health Inspector recommended the provision of a pump. The Assistant County Engineer in report of 28th July, 1956, stated that it would be possible to get water quite close to the cottages, and he estimated the cost of providing a well and sinking a pump at £200. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe, Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

That we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump, at estimated cost of £200, to provide water supply for four cottages at Toolestown, Dunlavin—the work to be included on the Priority List and the cost to be defrayed from loan.

ITEM No. 7—ADVANCES UNDER S.D.A. ACTS: GUARANTEE SCHEME.

The Council considered draft Scheme which had been circulated to the members. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:— That we hereby adopt the following Scheme under Section 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, for the guaranteeing by the Council of advances by building societies or assurance companies for the purchase or erection of a house, together with the interest thereon:—

Guarantee Scheme in Relation to Advances by Building Societies or Assurance Companies for Private Housing.

1. The guarantee will operate only in relation to advances for the erection or purchase of new dwellinghouses for owner-occupation.
2. Guarantees may be given only in relation to advances not exceeding £1,600.
3. The guarantee to be executed by the Council, and the society or company will be in the same form as that in the model form of guarantee forwarded with letter of 29th June, 1956, Circular No. H.12/56 from the Department of Local Government, which is hereby incorporated and forms part of this Scheme. The society or company shall, on request, furnish the Council, for inspection, with the Mortgage Deed or copy thereof in respect of advances for which a guarantee is sought.
4. The "market value" of the house for the purpose of the advance will not include the amount of a grant under any enactment in respect of the house, and will be determined by the society or company, but on request by the Council the society or company will state the considerations on which its determination of the market value is based.
5. The Council shall have the right to reject any application for a guarantee under the Scheme.
6. The advance which the society or company would normally make to the applicant in respect of a house in the absence of a guarantee by the Council will be specified by the society or company on each application to the Council for a guarantee. The societies or companies will ordinarily specify an advance not less than 75% of the market value. An application for a guarantee shall be submitted on the form prescribed by the Council, which shall be in accordance with the form received from the Department of Local Government with their letter of 29th June, 1956, Circular No. H.12/56.
7. The societies or companies will, whenever practicable, require applicants to give collateral security for advances.
8. The applicant for the advance shall contribute at least 5% of the market value.
9. The rate of interest to be charged by the society or company on advances will be the rate charged in the normal course of business by the society or company on advances to owners/occupiers, the maximum period for the repayment of an advance will be 35 years.
10. The society or company may make an advance by instalments from time to time as the building of the house progresses, but the total advance at any time before completion of the house shall not exceed 75% of the value of the work done on the construction of the house, including the value of the interest of the person to whom the advance is made, in the site thereof.
11. The society or company will see that the house is insured against fire and kept so insured in an amount at least sufficient to secure the advance.
12. The Council can by resolution revoke this Scheme, or, with the approval of the Minister for Local Government, may amend this Scheme, but such revocation or amendment will not affect any guarantee previously given under this Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITIONS ACTS.

The Council gave further consideration to the application of Mr. F. J. Stafford, c/o Taylor's, Ltd., Tinahely, for a loan in respect of the erection of a house at Ballintekin. The Council decided to defer the matter further and to have enquiries made if the applicant could provide collateral security in respect of the proposed loan.

ITEM No. 9—VESTED COTTAGES.

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

National Bank Chambers,  
1/2 Cavendish Row,  
Dublin.

22 Lughnasa, 1956.

To The County Secretary,  
A. Chara.

That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce amending legislation so as to enable housing authorities to purchase vested cottages offered for sale by tenant purchasers.

The above motion from Limerick County Council was discussed at length at the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council on the 9th instant.

There can be little doubt that the sale of these cottages has become a problem in most counties, and during the discussion the word "racket" was frequently used with reference to such sales.

The views expressed, however, on the effectiveness of the above proposal as a means of meeting the problem were so conflicting that I was directed to see the views of the individual County Councils before my Council comes to any firm decision on the matter.

Accordingly, I would ask you to place this letter before the next meeting of your Council and in due course to let me have their views.

If your Council's legal advisor has already expressed an opinion on the present position of the law as regards the sale of vested cottages, I should be very pleased to have a copy of it as well.

Mise, le meas,  
Enri Mac Daibheid,  
Runai.

In the course of the discussion on the matter, the County Secretary reminded the members of cases which had arisen where Consolidation Orders had been made consolidating a holding under the Land Purchase Acts with a vested cottage and where the tenant of the cottage then proposed to sell the holding to a person who was not within the qualified class. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for further information.

ITEM No. 10—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1956.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of August, 1956, as submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 11—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th September, 1956, 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, William Cleary, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D., James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

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

#### AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd and 9th July, 1956.
2. Overdraft Accommodation on General Account and Capital Account for quarter to 31st December, 1956.
3. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957—to consider report of Committee.
4. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956—(a) Application for increase in amount of scholarship; (b) Award of remaining scholarship under category 1b of the Scheme.
5. University Scholarship Scheme, 1956.
6. Letter from University Scholarship holder on completion of University Course.
7. Application of Enniskerry Parochial Committee for closing of road at Enniskerry, and for permission to hold a Soap Box Derby.
8. Circular letter from Department of Local Government in regard to purchase of road machinery.
9. Circular letter from Department of Local Government regarding current year's Main and County Road Improvement Grants.
10. Proposals for road works at Avoca.
11. To make Water Rates in respect of the towns of Aughrim, Blessington, Glenealy and Rathdrum.
12. Urgent repairs to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
13. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding resolution concerning itinerants.
14. Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Resolved:—  
"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd July, 1956."

Passed unanimously.  
The County Secretary read letter of appreciation of the Council's resolution of sympathy on the occasion of the death of His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster received from the Vicar Capitular and the Chapter of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Westminster.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF COLLECTION OF RATES.

Councillor W. Hammond drew attention to the bad weather conditions recently experienced and the serious effect they had had on the harvest. He referred also to the fall in the prices received for stock and asked that in view of these circumstances the collection of rates might be deferred for one month. Councillor Cleary and other members of the Council supported Councillor Hammond in his proposal. The Council agreed that, subject to the sanction of the Minister, the periods for Rate Collectors qualifying for the payment of bonus be deferred for one month.

#### ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

It was Proposed by Senator J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
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., 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, 1956, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.  
It was Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
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., 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, 1956, shall not exceed £34,500."

#### ITEM No. 3—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1957—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that the Committee appointed by the Council to consider the Scholarship Scheme had met on 5th September, 1956, and recommended that the following amendments be made in the Scholarship Scheme in the coming year:—

- (1) In Clause 1 (a) and (b) of the scheme the word "residing" be substituted for the words "attending schools."
- (2) That half of the scholarships no longer be reserved for boys and half for girls and that the scholarships be awarded in order of merit irrespective of sex.
- (3) That the income limits be increased in each case by £100, the valuation limits to remain as before.
- (4) The final paragraph under the headings "Subjects of Examination," "No. 2 Optional Subjects" be omitted.
- (5) The appropriate changes be made in the dates in the coming scheme and that the date for receipt of completed application forms be 3rd December, 1956.

It was Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Resolved:—

"That we hereby adopt a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1957 in similar terms to that operated in the year 1956 but subject to the following amendments:—

- "In Clause 1 (a) and (b) of the scheme the word 'residing' shall be substituted for the words 'attending schools.'"
- "The fourth paragraph of Clause 1 commencing 'Half the number of scholarships' to 'who has not already received a scholarship' shall be omitted."
- "In Clause 4 (b) the amounts of annual income ranging from £375 to £500 shall be increased in each case by £100."
- "The date 1955 where it appears in the scheme shall be amended to 1956,

and, the date 1956 where it appears in the scheme shall be amended to 1957.  
"In Clause 11 the date 3rd December, 1956, shall be inserted instead of 10th December, 1955."  
"The final paragraph under the heading 'Subjects of Examination' 'No. 2 Optional Subjects' shall be omitted."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 4—(a) APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP.

The Council considered representations received from Mr. Patrick Cullen, father of Miss Ann C. Cullen, Killamoat, Rathangan, for the award to her of a scholarship at the rate of £80 in the first year and £70 in the second and subsequent years of the scholarship for the purpose of enabling her to attend a boarding school. The Council noted the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee that this be allowed having regard to the fact that the candidate resided over 9 miles from Balinglass and that there was no public transport service available in the district. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,  
Resolved:—

"That having considered letter from parent of scholarship holder, Ann C. Cullen, Killamoat, Rathangan, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of her being granted a scholarship at the rate of £80 in the first year and £70 in the second and each subsequent year for the purpose of attending a boarding school."

Passed unanimously.

The Council having noted that Miss Maura Ann Ferguson wished to continue for another year at the primary school for the purpose of competing for a scholarship for entry into a preparatory college for the teaching profession, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,  
Resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Sister M. Thomasina, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones, we approve of the deferring for one year of the scholarship awarded to Miss Maureen A. Ferguson, St. Brigid's National School, Greystones."

Passed unanimously.

#### (b) AWARD OF REMAINING SCHOLARSHIP UNDER CATEGORY 1 (b) OF THE SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the Council had deferred the award of one scholarship under the scheme pending further investigation in regard to the income of the parent. Councillor Haughton, parent of the candidate, had been asked to furnish a certificate in regard to the matter but had replied that owing to circumstances which he was not prepared to disclose at the time, he was unable to furnish the details requested. Councillor Haughton also drew attention to the conditions in Paragraph 11 of the Scheme of Scholarships and suggested that these questions should not arise at this stage. The matter had been considered by the Scholarship Committee who had suggested that the County Secretary and County Manager might interview Councillor Haughton on the matter but Councillor Haughton had been unable to keep the appointment with the County Secretary.

Councillor Haughton contended that since the application of his son had been passed by the Council at the meeting held on the 9th January, 1956, the question of eligibility should not have arisen subsequent to that date. He submitted to the members of the Council a statement in regard to the matter. The County Manager pointed out that if any doubts of the eligibility of a candidate arose prior to the award of a scholarship and the actual payment of it it was his duty to investigate the matter. There was only a slight margin between the income as returned by Councillor Haughton and the limit under the scheme and in the circumstances some further inquiries had been addressed to Councillor Haughton. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the Minister for Education be asked for a ruling on the point.

#### ITEM No. 5—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1956.

The County Secretary referred to his report to the Scholarship Committee in regard to the marks obtained by candidates under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1956, and informed the Council that a resolution would be necessary awarding the scholarships in accordance with the terms and conditions of the scheme. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,  
Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the County Secretary we hereby approve of the award of scholarships in accordance with the terms of the scheme to the following candidates subject to such candidates complying with the requirements and conditions of the scheme:—

"David H. Herman, Nuala A. Ryan, Mary C. Haughton."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 6—LETTER FROM UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER.

The Council noted with appreciation letter received from Mr. J. A. Mulcahy, Merville, Church Road, Greystones, expressing his thanks to the Council on his having completed his University Course in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering with the aid of a Council Scholarship.

#### ITEM No. 7—CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Enniskerry Parochial Committee for the closing of County Road No. 7 from its junction with the branch road known as Ballyman Road leading to Old Connaught to its junction with Main Road No. 6 at Enniskerry Village, on Sunday, 16th September, 1956, between 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Soap Box Derby. The necessary public notices had been given and no objections had been received. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Resolved:—

"That having considered application of the Enniskerry Parochial Committee, we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 16th September, 1956:—

"County Road No. 7 from junction with branch known as Ballyman Road leading to Old Connaught to its junction with Main Road No. 6 at Enniskerry Village."

Passed unanimously.

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Resolved:—

"Having considered application of Enniskerry Parochial Committee, we hereby approve of the holding of a Soap Box Derby on County Road No. 7 at Enniskerry on the 16th September, 1956, during the period when such road is closed to public traffic between 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m."

Passed unanimously.  
The Chairman referred to inconvenience which had been caused at Bray on the 9th September, 1956, on the occasion of the cycle race. He felt that the Council should exercise greater care in future in regard to the closing of roads for sporting events.

#### ITEM No. 8—PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

The Council noted letter of 30th August, 1956, from Department of Local Government in which it was indicated that the Minister considered that at the present stage further purchases of new items of road machinery, excluding absolutely necessary replacements, could not be justified and that he would not be prepared to accord his sanction to loans for this purpose. It was noted also



that the Minister requested that local authorities should refrain from making any such purchases from revenue. The County Manager stated that it was not proposed to purchase any new road machinery and that it had been decided to defer the replacement of lorries and a van which had been recommended by the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 9—MAIN AND COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

The following letter from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—  
R.201/4/4. 31st August, 1956.  
A. Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to a statement issued by the Government to-day regarding the current year's main and county road improvement grants. The following are the details of the arrangements to be made to give effect to the Government's decisions. No new works under the 1956/57 main road improvement grant should be started. Subject to what follows, any such works already in progress should be closed down on 25th September, and steps should be taken now to taper them off, where necessary, so that their incomplete condition will not constitute a danger to traffic. If tapering-off work after 25th September is considered absolutely essential in any particular case to avoid danger, the Department's sanction should be obtained in advance.

The attached form, setting out the position regarding main road improvement works, should be completed and returned to the Department immediately. When this information has been considered the Council will be notified further as to the Minister's intentions regarding further county road improvement works. At this stage, it may be mentioned that the conditions applicable to the county road improvement grant already notified, including selection of schemes from the five-year plan, will apply to such further works.

Mise, le meas.  
R. O'Murchu.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the present position regarding the main road improvement grant works. Schemes to the value of £16,700 had been completed out of the total of £26,700. He recommended that the following schemes should be completed:—

- (1) NM4 Kilpedder Village—£2,000.
- (2) EM1 Between Arklow and Kish Bridge—£3,600.
- (3) WM1 West Wicklow—The Lamb to Kilbride—£1,400.
- (4) WM4 Barraderry (between Baltinglass and Kiltegan)—£1,000.

He suggested that Scheme No. SM1 in respect of a corner at Ballyrahan, Tinahely, estimated to cost £2,000 might be deferred. The Council agreed with the recommendations of the County Engineer and asked that the Minister be requested to approve of the completion of the works proposed. The Council assumed that the sum of £2,000 representing estimated cost of the work at Ballyrahan to be deferred would be available for county road works in the same area. The Council desired to stress this aspect of the matter.

**ITEM No. 10—PROPOSALS FOR ROAD WORKS AT AVOCA.**

The following letters received from St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., Avoca, were submitted:—  
6th September, 1956.

Mr. Flannery,  
County Manager,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Flannery,  
The development of the mines at Avoca has raised a serious problem with regard to the main road passing by the mine. The straightening and widening of this piece of road cannot be carried out without encroaching on the belt of trees which will screen the concentrator plant we intend to erect.

To prevent this interference with the amenities of the area, we would propose that the road be re-routed.

In order to facilitate the re-routing, our company would be willing to give to the County Council a strip of land along the river bank as shown on the accompanying print. Further, we would fill this road bed with dry fell to the levels, as determined by your engineers, and also shown on the accompanying print.

The present road site would be given to our Company as an access road. This would leave only the preparing of the actual road bed and asphalt for the Council's account.

We respectfully submit this proposal for your consideration.

Yours truly,  
St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd.  
Sgd. V. B. Bjorkman,  
Asst. Manager,  
7th September, 1956.

Mr. Flannery,  
County Manager,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Flannery,  
The number employed on our mine development programme at Avoca is increasing steadily. All our employees are Irish and 90 per cent. are from the immediate district. This growing employment presents an acute housing problem.

We have begun a housing project and are building 12 to 15 houses which will house some of our supervisory staff. This will partially relieve the housing shortage for staff, but not for other workers.

We believe this problem is properly in the field of the County Council, and in order to facilitate the County Council, we would give to the Council a strip of land in our housing development. This would be large enough for some 30-40 houses. The site has been pointed out to your engineers. We are prepared to bring these roads to the stage where they would be ready for hard surfacing if your Council will do the hard surfacing.

We respectfully submit this for your consideration.

Yours truly,  
St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd.  
Sgd. V. B. Bjorkman,  
Managing Director.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—  
6th September, 1956.

County Secretary,  
re Avoca Mines.

Dear Sir,

As instructed, I interviewed the Avoca Mining Company's engineer, Mr. Bjorkman, on 5th inst., and I pointed out to him that having had several interviews with the County Manager regarding the matter of the re-siting of the main road adjoining the works, and the accommodation roads through the proposed housing area, it was considered that he should put up the company's proposals in regard to this matter in writing immediately and forward them to you for the consideration of the Wicklow County Council.

The estimated cost of surfacing the main road diversion I give as £3,400 using 3"-2" foundation stone on the embankment which will have already been prepared by the Mining Co., and with a top finishing coat of tarmacadam consolidated to a thickness of 2".

With regard to the second item, the accommodation road through the proposed housing area, I estimate the surfacing of this with a consolidated 2" coat of tarmac to be £3,000. Here also the company should excavate, prepare and consolidate the foundation prior to the surfacing.

Yours faithfully,  
Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Engineer.

The Council agreed that the Minister for Local Government be asked to make available a special grant to meet the cost of the re-alignment of the main

road. In regard to the offer of the site for the provision of houses in the area, the Council agreed that arrangements be made to ascertain the housing needs in the district in order that this matter might be given consideration.

**ITEM No. 11—WATER RATES FOR TOWNS AUGHRIM, BLESSINGTON, GLENEALY AND RATHDRUM.**

In regard to the proposed water rate for Blessington Councillor Miley pointed out that other persons were using the water but were not required to contribute to the special water rate. He felt that consequently portion of the charges in respect of the water supply should be levied on the County Health District. The County Secretary gave particulars of the maintenance costs of the water supply and pointed out that the net outlay was £225-7-1 and that the rate of 6/- in the £ would bring in only £184-8-6 approximately. The loan charges in respect of the provision of the water supply were chargeable to the County Health District. The County Manager pointed out that the provision of a water supply was very necessary from the public health aspect and that all persons in the district derived a benefit from having a proper water supply available in that it reduced the danger of disease. Persons, however, who had a domestic supply piped to their houses derived a special benefit from the water supply. If the costs of maintaining all the water supplies were chargeable over the County Health District, it would result in an increase of nearly 2d. in the rates. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,  
Seconded by Councillor Keogh.

Resolved:—  
"That the water rate books as submitted by the County Secretary be signed and water rates in respect of the year ending on 30th June, 1956, made for the towns of Aughrim, Blessington, Rathdrum and Glenealy, as follows:—

- "Aughrim—4/6 (four shillings, six pence) in the £ on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
- "Blessington—6/- (six shillings) in the £ on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.
- "Rathdrum—4/3 (four shillings, three pence) on the rateable valuations of premises connected with the public water supply.
- "Glenealy—6/- (six shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 12—REPAIRS TO ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM.**

The report of the Council's architect of 4th September, 1956, in regard to his inspection of the roofs of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, arising out of complaint from the matron, was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the cost of urgent repairs amounted to £322-16-0 and noted that the Council's architect recommended that a complete overhaul of the roof drainage be carried out as soon as possible. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That having considered report of the County architect we approve of the carrying out of repairs to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, at estimated cost of £322-16-0, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such urgent repairs."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—ITINERANTS.**

The Council noted the following letters received from the County Councils' General Council and from the Department of Justice:—  
1/2 Cavendish Row,  
Dublin.  
24th August, 1956.

The County Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.  
A. Chara,

I have your letter of the 23rd instant, in connection with the above matter.

For your information the following motion was adopted unanimously at the meeting of my Council on the 9th instant:—

"That a census be taken by the competent authority of itinerants in each county with a view to action on a national basis towards the solution of the problem; and with a view to having the laws of the State so amended that the problem may be effectively dealt with."

A copy of the motion was sent to the Department of Justice and the Department of Local Government, but to date I have received merely an acknowledgment from Justice that the matter is having attention.

As requested I shall keep you informed of any further developments.

Mise, le meas,  
Sgd. Enri Mac Daibhead,  
Runai.

Department of Justice,  
Dublin.  
6 Mean Fomhair, 1956.

83/1764.  
A. Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to your letter of the 21st August informing him of views of the Wicklow County Council in regard to nuisances caused by itinerants and supporting proposals for amendment of the law so as to deal effectively with the matter.

In reply I am to say that the Minister recognises that nuisances caused by itinerants constitute a serious problem. The matter has been under examination for a considerable time by the various Government Departments concerned, and by local authorities, but so far a practicable solution of the problem has not been found.

While offences caused by animals wandering on the roads are dealt with by the police, the law relating to offences against the Public Health Acts presents considerable difficulties in its effective enforcement; furthermore, damage caused in trespass on private property is a matter for remedy in the civil courts.

The matter is receiving continuous attention and any suggestions as to how the problems caused by the 6,000 or so itinerants may be solved would be gratefully received and examined.

Mise, le meas.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

**Bray Dispensary District.**

The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Health dated 7th instant in regard to the petition sent by the Council to the Minister for Local Government requesting the transfer of approximately 78 acres north of Bray from Dublin to Wicklow County and stating that if the transfer were confirmed it would necessitate alterations of the boundaries of Bray No. 1 and No. 2 Dispensary Districts and that consideration might be given at this stage to the position which will arise in Bray No. 1 Dispensary District if the Order was confirmed. The Council's observations on the matter were to be submitted to the Department. It was pointed out that if the Order was confirmed, it would be necessary for the Minister for Health to make an Order altering the boundaries of the dispensary districts as from the operative date of the Order altering the county boundaries. During a discussion on the subject members of the Council stressed the need to have Fassaroe and Boghall included in the Bray Dispensary District. The Council agreed that the Minister be asked to agree to the addition of the districts of Boghall and Fassaroe in the Bray Dispensary District in addition to the transferred area from County Dublin. The Council considered also that the Minister should be requested to receive a deputation from the members in regard to this matter.

**Local Authorities (Works) Act.**

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

Resolved:—

"That we request the appropriate Department to at once furnish and put the Council in a position to have the drainage schemes approved put in hands at once so as to relieve—where it exists—unemployment and ensure a much more satisfactory carrying out of the work."  
Passed unanimously.

**Warning Signs.**

Councillor Hammond asked that a warning notice be erected on the approach road to Kilcommon School. He pointed out also that warning notices had not yet been provided at the entrances to Shillelagh.

**Telephones: Dispensary Doctors.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., urged that all dispensary doctors should have telephones in their houses. The County Manager stated that he understood that all dispensary doctors had, in fact, telephones, but that he would examine the matter.

**Footpath on Bridge at Arklow.**

Councillor Cleary stated that the footpath across the bridge at Arklow had deteriorated and that as the road was nearly level with the path lorries frequently ran on to the path. The Council's engineer was instructed to investigate the matter and also to investigate the complaint that premises in Bridge Street, Arklow, became flooded occasionally from water from the road.

**Representation on Health Committee.**

In reply to enquiry made by Councillor Cleary regarding the Consultative Health Committee the Chairman stated that the question of representation on the committee was being examined.

**Notice of Motion.**

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

By Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne,  
"That the County Engineer be asked to submit a revised estimate of the cost of a sewerage and water supply at the Boghall Road, Bray."  
Councillor M. Deering, T.D., asked that he be associated with the terms of the Notice of Motion.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st October, 1956, at 2 p.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, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer, Council's Architect, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. McGuinness attended.

**AGENDA.**

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of September, 1956.
2. Cottage at Ballycapple, Kilbride—Letter from Department of Local Government.
3. Proposed Housing Scheme at Laragh and water supply for Laragh village.
4. Kilgarron Housing Scheme; letter from C.I.E. regarding bus service.
5. Public Lighting, Blessington; further letter from E.S.B. in regard to their quotation.
6. Sewerage Scheme for Boghall Road and District, Bray; to consider Notice of Motion.
7. Water Supply for Council Cottages at Ballylea, Dunlavin.
8. Arrangements for Rent Collection in No. 2 Collecting District; application for assignment of collection.
9. Applications for supplementary grants for reconstruction and application for supplementary grant for new house.
10. Temporary Dwellings—applications for licences for use of land for temporary dwellings.
11. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Report regarding shops at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.
12. Applications for loans under S.D.A. Acts.
13. Repairs carried out during month of September, 1956.
14. 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 September, 1956, was submitted:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—HOUSING SECTION.**

County Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

28th September, 1956.

**Housing Progress Report—Month of September, 1956.**

Gentlemen,

During the month of September satisfactory progress was maintained on all sites.

The present position regarding schemes is as follows:—

Kilgarron, Enniskerry: 20 cottages completed,  
1952 (Agreed Sites): 13 cottages completed and 9 cottages in progress.  
Aughrim Scheme: 6 cottages in progress.

The number of men employed during September was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	2	1
1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme	2	3
Aughrim Scheme	8	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

The following are details of the schemes relating to the various districts:—

**Northern Area.**

**Completed:**

1952 Scheme.	
Ballynerrin (Site No. 1057)	1
Newcastle (Site No. 1045)	1
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

**In Progress:**

1952 Scheme.	
Bolinass (Site No. 1043)	1

**South-Eastern Area.**

**Completed:**

1952 Scheme.	
Ballinacor (Site No. 1029)	1
Ballard (Site No. 1048)	1
Furzeditch (Site No. 1409)	1
Dunganstown (Site No. 1050)	1
Ballard (Site No. 1054)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

**In Progress:**

1952 Scheme.	
Aughrim Scheme	6
Aughavannagh	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

**Southern Area.**

**Completed:**

1952 Scheme.	
Kilcavan (Site No. 1015)	1
Ballymaghroe (Site No. 1025)	1
Coolalug (Site No. 1031)	1
Coolfancy (Site No. 1013)	1
Ballinglen (Site No. 1030)	1
Tombrean (Site No. 1016)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

**In Progress:**

Ballycurragh (Site No. 1022/23)	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

**Western Area.**

**In Progress:**

1952 Scheme.	
<b>By Contract.</b>	
Hempstown (Site No. 1001)	1
Logstown (Site No. 1003)	1
Cryhelp (Site No. 1007)	1
Ballinacrow (Site No. 1009)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Engineer.

It was Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of September, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

#### Aughrim Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Operative Plasterers and Allied Trade Society of Ireland pointing out that three of the plasterers on the Aughrim scheme were non-union men and complaining also of their taking a sub-contract for plastering work which was a breach of trade union rules. It was stated that failure on the part of the Council's Engineer responsible to rectify the position would leave their branch no option but to declare the County Council employment in dispute as from Friday morning, October 5th. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been informed by the men that they were members of a trade union but subsequently the men had told him that they were not in fact members. The matter was referred to the Deputy County Engineer for examination and it was suggested that the Law Agent's advice might be obtained in regard to the question of sub-contract.

#### Wheat from Current Year's Harvest.

Councillor Hudson stated that farmers in parts of the county were in difficulties due to sprouted wheat being refused by millers. It was Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,  
Resolved:—

"That this Council urges that the Minister for Agriculture would make immediate suitable arrangements with the flour millers in connection with the taking of wheat from this year's harvest, as it has been found that wheat is being rejected at present for reasons which it is felt could hardly be regarded as reasonable having regard to the altogether abnormal weather conditions, and great difficulties under which wheat has had to be harvested this year. This Council considers that with the mechanical and scientific resources now available it should be possible to find a solution to this problem."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—COTTAGE AT BALLYCAPPLE, KILBRIDE.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government dated 25th September, 1956, stating that having regard to views expressed on the subject by the County Council, the Minister would raise no further objection to the erection by direct labour of a labourer's cottage at Ballycapple, Kilbride. The Council noted that the building of this cottage would proceed by direct labour.

#### ITEM No. 3—HOUSING SCHEME AND WATER SUPPLY FOR LARAGH VILLAGE.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted an estimate of the cost of erecting 10 houses at Laragh. The total all-in cost, allowing for acquisition of land and compensation would be £1,565 per house. It would seem that a scale of rents similar to that adopted for the houses at Enniskerry would have to be applied in respect of this scheme. On the suggestion of Councillor Lawless it was agreed that applicants for the houses be notified as to the rent which would be charged in respect of the scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer considered that a new water supply would be necessary for Laragh Village as the present supply would not be adequate for the 38 houses in the village. The cost of a new supply was estimated at £3,200. The Council noted the report of the County Engineer and agreed that detailed plans for new water supply scheme be prepared and submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

#### ITEM No. 4—KILGARRON HOUSING SCHEME.

The Council noted letter from C.I.E. in regard to application for a bus service to Kilgarron, Enniskerry, in which it was stated that the company regretted that they could not agree to the extension proposed. It was stated in the letter that the company considered the road from Enniskerry to Kilgarron as unsuitable for use by buses on public service and that even with a very limited service operating it would be uneconomic.

The Council decided to consider at the next local housing meeting the determination of a name for the housing scheme at Kilgarron.

#### ITEM No. 5—PUBLIC LIGHTING, BLESSINGTON.

Having considered letter from E.S.B. indicating that the Board was unable to reduce the original quotation of £128 for the provision of four lamps at Blessington and indicating that the cost of providing two lamps at Kilbride Road, Blessington, would be £115-13-0 the Council decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the next Estimates meeting.

#### ITEM No. 6—SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR BOGHALL ROAD AND DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had prepared an estimate for a sewerage scheme to serve cottages at Boghall Road and other houses in the district. Some further details, however, were required in regard to the annual charges in respect of the scheme and it was expected that a full report would be available for the meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th October, 1956. The Council agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the following meeting.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor O'Toole, the County Secretary stated that he understood that it was unlikely that the Department of Local Government would approve of the proposed drainage scheme for the Boghall Road area. The Council directed that representations be made to the Department stressing that this was a scheme regarded by the Council as of special importance and urgency.

#### ITEM No. 7—WATER SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL COTTAGES AT BALLYLEA, DUNLAVIN.

The County Secretary submitted report of the Health Inspector in regard to the provision of a water supply for four Council cottages at Ballylea, Dunlavin, and in which he recommended the provision of a well and pump. There were 23 persons residing in the cottages to be served. The Assistant County Engineer in his report stated that there had been a proposal to filter water from a stream and to erect a fountain. An analysis of the water showed that even with a slow sand filter water of suitable quality would not be obtainable. The Assistant County Engineer stated that a Mr. Fenton proposed to lay a supply to his private house and would be willing to give a supply to the Council subject to financial arrangements. The water proposed to be used was that from the same stream which was of doubtful quality. The cost of provision of a well and pump was estimated at £120. The Assistant County Engineer suggested that the Council might wait until Mr. Fenton had installed his pipeline and then have a sample of the water analysed. If the water was suitable a pump could then be provided. The Council decided to adjourn the matter pending the taking of a sample from the pipeline to be provided by Mr. Fenton.

#### ITEM No. 8—ARRANGEMENTS FOR RENT COLLECTION No. 2 COLLECTING DISTRICT.

The Council considered application of the 2nd September, 1956, from Mr. J. Wilkinson, Rent Collector, Carnew, for the assignment to him of the Rent Collection in No. 2 Collecting District, in addition to his present district. Particulars of the approximate earnings of the district and of the remuneration of the various Rent Collectors were submitted. It was Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,  
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill,  
Resolved:—

"That having considered application from J. Wilkinson, Carnew, Rent Collector, we approve of the assignment to him of the collection of rents in Collection District No. 2 in addition to his present area."

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,  
Resolved:—

"That we consider that applications should be invited by public advertisement for the post of Rent Collector in No. 2 Collecting District."

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.; Patrick McCarthy, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; J. Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, William Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Haughton .....11

AGAINST—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, J. O'Neill, W. Hammond, Dr. B. Donnelly, H. J. Byrne.....5

The amendment when put as a substantive motion was declared passed by the same voting.

The County Manager indicated that applications for the post would be invited as recommended by the Council.

#### ITEM No. 9—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of proposed supplementary grants for the reconstruction of three houses and also details of proposed supplementary grant for the erection of a new house. It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Resolved:—

"That we approve of the making of supplementary reconstruction grants as follows:—

"Martin Huggard, Carriglea, Marine Road, Greystones—£80.

"Michael Keogh, Ballyconnell, Coolkenno—£80.

"James F. Kavanagh, Rockview, Boghall Road, Bray—£80.

"We approve also of the making of a supplementary grant for the erection of a new house to Denis O'Toole, Ballyteigue, Aughrim, in the sum of £112-10-0."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 10—TEMPORARY DWELLINGS.

Having considered reports of the Health Inspector and County Medical Officer in regard to application of Mr. Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, Ballymoyle, Arklow, for a licence for the use of a site at Ballinaskea, Ennerilly, for caravans the Council agreed that licences should not be issued in respect of this site or Mr. Sharpe's other site at Johnstown, unless a satisfactory water supply was made available to the sites.

#### Site at Dunbur, Wicklow.

The Council considered report of the 19th September, 1956, from the County Medical Officer in regard to his inspection of 10 temporary dwellings on the site at Dunbur, Wicklow, owned by Miss S. Smith. The Council noted the advice of the County Medical Officer that all the huts except one (asbestos hut C) were far below what might be considered as a reasonable standard. It was Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor Senator McCrea,  
Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the County Medical Officer we refuse permission for the use of site at Dunbur, Wicklow, owned by Miss S. Smith for 7 temporary dwellings and two former caravans which are below the accepted standards.

"We approve of a licence being issued in respect of hut C which the County Medical Officer has approved as of suitable standard."

Passed unanimously.

"We approve of a licence being issued in respect of hut C which the County Medical Officer has approved as of suitable standard."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 11—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—REPORT REGARDING SHOPS AT ROCKY VALLEY, KILMACANOGUE.

The County Secretary gave particulars of shops in Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, as reported on by the Assistant County Engineer in report of 21st August, 1956. The Health Inspector in report forwarded by the County Medical Officer on the 1st September, 1956, indicated the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations as notified to the owners of the shops. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the garage section of a bungalow which had been converted into a shop and stated that work of extension had been carried out without permission from the Council. It was agreed that a further report be obtained as to whether structural alterations had been carried out in this case.

#### Building at Goats' Pass, Kilmacanogue.

The Council asked that a report be obtained in regard to building stated to be proceeding at Goats' Pass, Kilmacanogue.

#### ITEM No. 12—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.

Letter of 15th September, 1956, from Mr. F. J. Stafford, c/o Taylors' Ltd., Tinahely, in regard to his application for a loan was submitted. The Council noted that the items referred to in the letter could not be regarded as collateral security in respect of the loan. The Council decided to defer the matter with a view to ascertaining if the applicant could obtain a loan from a Building Society or submit a satisfactory guarantor.

#### Wages of Road Workers.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, reported to the Council on the meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to consider the applications for increases in wages of road workers held that morning. Representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and of the Federation of Rural Workers had attended and discussed the matter with the members of the Committee. The Chairman stated that the representatives of the Unions had asked that their proposal that an increase of 5/- per week be granted to road workers with effect from 1st October, 1956, be submitted to the Council at their meeting that afternoon. The Chairman stated also that the Committee was prepared to recommend an increase in wages of 2/6 per week with effect from 1st April, 1956. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,  
Resolved:—

"That we approve of an increase of 5/- per week in the wages of road workers with effect from 1st October, 1956, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such increase in wages."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,  
Resolved:—

"That we approve of an increase of 2/6 per week in the wages of road workers with effect from 1st April, 1956, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such increase in wages.

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.; G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; J. Miley, J. O'Toole, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne .....10

AGAINST—Councillors Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, Dr. B. Donnelly, J. Haughton .....6

The amendment was declared carried by 10 votes in favour to 6 votes against, and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

#### ITEM No. 13—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1956.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of September, 1956, as submitted by the County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 14—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

#### Blessington Development Committee.

Councillor J. Miley suggested that the Development Committee in Blessington be asked to arrange for the provision of bins and for their collection. The Council agreed that representations in respect of matters in Blessington should be made through members of the Council for the area.

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

"I will move at the November meeting of the County Council that the County Council take over a small piece of road leading to Mr. Kidd's premises and Rectory at Moyne, Ballinglen, and other residences and that the Engineer be requested to submit an estimate as to the cost of reconstruction of this road."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th October, 1956, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—  
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D.; James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, C. W. Hudson and W. A. Clarke.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer, County Architect, and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. McGuinness, attended.

#### AGENDA.

- Minutes of Meetings held on 25th June, 9th July and 13th August, 1956.
- To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
- Letter from University Scholarship holder in regard to completion of course.
- To adopt University Scholarship Scheme for year 1957.
- Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956—Letters from Department of Education regarding award of Scholarships.
- Letter from former scholarship holder requesting renewal of scholarship.
- Road from Killoughter to sea—Memorial from users seeking repairs.
- Road known as Ballard Lane from Ballinacash to Ballyshane—Letter from Forestry Division, Department of Lands.
- Letter from Department of Local Government regarding application for grant for re-alignment of main road at Avoca.
- Letter from Department of Local Government regarding application of Council for grants for widening of Coates' Bridge on Woodenbridge-Aughrim road.
- Report of Committee appointed by Council to consider applications for increases in wages of lorry drivers, etc., and payment of travelling allowances to overseers.
- Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to schemes, other than Boghall Road drainage.
- To authorise the affixing of Seal of Council to mortgage from National Bank Ltd. for loan of £3,245 for purchase of fire engine.
- Proposed Sewerage Scheme to serve houses at Boghall Road, Bray, and Oldcourt Park, Bray.
- Water supply for cottages at Crone, Aughrim.
- Marine Hotel, Wicklow—Application on behalf of Sisters of Mercy, Rathdrum, for approval to use the premises as holiday home.
- Proposed closing of Preventorium at Wicklow.
- Courthouse, Newtownmountkenedy—Memorial from ratepayers requesting removal of courthouse.
- Reply from Department of Posts and Telegraphs in regard to Council's request for provision of public telephone kiosk for Boghall Road area in Bray.
- Resolutions from Kerry County Council and Sligo Corporation in regard to increase in E.S.B. charges.
- Inquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 25th June, 9th July and 13th August, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted the receipt of letter from Mr. W. F. Richardson, Tara Street, Dublin, expressing the sincere thanks of the relatives of the late Mr. Richardson and those of himself for the Council's kind expression of sympathy.

#### ITEM No. 2—VACANCY ON COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee had reported that Rev. William O'Mahony, C.C., Baltinglass, had resigned his membership of the Committee with effect from 18th September, 1956. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Rev. Fr. McDermott, C.C., to fill vacancy on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of Rev. W. O'Mahony, C.C., Baltinglass."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Council noted with appreciation letter received from Leonard E. O'Malley, 1 Marie Villas, Bray, stating that he had qualified as a civil engineer and expressing his thanks for the consideration and courtesy received during his three years as a scholarship holder.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Mrs. Lilian Ryan, Millbank House, Shillelagh, stating that her daughter, Nuala A. Ryan, had been called to training at Carysfort Teaching College and would therefore not be availing of the scholarship awarded her by the Council. The County Secretary stated that the next available candidate was Mr. Francis O. Kavanagh, Springmount, Wicklow. The Provincial, Carmelite Priory, Whitefriar Street, Dublin, had indicated that Mr. Kavanagh had been accepted as a candidate for the Priesthood in the Carmelite Order and would not be in a position to commence his university studies until the beginning of the academic year, 1957, due to the canonical requirement of a novitiate for one year. He made application to have the scholarship granted as from October, 1957. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we note letter from Mrs. Lilian Ryan, Millbank, House, Shillelagh, indicating that her daughter, Nuala A. Ryan, is not availing of university scholarship and approve of the award of the scholarship to the next candidate in order of merit, Francis O. Kavanagh, Springmount, Wicklow."

"Having considered letter from Provincial, Carmelite Priory, Whitefriar Street, Dublin, we approve of the deferring by Mr. Kavanagh of the scholarship for a period of one year."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1957.

The County Secretary stated that the Scholarship Committee appointed by the Council had considered the draft University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1957 and had recommended that a scheme be adopted in similar terms to that adopted for the year 1956. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby adopt a University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1957 on similar terms to that operated in respect of the year 1956 and in accordance with the draft submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1956.**

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—  
R.O.(2) 89871. 26 Mean Fomhair, 1956.  
The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

**Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956—County Wicklow.**

A Chara,  
With reference to your letter of the 31st August, 1956, enclosing particulars of the eleven scholarships which it is proposed to award under the above scheme, I am to convey the Minister's approval of the awards subject to the terms of the scheme and in particular clause 1 being observed.

**Ann C. Cullen.**

In regard to the question of payment of a scholarship at the higher rate of £80 and £70 to Ann C. Cullen, I am directed to inform you that the terms of the scheme at present preclude the award of a scholarship at a higher rate than £30 per annum to this student if there is an available approved secondary school within 10 miles of her home residence. The Minister would be prepared to approve an appropriate amendment of the scheme to permit of the award of a scholarship at the higher rate proposed by the Council, however, provided all candidates affected by the amendment were notified of it. An appropriate amendment would be the addition of the words "unless there is no suitable public transport service available between the student's home residence and such available approved secondary schools" after the word "residence" in the 38th line of the first page of the scheme. The amendment should be submitted for the formal approval of the Minister.

**Maire Ann Ferguson.**

In regard to the proposal to defer payment of the scholarship award in the case of Maire Ann Ferguson, I am directed to inform you that if this student does not accept her scholarship in an approved secondary school for 1956/57 no payment of her scholarship can be made for that year, and I am to inform you that the Minister would not be prepared to agree to the deferment of the scholarship in this case.

I am to add that a letter in regard to the eligibility of Brendan J. Haughton will be issued at an early date.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. D. O'Laoghaire.

The County Secretary suggested that the wording of the proposed amendment might refer to "no suitable means of transport" rather than "no suitable public transport." It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby amend Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956, by the addition of the following words after the word 'residence' in the 38th line of page 1 of the scheme:—  
"Unless there is no suitable means of transport available between the student's home residence and such available approved secondary school."  
Passed unanimously.

It was  
Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby amend Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957, by the addition of the following words after the word 'residence' in the 38th line of page 1 of the scheme:—  
"Unless there is no suitable means of transport available between the student's home residence and such available approved secondary school."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Michael Noel Wynne, Our Lady's Hermitage, Athlone, who had been awarded a secondary schools scholarship in 1951 asking that the scholarship be resumed for the next two years to enable him to complete his studies. Mr. Wynne had been attending Colaiste Muire, Athlone, and in 1955 the authorities of the school had stated that he was being sent to the Continent for a language course for a year and had asked that the scholarship be held over until he returned. The Department of Education in letter of 15th July, 1955, had indicated that the Minister was not prepared to sanction payment of the scholarship beyond the date on which Mr. Wynne left Colaiste Muire as he was not in wholetime attendance at an approved school subsequent to that date. The County Secretary stated that in these circumstances the scholarship must be taken as having lapsed and could not be renewed as requested by the applicant. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**ITEM No. 7—ROAD FROM KILLOUGHTER TO SEA.**

The Council considered a memorial received from users of the road leading from Killougher Cross Roads to the sea at Killougher Railway House, a distance of approximately 1 mile. It was stated in the memorial that the road had not been repaired for many years and was almost impassable in some parts and the wish was expressed that it be taken over and repaired by the County Council. The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer had inspected the roadway and had reported that it was in very bad condition. To put a proper surface on the road was estimated to cost about £1,000. In addition, if there was to be any extensive traffic on the road to the sea, it would be necessary to widen the road or provide passing places. The County Manager stated that in recent discussions with An Bord Failte, regarding the provision of access to the sea and the provision of car parks, a proposal to provide a car park at the sea at Killougher was mentioned. The County Engineer had stated that many people used the road during the summer time for going to the sea. Any proposal, however, to provide a car park would have to be discussed with C.I.E., having regard to the fact that persons would be crossing the railway line, and also with the adjoining farmers. Councillor Hudson suggested that the Council might apply to An Bord Failte for a grant towards repairing the road. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That having considered memorial from users of the road leading from Killougher Cross Roads to the sea at Killougher Railway House, we approve of the necessary notices being given of the Council's intention to take over this road as a public road."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—ROAD KNOWN AS BALLARD LANE, FROM BALLINACLASH TO BALLY SHEANE.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had had under consideration an application for the taking over as a public road of the road known as Ballard Lane from Ballinaclash to Ballysheane. The Assistant County Engineer had estimated that it would cost £900 to put the road in a proper state of repair. The Council had decided to ask the Department of Lands for a contribution towards the cost of repairing the road if the Council should take it over as a public road. A reply had now been received from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, in which it was stated that the Minister noted that the Council considered that £450 would be an appropriate contribution from him. It was stated that the figure was far in excess of what had been anticipated and it was pointed out that the Minister was only one of the many users of the road. It was stated in the letter that the contribution which the Minister was prepared to make was £170. The Council noted that no special provision had been

made in the Estimates for repairs to the road, but decided that the contribution of £170 offered by the Minister should be accepted. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 14th September, 1956, from Department of Lands, Forestry Division, we approve of the acceptance of contribution of £170 offered by the Minister and agree to the necessary public notices being given of the Council's intention to take over the road from Ballinaclash to Ballysheane as a public road."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 9—RE-ALIGNMENT OF MAIN ROAD AT AVOCA.**

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

R.27/18/5  
Secretary, 20th September, 1956.  
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 12th instant regarding a proposal to re-align the main Rathdrum/Arklow Road near St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Avoca, and to state that he has no funds at his disposal whereby a special grant could be allocated for the proposed work.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.  
Mise, le meas,

The Council noted that a grant would not be available from the Minister for Local Government towards the cost of re-aligning the road. The Council decided that St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., Avoca, be asked if they would make a contribution towards the cost of the work. It was decided also to ask the Department of Industry and Commerce if a grant could be made available from that Department.

**ITEM No. 10—WIDENING OF COATES' BRIDGE.**

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

R.27/18/4  
Secretary, 20th September, 1956.  
Wicklow County Council.

**Woodenbridge-Aughrim Road (Coates' Bridge).**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 21st ultimo regarding a proposal to widen Coates' Bridge on the Woodenbridge-Aughrim road and to state that he has no funds at his disposal whereby a special grant could be allocated for the proposed work.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.  
Mise, le meas,

The Council noted that no grant was available for the widening of Coates' Bridge, Aughrim. The Council felt that it would be desirable to have this work carried out in order to complete the work on the road and to facilitate traffic, and agreed that the County Engineer include provision for such work in the coming year's road works scheme for consideration by the Council.

**ITEM No. 11—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASES IN WAGES OF LORRY DRIVERS, ETC., AND PAYMENT OF TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES TO OVERSEERS.**

The County Secretary stated that the Committee appointed by the Council had recommended an increase of 5/6 per week in the wages of lorry drivers, machinery operators, etc., with effect from 20th April, 1956. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered recommendation of the Committee appointed by the Council we approve of an increase in remuneration of lorry drivers, roller drivers and machinery attendants of 5/6 per week with effect from 20th April, 1956, 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."  
Passed. Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

In regard to the matter of travelling allowances for overseers the Committee recommended that a travelling allowance of £30 per annum be made to each overseer who used an auto cycle, motor cycle or motor car in carrying out his duties and an allowance of £5 per annum to an overseer using a bicycle in carrying out his duties. It was recommended that the allowances apply as from 1st April, 1956. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered recommendation and report of the County Manager and County Engineer we approve of the payment of a travelling allowance of £30 per annum to each overseer who uses an auto cycle, motor cycle or motor car in carrying out his duties and an allowance of £5 per annum to any overseer using a bicycle in carrying out his duties. The allowances to apply as from 1st April, 1956."  
Passed. Councillors W. Lawless, J. Miley and P. McCarthy dissenting as regards the travelling allowances and Councillor W. Hammond dissenting generally.

The Committee recommended an increase in the amount of the allowance to workers for special types of work to 2/3 per day with effect from 20th April, 1956. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered recommendation of the Committee appointed by the Council we approve of an increase in the amount of the allowance to workers for special types of work to 2/3 per day with effect from 20th April, 1956."  
Passed. Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

**ITEM No. 12—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.**

The Council noted letter of 29th September, 1956, from Department of Local Government conveying approval to schemes proposed for execution with the aid of the grant available for the current financial year under the Local Authorities (Works) Act. The Council noted that Scheme No. 17 NR in respect of drainage at Boghall had not been approved and that it had been indicated to the Department that the Council considered that this scheme was urgent and necessary, and that the Department had been asked to arrange for another inspection of the scheme with the Council's Engineer.

ITEM No. 13—LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE.

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, Resolved:— "That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 22nd August, 1956, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £3,245-0-0 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a fire engine 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, Ltd. Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—PROPOSED SEWERAGE FOR HOUSES AT BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY, AND OLD COURT PARK, BRAY.

The County Engineer estimated the cost of providing sewerage scheme to serve 33 cottages at Boghall Road and 37 other houses in the district at £12,980. If a state grant of 40% of the cost were made available, the net cost would be £7,788 and the annual loan charges would amount to £563 approximately. The operating costs were estimated at £228 per annum and the Deputy County Engineer suggested that an appropriate payment to Bray Urban District Council per annum in respect of the use of the Urban Council sewer would be £35. The annual payment to Dublin Corporation in respect of water to be supplied to the 33 cottages was estimated at £44. The total annual charges, therefore, amounted to approximately £870. The County Manager indicated that a charge of 3/- or 4/- per week as an addition to the rent of the cottages should be made as a contribution by the tenants towards the additional amenities being provided. The Council deferred consideration of the scheme generally pending receipt of agreement from Bray Urban District Council to the use of the Council's sewer and to the proposed annual payment. The Council agreed that the tenants of the cottages be asked if they would be agreeable to contribute towards the cost of the scheme at the rate of 3/- per week.

ITEM No. 15—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT CRONE, REDCROSS.

The County Secretary stated that a report had been obtained from the Assistant County Engineer in regard to need for water supply to serve four cottages at Crone, Redcross, which obtained a water supply from a stream. The Health Inspector had been asked for a report but this was not yet available. The Council deferred consideration of the matter pending receipt of the report from the Health Inspector. Councillor McCarthy asked also that reports be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector in regard to the proposed water supply for cottages at Tinnakilly, Aughrim.

ITEM No. 16—MARINE HOTEL, WICKLOW.

Letter received from Messrs. Arthur O'Hagan & Sons, solicitors, on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy, Rathdrum, applying for the consent of the Council as lessor of the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, to the premises being used as holiday home for the boys under the care of the Sisters of Mercy at St. Kyrans Home, was submitted. The Council noted that Wicklow Urban District Council at their meeting on the 2nd October, 1956, had agreed that there was no objection to the clause in relation to the use of the Marine Hotel premises for industrial purposes being removed from the letting agreement to be made with the Sisters of Mercy. It was Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D., Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 12th September, 1956, from Messrs. Arthur O'Hagan & Sons, on behalf of Sisters of Mercy, Rathdrum, and having noted letter of the 3rd October, 1956, from Wicklow Urban District Council we consent to the premises known as The Marine Hotel, Wicklow, being used as a holiday home for boys under the care of the Sisters of Mercy at St. Kyrans Home, Rathdrum. Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—PROPOSED CLOSING OF PREVENTORIUM AT WICKLOW

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee at their meeting held on 29th August, 1956, had recommended that the Preventorium at Wicklow be closed temporarily as an economy measure pending review of the use of the Council's institutions at Rathdrum. The Department of Health had indicated that the Minister would have no objection to the closing of the Preventorium temporarily and awaited the decision of the Council on the matter. The patients in the Preventorium could be in the majority of cases returned to their homes and those who required further treatment could be transferred to other institutions. It was estimated that there would be a saving of up to £1,000 as a result of the temporary closing of the institution. It was Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly, Resolved:—

"That having considered recommendation of the Consultative Health Committee and report of the County Manager we approve of the temporary closing of the Preventorium at Wicklow as an economy measure pending review of the use of the Council's institutions at Rathdrum." Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—COURTHOUSE AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The Council considered memorial dated 5th September, 1956, received from ratepayers in Newtown urging the Council to remove the Courthouse in the village on the following grounds:—

- (a) It is an eye sore in the middle of the village;
(b) Owing to increasing traffic to Glendalough it is very dangerous;
(c) On Sundays when a great deal of motor traffic is parked along the street in the vicinity of the Catholic Church it impedes traffic on the main road.

It was stated in the memorial that alternative housing of the District Court could be provided locally at a cheap rental, and that the court was held once in two months. The County Secretary stated that the matter had been under examination on several occasions in recent years and that in 1952 the County Engineer had submitted an estimate of the cost of providing a new courthouse and demolishing the old one. He estimated the cost of providing a new courthouse at that time at £1,500; the cost of demolition at £300 and compensation to the owner towards the cost of providing a new store £400, making a total of £2,200. The Council noted that it would be possible to obtain alternative accommodation for the court and agreed that negotiations might be entered into with the owner of the courthouse with a view to its removal.

ITEM No. 19—PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK FOR BOGHALL ROAD AREA.

The Council noted letter from Department of Posts and Telegraphs in regard to the provision of a public telephone kiosk in the Boghall Road area near Bray, and stating that the use likely to be made of a kiosk in the area

ITEM No. 20—E.S.B. CHARGES.

The Council adopted resolutions received from Kerry County Council, Sligo Corporation and Listowel U.D.C. protesting against increases in E.S.B. charges.

MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The following letter from Department of Local Government had been received on the 6th October, 1956, too late for inclusion in the Agenda:—

Department of Local Government, Custom House, Dublin. R.201/4/4. 5 Deire Fomhair, 1956. A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has now received the replies of road authorities to the circular letter of 31st August regarding the suspension of work under the current year's main road improvement grant, and to state that pending completion of the detailed examination of these replies he authorises county councils to proceed with alternative county road improvement works within the limit of the full balance available from this year's main road improvement grant, provided that such county road works are in the approved five year plan for county road improvement.

A number of councils have represented to the Minister that they are anxious that work on particular main roads should continue, and if these councils so see fit, they may authorise the execution of approved schemes on unrolled main roads in lieu of alternative county road schemes. The Government's decision as to the cessation of schemes on main roads that already have dust-free surfaces remains unaltered.

The conditions notified in the Department's letter of 11th February, 1956, apply to any works undertaken under the authority of this circular letter. I am to request you to be good enough to furnish without delay:—

- (1) A list of the revised proposals of the County Council for expending the balance of the main road improvement grant, distinguishing between main and county roads;
(2) Forms 11 and 11a for any schemes for which they have not already been submitted.

Mise, le meas,

To/ The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

The Council noted that the County Engineer had recommended that only one of the main road works estimated to cost £2,000 be deferred but had recommended that the other works should be completed. The Council decided to await a reply from the Department of Local Government in regard to application for approval to complete the works recommended by the County Engineer.

TENDERS FOR DISPENSARY AT AVOCA.

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the erection of dispensary at Avoca were opened in the presence of the members of the Council. The tenders received were as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Tenderer and Amount of Tender. Includes entries for W. & G. Connolly, Bray (2,233 11 2), Cunningham & Hackett, Blackrock (1,496 8 8), P. J. Hogan, Arklow (2,080 0 0), J. J. Jennings, Mount Merrion (2,374 0 0), Larkin Bros., Wexford (1,860 0 0), Modern Units, Ltd., Dun Laoghaire (1,865 0 0), Arthur J. Murphy, Dublin (3,650 10 0), P. McKeon, Longford (1,614 0 0), J. Roarty & Co., Stillorgan (1,850 0 0).

AUGHRIM HOUSING SCHEME.

Councillor McCarthy enquired as to the position regarding the plasterers at Aughrim housing scheme. It was agreed that the union be written to asking that the plasterers be accepted as members of the union and it was agreed also that a discussion with representatives of the union with the Deputy County Engineer and County Secretary be arranged.

EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD WORKER.

Councillor McCarthy raised the case of Mr. Michael Whelan, Newry, Clonegal, who was seeking employment as a road worker and who had been in the Council's employment casually over a number of years. It was agreed that the matter be investigated.

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 November, 1956, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:— Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, M. Deering, T.D., P. Kehoe, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne and C. M. O'Broin. The County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

AGENDA.

- 1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1956.
2. Water supply for Council cottages at Crone, Redcross.
3. Proposed water and sewerage scheme for 18 cottages at Redford.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Application for sale of vested cottage and plot at Balinglass West.
6. Correspondence with cottage tenant at Enniskerry regarding repairs to cottage.
7. Reconstruction grants; letter dated 24th September, 1956, from Department of Local Government.
8. Applications for reconstruction grants.
9. Housing scheme at Aughrim—letter from Operative Plasterers and Allied Trade Societies of Ireland.
10. Repairs carried out during month of October, 1956.
11. Authorisation of repairs.
12. Results of examination for clerical officers and clerk-typists.
Councillor J. O'Neill informed the members that Senator McCrea had been ill and had undergone an operation but he understood that he was progressing satisfactorily and would soon be fully recovered. The members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Senator McCrea for his speedy recovery.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1956, was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—HOUSING SECTION.

County Engineer's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow.

3rd November, 1956.

Housing Progress Report—Month of October, 1956.

Gentlemen, During the month of October satisfactory progress was maintained on all sites. The present position regarding schemes is as follows:—

Kilgarron, Enniskerry: 20 cottages completed. 1952 (Agreed Sites): 14 cottages completed and 10 cottages in progress (including Maccreddin and Coolfancy. These two sites were entered on during the month).

Aughrim Scheme: 6 cottages in progress.

The number of men employed during October was:—

Table with 3 columns: Scheme, Skilled, Unskilled. Rows include 1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme, Aughrim Scheme, and Totals.

The following are details of the schemes relating to the various districts:—

Northern Area.

Completed: 1952 Scheme.

Table listing completed schemes in Northern Area: Bolinass (Site No. 1043), Ballynerrin (Site No. 1057), Newcastle (Site No. 1045), Kilgarron, Enniskerry, Total 23.

In Progress: NIL.

South Eastern Area.

Completed: 1952 Scheme.

Table listing completed schemes in South Eastern Area: Ballinacor (Site No. 1029), Ballard (Site No. 1048), Furdzitch (Site No. 1049), Dunganstown (Site No. 1050), Ballard (Site No. 1054).

In Progress: Aughrim Scheme.

1952 Scheme.

Table listing in progress schemes in South Eastern Area: Aughavannagh, Maccreddin (Site No. 1020), Total 9.

Southern Area.

Completed: 1952 Scheme.

Table listing completed schemes in Southern Area: Kilcavan (Site No. 1015), Ballymaghroe (Site No. 1025), Coolatag (Site No. 1031), Coolfancy (Site No. 1013), Ballinglen (Site No. 1030), Tombrean (Site No. 1016), Total 6.

In Progress: Ballycurragh (Site No. 1022-23), Coolfancy (Site No. 1014), Total 3.

Western Area.

In Progress: 1952 Scheme.

By Contract.

Table listing in progress schemes in Western Area: Hempstown (Site No. 1001), Logstown (Site No. 1003), Cryhelp (Site No. 1007), Ballinacrow (Site No. 1009), Total 4.

J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer.

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

Resolved:— "That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1956." Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—WATER SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL COTTAGES AT CRONE, REDCROSS.

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had reported that there were 21 people occupying 4 houses at Redcross and their present water supply was obtained from a surface spring which was unsuitable. The Health Inspector recommended the provision of a pump midway between the two groups of cottages. The Assistant County Engineer also recommended that a well and pump be provided on public health grounds at an estimated cost of £240. It was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy, Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless.

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 provide water supply for 4 cottages at Crone, Redcross, the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR 18 COTTAGES AT REDFORD.

The Council considered letter received from the solicitors to the La Touche Estate, in regard to the proposed use of the sewer on the new road at La Touche Estate in connection with a sewerage scheme for 18 cottages at Redford. In the letter it was stated that the agent for the estate would advise the owners to give the necessary consent provided that the following conditions were agreed to by the Council:—

- 1. That the Council would take over the road and all services in connection therewith.
2. That the consent of one of the tenants on the estate through whose holding the proposed connection would go would be obtained.
3. That the Council would make good any damage caused in connection with the excavations to join the sewers and would restore the surface of the road.
4. That only the 18 houses mentioned in the application be allowed to drain into the sewer.
5. That the work as far as it affected the estate would be approved of by the estate surveyor whose fees would be payable by the Council.
6. That any legal costs incurred by the owners of the estate would be discharged by the Council, and.
7. That the owners of the estate be paid compensation at the rate of £25 per house in respect of the 18 cottages, viz.: £450.

The Council noted the County Engineer's report of the 16th October, 1956, in regard to the conditions in which he suggested that in view of the amount of traffic on the road in question, the necessity for footpaths might be re-examined. The Council had agreed to take over the road provided that footpaths were constructed. The County Engineer agreed that the consent of the tenant through whose land the pipeline passed would have to be obtained and also that the Council would make good any damage caused and restore the road surface. The County Engineer did not agree that the number of houses to be drained into the sewer should be limited and pointed out that the Council would be responsible for maintaining the sewer and should be the authority to judge the limitations of the sewer throughout its length. The County Engineer considered also that the rate of compensation suggested was unreasonable. The County Secretary stated that the fees to the estate surveyor were estimated at 15 guineas and that the legal costs would be about £10 or £15. The Council considered that if the road and sewer were being taken over by the Council, the estate would be relieved of the cost of their maintenance and that, consequently, the amount of compensation payable should be reduced. The Council agreed that the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area together with the County Manager and County Engineer might meet representatives of the estate to discuss the matter. It was suggested that the meeting be held at the Town Hall, Bray, or at some other place suitable to the representatives of the estate.

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

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for approval in principle to the building of a two-storey house on a site at Cliff House, Windgates. It was stated in the application that there was at present a timber structure on the site which would have to be demolished. The Council's architect had reported on the application and had pointed out that the track shown on the layout plan had recently been laid in tarmac from the main road at Windgates to its eastern termination at Cliff House and was now an excellent service road. In view of this development he considered that the present application was only one of many which would be made in the area. There were no public services available. He considered that the Council should not encourage development in the area and should permit only development of a low density character. The proposed site was approximately only 1/7th of an acre in area and one acre was regarded as the minimum required. The Council's Architect also considered that an adequate water supply should be provided before development was permitted. The County Manager pointed out that a special survey had been made in regard to the matter of a water supply to serve this area and it had been found that it would be impossible to provide a water supply to serve the top of Windgates. In the absence of a proper water supply it was not desirable to allow the erection of houses. The Council had some time ago received a proposal for a holiday camp at Windgates and had refused permission, which refusal was upheld on appeal. The Council agreed that permission for the erection of the house should be refused.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AND PLOT AT BALINGLASS WEST.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received a letter from the Land Commission regarding an application received for permission to sell portion of a holding at Balinglass West, which comprised a Council cottage and a plot. The Land Commission were prepared to consent to the proposed sale subject to the redemption of the cottage annuity applicable thereto but before issuing the necessary letter authorising sub-division they wished to know whether the Council had any objection to the course or whether they considered any special condition should be embodied in the letter of consent. The County Secretary stated that the cottage in question had been vested in John Cashen, Senr., on the 1st April, 1944, the purchase period being 15 years. John Cashen, Jr., succeeded to his father in title and a year ago applied for the Council's permission to dispose of the cottage and plot which had been consolidated with a small holding by the Land Commission. The Council refused to grant permission but the holding was disposed of to Mr. T. Murphy, Veterinary Inspector. In the letter from the Land Commission it was indicated that the new owner wished to have the holding subdivided to enable him to sell the Council cottage and plot separately. The Council, with Councillor J. O'Neill dissenting, directed that the Land Commission be informed that the Council objected to the sale of vested holdings in this way and had decided that they could not possibly agree in principle to transfers which would result in cottages built specially for agricultural labourers coming into the ownership of persons who could not be regarded as eligible for housing accommodation of this type.

ITEM No. 6—REPAIRS TO COTTAGE AT ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary gave particulars of correspondence with Mrs. Ann Tuite, tenant of cottage No. 77 County Brook, Enniskerry, in regard to repairs to her cottage, which she had applied to purchase. The Council noted that the tenant had now indicated the repairs which she considered were necessary to put the cottage into good condition and sanitary repair, and that an estimate of this work would be obtained and these repairs carried out to enable the cottage to be vested.

ITEM No. 7—RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS.

Letter of 24th September, 1956, from Department of Local Government in regard to Section 9 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, was submitted to

the Council. The County Secretary stated that the effect of the section was that a grant of £100 could be given where a house contained 4 rooms and £120 where there were five or more rooms. Previously the maximum grant was £80. Supplementary grants of the same amounts as the State Grants had been given by the Council under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954. It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill,

Resolved:—  
"Having considered letter of the 24th September, 1956, from Department of Local Government we approve of the making of Supplementary Reconstruction Grants at the increased rates set out in Section 9 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS.**

It was Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the making of Supplementary (Reconstruction) Grants as follows:—  
"Sheila W. F. Coffey, Glendarragh, Newtownmountkennedy—£80.  
"Misses Anna and Patricia Seagrave, 'St. Jude's,' Kilcoole—£67."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 9—HOUSING SCHEME AT AUGHIRM.**

The Council considered letters of the 17th October, 1956, and 25th October, 1956, from the Operative Plasterers' & Allied Trades Society of Ireland, in regard to the employment of plasterers at Aughrim Housing Scheme and noted that members of the Union had been withdrawn from Council employment as from Friday, 26th October, 1956, from which date the Council was declared to be in dispute with the Society. The Council also considered letter of 29th October, 1956, addressed to the Chairman and Members of the Council, County Manager and County Secretary by Messrs. John O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien and Patrick Thompson of Killacoran, Aughrim, who had been carrying out the plastering work on the houses at Aughrim. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed on the proposal of Councillor McCarthy to appoint a Committee to meet representatives of the Society to discuss the matter. It was decided that the members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area together with the Chairman, County Manager and County Engineer, would meet the representatives of the Operative Plasterers & Allied Trades Society at the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 noon on Thursday, 8th November, 1956.

**ITEM No. 10—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1956.**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of October, 1956.

**ITEM No. 11—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.**

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

**ITEM No. 12—RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS FOR CLERICAL OFFICERS AND CLERK-TYPISTS.**

The County Secretary read report of the Examiner in regard to the examinations for Clerical Officers and Clerk-Typists held on 4th and 5th September, 1956. The results of the examination were as follows:—

Order of Merit	Exam. No.	Names and Addresses	Schedule A — Marks Obtained by 15 Successful Candidates.										TOTAL	
			Oral Irish	Written Irish	English	Maths. I	Maths. II	History	Geog.	Latin	French	Book-keeping		Typing
1st	8	Mary Haughton, Seaview Road, Wicklow	60	340	400	300	300	400	400	400	400	200	200	1647
2nd	20	John Murray, Emoclew Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	60	176	187	280	277	199	283	160	236	—	—	1622
3rd	3	James C. Burns, Abbeylands Navan, Co. Meath	35	175	204	300	175	207	305	161	—	—	—	1562
4th	2	Mary Blanchfield, 4 Leinster Street, Anny, Co. Kildare	60	196	259	165	180	189	274	183	—	—	—	1506
5th	18	Robert Marah, 19 Merry meetings, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow	38	168	217	169	272	160	253	221	—	—	—	1498
6th	14	Mary S. Lambert, High Street, Wicklow	50	178	333	160	125	215	—	204	229	—	—	1494
7th	26	Margaret O'Sullivan, Hills Lane, Wicklow	56	202	241	225	165	197	200	—	191	—	—	1477
8th	16	Clare F. Lynham, Church St. Wicklow	48	187	253	100	168	183	220	—	212	—	—	1371
9th	10	Michael T. Jackman, 1 South Quay, Arklow, Co. Wicklow	50	173	196	238	95	177	212	160	198	190	135	1301
10th	27	Rosanna Phillips, Urban Villas, Wicklow	44	156	177	112	128	—	—	160	198	190	135	1300
11th	13	Frances Laffey, Benbrack, Calow, Ballina, Co. Mayo	46	215	202	125	121	182	—	187	195	—	—	1273
12th	29	James P. Tyrrell, 54 Lr. Main St., Arklow, Co. Wicklow	41	163	224	250	198	(156)	171	219	—	—	—	1266
13th	25	Denis P. B. O'Sullivan, Bridge House, Lackaroe, Co. Kerry	50	185	160	145	100	171	206	160	—	—	—	1177
14th	21	Michael O'Byrne, Ballinatonoe, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow	51	156	160	221	230	172	182	(97)	—	—	—	1172
15th	24	Seamus O'Ruain, Summerhill Wicklow	50	155	160	160	125	(117)	239	(132)	—	—	—	889

NOTE—Numbers in brackets denote that the Candidate has failed to reach the qualifying mark in that subject. Such marks are not included in total, and the dash — means that the Candidate did not sit for that subject.

**Result of Examination for Clerk-Typists, September 4th, 1956.**

Order of Merit	Exam. No.	Names and Addresses	Shorthand	Type-writing	Interview	TOTAL
1st	5	Elizabeth Hanrahan, Weaver Sq., Baltinglass	507	531	255	1293
2nd	8	Geraldine O'Driscoll, Wentworth Villa, Wicklow	517	491	240	1248
3rd	1	Catherina A. Darcy, 25 Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin	368	456	230	1054
4th	7	Mary F. O'Callaghan, "Lismaura," Galtrim Road, Bray	298	526	210	1034
5th	3	Anne E. Doran, 33 Hillside Estate, Barnhill Road, Dalkey	443	284	195	922

**Rates for Hired Lorries.**

Councillor Lawless enquired why a lorry for which the charge was 16/- per hour was no longer employed by the Council although C.I.E. lorries for which the charge was 18/3 per hour were still employed. The County Manager stated he would investigate the matter.

**Road at Kilquade.**

The Chairman submitted a letter received by him from residents of Kilquade, Kilpedder, requesting that the Council take over and maintain the road at Kilquade. It was stated in the letter that the road served large public interests, including access to the houses, and that its condition was impossible. It was stated also that in view of the large contribution in rates made by the residents of and users of the road, that the Council might reasonably take it over and maintain it. The County Manager stated that the roads in question were private roads and were never constructed to the requirements of the Council. The Chairman referred to the fact that he had mentioned the matter some years ago and had pointed to the difficulties which would be likely to arise in the future owing to the road not having been constructed originally to a proper standard. The Council agreed that the residents be informed that the Council had no responsibility in the matter.

**Notices of Motion.**

The following notices of motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—  
In the names of Councillors M. Deering, T.D., and James Miley:—  
"That we, or some members of this Council, propose that Friars Lane Road be taken over by the Council."  
In the name of Councillor Paul Kehoe:—  
"That I or some member for me will propose that a pump will be supplied to five cottages at Ballykillmurray, Kiltegan."  
In the names of Councillors J. O'Toole and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—  
"That we, or someone for us, shall move at the next meeting of the Council that the residents at Greystones be provided with a dust bin collection service."



A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th November, 1956, at 11 a.m. The following members attended:—  
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,  
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., 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, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, 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, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

#### AGENDA.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 20th August, and 3rd September, 1956.
- Report from Registrar, University College, Dublin on results of Autumn Examinations obtained by scholarship holders.
- Letter from University Scholarship holder requesting renewal of scholarship for purpose of studying for Higher Diploma in Education.
- Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1957; letter from Department of Education approving of scheme submitted by the Council and requesting to be informed if the Council has determined to carry the scheme into execution.
- Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956—to consider further award of remaining scholarship under scheme.
- Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley and M. Deering, T.D., for taking over by Council of Friars Lane at Tubber, Dunlavin.
- Letter from Secretary, Aghrim Branch of the Labour Party forwarding resolution requesting the Council to consent to take over and maintain Tinnakilly Old Road from Fox's cottage to Green Lane.
- Letters from Federation of Rural Workers in regard to reference to Labour Court of matters concerning which they failed to reach agreement with the Council.
- Main Road Improvement Grant, 1956/57; letter from Department of Local Government in regard to closing down of schemes for main road improvement.
- Letter from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., in regard to holding of Motor Car and Motor Cycle Races in June and July, 1957.
- Access to sea between Greystones and Arklow; letter from County Medical Officer.
- Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956; particulars of amount paid to date for pensions and gratuities and to authorise necessary expenditure in excess of amount provided in current year's Estimates.
- Payments by County Council on foot of guarantee of loans for Arklow Harbour Commissioners.
- Water and sewerage scheme for cottages at Boghall.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe for provision of pump at Ballykillmurray, Kiltegan, to provide water supply for 5 cottages.
- Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. O'Toole and Mrs. M. Ledwidge for provision of dust bin collection service for residents in Greystones.
- Revision of remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors—letter from Arklow Urban District Council.
- Factories Act, 1956—letter dated 24th September, 1956, from Department of Local Government.
- Application from Ashford Guild, Irish Countrywomen's Association, for permission to use Coat of Arms of Wicklow County Council.
- Recommendation of Local Housing Committee re naming of housing scheme at Kilgarron.
- Letter from Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding application for provision of public telephone kiosk in Boghall Road area.
- Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

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

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 20th August and 3rd September, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.  
The County Secretary read a letter received from Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea requesting that his grateful appreciation and sincere thanks be conveyed to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kind expression for his speedy recovery.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D., the members of the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer on the death of his sister. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the Staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy. The County Engineer expressed his appreciation.

#### ITEM No. 2—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

15th October, 1956.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Dear Sir,

The following are the results of the Autumn Examinations obtained by students from your Council:—

O'Malley, Leonard E.—Passed the Examination for the B.E. (Civil) Degree.  
Murphy, Joseph T.—Passed the Examination for the B.Sc. (General) Degree.  
Hayden, John P.—Passed the Examination for the B.Sc. (General) Degree.  
Doyle, Eugene M.—Passed the Second (Civil) Engineering Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.  
Brennan, Kevin C.—Passed the First Medical Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.  
Reynolds, James O.—Passed the First (Elect) Engineering Examination. Renewal of Scholarship recommended.  
Dempsey, David J.—Obtained exemption in Experimental Physics, Chemistry and Year's Work, and was rejected in Mathematics, Mathematical Physics and Engineering. Recommend the suspension of Scholarship for a year, until he has completed his First Examination, and is entering upon the courses of the Second Year.

Yours faithfully,  
Signed: J. L. Campion,  
For Registrar.

It was  
Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—  
"That having considered report from Registrar, University College, Dublin, we approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for Eugene M. Doyle, Kevin C. Brennan and James O. Reynolds."  
Passed unanimously.

It was  
Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—  
"That having considered report from Registrar, University College, Dublin, we agree to the suspension of scholarship for David J. Dempsey pending his completing his first University examination and entering on courses of second year."  
Passed unanimously.

Councillor W. Clarke raised the matter of the location of the Universities in Dublin City and referred to the proposed erection of additional university buildings at Stillorgan Road, Dublin. He suggested that it would be in the interest of the country generally that the Universities be located otherwise than in the capital and suggested that at least certain of the faculties should be centred in provincial towns, such as Athlone or Kilkenny. He drew attention to the position in other countries where the major universities were not located in the capital. Councillor Clarke stated that he would, with the agreement of the Chairman, submit a Motion for discussion at the next meeting of the Council with a view to the matter being referred to the General Council of County Councils. The Council agreed that the matter be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

#### ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP.

The County Secretary submitted application received from Joseph Murphy, for an extension of his scholarship for a further year to enable him to study for the Higher Diploma in Education. He had obtained the B.Sc. (General) Degree at the examination held this year. The Council decided that since the candidate had completed his university course the scholarship would not be extended for a further year.

#### ITEM No. 4—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1957.

It was  
Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

Resolved:—  
"That having considered letter of 2nd November, 1956, from Department of Education we hereby determine to carry into execution the scheme for scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957, as approved by the Minister."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 5—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1956.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—  
R.O. (2) 89871  
Secretary, 12 Samhain, 1956  
Wicklow County Council.

#### Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956—County Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Education to refer to previous correspondence in regard to the question of eligibility of Brendan James Haughton for the award of a scholarship under your Council's scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956.

I am to state that, as it appeared from your letter of the 2nd October that it was likely to be established that the income limit as prescribed in section 4 of the scheme was exceeded in the case of Brendan James Haughton, the Minister considered it desirable to seek legal advice in regard to the position which would thereby arise.

The Minister has directed me to inform you, for your Council's information, that the advice which he has received is to the following effect:—

(i) Competition for the scholarships is confined to children whose parents or guardians come within the categories set forth at (a) and (b) of section 4 of the scheme. The Council is entitled, even at this stage, and after having determined the eligibility of a candidate, to require further information in regard to income to be submitted with a view to redetermining the candidate's eligibility for a scholarship. The final paragraph of section 4 of the scheme, does, however, enable the Council to award scholarships (subject to the approval of the Minister) where there are special circumstances affecting cases of parents or guardians whose circumstances do not comply with the conditions of the section.

(ii) Section 11 of the scheme envisages that a candidate once accepted as eligible for the examination shall not subsequently be rejected save in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Minister.

(iii) In the event of its being established that the income limit as specified in section 4 of the scheme was exceeded in the case of Brendan James Haughton, it would be permissible for the Council, having regard to the terms of the scheme and to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, and also to their previous decisions as to the acceptance of candidates under the scheme, to decide, subject to the approval of the Minister, that Brendan James Haughton be rejected as a candidate. If this boy were ineligible as a candidate for the examination ab initio, then his acceptance as a candidate by the Council does not alter the circumstances which rendered him ineligible.

(iv) It is possible also that resort could be had to the final paragraph of section 4 of the scheme in the event of the Council, after reviewing all the considerations affecting the case, coming to the conclusion that there were special circumstances involved (including the circumstance in which the candidate was originally declared eligible and his eligibility was not questioned until after the results of the examination had become available, which would, subject to the approval of the Minister, warrant the award of the whole or part of a scholarship to Brendan James Haughton.

The Minister hopes that the foregoing information may be of assistance to the Council in coming to a decision in this matter. He notes from your letters of the 2nd and 9th October, that it has now apparently been established that the income limit as prescribed in section 4 of the scheme was exceeded in the case of this candidate. He would, therefore, have no alternative but to approve of a proposal from your Council that Brendan James Haughton be rejected as a candidate under the operation of section 11 of the scheme. He would however, in view of all the circumstances of the case, be prepared to examine favourably any proposal which your Council might determine to make under the last paragraph of section 4 of the scheme.

I am to express regret for any inconvenience caused to your Council by the delay, which was unavoidable in the circumstances, in replying to your letters.

Mise, le meas,  
Sgd. D. O'Laoghaire.

It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—  
"That having considered letter from Department of Education we agree that candidate Brendan J. Haughton is ineligible for the award of a scholarship under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1956, and approve of the award of the scholarship to the next qualified candidate, Miss Mary C. Conroy, Wicklow, subject to the sanction of the Minister."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 6—FRIAR'S LANE, TUBBER, DUNLAVIN.

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Miley, and Councillor M. Deering, T.D., at the meeting held on the 5th instant, the County Secretary stated that a report on the condition of the road was being obtained and would be included on the agenda for the next meeting. The Council noted that the report would be available for the next meeting.

#### ITEM No. 7—TINNAKILLY OLD ROAD.

Having considered resolution received from Aghrim Branch of the Labour Party for the taking over by the Council of Tinnakilly Old Road from Fox's

Cottage to Green Lane and report of Assistant County Engineer, the Council decided to defer the matter for consideration at the Estimates meeting.

#### ITEM No. 8—ROAD WORKERS' WAGES, Etc.

The Council considered letters of 16th, and 31st October, 1956, from the Federation of Rural Workers in which it was indicated that the Federation did not accept the proposal of the Council for an increase of 2/6 per week in the wages of road workers, and had decided to refer this matter and certain other matters to the Labour Court. The Council also considered the following letter received from the Labour Court:—

South Circular Road,  
Dublin.

D. 476 8th November, 1956.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Labour Court to inform you that the Federation of Rural Workers has reported that it is in dispute with the Wicklow County Manager concerning the following matters:—

- (1) Rates of wages of road and quarry labourers, charge hands, gangers, assistant overseers, overseers and carters.
- (2) Claim for an increase in the differential paid to road gangers.
- (3) Travelling allowance for assistant road overseers.
- (4) Amount of deduction from wages due to absence from work on Saturday.
- (5) Dismissal of two labourers who refused to work overtime.
- (6) Sick-pay scheme for overseers and assistant overseers.

I am to state that the Court would be glad to assist in securing a settlement of this dispute 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.

County Manager,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCarthy the County Secretary stated that the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union had indicated that their members were prepared to accept the proposal of the Council, for an increase of 2/6 per week in wages. The Council agreed that the Council be represented at the proposed conciliation conference by the County Manager. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to a letter which had been published in the "Evening Herald" from Mr. Richardson, an official of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in which it had been stated that the Council was not agreeable to make any increase in wages to workers "due to the unsatisfactory financial position of the Council" and that the Council would only consider an increase on the understanding that a number of the workers would be dismissed. The Chairman pointed out that the statements in the letter were not in accordance with the facts and submitted a reply which he proposed to send to the newspaper. The Council approved of the Chairman submitting a reply on the terms proposed.

#### ITEM No. 9—MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1956/57.

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

R. 27/2/4. 26 Deire Fomhair, 1956.  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,

#### Main Road Improvement Grant, 1956/57.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letters of the 5th and 10th ultimo on the above subject as to the works which it is considered necessary should be carried out under the above grant to avoid danger. As regard Scheme No. NM4, I am to state that it would appear that very little work had been undertaken prior to the 25th September. The only work which could be regarded as essential would be the completion of fences and boundary walls where the County Council had entered into legal commitments with local landowners. An estimate for this work should be furnished. It should be noted that the cost of land acquisition is not chargeable against grant and that the cost of any materials purchased but not used should be credited to the grant.

In connection with Scheme No. EM1, I am to state that it would not appear that the provision of the tarmac carpet on a length of 1 mile of road is essential. In addition as indicated above the cost of land acquisition is not a charge against grant. A revised estimate of the cost of work absolutely essential to avoid danger should be furnished.

In relation to Scheme No. WM1, I am to state that it is understood that work had not been undertaken prior to the 25th September. It is not clear, therefore, that any work after that date would be necessary to avoid danger. As indicated above the cost of materials purchased but not used in the work should be credited to the grant.

The completion of Scheme No. WM4 after the 25th September is approved and the cost may be charged to the grant.

A reply to the Department's circular letter R.201/4/4 of the 5th instant is awaited.

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

Mise, le meas.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

12th November, 1956.

County Secretary:

re: Road Works Scheme, 1956/57—Transfer Main Road Grants to County Roads.

Dear Sir,

In this connection, I recommend as follows:—

#### Northern Area (E.D. Bray):

From Grant NM4 at Kilpedder: £1,179 to County Roads Nos. 39 and 41 in the Newtownmountkennedy-Altadore District which is in the same area.

#### South-Eastern Area:

From Grant EM1 at Arklow-Kish Road: £2,125 to County Road No. 195 Woodenbridge-Killahurler.

#### Southern Area:

From Grant SM1 at Ballyraheen to County Road No. 246 Mullinacuffe to County Carlow Branch at Knockatomcoyle: £2,000.

#### Western Area:

From Grant WM1 at the Lamb to County Road No. 371 Blessington-Kilbride: £1,400.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

Councillor McCarthy drew attention to the condition of the main road south of Arklow and urged that further representations be made to the Department of Local Government to allow the completion of the work under Scheme EM1. The County Engineer agreed that it would be very desirable to complete this scheme as the road was deteriorating. Councillor Miley pointed out that the work proposed to be carried out under Scheme WM1 at The Lamb near Blessington was for the purpose of making the road suitable for use by a bus service and urged that special representations be made to the Department to allow this work to be carried out. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 26th October, 1956, from Department of Local Government in regard to Main Road Improvement Grant, 1956/57, and report of the County Engineer we approve of the moneys now available for county road works being expended on schemes as follows:—

"Northern Area—£1,179 to roads 39 and 41 Newtownmountkennedy-Altadore.

"Southern Area—£2,000, Mullinacuffe to Carlow Bounds at Knockatomcoyle."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that further representations be made to the Department of Local Government to allow Scheme No. EM1 to be completed and Scheme WM1 to be carried out, having regard to the particular circumstances in relation to these schemes.

#### ITEM No. 10—LETTER FROM LEINSTER MOTOR CLUB, LTD., re MOTOR CYCLE AND MOTOR CAR RACES.

The following letter from the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., was submitted:—

27 South William Street,  
Dublin.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
The Courthouse, Wicklow.

23rd October, 1956.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our motor cycle and car races we would thank you to convey to your County Manager and members of your Council our sincere appreciation of their co-operation in the past, and trust that we may continue to have their goodwill in the future.

We are pleased to advise you that we have been granted permission by the two governing bodies, The Federation Internationale Motorcycliste, and The Federation Internationale Automobiles to hold these two races in 1957—the motor cycle race on the 15th June and the car race on the 13th July.

It is our intention to issue a brochure, in conjunction with An Bord Failte, in connection with the races, and the amenities available for tourists in the vicinity of Wicklow. I should be glad to know if we may depend on having your support and co-operation in regard to the closing of the roads and the use of the circuit before the club is committed to the expense entailed in promoting the races. An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. C. J. Nicholl,

Secretary.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 23rd October, 1956, from Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., we agree to the closing of roads at Wicklow in connection with the Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races to be held on the 15th June and 13th July, 1957, subject to the requirements of the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956."

Passed. Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

#### ITEM No. 11—ACCESS TO THE SEA BETWEEN GREYSTONES AND ARKLOW.

The following letter from the Chief Medical Officer was submitted:—

26th September, 1956.

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

A Chara,

Further to the question of caravan sites, I would like to point out that between Greystones and Arklow via Brittas, with the exception of Wicklow Town, there are only two roads giving access to the sea, and these are purely adventitious, as their primary function is to lead to the Railway Stations at Kilecole and Newcastle. It can thus be seen that a large portion of the population of this county apart from the vast numbers on our doorstep have no ready means of access to the sea, and I am of the opinion that the provision of reasonable access comes within the broad concept of public health.

The provision of access should be considered by the Council, which access will, of course, bring its problems but these can be dealt with before they arise

Mise, le meas.

Sgd. D. F. McCarthy,

Chief Medical Officer.

The County Secretary stated that when this matter had been considered previously by the Council surveys had been made of the area and the use of certain sites as additional car parks had been considered. It had been found that the prices sought by landowners for land to be used as car parks were very high and in some instances, the landowners were not prepared to sell the plots to the Council. It did not seem that the Council had the necessary compulsory powers for acquiring lands for car parks. The Council also had been of opinion that it scarcely would be reasonable to expect the Council to incur substantial expenditure on the acquisition of land and construction of new car parks, as very little benefit was derived from week-end visitors to the district. The County Manager had approached An Bord Failte on the matter with a view to obtaining grants from the Board towards the cost of providing car parks and improving the road at Brittas and providing reasonable access to the sea. An Bord Failte in letter of 28th May, 1956, had stated that the Board was keenly interested in developments in the area and in assisting as far as possible reasonable access to the strand. It was stated that the Board intended to examine the proposals of the Council with the object of assuring rational development in the area. The County Manager pointed out that in 1955, there had been serious traffic congestion at Brittas during the period of the exceptionally fine summer; if a similar spell of good weather had been experienced in the present year, he had no doubt that traffic difficulties would again have arisen. The road at Brittas would have to be widened and access to the sea was needed. The matter was becoming quite a serious problem and he suggested that the Council might re-open negotiations with the landowners and again approach Bord Failte in the matter. The Council agreed that further negotiations be carried on with the landowners in the area with a view to obtaining access to the sea and that application be made to Bord Failte Eireann for grants towards the cost of widening the road and providing car parks and access.

#### ITEM No. 12—LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SUPERANNUATION) ACT, 1956.

The County Secretary stated that the amount provided in the Estimates to meet the cost of superannuation payments to road workers was £2,480. During the year up to date a sum of over £1,100 had been paid by way of pensions and gratuities in addition to those applying at the beginning of the year. It would seem that authorisation would be required for an expenditure of up to £1,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such pensions and gratuities. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley.

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the County Secretary regarding expenditure in current financial year on gratuities and pensions to workers under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, we hereby authorise the additional expenditure of £1,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the payment of pensions and gratuities."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—GUARANTEE OF LOANS FOR ARKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had guaranteed the repayment of two loans of £3,000 raised by Arklow Harbour Commissioners. In the case of the second loan, the Council had guaranteed half of the amount borrowed and Arklow Urban District Council had guaranteed the other half. The net annual cost to the Council was £238 4s. 6d. The Council had recently paid the instalments due on 1st November, 1956, as it appeared from the accounts of the Commissioners that they were not in a position to meet the repayments. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**ITEM No. 14—WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR COTTAGES AT BOGHALL.**

The County Secretary stated that the Town Clerk, Bray, had indicated that an appropriate payment to Bray U.D.C. would be £125 per annum in respect of the use of the Council's sewer. The matter would be considered by Bray Urban District Council at their meeting to be held on the 13th November, 1956. Enquiries were being made from the tenants of the cottages if they would be agreeable to pay contribution at the rate of 3/- per week for the additional amenities. The Council deferred the matter for consideration at the next meeting when the views of the Urban Council as regards the contribution to be made had been ascertained and also replies from the tenants in regard to contributions towards the cost.

**ITEM No. 15—WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYKILLMURRAY, KILTEGAN.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Secretary stated that the provision of a pump at Ballykillmurray was already included on the priority list. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Kehoe as to when the pump might be provided and also when a pump at Bessina could be started, the Assistant County Engineer stated that he was arranging for a diviner to fix the sites for the pumps and that he would be starting on the pump at Bessina very shortly.

**ITEM No. 16—DUST BIN COLLECTION SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS IN GREYSTONES.**

Councillor J. O'Toole stated that a body of persons in Greystones wished to know if the Council would provide a dust bin collection service for residents in the area. He pointed out that the district contributed a considerable sum in rates and that a service of this type was necessary. He stated also that the body concerned would be prepared to carry out work on filling crater holes in the pier at Greystones if the materials were provided by the Council. Councillor E. Byrne stated that some years previously there had been discussions between representatives of the area and members of the Council in regard to the provision of a dust bin collection service and that most of the people in the area had agreed that it would scarcely be desirable to proceed with the provision of such a service having regard to the expense involved. The County Manager confirmed that in November, 1951, members of the Council had met representatives of the Greystones Ratepayers' Association in regard to this matter and particulars had been given of the cost of providing such a service which would be in the vicinity of £1,000 per annum. It had been pointed out also that the type of service was one which normally was not provided in rural areas and if provided in the Greystones-Delgany area, the cost would have to be met by means of a special rate. The cost of providing such a service in a rural area was substantial having regard to the long haul which was usually necessary and there was also a difficulty of defining the area to be served. These difficulties did not arise in an urban district. The Council agreed that it would not be feasible to introduce such a service in the rural area.

**ITEM No. 17—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.**

Letters received from Arklow and Wicklow Urban District Councils regarding the apportionment of the cost of proposed re-organisation of veterinary services and drawing attention to the substantial increase which this would represent in the Urban areas were submitted to the Council. The County Secretary also submitted letter received from the Department of Agriculture in which it was stated that no recompense could be given of any part of the cost of the public health duties discharged by the veterinary inspectors. The Council noted that the cost of the re-organised veterinary service would represent an increase of about £1,350 to £1,400 over the existing cost and decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

**ITEM No. 18—FACTORIES ACT, 1956.**

The County Secretary stated that the Factories Act, 1956, had come into operation as from 1st October, 1956. The act imposed certain obligations on the Council as sanitary authority. Sanitary authorities were obliged to examine and in appropriate cases to certify that certain factories were suitable from the point of view of means of escape in case of fire. This requirement related to factories in which there were more than 20 employees or where there were more than five on an upper floor and also to factories in which explosives or highly inflammable materials were stored and used and factories which formed part of dwellinghouses. The Council were also required to ensure that there were sufficient and suitable sanitary conveniences for the persons employed in a factory. If the water supply to the factory were not from a public main, the supply would have to be certified as suitable by the sanitary authority. Copies of lists of workers employed at home work were to be supplied to the Council during the months of February and August in each year and must show all workers employed during the preceding 6 months. The Council noted the additional obligations imposed on local authorities in the operation of the Act.

**ITEM No. 19.**

The Council granted permission at the request of the Ashford Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association for the use of the Wicklow County Coat of Arms on a banner being provided by the guild.

**ITEM No. 20—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILGARRON.**

It was Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless.

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the recommendation of the local housing committee for the naming of the housing scheme at Kilgarron as 'Kilgarron Park.'  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 21—PROVISION OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK.**

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs:—

Hamman Buildings,  
Dublin,  
13 Deirleadh Fomhair, 1956.

M.1364/56.

A Chara,  
With reference to your letter of the 10th October and previous correspondence regarding the provision of a public telephone kiosk in the Boghall Road area near Bray we have re-considered your request. We are sorry however, that for the reasons mentioned in our previous letter we are unable to meet your representations in this matter.

A possible solution is for some local resident or group of residents to instal a rented telephone. The Chief Contract Manager, Telephones, Hamman Buildings, Upper O'Connell Street, will be glad to furnish on request full details of rental, etc., to any interested person.

Mise, le meas,

I. Ni Mhiodhchain.

**Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Manager submitted an application received from St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., Avoca, for approval to the erection of a concentrator (crushing mill) at Avoca. He stated that the County Engineer had recommended that permission be given but pointed out that part of the plant would be within 40 feet of the existing road. There was, however, no objection to the grant of permission. The Council approved of permission being granted for the work. In regard to the matter of the main road, the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Industry and Commerce stating that the Minister regretted that there were no funds at his disposal out of which a grant could be made for the proposed main road re-alignment at Avoca. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Meeting of Consultative Health Committee.**

The Council agreed that the meeting of the Consultative Health Committee be deferred for a week until Wednesday, 28th November, 1956, at 2 p.m.

**Dispute re Housing Scheme at Aughrim.**

The County Secretary stated that the Committee appointed by the Council at the previous week's meeting had met representatives of the Operative Plasterers' and Allied Trades' Society on Thursday, 8th instant, in connection with the dispute at Aughrim housing scheme. The representatives of the society had agreed that if the men concerned re-applied for membership of the society and submitted an undertaking that they would abide by the rules of the society and also that they would terminate work on the housing scheme at Aughrim by contract that they would recommend that their applications be accepted and that they be issued with cards. The Committee of the Council agreed to recommend to the Council that the Council waive their rights under the contract in respect of the plastering of the houses at Aughrim and that the Council agree that in future no arrangements be entered into for the carrying out of work on the direct labour scheme by sub-contract or piece work. The County Secretary read letter handed in by Councillor P. McCarthy from Mr. Edward O'Brien, branch secretary of the society, in which he stated that a meeting had been held at Arklow on Saturday, 10th instant, and that the Branch had agreed to the arrangements proposed and were agreeable to accept the men concerned as members of the Union, subject to the conditions indicated. It was pointed out, however, in the letter that the men had not attended the meeting and had not submitted the required undertaking. The Council deferred the matter and asked that an explanation be obtained from the men concerned as to why they had not attended the meeting and made application for admission to the society. Councillor P. McCarthy handed in Notice of Motion, which was accepted by the Chairman, that in future direct labour works a system of piece work or sub-contract would not be arranged by the Council.

**Employment Position.**

Councillor Lawless stated that he understood that a number of road workers were being dis-employed and suggested that if necessary a special meeting of the Council be called to see if arrangements could be made to provide further employment. The Council decided to continue the discussion on the matter after the adjournment. On resuming the discussion the County Engineer pointed out that in the previous year supplementary grants for road works amounting to £15,000 had been received and supplementary grants for Local Authorities (Works) Acts Schemes amounting to £5,000 had been given. In the previous financial year the total amount available for Local Authorities (Works) Act Schemes was £26,000. In the present year only £16,000 had been made available, and to date no indication had been received of the amount of any supplementary grants. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, stated that the Government was making available moneys for productive works and that moneys would be available for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act or on County Roads where there was a high employment content. He suggested that the County Engineer submit suitable schemes to the Department for approval as soon as possible. The County Engineer stated that he would prepare suitable schemes and submit them without delay.

**ITEM No. 22—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.**

In reply to Councillor O'Toole regarding the Council's application for an extension of the county boundary at Bray, the County Manager stated that a further reminder would be addressed to the Department on the matter.

**Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum.**

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Hammond, the County Manager explained that the dispensary residence was in very bad repair, but that the Council had a liability to continue the payment of rent for the premises. Further legal advice on the matter was being obtained. When the building was originally taken over, it had been in a state of dilapidation.

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 December, 1956, at 2 p.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. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, T.D.; James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne.  
The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.  
Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson and W. Lawless.

**AGENDA.**

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of November, 1956.
2. Housing at Avoca; report on survey of housing needs.
3. Increase in rate of interest payable in respect of issues from Local Loans Fund; letter from Department of Local Government.
4. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to expenditure on works for which loans have not been sanctioned.
5. Supplementary grants for reconstruction and new houses.
6. Loan to defray expenditure on supplementary grants.
7. Cottage Purchase Scheme; to consider the making of purchase scheme in respect of certain cottages omitted from 1938 Scheme, cottages provided since making of Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 2, and cottages of which possession has been resumed by the Council.
8. Water supply at Annamoe.
9. Water supply at Tinnakilly, Aughrim.
10. Water and sewerage scheme for 13 cottages at Kilpedder; letter from Department of Local Government.
11. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949; to consider schemes to be executed with supplementary grant notified by Department of Local Government.
12. Contract for Avoca Dispensary; letter from Council's solicitor.
13. Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry; report of County Engineer.
14. Housing Scheme at Aughrim; report in regard to dispute.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy that in future direct labour works a system of piece work or sub-contract will not be arranged by the Council.
16. Repairs carried out during the month of November, 1956.
17. Authorisation of repairs.

**Resolution of Sympathy.**

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the members of the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor C. M. Byrne on the death of his wife. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

**Resolution of Congratulations.**

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly, the Council passed a resolution congratulating Ronald Delany on his winning an Olympic Gold Medal for Ireland at the Olympic Games.

**ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.**

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of November, 1956, was submitted:—

**Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.**

County Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow,  
1st December, 1956.

**Housing Progress Report—Month of November, 1956.**

Gentlemen,  
During the month of November satisfactory progress was maintained on all sites.

The present position regarding schemes is as follows:—  
**Kilgarron, Enniskerry:** 20 cottages completed.  
**1952 (Agreed Sites):** 19 cottages completed and 5 cottages in progress.  
**Aughrim Scheme:** 6 cottages in progress.

The number of men employed during November was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme ... ..	4	5
Aughrim Scheme ... ..	—	—
<b>Totals ... ..</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

The following are details of the schemes relating to the various districts:—

**Northern Area.**

Completed:		1952 Scheme.
Bolinass (Site No. 1043) ... ..	1	1
Ballynerrin (Site No. 1057) ... ..	1	1
Newcastle (Site No. 1045) ... ..	1	1
Kilgarron, Enniskerry ... ..	20	—
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>—</b>

**In Progress:** NIL.

**South Eastern Area.**

Completed		1952 Scheme.
Ballinacor (Site No. 1029) ... ..	1	1
Ballard (Site No. 1048) ... ..	1	1
Forzeditch (Site No. 1049) ... ..	1	1
Dunganstown (Site No. 1050) ... ..	1	1
Ballard (Site No. 1054) ... ..	1	1
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>

**In Progress:**

Aughrim Scheme		1952 Scheme.
Aughavannagh ... ..	2	2
Maccreddin (Site No. 1020) ... ..	1	1
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>

**Southern Area.**

Completed:		1952 Scheme.
Kilcavan (Site No. 1015) ... ..	1	1
Ballymaghroe (Site No. 1025) ... ..	1	1
Coolalug (Site No. 1031) ... ..	1	1
Coolfancy (Site No. 1013) ... ..	1	1
Ballinglen (Site No. 1030) ... ..	1	1
Tombrean (Site No. 1016) ... ..	1	1
Ballycurragh (Site No. 1022/3) ... ..	2	2
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>—</b>

**In Progress:**

Coolfancy (Site No. 1014) ... ..	1	1
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>

**Western Area.**

Completed:		1952 Scheme.
Hempstown (Site No. 1001) ... ..	1	1
Logstown (Site No. 1003) ... ..	1	1
Cryhelp (Site No. 1007) ... ..	1	1
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>

**In Progress:**

Ballinacrow (Site No. 1009) ... ..	1	1
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>

J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Engineer.

It was  
Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of November, 1956."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING AT AVOCA.**

The Council considered report of the 24th October, 1956, from the Health Inspector on his investigation of the Housing needs in the Avoca area arising from representations made by St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., that there was a need for additional houses for employees in the mines. The Council noted that the Health Inspector reported that there were 7 applicants in need of re-housing and 4 applicants who could be re-housed but were not in urgent need. The County Secretary stated that St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., had offered a site for housing development on their lands but pointed out that the Council had a site at Kilmagig, Avoca, which had been acquired originally for 18 houses but on which only 12 had been erected, so far, and suggested that the Council might agree to a further 6 houses on this site. The houses would be provided with services. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That having considered report of the Health Inspector in regard to housing needs at Avoca, we approve of plans being prepared for erection of a further 6 houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, as an extension of the present scheme of 12 houses."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—RATE OF INTEREST ON ISSUES FROM LOCAL LOANS FUND.**

The Council noted letter of 14th November, 1956, from Department of Local Government indicating that the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 14th November, 1956, would be 3 1/2% per annum, an increase of 1/2%. The County Secretary stated that this would result in an increase in the charge per £100 borrowed under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts of 8/1d. per £100. In respect of future housing schemes at the new rate of interest, the additional amount to be met from rent and rates would be from 8d. to 1/- per week where the houses did not exceed the limit of cost for subsidy.

**ITEM No. 4—EXPENDITURE ON WORKS FOR WHICH LOANS HAD NOT BEEN SANCTIONED.**

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

Department of Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin,  
27 Samhain, 1956.

**Circular No. H.17/56.**

A Chara,  
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has received a preliminary report on the replies to Circular No. H.15/56 of the 22nd ultimo, in which estimates were requested of draws from the Local Loans Fund on foot of current housing commitments. The Minister notes that an unduly high proportion of anticipated expenditure in the remaining part of the financial year is ascribed to works for which loans have not yet been sanctioned. The official form of application for sanction to borrowing contains the following instruction which was intended to represent standard practice:—

"No expenditure should be incurred in respect of the works until the Local Authority shall have been informed that the loan has been sanctioned, and if it is proposed to obtain the loan from the Local Loans Fund until the sanction of the Minister for Finance has been notified to the local authority."

The estimates submitted are being examined in detail and where it appears that there has been overestimation, notwithstanding the express terms of the Minister's request, separate communications will issue in relation to particular returns. As it is evident from the preliminary report that loan issues for all purposes at the rate at present estimated by local authorities will continue to place a severe strain on the national capital resources, the Minister must bespeak the closest co-operation of local authorities in ensuring that the funds available are applied to the best use and that capital is not tied up by being reserved to meet liabilities of an uncertain nature that may not mature in the financial year to which the appropriate loans are relevant. The Minister has accordingly given the following directions which are applicable to all forms of borrowing for which his sanction is required:—

(1) Commitments on foot of a loan proposed to be obtained from the Local Loans Fund for any project not yet undertaken should not be incurred by a local authority in advance of a notification from this Department that the sanction of the Minister for Finance has been given to the issue of the appropriate loan from the fund. (This direction does not apply to preliminary expenses in respect of fees, land acquisition, etc., incurred with the approval of the Minister).

(2) Where tenders have been approved by the Minister for Local Government, contracts should not be signed until sanction to the loan is given, whether the loan is to be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund or otherwise.

(3) The commencement of fresh direct labour operations should similarly be deferred until the loan appropriate thereto has been sanctioned, from the Local Loans Fund or otherwise.

(4) Commitments should not be entered into by local authorities in respect of Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts advances or supplementary housing grants prior to the receipt of sanction to the loans, from the Local Loans Fund or otherwise.

(5) Sanction to new borrowing by way of temporary overdraft accommodation for any capital purpose should not normally be sought until sanction to the issue of a loan for that purpose from the Local Loans Fund or otherwise has been obtained.

Mise, le meas,

To Each local authority having borrowing powers subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that loans had been sanctioned in respect of any schemes which the Council were at present proceeding with. The Council noted the instructions conveyed in the Department's circular.

#### ITEM No. 5—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

It was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the making of a supplementary reconstruction grant of £80 to Edward Jameson, Schoolheight, Carnew, in respect of the reconstruction of his house at Schoolheight, Carnew."

Passed unanimously.  
It was Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the making of a supplementary grant of £225 to Mrs. Mary Walsh, Moneybeg, Arklow, in respect of the erection of a new dwelling-house at Moneybeg, Arklow."

Passed unanimously.  
In relation to the making of a supplementary grant for the new house for Mrs. Mary Walsh, Moneybeg, Arklow, the Council noted the estimated total cost of the work and the Assistant County Engineer's estimate of the value of the house, together with the income of the applicant.

#### ITEM No. 6—LOAN FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT.

The County Secretary stated that two loans totalling £8,000 had been obtained to cover the cost of issue of supplementary grants for reconstruction and for new houses. To-date a sum of £5,813 had been paid but the total provisionally allocated amounted to £8,560. It was suggested that a further loan of £2,000 should be obtained. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved:—  
"Subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,000 from the Council's Treasurer, or from the Local Loans Fund repayable over a period of 10 years to defray the cost of supplementary grants for reconstruction of houses and for new houses."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 7—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Council considered draft scheme submitted in respect of 25 cottages. The County Secretary stated that 14 of the cottages had been omitted from the 1938 Scheme due to necessity for demolishing them consequent on plans for the flooding of certain areas in connection with the Liffey Hydro-Electric Scheme. In fact, 13 of the houses were demolished but one was not demolished as it was found that it would not be affected by the flooding. The 13 houses had been replaced by the E.S.B. In addition there were 9 rural cottages provided under the 1946 Scheme which had been completed subsequent to the making of Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 2 and there were 2 cottages which had been vested in the tenants under the 1938 Scheme but possession of which had been resumed by the Council for failure on the part of the tenants to observe the statutory conditions. In the draft scheme submitted the annuities were based on 50% of the existing rents. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe.

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the making of a Cottage Purchase Scheme in respect of 25 cottages being 14 cottages omitted from the 1938 Scheme, 9 rural cottages provided under the 1946 Scheme not completed at the date of the making of Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 2, and 2 cottages possession of which had been resumed by the Council; the scheme to be calculated on an annuity based on 50% of the present weekly rent of such cottages in accordance with draft scheme submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 8—WATER SUPPLY AT ANNAMOE.

Following representations received by the Council that the water supply at Annamoe was inadequate at certain times, the matter had been investigated and the County Engineer reported that the existing supply dried up in summer-time and that he did not think it would be economically feasible to do anything towards the improvement of the supply. He recommended, however, that a pump be provided at a cost of £240, the pump to be provided adjacent to existing water supply and on the opposite side of the road. The Health Inspector agreed with the recommendation of the County Engineer. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That having considered report of the County Engineer and Health Inspector we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump to provide water supply at Annamoe at an estimated cost of £240, the work to be included on priority list and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 9—WATER SUPPLY AT TINNAKILLY, AUGHIRM.

Following representations made by Councillor P. McCarthy the need for a water supply at Tinnakilly, Aughirm, had been examined. The Health Inspector had reported that there were three Council cottages at Tinnakilly which had not a proper water supply and two cottages at Ballymorris Cross Roads in a similar position. He recommended that a pump be provided mid-way between the two groups of cottages. There were 11 persons in the Tinnakilly cottages and 10 at Ballymorris. The Assistant County Engineer in his report confirmed the Health Inspector's report that there was no potable water for the cottages at Tinnakilly, but they had plenty of water for washing purposes. He recommended the provision of well and pump at cost of £240. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That having considered report of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector we approve of the provision of a well and pump to provide a water supply at Tinnakilly and Ballymorris, the cost to be defrayed from loan and the work included on priority list."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 10—WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR 13 COTTAGES AT KILPEDDER.

The Council considered letter of 10th November, 1956, from Department of Local Government in which it was stated that in view of the pressing necessity for confining capital expenditure to work of an urgent and essential nature, the Minister considered that the proposed extension of additional facilities to existing cottages should not at present be undertaken by the County Council. The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of providing the facilities was £733 11s. 0d. and that 11 of the tenants had agreed to pay an increase of 1/6 in their weekly rent in the event of the Council providing a water supply. The Council asked that further representations be made to the Department of Local Government to allow the Council to provide these facilities.

#### ITEM No. 11—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.

The Council considered letter of 24th November, 1956, from Department of Local Government indicating that a supplementary grant of £6,000 had been

allocated to the Council for the execution of further works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, in the current financial year. It was stated in the letter that in the selection of works for execution under the grant preference should be given to "B" type works which would tend to increase agricultural production and to works involving employment of the maximum of manual labour. The County Engineer had recommended the allocation of the sum of £6,000 to the various districts in accordance with his report of 3rd December, 1956. The amount proposed to be allocated to each electoral area was £1,500. The Council agreed to hold meetings of the local members with the Assistant Engineers for the various districts to decide upon works to be carried out after the close of the meeting. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that as suggested by the Council at the previous meeting, the County Engineer had prepared schemes for works on roads, drains, bridges, culverts, rivers, etc., and schemes estimated to cost £59,930 had been submitted to the Department of Local Government with the request that grants might be made available to defray the cost of the schemes.

#### ITEM No. 12—AVOCA DISPENSARY.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had written twice to the lowest tenderer, Messrs. Cunningham & Hackett, in regard to their completing the contract documents for the erection of a dispensary at Avoca, but had failed to obtain any reply. It appeared that the firm did not intend to proceed with the contract. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved:—  
"That having considered letter of the 21st November, 1956, from Council's Solicitor we note that Messrs. Cunningham & Hackett do not appear to wish to proceed with the contract for the erection of dispensary at Avoca, and approve of the acceptance of the tender of Patrick McKeown, Earl Street, Longford, in the sum of £1,614 for the erection of dispensary at Avoca subject to the County Engineer and County Architect being satisfied as to the ability of the contractor to carry out the work."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had recently been informed by the Department that the Council's Treasurer should be approached for a loan to defray the cost of the erection of dispensaries. On application being made to the Treasurer, it had been indicated that the Council's Treasurer was not agreeable to make a loan available. The Council directed that a further application be made to the Department of Health for approval to the issue of the loan from the Local Loans Fund.

#### ITEM No. 14—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILGARRON.

The Council considered, in committee, the report of the County Engineer, dated 27th November, 1956, in regard to his discussion with representatives of Thermocement Products, Ltd., and noted that a satisfactory solution to the difficulty had been found. Work on the houses had been commenced on the 3rd December, 1956, and the County Engineer stated at the meeting that the houses should be ready for occupation by Saturday, 15th December, 1956.

The Council also considered quotation received from the E.S.B. for the provision of four 200-watt public lighting lamps at a cost of £53 10s. 0d. and approved of the acceptance of the quotation. The Council noted that owing to the volume of work in hands, the E.S.B. had indicated that it would not be possible to erect the public lighting until early in the New Year. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the provision of four public lights for housing scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, at £53 10s. 0d."

"That we approve of the County Engineer's report of the 27th November, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 14—HOUSING SCHEME AT AUGHIRM.

The County Secretary stated that he had received that morning a letter from the Branch Secretary of the Operative Plasterers' Trade Society, stating that Messrs John O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien, and Patrick Thompson had been accepted as members of the Society at a General Meeting of the Branch held on the 1st December, 1956. It was stated also that the dispute between the Society and the Council had been declared ended as from the 1st December, 1956, and that the members of the Society had been directed to report for work on Monday, 3rd December, 1956. The Council noted that the dispute had now been settled.

#### ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY.

Arising out of discussion with representatives of the Operative Plasterers' Trade Society, Councillor McCarthy proposed that the Council determine in future direct labour works carried out by the Council, that a system of piece work or sub contract would not be arranged. Following a discussion on the matter, in which the County Manager pointed out that it had been the general practice to do certain parts of the work, such as roofing, by piece work and other difficulties which might arise, Councillor McCarthy agreed to withdraw the proposal and to discuss the matter further with the representatives of the Trade Union concerned.

#### ITEM No. 16—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1956.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of November, 1956, as prepared by the County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 17—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

The Council considered report of Assistant Co. Engineer, dated 19th November, 1956, in regard to Edward Carroll's cottage, Troopersfield, Blessington. The Council noted that the tenant in this case had caused damage to the cottage on a number of occasions and agreed that Notice to Quit be served on him.

#### Appointment of Rent Collector for No. 2 Collection District.

The County Secretary stated that applicants for the post of Rent Collector No. 2 Collection District had been examined by a Selection Board set up for the purpose and that the Board had recommended Mr. J. Wilkinson, Carnew, as being the best qualified. The County Manager stated that it was proposed to appoint Mr. Wilkinson to the post. The Council noted the report on the matter.

#### Petrol Rationing.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 28th November, 1956, the Council had been informed that it had been decided to issue ration cards to motor vehicle owners for the basic petrol ration for the first rationing period through the Motor Taxation Offices in conjunction with the issue of licences for 1957 (annual and first quarter). The Minister trusted that the licensing authorities would co-operate fully in the matter. The County Manager pointed out that the Council would be responsible for issuing basic petrol rations only with the issue of licences for the coming year. The Council agreed that the General Council of County Councils be asked to take up the matters of supplementary petrol allowances to members of local authorities to enable them to discharge their public duties.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor W. Hammond:

"That the Housing Meeting be held during the emergency with the County Council Meeting and that it be summoned for 10 a.m."

In the name of Councillor P. Kehoe:

"That a light be erected at Castleruddery Cross Roads and that an electric pump be provided for the water supply."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th December, 1956, at 11 a.m.

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

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. 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. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. McGuinness and P. Hickey were present.

#### AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 20th September and 1st and 8th October, 1956.
2. Overdraft accommodation on General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 31st March, 1957.
3. To fill vacancies on Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
4. Renewal of University Scholarship; letter from Registrar University College, Dublin.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Clarke in regard to Universities.
6. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley and M. Deering, T.D., re proposed taking over of Friar's Lane, Tubber, Dunlavin.
7. Damage to bridge at Newtownmountkennedy; report of County Engineer.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond in regard to holding of Council meetings.
9. Proposed increase in annual local contribution for the purpose of Vocational Education Committee.
10. Extension of County Boundary at Bray; letter from Department of Local Government.
11. Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones; to consider passing of resolution making application for Order to acquire and take over the Cliff Walk.
12. Holding of Courts at Newtownmountkennedy.
13. Revision of remuneration of Courthouse Caretakers.
14. Loan for erection of dispensaries; letter from Council's Treasurer.
15. Revision of salaries of Medical Officers of Hospitals.
16. B.C.G. Vaccination and Incidence of Tuberculosis—report of Deputy County Medical Officer—copy circulated.
17. Cost of maintenance of patients in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.
18. Travelling allowance for Assistance Officers and revision of temporary allowance—circular from Department of Social Welfare.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Laurence O'Reilly, Esq., Donard.

#### Vote of Congratulations.

On the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, the Council passed a resolution congratulating Miss Thelma Hopkins on winning a Silver Medal at the Olympic Games.

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole.

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 20th September, 1st and 8th October, 1956.  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

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., 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, 1957, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

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., 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, 1957, shall not exceed £38,000."

Passed unanimously.

#### Rural Employment Schemes.

The Council considered letter of 6th December, 1956, from Department of Local Government notifying grant of £1,200 subject to a local contribution of £400 for schemes financed out of the Employment Emergency Schemes Vote, 1956/57, to be carried out during the current financial year. The County Secretary stated that the schemes were to be carried out in the following towns: Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Greystones, Kilcoole, Rathdrum and Rathnew. The County Engineer was preparing suitable schemes to be carried out with the aid of the grant. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That we authorise the expenditure of £400 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the amount of local contribution towards grant for Rural Employment Schemes."

Passed unanimously.

Members of the Council asked that an enquiry be made from the Department of Local Government as to the basis on which the grant was allocated as between the different districts in the county.

#### Road Workers' Wages.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Manager stated that the Chairman of the County Council, the County Secretary and himself had attended a Conciliation Conference at the offices of the Labour Court. Representatives of the Federation of Rural Workers also attended but the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union was not represented. It had been indicated at the meeting that the members of the Council were not agreeable to an increase in wages of more than 2/6 per week. The Union representatives stated they would consult their members again and asked that if an increase of 2/6 per week was accepted, that the Council might arrange to have payment made before Christmas if possible. It was stated on behalf of the Council that if the Union's decision were conveyed before Wednesday, 12th December, the Council would endeavour to have sanction obtained and payment made before Christmas. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 3—VACANCIES ON O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEES.

Having considered letter of 30th November, 1956, from the Clerk to the Rathdown O.A.P. Sub-Committee, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby appoint Mr. Victor E. Evans, Farrankelly, and Mr. William Foley, 17 Cottages, Kilcoole, as members of the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill two vacancies on the Committee."

Passed unanimously.

Having considered letter of 7th December, 1956, from the Clerk to Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby appoint Mr. Thomas Barry, Barry's Hotel, Rathdrum, as a member of Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Rev. Fr. Begg, C.C., to Dublin.  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 4—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

Having considered recommendation of Registrar, University College, in letter of 16th November, 1956, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby approve of the renewal of university scholarship for the year 1956/57 for Mr. Kieran F. Spellman."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. CLARKE IN REGARD TO UNIVERSITIES.

The County Secretary stated that Councillor Clarke had been called away suddenly on business and was unable to attend the meeting. He had submitted a memo in regard to his Notice of Motion which could be submitted if the Council wished. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting for the attendance of Councillor Clarke.

#### ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY AND COUNCILLOR M. DEERING, T.D., re TAKING OVER OF FRIAR'S LANE, TUBBER, DUNLAVIN.

With reference to the Notice of Motion, the County Secretary submitted report from the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the condition of Friar's Hill Laneway. The Engineer reported that its condition was bad, its length was 14 miles and he estimated that 300 tons of gravel would be required to put it in fair condition. The cost of the work would be £150. The laneway was a cul-de-sac having a carriageway 8 feet average width. It served about 8 houses and a farm. As the laneway was a cul-de-sac, the Council was not agreeable to its being taken over as a public road but suggested that the persons living on the laneway might apply for a grant from the Special Employment Schemes Office towards the repair of the laneway.

#### ITEM No. 7—DAMAGE TO BRIDGE AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—  
23rd November, 1956.

#### Re Bridge at Newtownmountkennedy.

A Chara.  
The bridge at Newtown on the Newtown-Kilcoole Road has become seriously damaged; the wing wall to the abutment, which is also a retaining wall and borders the accommodation road to the cottages has become seriously cracked and bulged, and is in a state of near collapse. It is emphasised that this condition is extremely dangerous, both to users of the main road and the accommodation road.

It is estimated that the repairs necessary to make the bridge and roads safe would cost about £250 to £275.

It is proposed to put the work in hands immediately; the cost of same to be charged to "Sudden Damage."

Mise, le meas,  
Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Engineer.

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the carrying out of repairs to the bridge on the Newtownmountkennedy-Kilcoole road at Newtownmountkennedy at an estimated cost of £275 as recommended by the County Engineer."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. HAMMOND IN REGARD TO HOLDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was  
Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—  
"That as from January, 1957, and at least during period while petrol rationing continues, one meeting of this Council be held in each month to deal with all matters arising and such meetings commence at 11.0 a.m. on second Monday in each month."  
A Vote having been called for on the matter, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Hammond, M. Deering, T.D., James O'Toole, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. W. Hudson, James Haughton and H. J. Byrne

AGAINST: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, James Miley, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge

The resolution was declared defeated by 10 votes against to 7 votes in favour.

**ITEM No. 9—PROPOSED INCREASE IN LOCAL CONTRIBUTION FOR PURPOSES OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee had submitted a copy of their scheme for 1957/58 which called for an increase of approximately 14d. in the £ in the amount of the annual local contribution by the Council. It would be necessary under the provisions of Section 4 of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950, to have the matter considered by the Council and the Council's decision thereon sent to the Minister for Education not later than 31st December, 1956. The additional amount required over the amount supplied in 1956/57 was £1,463-0-0. Particulars of the explanatory memorandum submitted showing the principal increases and decreases in expenditure for 1957/58 as compared with the current year were given to the Council. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That having considered draft Financial Scheme for 1957/58 as adopted by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee we approve of the proposed increase of 14d. in the £ in the amount of the annual local contribution for financial year 1957/58."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 10—EXTENSION OF COUNTY BOUNDARY AT BRAY.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government enclosing copy of a letter sent to the Town Clerk, Bray, in which it was stated that when the Preliminary Draft Order for the extension of the Boundary of Wicklow County at Bray was circulated to the Departments concerned it was intended that the boundary alteration would take effect as from 1st October, 1956. Objection to this date had been voiced by a number of Departments on the grounds that it would be administratively inconvenient. The date which appeared to meet with most general approval was 1st April, and steps were being taken to have the Order ready for that date. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**ITEM No. 11—CLIFF WALK FROM BRAY TO GREYSTONES.**

The County Manager stated that the question of liability of the Council for accidents to persons using the Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones as a result of landslides or otherwise had given rise to some difficulty and negotiations with landowners for the acquisition of lands had been prolonged. It was decided to obtain the advice of Counsel in regard to the acquisition of the Cliff Walk and in relation to the question of liability. Counsel had advised that the Council should apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order under Section 36 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, authorising the Council to acquire and take over the Cliff Walk and to improve and maintain it. Counsel had also advised that there was no great risk involved as regards liability to persons using the Cliff Walk. The Council should however, erect notices warning persons using the path of the danger of falling over the cliff and also stating that the Council did not guarantee that all the fences were safe and referring also to the possible danger of landslides. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—  
"That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order authorising Wicklow County Council to acquire and take over the Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones and to improve and maintain it."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 12—HOLDING OF COURTS AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.**

The County Secretary stated that Very Rev. Fr. Masterson, P.P., Kilquade, was prepared to make available Kilmacullagh Auditorium at Newtownmountkennedy for use for the purposes of the District Court which is held once every two months and to provide light, heat and toilet facilities at a charge of 2 guineas per Court session. The rent of the premises used as a Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy amounted to £10 per annum and in addition rates were payable which amounted to about £7. The owner of the premises agreed to the termination of the agreement as he wished to use the premises as a store. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the termination of the agreement for the renting of premises owned by Mr. Joseph Synnott at Newtownmountkennedy for use as Courthouse and of the entering into an agreement for the use of the Kilmacullagh Auditorium for the purpose of the District Court at a charge of 2 guineas for each Court meeting, the charge to cover the use of the premises, provision of fires, light and toilet accommodation."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF COURTHOUSE CARETAKERS.**

The County Secretary stated that the caretakers of Courthouses had had their salaries revised in 1949 but had not received any temporary allowance. It seemed that their remuneration should be adjusted similarly to other persons

in part-time employment. The revision proposed was at the rate of 3/6 per week. It was

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

Resolved:—  
"That we authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of arrears of temporary allowance to part-time caretakers of Courthouses."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 14—LOAN FOR ERECTION OF DISPENSARIES—LETTER FROM COUNCIL'S TREASURER.**

The following letter from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., was submitted:—

Wicklow Branch,  
26th November, 1956.

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

Re Loan for Erection of Dispensaries.

A Chara,  
Your letter of the 19th instant has been submitted to my Board and I regret to inform you that the application has been declined. The Board pointed out that when they sanctioned the hospital limit, it was approved on the assumption that loans from the Local Loans Fund would be forthcoming for the purposes mentioned in your letter including the provision of these dispensaries.

The Board note that your Council will be seeking a further loan of £1,500 in connection with another dispensary and they think it is a project which should be discouraged and that unless it is a matter of vital urgency the Board feel that it should be deferred until the Council are in a position to obtain the finance from the Local Loans Fund. It is also felt that if such a scheme was vitally necessary the Department of Health should be in a position to arrange a Local Loan to finance the building of the dispensary.

Yours faithfully,  
Sgd. J. E. Trayer,  
Manager.

The County Secretary stated that the matter had been referred to at the meeting of the Council on the previous Monday and that a further application had been made to the Department of Health for sanction to the issue of the loan from the Local Loans Fund. The Council noted that the loan was being sought from the Local Loans Fund.

**ITEM No. 15—REVISION OF SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HOSPITALS.**

The County Secretary stated that revised salaries for Medical Officers of Institutions had been agreed some while previously with the Irish Medical Association. Payment of the revised salary scales had not been made pending determination of the bed complement in the two institutions concerned, the County Hospital and the Fever Hospital. These points had now been settled and the Council's approval to the payment of the revised salaries was being sought, to take effect as from 1st September, 1955. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the revision of salaries of the Medical Officers of the County Hospital and Fever Hospital/Preventorium with effect from 1st September, 1955, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of revision of salaries."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 16—B.C.G. Vaccination and Incidence of Tuberculosis.**

The following report prepared by Dr. J. A. Dunlevy, Assistant County Medical Officer, had been circulated to the members of the Council as recommended by the Consultative Health Committee:—

Wicklow County Council.

**B.C.G. Vaccination and the Incidence of Tuberculosis in County Wicklow.**

A world-wide fall in mortality from tuberculosis has occurred in recent years. Here in County Wicklow, the annual number of deaths from tuberculosis has fallen from 69 in 1945 to 16 in 1955.

This county being one of the foremost in advancements in health in the country has always been quick to provide the improvements which contribute to a reduction in mortality from tuberculosis. Much attention has been given to the prevention of the disease and in 1949 shortly after the formation of the National B.C.G. Committee, vaccination with B.C.G. was offered to all contacts of the disease. By the end of June, 1956, over 7,000 children and young adults have had the benefit of this preventive measure.

In the year 1945, the annual number of childhood tuberculosis deaths in this county was 22. In 1947, the figure was 23, but since then, the number of deaths has fallen year by year. The improvement shown in the following table is clear evidence that Wicklow has kept pace with the great achievement of Dublin City in the reduction of mortality from tuberculosis in childhood.

TABLE I.  
Mortality in Children under 15 Years.

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Eire	446	391	456	228	293	232	211	180			
Dublin City	123	103	138	77	50	46	36	25	19		
County Wicklow	22	21	23	16	14	7	4	4	2	2	1

TABLE II.  
Deaths from Tuberculosis of all Ages.

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Eire	3694	3390	3700	3103	2712	2380	2162	1579	1187	1034	
Dublin City	824	770	844	690	541	486	434	307	268	236	
Wicklow County	69	59	65	61	55	54	37	28	20	18	16

TABLE III.  
Death Rate per 1,000 of Population.

Year	Rate—Eire	Rate—County Wicklow
1945	1.25	1.18
1946	1.14	1.00
1947	1.24	1.07
1948	1.04	1.00
1949	0.91	0.08
1950	0.78	0.08
1951	0.73	0.59
1952	0.54	0.04
1953	0.04	0.33
1954	0.04	0.33
1955	0.29	0.25

Most of those vaccinated were under 15 years but before attributing all our success to B.C.G. Vaccination we must give credit to other factors which contributed to the change in mortality figures.

The general increase in standard of living in recent years has helped to raise the resistance of the population, especially the group which previously bore the brunt of the disease. The housing programmes of the local authorities have helped to remove some of the potential sources of infection. I venture to say that this local authority has set a headline in this direction. The present easy availability of sanatorium beds has prevented infectious patients from infecting other people. It was recognised that delay in isolation meant that possibly nine other persons were infected whilst a patient was on the waiting list for admission to a sanatorium. It is good to know that the days of those waiting lists and delays are gone, and that immediate admissions can be offered in every case.

Mass Radiography has helped by discovering the symptomless case, and then early treatment has arrested many cases which otherwise would have increased the pool of infection. The problem of primary tuberculosis has diminished to such an extent that consideration is being given to the closing of the Preventorium opened for the treatment of these cases. This surplus of beds is now being seen everywhere so that the attention given to preventive measures is showing a dividend.

The new therapeutic drugs have revolutionised treatment. The theory has been put forward that there has been a change in the virulence of the infecting organism and that it has become less aggressive. Certainly the type of disease has changed and the galloping consumption of the 1920's is no longer seen. On the other hand, this may be due to the increased tuberculinisation of the population giving a picture more like that of Britain in the 1930's.

Again, there is a change in the age group infected with serious forms of the disease—the incidence has now shifted from the 15–35 years age to the over 40 years age group. When the death rate was high and sanatorium beds were difficult to obtain the work of the tuberculosis officer was disheartening, but now this has all changed and his patience has been rewarded.

The provision of clothing, bedding and monetary assistance have a two-fold advantage. In the first case it helps the individual patient and in the second place these provisions prevent much of the underground advance of the disease and few if any cases are now unwilling to come forward for treatment. This assistance in kind and the education of the patient in the sanatorium and the contacts at home by the Public Health Nurse has led to a better understanding of the problem. This change of attitude, evident also in mental disease, has done much to ease the difficulties of those engaged in the fight against tuberculosis.

Tuberculin surveys in connection with B.C.G. Vaccination have helped in the discovery of unsuspected cases. The discovery of three cases of primary tuberculosis in one family led to the mother being X-rayed and found to be the source of the children's infection. All four are at present receiving active treatment. The fate of such families in the past is known to all.

A study of the results of these surveys in East and West Wicklow shows a striking difference in the infectivity rate in the school-going age group in the two areas. There is a higher percentage of the population of the Urban areas tuberculin positive, i.e. they have acquired an immunity or protection against the disease—the converse is true for the rural areas.

When young adults from the rural areas move into the built-up centres in their tuberculin negative state, they are in great danger of acquiring the disease. Unhappily, too many are migrating to our own cities and towns or emigrating from our country-side to seek employment in English manufacturing towns where their housing and living conditions are deplorable. If this urge to emigrate cannot be stilled we must do all we can to protect them from tuberculosis. B.C.G. Vaccination before emigration is an essential measure if we are to stop the flow of Irish patients into English sanatoria. Since most of our school children and pre-school children in West Wicklow have already been vaccinated we have done much to meet this need.

The world-wide fall in the mortality from tuberculosis has not been accompanied by a corresponding fall in morbidity. In Sweden, the mortality has fallen by 80% and the morbidity by 36%. In Ireland (exclusive of occupied area) the number of new cases shows little decrease when compared with the spectacular decline in the death rate.

Year	New Cases	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population
1949	7552	2712	.91
1950	6796	2380	.80
1951	6685	2162	.73
1952	6795	1579	.54
1953	6602	1187	.40
1954	6266	1034	.34

In County Wicklow there were 208 cases on the tuberculosis register in 1945 when the annual number of deaths was 69. There are now 317 cases registered with the number of deaths reduced to 16. From this it is apparent that a large number of people still contract the disease and that there is continued need for the maximum effort on our part. It indicates that patients are seeking treatment at an early stage of the disease, and that there is a more enlightened attitude towards the problem. The response to our B.C.G. campaign is evidence of this changing attitude.

Measuring our progress is a matter of assessing the results of our preventive diagnostic and curative measures. A comparison of Tables 1 and 2 seems to be some evidence at least that since the introduction of our B.C.G. Scheme, the deaths in children have been reduced at a greater rate than in the older age groups who were not vaccinated.

From Table 3 we see that since 1950 about the time we introduced B.C.G. the mortality figure for County Wicklow has been less than the annual average for the rest of the country.

Whilst we have every reason to be satisfied with our progress, it is evident that we must maintain our attack, and continue to work to the end that tuberculosis in this country shall be no longer known as "The Captain of the Men of Death."

Sgd. J. A. Dunlevy,  
Deputy Chief Medical Officer.

Health Department, Rathdrum,  
19th October, 1956.

The County Manager summarised the contents of the report and drew attention to the advantages expected to be derived from B.C.G. Vaccination and the use of mass-radiography and new therapeutic drugs. As regards mass-radiography the County Manager stated that in some areas the response had been poor and that the public should avail of it to a greater extent. He asked that members might assist in impressing the public with the desirability of availing of this service. The members congratulated Dr. Dunlevy and the County Medical Officer and his staff on the results disclosed by the report.

**ITEM No. 17—COST OF MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS IN ST. COLUMCILLE'S HOSPITAL, LOUGHLINSTOWN.**

The Council noted letter of 2nd November, 1956, from St. Columcille's Hospital indicating that the average daily cost of maintenance of patients in the hospital during the year 1955-56 had now been determined at 28/1 per day. The accounts for that year had been charged at approximately 24/- per day. In respect of the year 1954-55, the charge made to the Council was 24/10 per day but this had now been determined at 24/6 per day. The adjustment in the rate of charge for 1955-56 which was now payable would amount to over £2,000 and as the estimates for the present year had also been prepared on the basis of a charge per day of approximately 24/- there would be excess expenditure in regard to the present year of over £3,000. It was expected also that the number of patients maintained in the hospital during the current year would be higher than anticipated and consequently, the total estimated expenditure involved in respect of both years would approach £8,000. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the rate payable by the Council in respect of General Maternity Hospitals in Dublin City was 20/8 per day, i.e.

£7 4s. 8d. per week. The charge in Loughlinstown was £9 16s. 0d. per week. There was, however, an element of subsidy in relation to the charge made in Dublin Hospitals as it was understood that they were assisted by grants from the Hospitals Trust Fund. All expenses of Loughlinstown Hospital had to be borne by the local authority and the Council paid in respect of patients the actual cost of maintenance. The cost of maintenance in Ballyglass District Hospital for the previous year was £8 12s. 0d. per week approximately. The County Manager drew attention to the services which had to be provided for a patient in a hospital as compared to a person staying in a hotel. The Council agreed that resort to obtaining beds in Loughlinstown Hospital should be limited as far as possible having regard to the high cost of maintenance in the institution. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved:—  
"That we authorise the expenditure of £8,023 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of increase in capitation rate for maintenance of patients in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 18—TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICERS AND REVISION OF TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE.**

Letter of 13th November, 1956, from Department of Social Welfare was submitted to the Council. It was indicated in the letter that after consultation with trade unions concerned and in the light of replies received to a previous circular letter, the Minister was prepared to approve, where a local authority so proposed, of the payment to assistance officers employed in rural areas in respect of official journeys by private motor car, motor cycle or pedal cycle of the scale of travelling allowances applicable to Health Inspectors. The Minister also was prepared to approve, where a local authority so proposed, of the payment to the Superintendent Assistance Officer and Assistant Officers of temporary allowance of 7½% on basic salaries. The County Secretary stated that the Council had proposed to allow a travelling allowance of £100 per annum to Assistance Officers but previously the Department had not been prepared to sanction more than £75 per annum. It was proposed, if the Council agreed, to apply the scale of travelling expenses now sanctioned to Assistance Officers, subject to a limit of £100 per annum to any one officer. It was proposed also if the Council agreed to allow a temporary allowance of 7½% with effect from 1st April, 1956. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy.  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson.

Resolved:—  
"That we approve of the application to Assistance Officers of the scale of travelling expenses applicable to Health Inspectors with effect from 13th November, 1956, subject to a limit of £100 in any one year to each officer."

"That we approve of the payment to the Superintendent Assistance Officer and Assistant Officers of the 1948 Temporary Allowance of 7½% on basic salaries with effect from 1st April, 1956."

"We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the costs involved."  
Passed unanimously.

**Notice of Motion.**

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Dr. B. Donnelly and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That the Wicklow County Council open negotiations with the St. Kevin's Bus Service, Glendalough, with a view to an extension of their existing bus service to take in the stretch of road from Ballyorney Cross to junction at Rocky Valley."  
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