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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, 7th January, 1957, 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, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, T.D.; James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne and J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.

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

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, were present.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of December, 1956.
2. Housing Scheme at Avoca—report of County Engineer.
3. Use of site at Brittas for Caravans—decision of Department of Local Government on Appeal.
4. Supplementary reconstruction grants.
5. Provision of pumps and wells; report on works carried out from loans which have now been fully expended.
6. Proposed water supply at Springfield, Kilbride.
7. Proposed provision of piped water supply to Council cottage at Kilpedder—letter from Department of Local Government.
8. Proposed water and sewerage scheme for cottages at Boghall, Bray; report of Rent Collector in regard to proposed charge of 3/- per week.
9. Sewerage scheme for cottages at Redford.
10. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—letter dated 24th December, 1956, from Department of Local Government in regard to basis for assessment of market value.
11. Cottage Purchase Scheme—report in regard to expenditure of loan raised by the Council for repairs to cottages.
12. Report of County Engineer on repairs carried out during the month of December, 1956.
13. Authorisation of Repairs.
14. Resolution from Tipperary (S.R.) County Council in relation to S.D.A. Loans.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of December, 1956, was submitted :

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

4th January, 1957.

Housing Progress Report—Month of December, 1956.

Gentlemen,

During the month of December housing progress was maintained satisfactorily on various sites.

The present position regarding schemes is as follows :—

Kilgarron, Enniskerry : 20 cottages completed.

1952 (Agreed Sites) : 20 cottages completed and 4 cottages in progress.

Aughrim Scheme : 6 cottages in progress.

The number of men employed during December was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme	4	4
Aughrim Scheme	10	5
Totals	14	9

The following are details of the schemes relating to the various districts:—

Northern Area.

Completed :

1952 Scheme

Bollinass (Site No. 1043)	1
Ballynerrin (Site No. 1057)	1
Newcastle (Site No. 1045)	1
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20

Total ... 23

In Progress : NIL.

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: Aughavanagh	2
Maccreddin (Site No. 1020)	1

Total ... 9

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
Ballycurragh Site No. 1022/3	2

Total ... 8

In Progress :

Coolfancy (Site No. 1014)	1
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Total ... 1

Western Area.

Completed :

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.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, suggested that the report was incomplete as it did not give particulars in regard to a number of men whose employment had been terminated during the month. The County Secretary pointed out that the County Engineer's report dealt always with position in regard to housing schemes only and particulars of men employed on cottage repairs were not included in it. With regard to reduction in employment on cottage repairs, the County Secretary stated that a report was included under Item No. 11 on the Agenda and that the moneys available from the loan of £20,000 for the repair of cottages for vesting had been fully expended.

Proposed Housing Schemes : In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that particulars had been supplied to the Department of Local Government in regard to the housing conditions of applicants for houses at Blessington, but no decision had yet been received from the Department in regard to proceeding with the scheme. The Council asked that the Department be requested to expedite a decision and to allow the scheme to proceed as soon as possible.

Housing Scheme at Kirikee, Glenmalure : The County Manager stated that the Department was not satisfied as to the need for providing the seven houses at Kirikee and it appeared from the recent examination of the application that it would not be possible to justify proceeding with the scheme as originally proposed. Full particulars of the applications and the circumstances of the applicants were submitted to the Council.

Proposed Scheme at Kilcoole : In reply to enquiry from Councillor Lawless, the County Secretary stated that the Solicitor for the owner had promised to forward a draft Affidavit in regard to the Title to the site, but on receipt of the draft Affidavit the Council's Solicitor would have to forward this to Council to advise if it might be accepted.

In regard to the Housing Schemes generally, the County Manager pointed out that the Council could not expect to continue the building of houses at the same rate as heretofore, as there was not the same demand now. He pointed out that in the case of Enniskerry Housing Scheme it had originally been proposed to provide 40 houses, but subsequently the Council had agreed to proceed with 20. It was now found that tenants could be obtained for only 17 of these 20 houses.

It was

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

Resolved:—

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

Passed: Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice dissenting.

ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted plans and layout in respect of the provision of 6 additional houses on site at Kilmagig, Avoca. The existing septic tank would serve the additional 6 houses also. The estimated cost per house was £1,380 and the total cost was, therefore, £8,280. On the basis of the present rate of interest from the Local Loans Fund, the amount to be met from rent and rates in respect of each house would be 17/7 per week, and consequently it would be necessary to apply a Graded Rent Scale higher than that applying to the houses already erected there. The Council noted the cost of the houses and the scale of rents which would have to be charged. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

“That we approve of the plans submitted by the County Engineer for the erection of 6 additional houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, at an estimated cost of £1,380 per house and that tenders be invited for the work, the County Engineer to submit a tender.”

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

“That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £8,280 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years with interest at the approved rate to defray the cost of erection of 6 houses at Kilmagig, Avoca.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—USE OF SITE AT BRITTAS FOR CARAVANS.

The County Secretary stated that in granting a licence to Mr. William Staunton in respect of the use of a caravan site at Brittas, the Council had limited the number of caravans on the site to 15. Mr. Staunton had appealed to the Minister for Local Government against the Council's decision, and in letter dated 10th December from the Department of Local Government it was indicated that the Minister had rejected Mr. Staunton's objection. The County Manager considered that Mr. Staunton should be informed that before considering an application for renewal of the licence the Council would require that a screen of suitable trees and shrubs be provided on the boundaries of the site adjacent to the road in order to secure the eventual screening of the entire site from the view of persons using the public road. The Council noted the correspondence in the matter and approved of Mr. Staunton being informed of the Council's requirement in regard to the provision of the screen of suitable trees and shrubs.

ITEM No. 4—SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS.

The County Secretary stated that of the total sum of £8,000 raised by way of loan a sum of £6,160-12-8 had been paid in respect of supplementary grants, leaving balance of £1,839-7-4. The total of supplementary grants provisionally allocated but not yet paid amounted to £2,518-11-4, which exceeded the amount

available from loans by £679-4-0. In two cases, totalling £305, it had been indicated to the applicants that the provisional allocation was contingent on the Council obtaining a loan to finance the grants. If another loan were not obtained the Council might have to meet a sum of £374 from Revenue. The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Senator McCrea, Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy, approved of the making of supplementary grants as follows:

To Mr. N. Fogarty, 4 Brewery Place, Rathdrum ... £45

Mr. William J. Young, Crobeg, Delgany ... £42

subject in both cases to the necessary moneys being available from loan.

ITEM No. 5—PROVISION OF PUMPS AND WELLS.

The County Secretary stated that the total amount raised by way of loan for pumps and wells and minor water supplies was £29,850. This amount had now been expended, and in addition a further sum of £670 4s. 0d. had been expended on these works. The total number of pumps provided to date was 112 and 4 were in progress. There were also 43 sites approved by the Council where wells and pumps were to be provided. The total number of cottages served by the 112 pumps provided was 570 with a total population of 2,996. The County Engineer reported that 4 wells were in progress at Clonpaddon, Rathbran, Milltown and Ballykillmurray. The latter well had just been commenced and work had been stopped in view of the financial position. He pointed out that it would not appear to be economical to stop work on the remaining three in view of the depths and position reached. He had, however, given instructions that no other work was to commence after completion of the existing wells. Allowing for the necessary moneys to complete the existing wells and the amount of £670 over expended, a further loan of approximately £1,000 would be needed. Councillor Senator McCrea stated that this work of providing pumps and wells should be continued, and it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

Resolved:—

“That we note report of the works carried out from the loans, totalling £29,850, for the provision of pumps and wells. That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £5,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years to continue work on the provision of minor water supplies.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY AT SPRINGFIELD, KILBRIDE.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the proposal for water supply at Springfield, Kilbride involved the following work:

1. To concrete up well on Mr. Nolan's land.
2. Construct concrete tank around it to prevent contamination.
3. Pipe water to the road to a small tank by 1" plastic pipe, and
4. Put a tap at the roadside so that the water did not run to waste.

As Mr. Nolan required that some portion of the water be reserved for his use, the Assistant County Engineer suggested that a dual tank be constructed, each compartment of which would have about 200 gallons capacity. One of

these would be for Mr. Nolan's use, the other for public use. He estimated the cost at £70. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, Minister for Justice,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

Resolved :—

"Having considered reports of Assistant County Engineer, J. P. Caffrey, we approve of the provision of a water supply from a well at Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, the cost to be defrayed from loan of £5,000 for minor water supplies."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—PROPOSED PROVISION OF PIPED WATER SUPPLY TO COUNCIL COTTAGES AT KILPEDDER.

The County Secretary stated that further representations had been made to the Department of Local Government to approve of the Council's proposal to provide a piped water supply to Council cottages at Kilpedder and a reply had been received, indicating that the Minister did not consider the time opportune for undertaking the proposed work. The Council asked that the matter be taken up again with the Department of Local Government.

ITEM No. 8—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR COTTAGES AT BOGHALL, BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that the Rent Collector had reported that of the 33 cottage tenants at Boghall, 15 were not agreeable to make any contribution towards the cost of providing a water supply and sewerage system, two had not yet decided and only 16 had so far indicated that they were agreeable to pay the proposed increase of 3/- per week. The Council noted the report and decided that the scheme be deferred.

ITEM No. 9—SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR COTTAGES AT REDFORD.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted alternative proposals in regard to the provision of water supply and sewerage system for 18 cottages at Redford. The alternative suggestion would not necessitate linking up with the La Touche Estate sewer but instead the laying of a main to the end of Redford Lane and joining up with the Council's outfall leading to the north Beach and construction of a special septic tank. The extra cost of the works would be about £500. Particulars of the total cost of the original proposals and of the alternative scheme were submitted to the Council. The La Touche Estate had indicated that they were not prepared to waive the condition requiring the Council to take over and maintain the road and services but were prepared in the event of the Council agreeing to that condition to waive condition No. 4 which limited the number of houses to be connected to the sewer. Councillor Lawless stated that the tenants of the cottages were principally concerned with obtaining a proper water supply and it was decided that the County Engineer be requested to submit a separate estimate of the cost of extending the main only.

ITEM No. 10—SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Letter of 24th December, 1956, from Department of Local Government in regard to a change in the basis for assessment of market value and proposed provision for appeal to the Commissioners of Valuation was submitted to the Council. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter.

ITEM No. 11—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME.

The County Secretary stated that the loan of £20,000 raised by the Council for the purpose of defraying the cost of repairing cottages for vesting had been fully expended. A sum of £748 in excess of the amount of the loan had also been expended on repairs to the cottages. Of a total of 1,467 cottages which had been notified for repair for the purpose of vesting, 787 sites had been measured and mapped, and of these 516 maps had been certified and submitted to the Council's Officers. In addition, 23 sites had been measured but not yet mapped. There still remained 657 sites to be surveyed. The average cost of repair per cottage was approximately £59. Councillor Lawless expressed dissatisfaction with the method of carrying out repairs and suggested that it would be possible to have the repairs carried out at more economical rate. He considered average cost of repair as high. The County Manager stated that in his opinion the average price was reasonable. In calculating the rents in respect of new housing schemes, it was the practice to allow for repairs at the rate of from £10 to £12 per annum, which would be equivalent to a sum of £60 in five years. A very small amount per cottage was allowed by the Council for repairs. In the present year the original amount estimated was £11,000 which had been reduced to £5,000. This allowed less than £2 per cottage for repairs during the year. The Council decided to consider at the Estimates Meeting the question of raising a further loan for cottage repairs. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we note report in regard to the cottages repaired with the moneys available from the loan of £20,000 and the work carried out by temporary engineers in surveying and mapping plots for vesting."

Passed: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice and W. Lawless dissenting.

ITEM No. 12—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1956.

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer on repairs carried out during the month of December, 1956.

ITEM No. 13—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

ITEM No. 14—RESOLUTION FROM TIPPERARY (S.R.) COUNTY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO S.D.A. LOANS.

The Council noted the resolution received from Tipperary (S.R.) County Council in regard to the making of advances under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts at the interest rate prevailing prior to 14th November, 1956, to persons who had applications for such advances prior to such date and urging that moneys be loaned to local authorities at the lower rate to meet such advances.

Repairs to Chimney for Boiler Plant at St. Colman's Hospital.

The County Manager referred to a previous report which had been submitted to the Council in regard to the urgent need of replacing the boiler at St. Colman's Hospital, and stated that a suitable second-hand boiler had been purchased from a Dublin Hospital at a cost of £500. The County Engineer had reported that it would be necessary to build a new chimney and extend the boilerhouse to accommodate the new boiler and that the total cost of the work, including cost of the boiler, amounted to £1,775-0-0. While there was sufficient provision in the Estimates for repairs to meet the total cost of the work,

it would mean that other items of repair which it had been intended to carry out would have to be deferred.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That we approve of proceeding with erection of chimney and installation of boiler at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.”

Passed unanimously.

Guaranteeing of Repayment of Loan of £6,000 by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners had forwarded the Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of a loan of £6,000 for improvements to the harbour. The Council had agreed to guarantee the repayment of the loan by the Harbour Commissioners. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

Resolved:—

“That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works guaranteeing the repayment of loan of £6,000 borrowed by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.”

Passed unanimously.

Post of Architect to Wicklow County Council.

Councillor Lawless referred to the notice in the newspapers inviting applications for the post of Architect and suggested that it would not be necessary to fill the post. The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Lawless:

“Please take notice that I or some one for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that this Council discontinue the position of Permanent Architect.”

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

By Councillor J. Miley:

“That I or some member of the Council will raise at the next meeting the question of the turf scheme for the year 1957, and that provision for the scheme be made in the Estimates.”

By Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:

“That I or some one for me will move at the next County Council Meeting that a light be provided at the bus stop, Kilmacanogue.”

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th January, 1957, 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, 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, James Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice.

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.

1. Renewal of Cinematograph Licences.
2. Secondary Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1957—to consider applications from candidates.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Clarke in regard to Universities.
4. To determine date for Estimates Meeting of Council for year 1957/58.
5. Letter from National Farmers' Association requesting a meeting between the Council and a delegation from the Association to discuss ways and means of reducing the rates for the coming year and successive years.
6. Main Road Improvement Grant, 1956—Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to termination of work on Main Road Improvement Grant
7. Grant for Special Employment Schemes; letter from Employment Schemes Office indicating basis of distribution of grant.
8. To take over as a public road the road from Ballinaclash to Ballysheane.
9. Representations from ratepayers in regard to Aghowle Lane, Ashford.
10. Resolution from Aughrim Branch, The Labour Party, requesting the continuing of the resurfacing of the Aughrim-Moneymeen Road.
11. Representations from ratepayers for the widening and resurfacing of roads from Ballymanus Bridge to Coolballintaggart Cross and from Ballyteigue via Ballycurra and Askinagap to Moyne.
12. Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956—letter from Department of Local Government and estimate of the cost of increases in pensions.
13. Ambulance and other transport in the Arklow District.
- 13a. Health Services; Cost of Specialist Services.
- 13b. Erection of dispensary at Avoca.
- 13c. Extension of County Boundary at Bray.
14. Extension of Burial Ground at Merrymeeting, Rathnew—letter from Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board in regard to borrowing of moneys required.

15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly in regard to an extension of bus service to include the stretch of road from Ballyorney Cross to junction with Rocky Valley.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley in regard to the question of production of turf in 1957 and the making of appropriate provision in the Estimates.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless for discontinuing the position of Architect to the Council.
18. Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge for provision of light at bus stop, Kilmacanogue.
19. Minutes of Annual Meeting of General Council of County Councils held on 9th August, 1956.
20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Replies to Letters of Congratulation :

The County Secretary submitted letters received from the Delany family expressing thanks to the Council for their message of congratulation on Ronnie Delany's victory at the Olympic Games, and a letter from Miss Thelma Hopkins, also thanking the Council for sending their congratulations.

Supplementary Petrol Allowances for Members of Local Authorities :

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Petroleum Oils Division, in regard to the Council's enquiry for the issue of petrol supplies for members of local authorities, in which it was stated that the Minister regretted that the present supply position did not permit of the grant of supplementary petrol allowances to such members. It was stated that in the event of any appreciable improvement in the supply position, however, the position of the members would be reviewed. The Council noted the letter from the Department on the subject.

ITEM No. 1—RENEWAL OF CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES :

The County Secretary stated that satisfactory reports had been received from the Chief Fire Officer in respect of the Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass; The Ormonde Cinema, Greystones; The Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, and St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the renewal of Cinematograph Licences for the following cinemas: Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass; Ormonde Cinema, Greystones; Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum; St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1957.

The County Secretary stated that 83 applications had been received to compete under the Council's Scheme. The Council considered in Committee particulars of the applications as submitted by the County Secretary. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That having considered 83 applications received under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957, we

approve of the acceptance of the applications received, with the following exceptions :

(a) The following applications are refused as the applicants' parents or guardians do not come within the limit of means provided under Paragraph 4 of the Scheme :

William B. Hickey, 4 Leirim Place, Wicklow.
Joseph A. Kavanagh, 9 Castle Field, Wicklow.
Eamonn P. Ledwidge, 12 Newcourt Villas, Putland Road, Bray.
Francis J. Loneragan, 2 Castle Terrace, Bray.

(b) The following application is refused as the candidate is over the prescribed age :

Ann Dorothy Lambert, Monaghlough, Woodenbridge.

(c) The following applications are deferred pending the receipt of further information in regard to income of the parents or guardians :

James Joseph Clarke, Killincarrig, Delgany.
Maevie O'Neill, Claddagh, Newcourt Road, Bray.
William O'Toole, 29 Griffith Avenue, Arklow.
Winifred A. Hogan, St. Martha's Manor Avenue, Greystones.
George J. McGarry, Wyndham Park, Bray.
Liam McGarry, St. Anthony's Meath Road, Bray.
John Irving McGill, Virgo, Hillside Road, Greystones.
Myles Christopher McSweeney, Tullyra, Strand Road, Bray.
Raymond John Moran, 97 Blacklion, Greystones.
Anthony Charles O'Dea, 30 Vevay Road, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. CLARKE IN REGARD TO UNIVERSITIES.

In the absence of Councillor Clarke it was decided to defer this item to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 4—DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1957/1958.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

"That we fix Monday, 25th February, 1957, as the date for the Estimates Meeting of the Council for the financial year 1957/'58."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—LETTER FROM NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION REQUESTING RECEPTION OF DELEGATION.

The following letter from the National Farmers' Association was submitted :
Spud's Farm,
Kilquade.

The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by the Wicklow County Executive National Farmers' Association to request you to be kind enough to arrange a meeting at your

early convenience between the Wicklow County Council and a delegation from the National Farmers' Association, to discuss ways and means of reducing the rates for next year and successive years.

Mise, le meas.

Signed: J. P. KELLY,

Hon. Secretary,
National Farmers' Association.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to receive a deputation from the National Farmers' Association for the purpose of expressing their views at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 4th February, 1957, at 2 p.m.

ITEM No. 5—MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1956.

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

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The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

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Main Road Improvement Grant, 1956/57:

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 14th November on the above subject, with particular reference to Schemes Nos. EM.1 and WM.1. I am to point out that the Government decision in relation to this grant as conveyed to you in the Department's letter of the 31st August last provided that no work should be carried out after 25th September unless tapering off work where considered to be absolutely essential to avoid danger, and that the Department's sanction thereto had been obtained in advance. In the case of Scheme of EM.1, the laying of the tarmac carpet cannot be regarded as a "tapering off" work to avoid danger. You have already been requested to furnish a revised estimate of the cost of the work after the 25th September which would be absolutely essential to avoid danger and this should now be furnished.

In the case of Scheme No. WM.1, it appears that no work thereunder was carried out prior to 25th September. Therefore, the question of "tapering off" work does not arise.

In view of the Government decision as already announced, the Minister regrets that he cannot see his way to meeting the Council's request in relation to these Schemes.

The information requested in this Department's letter of the 26th October last on the subject of Scheme NM.4 should be furnished. In addition, an indication as to the balance available on the above grant should be given, with details showing how this balance has been arrived at. It is to be noted that the cost of land acquisition is not a charge against grant and that where materials have been produced, but not used on a scheme under the grant, the cost thereof is to be credited to the grant.

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:
County Secretary.

14th January, 1957.

re: Main Road Improvement Grant, 1956/57:

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, in which you refer to letter dated 3rd January, 1957 (Ref. 27/2/4) from the Department of Local Government,

I note that the Department is not agreeable to the Council's request in relation to the continuing and carrying out of certain schemes on Main Roads. I, therefore, submit the following recommendations for the transfer of balances remaining on those works:

Northern Area: (Mr. Hickey) NM.4 (Kilpedder) Amount £1,179 transferred to road No. 39 (Altidore) already approved by the County Council.

S/Eastern Area: (Mr. Caffrey) EM.1 (Main Road, Arklow to County Wexford Bounds) Amount £2,125 transferred to the following roads:—
165 Redcross-Templelyon; 172/3 Redcross-Templerainey; 175 Scratnagh-Redcross; 174 Kilpatrick-Crannagh. The portions of those roads where the more necessary repairs are required to be done.

Southern Area: (Mr. McGuinness) Ballyrahan Corner—Amount £1,868 transferred to Road 246 Mullinacuffe towards Carlow Bounds near Hacketstown, already approved by County Council.

Western Area: (Mr. Foley) (Lambe-Kilbride) Amount £1,400 transferred to County Road 371 Blessington-Kilbride.

Mise, le meas.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

Resolved:—

"That we again request the Minister to allow the Council to complete the works proposed on Scheme No. EM.1."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 3rd January, 1957, from Department of Local Government we approve of alternative work proposed by the County Engineer for carrying out with the aid of moneys transferred from the proportion of Main Road Improvement Grant previously allocated to Scheme WM.1."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—GRANT FOR SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

The following letter received from the Special Employment Schemes Office was noted by the Council:

Ref. S.W.3/8/117.

2nd January, 1957.

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

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 12th December, 1956, to the Department of Local Government in regard to the grant of £1,200 for winter employment schemes in Co. Wicklow, I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to state that the grant was made available for towns with a population of 200 or over and that the basis of distribution was the numbers of unemployed as disclosed in a special census taken in January, 1956.

The full amount available has now been distributed and it is regretted that no additional grants can be allocated.

Mise, le meas,
Signed : M. HAWE,
a.s. Stiurthora.

ITEM No. 8—ROAD FROM BALLINACLASH TO BALLYSHEANE.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notices had been given of the Council's intention to take over for maintenance the road known as Ballard Lane, leading from Ballinaclash to Ballysheane. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby take over for maintenance as a Public Road, the road known as Ballard Lane, from Ballinaclash to Ballysheane, being approximately 2½ miles in length."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—REPRESENTATIONS FROM RATEPAYERS REGARDING AGHOWLE LANE, ASHFORD.

The County Secretary submitted letter received by Councillor C. W. Hudson from ratepayers at Aghowle asking that Aghowle Lane be put into proper condition. The following report from the Assistant County Engineer was submitted :
County Secretary. 12th January, 1957.

Aghowle Lane—Ballylusk Lane :

A Chara,

I refer to your letter of the 27th ultimo in the above matter.

The road referred to, i.e., Aghowle-Ballylusk Lane, is not a public highway and consequently is not maintained by the Council. Some years ago, however, repairs were carried out by the Council staff acting as agents only for the S.E.S.O. who had made available a grant for the purpose of repairs.

The road would not appear to be very heavily trafficked—in fact it is doubtful if it is used by any except local (residents) traffic. At the Aghowle end of the lane 4 houses are located, the most distant one being 0.35 miles along the lane. At the Ballylusk end there are three houses, the one furthest is located 0.4 miles from the County Road : the intermediate distance between the last houses at either end is 0.6 miles, making the lane a total of 1.35 miles. This intermediate section appears to be no more than an accommodation road for agricultural traffic to the adjoining fields, and the surface is not more than 6 feet wide.

Undoubtedly, the entire lane is in very bad condition, undrained, badly ingrown with bushes and weeds, and very poorly surfaced. At two points streams cross the road. The middle section is near impossible for motor traffic.

Cost of repair of the two end sections (which accommodate the houses), i.e., 0.75 miles would be £250. Cost of repair of the entire length, i.e., 1.30 miles, would be £500. This would not include tar surfacing.

Mise, le meas,
Signed : P. HICKEY,
Assistant County Engineer.

The Council noted that the road would not be suitable for taking over as a public road and directed that it be suggested to the ratepayers concerned that they seek a grant from the Special Employment Schemes Office towards the cost of repairing the roadway.

ITEM No. 10—RESOLUTION FROM AUGHHRIM BRANCH, THE LABOUR PARTY, REQUESTING THE CONTINUING OF THE RESURFACING OF THE AUGHHRIM-MONEYMEEN ROAD.

The Council noted the terms of the resolution received from the Aughrim Branch of the Labour Party and the report of the County Engineer, in which he stated that it was his intention to recommend to the Council at the next Estimates Meeting that the surfacing of the road be continued in the coming year.

ITEM No. 11—REPRESENTATIONS FROM RATEPAYERS FOR WIDENING AND RESURFACING OF ROADS FROM BALLYMANUS BRIDGE TO COOLBALLINTAGGART CROSS AND FROM BALLYTEIGUE VIA BALLYCURRA AND ASKINAGAP TO MOYNE.

The County Secretary submitted Memorial received from ratepayers in regard to the roads referred to and urging that the roads be widened and resurfaced and pointing out that they served a Protestant and Catholic Church in addition to many houses. The roads also linked up with the Aughrim-Aughavannagh Road. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter to the meeting to be held on the 4th February when a deputation from the National Farmers' Association would be received.

ITEM No. 12—PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1956.

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 15th December, 1956, from Department of Local Government in regard to the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956, which made provision for an increase in pensions of certain State and Local Authority Pensioners and applied only to persons whose pensions did not fully reflect the "fourth round" increases in remuneration. The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of granting the increases in pensions would amount to approximately £500 in the current year and £800 in a full year. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise expenditure of £500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of increases in pensions in accordance with the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—AMBULANCE AND OTHER TRANSPORT IN THE ARKLOW DISTRICT.

The County Manager informed the Council that there was evidence of undue use of private ambulances and cars in the Arklow Dispensary District by Medical Practitioners. It appeared that private ambulances in Arklow were being availed of without any effort being made to ascertain if the Council's own ambulance was available. In addition, private cars were also being used to a considerable extent. The County Manager stated that the facilities provided by the Council seemed to be being abused, and much of the expenses incurred might have been avoided. Council noted the position in the matter and approved of the attention of the Medical Practitioners in Arklow being directed to the matter.

ITEM No. 13(a)—HEALTH SERVICES—COST OF SPECIALIST SERVICES.

The County Manager stated that he wished to bring to the attention of the Council the increased use that was being made of Specialist Services provided by the Council under the Health Acts. The Council had made arrangements with Dublin Corporation to avail of Specialist Services provided by the Corporation in Clinics in Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin, and it appeared that these services were now being availed of to an increasing extent. At the present stage it was not possible to state whether the amount provided in the Estimates would be exceeded, but there was a possibility of an over expenditure of about £400 in the current year and possibly need for providing an additional £1,000 in the coming year. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 13(b)—ERECTION OF DISPENSARY AT AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated that the lowest tenderer for the erection of dispensary at Avoca was not prepared to proceed with the Contract and the next lowest tenderer had been approached. This contractor was agreeable to proceed with the work, provided that he was allowed to adjust his tender by the sum of £100, consequent on an omission, he stated, he had made in calculating the amount of the tender. Even with the increase of £100 the tender would still be below the next lowest tender submitted. It seemed doubtful, however, whether the Council would have the authority to amend the tender. The Council agreed that the advice of the Law Agent be obtained in the matter and noted that the estimated total cost of the dispensary would be approximately £1,750, of which £1,150 would have to be met by the Council. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,150 from the Local Loans Fund repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the Council's portion of the cost of erection of a new dispensary at Avoca."

ITEM No. 13(c)—EXTENSION OF COUNTY BOUNDARY AT BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health was pressing for a decision in regard to the proposed alteration in the boundaries of Dispensary Districts consequent on an extension of the County Boundary at Bray. It was suggested, subject to the Council's agreement, that the Council might accept the recommendation of the Consultative Health Committee that the Council would not for the present seek any alteration in the Dispensary Districts of Delgany and Powerscourt and would approve of the addition of the area which would be added to the County to the Bray Dispensary District. It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered correspondence from Department of Health in regard to proposed alteration in boundaries of Dispensary Districts consequent on the extension of the County Boundary at Bray, we recommend that the additional area to be added to Wicklow County be included as part of the Bray No. 1 Dispensary District."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—EXTENSION OF BURIAL GROUND AT MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW.

The following letter from the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board was submitted:

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
28th December, 1956.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Extension of Rathnew Cemetery.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board at Meeting held on the 2nd November, 1956, passed a resolution subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government, recommending that the holding at Merrymeeting, comprising 5 acres 3 roods and 5 perches (approx.) and dwelling and outbuildings situated thereon, be purchased from Mrs. Bridget Tyndall, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, for the sum of One Thousand Pounds (£1,000).

The Board further recommended that a loan of £2,000, spread over a period of fifteen years, be procured from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of meeting the cost of the property and the development of the site.

I shall be obliged to have the Council's approval in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: CHARLES BYRNE,
Clerk.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 28th December, 1956, from Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board in regard to the purchase of lands at Merrymeeting for the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of extending the Burial Ground, we approve of the proposal of the Joint Burial Board to raise a loan of £2,000, repayable over a period of 15 years from the Local Loans Fund, to meet the cost of the purchase of the lands and development of the site.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR DR. B. DONNELLY REGARDING EXTENSION OF BUS SERVICE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we request the proprietors of St. Kevin's Bus Service to extend their existing bus route to include the stretch of road between Ballyorney Cross and the junction at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Department of Industry and Commerce be informed of the Council's resolution on the subject of the extension of the bus service.

ITEM No. 16—PRODUCTION OF TURF IN 1957.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor Miley urged that the Council produce turf for the Council's Institutions during the coming season and that the necessary provision be made in the Estimates. The County Secretary stated that the average cost per ton for turf produced in 1956 and delivered to the Council's Institutions was £3 17s. 9d. A total quantity of 991 tons was produced. The Council had obtained a further 450 tons of turf from Bord na Mona at a total cost delivered of £4 1s. 6d. The turf purchased from Bord na Mona was machine won turf and was of excellent quality. The turf produced by the Council also was of very good quality. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the production by the Council's staff of turf during the coming season for the purpose of supplying as much as possible of the requirements of the Council's Institutions."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—POST OF ARCHITECT TO THE COUNCIL.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor W. Lawless that the Council discontinue the post of Architect to the Council. Councillor Lawless stated that the position was now vacant consequent on the resignation of Mr. Cuffe and he did not consider that at present the services of a full-time Architect would be necessary. The County Manager pointed out that a large amount of design work had been done by the Architect in previous years. The Architect would still be required for dealing with Town Planning Applications, Reconstruction Grants and reporting on unfit houses. There was also a considerable amount of maintenance work for the Council cottages and institutions with which he would be concerned, and while there was a lull at present in housing schemes, it was considered to be only a temporary one. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That this Council discontinue the post of permanent Architect and discontinue the employment of a temporary Engineer on mapping of plots."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that should there be a resumption of building schemes by the Council the question of re-appointing an Architect could be considered.

ITEM No. 18—PROVISION OF LIGHT AT BUS STOP AT KILMACANOGUE.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

"That the E.S.B. be requested to submit an estimate of the cost of providing an additional public light at the Bus Stop at Kilmacanogue."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 19—MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the annual meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on the 9th August, 1956.

Bridge Street, Arklow, and Bridge at Ferrybank.

Councillor Cleary referred to discussions at Arklow Urban District Council and asked that the County Engineer investigate the flooding which had occurred on a number of occasions at Bridge Street, Arklow, and also that he carry out a survey of Ferrybank Bridge, portion of which was considered to be dangerous.

Repairs to County Roads.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that the County Engineer might suggest a suitable method for putting minor County Roads into a passable condition at a reasonable cost.

Road at Knocknadruc.

Councillor Miley asked if sanction for the raising of the loan for reconstruction of road at Knocknadruc had yet been received. The County Secretary stated that application had been made for sanction but to date no reply had been received. The County Manager pointed out that due to the present financial difficulties it seemed unlikely that sanction would be obtained for the reconstruction of the road. It was agreed that a further reminder be addressed to the Department on the matter.

Public Light at Castleruddery Cross Roads.

The County Secretary referred to Notice of Motion which was handed in by Councillor Kehoe but had not been included on the Agenda pending the receipt of an estimate from the E.S.B. for the cost of providing the light. The Council agreed that the E.S.B. be requested to supply the Estimate of cost of providing the light.

Notice to Quit served on tenant at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley and Councillor M. Deering, T.D., stated that a tenant at Blessington who had received Notice to Quit from the Council, because of damage which had been caused to a sewer in his cottage, was prepared to pay for the damage caused and asked that the Notice to Quit be withdrawn.

Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of this Council that we obtain an estimate for the continuing of the main down the road leading to our cottages at Redford in order to give an opportunity to our tenants to make a connection if they so desire, and furthermore, that the Council obtain the necessary money by way of loan."

By Councillors J. O'Toole and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge :
 "That we or someone on our behalf will move at the next meeting of the County Council that footpath be provided at Kimberley Road, Greystones."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th February, 1957, 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, 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, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, 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.

An apology for inability to attend on account of his illness was received from Councillor Hudson.

AGENDA.

1. To receive deputation from National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Branch, in relation to rates for next year and successive years.
2. Memorial from Ratepayers requesting the widening and resurfacing of road from Ballymanus Bridge to Coolballintaggart Cross and from Ballyteigue via Ballycurra and Askinagap to Moyne.
3. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of January, 1957.
4. Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—report on final cost of scheme.
5. Water Supply at Knockatomcoyle—reports of Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer.
6. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne in regard to extension of watermain at Redford.
7. Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction—reply from National Bank, Ltd., to Council's application for loan of £2,000.
8. Applications for loan under S.D.A. Acts.
9. Report of the County Engineer on repairs carried out during the month of January, 1957.
10. Authorisation of repairs.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

The Council passed resolutions expressing sympathy with Mr. John Garvin, Secretary, Department of Local Government, and for a period Wicklow County Manager, on the death of his mother; with His Grace, The Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, and Clergy of the Diocese on the death of Very Rev. Fr. O'Loughlin, P.P., Vallemount, and with the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese on the death of Very Rev. Canon Hayes, Founder of Muintire na Tire; and with Dr. D. F. McCarthy, County Medical Officer on the death of his mother.

Illness of Councillor.

The members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor Edward Byrne for his recovery from his illness.

ITEM No. 1—DEPUTATION FROM NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION, WICKLOW COUNTY BRANCH.

The Council received a Deputation from the Wicklow County Branch, National Farmers' Association. Miss E. Bobbett introduced the other members of the Deputation: Mr. D. B. Moeran, Mr. Meredith, Mr. R. Darcy, Mr. W. Cullen, Mr. John J. Brennan and Major Kelly.

Miss Bobbett pointed out that the Deputation represented all types of farmers throughout the county. Having given particulars of agricultural output, she referred to the fall in the price of cattle and to the fall also in the agricultural price index, and pointed out that the year ahead would be a difficult one for the farming community. She pointed out the effect of rates on output in being money taken from production. Mr. Moeran gave particulars of the fall in cattle prices, and Mr. Meredith dealt with the prices of wheat in recent years. The Deputation asked that the Council make every effort to reduce the rates for the coming year and future years. The Chairman stated that the Council at the Estimates Meeting examined the Estimates in the greatest detail but the members of the Council would not be discharging their duties if they did not provide sufficient moneys to maintain essential services. He issued an invitation to the members of the Deputation to attend at the coming Estimates Meeting. The members of the Deputation thanked the Council for receiving them.

ITEM No. 2—MEMORIAL FROM RATEPAYERS IN REGARD TO WIDENING AND RESURFACING OF ROADS.

The County Secretary submitted memorial received from ratepayers requesting the Council to widen and resurface the roads from Ballymanus Bridge to Coolboy Cross and from Ballyteigue via Ballycurra and Askinagap to Moyne. The County Engineer had reported that the Council had started work on the Ballinglen-Askinagap road grid but that the total length involved would be about 7½ miles. The surfaces were at present very bumpy and the roads would require extensive drainage and repairs to bridges over most of their length before major surfacing would be carried out. The roads were rather remote and consequently would need more than usual attention. The County Engineer also pointed out that the coming year would probably see the end of the current Five Year County Road Plan and that the Council would then be able to proceed with such roads as those referred to in the memorial. The total cost of resurfacing and drainage work on these roads would amount to about £7,000. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for consideration in connection with the roads estimates for 1957/58.

Proposed Housing Scheme at Kirikee, Glenmalur.

At the request of Councillor Haughton, the Council agreed to hear Rev. Fr. Granville, C.C., Kirikee, in regard to the need for houses in Glenmalur. Rev. Fr. Granville submitted particulars of persons who were seeking houses in the District and asked that the Council proceed with the scheme at the earliest possible time. At the request of members the County Manager gave particulars of the applications received and pointed out that at present it appeared that only two applicants were in need of re-housing. In these cases it was possible that their needs might be met from vacancies arising in other cottages in the area. The County Manager stated that he had urged the proceeding with the scheme and the Council had accepted a tender for the erection of the cottages subject to the sanction of the Minister. Following a re-examination of the housing position in the area, at the request of the Department, the position was shown to be as he had indicated.

ITEM No. 3—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of January, 1957, was submitted:

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
1st February, 1957.

Housing Progress Report—Month of January, 1957.

Gentlemen.

During the month of January housing progress was maintained satisfactorily on various sites.

The present position regarding schemes is as follows:—

Kilgarron, Enniskerry: 20 cottages completed.

1952 (Agreed Sites): 20 cottages completed and 4 cottages in progress.

Aughrim Scheme: 6 cottages in progress.

The number of men employed during January was:—

	Skilled	Unskilled
1952 (Agreed Sites) Scheme	2	1
Aughrim Scheme	2	2
Totals	4	3

The following are details of the schemes relating to the various districts:—

Northern Area.

Completed: 1952 Scheme

Bolinass (Site No. 1043)	1
Ballynerrin (Site No. 1057)	1
Newcastle (Site No. 1045)	1
Kilgarron, Enniskerry	20
Total	23

In Progress: NIL

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
Maccreddin (Site No. 1020)	1
Total	9

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
Ballycurragh (Site No. 1022/3)	2
Total	8

In Progress :

Coolfancy (Site No. 1014)	1
Total	1

Western Area.**Completed :****1952 Scheme**

Hempstown (Site No. 1001)	1
Logstown (Site No. 1003)	1
Cryhelp (Site No. 1007)	1
Ballinacrow (Site No. 1009)	1
Total	4

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

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of January, 1957.

Passed : Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, dissenting.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting in regard to the numbers of men who had been disemployed before Christmas on both housing works and on roads. He asked also that particulars of the unexpended balances in each area for roads be submitted. The Council agreed that these particulars be submitted for the next meeting of the Council.

Aughrim Housing Scheme.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that tenants of the housing scheme at Aughrim had pointed out that there was no direct entrance to the plots at the rear of some of the houses. Senator J. J. McCrea also referred to the matter and suggested that an accommodation road at the rear be provided. The County Manager pointed out that these cottages were of the same standard as urban houses and were fully serviced. Many of the houses provided in towns had not separate access to the rear gardens. The Council asked that the County Engineer investigate the matter and see if any arrangements could be made to provide access to the plots referred to.

ITEM No. 4—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILGARRON, ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary stated that the loan raised to defray the cost of erection of 20 houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, amounted to £32,000, but the actual all-in cost had now been ascertained at £33,800. There was, therefore, an excess expenditure of £1,800. This excess arose from increases in wages and materials, amounting in all to £1,364, and from extra works, details of which were submitted, totaling in all £436. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That having considered report on final cost of erection of 20 houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, we hereby authorise the raising of a supplementary loan of £1,800 from the Local Loans Fund, repayable over a period of 50 years, to defray the balance of the cost of the scheme."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—WATER SUPPLY AT KNOCKATOMCOYLE.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were five houses in the area which would benefit from the provision of a water supply. The houses consisted of one Council cottage, two Coolattin cottages, a Land Commission cottage and Mullinacuffe Post Office. The occupants obtained water from springs in the neighbourhood which usually ran dry from about July to September, and for this period they had to travel from 300 to 400 yards to a spring adjoining Mullinacuffe River. The Assistant County Engineer did not consider that any of the springs used would provide water of sufficiently good quality to warrant their protection by the Council. The cost of providing a pump would be £240. The County Secretary pointed out that there was only one Council cottage concerned and it did not appear that the cost of providing the pump would be justified. On the proposal of Councillor Senator McCrea, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council agreed that the work be included on a priority List and the cost defrayed from Loan when available.

ITEM No. 6—WATERMAIN AT REDFORD.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of extending the watermain along the access road serving the cottages at Redford would amount to £430 approximately. On the suggestion of Councillor Lawless it was decided to defer consideration of the matter to the meeting on the following Monday and that the County Engineer be asked to have available an estimate of the cost of providing a sewerage scheme for the cottages also.

ITEM No. 7—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

The County Secretary stated that at the suggestion of the Department of Local Government application had been made to the Council's Treasurer for a loan of £2,000 for the making of supplementary reconstruction grants. The Council's Treasurer had replied that the Board of the Bank regretted that they could not see their way to make such loan available. The Department of Local Government had been informed and applications had been made for the issue of the loan from the Local Loans Fund. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.

Having considered letter from Council's Solicitor in regard to proposal of Mr. Raymond J. Ibbs to sell his house at Killarney Road, Bray, in respect of which a loan had been advanced under the S.D.A. Acts, to Mr. Anthony M. S. Hanan of Hebron, Dargle Bridge, Enniskerry, the Council agreed to the proposed sale and to Mr. Hanan accepting responsibility for the repayment of the balance of the loan, subject to the County Manager being satisfied as to his ability to repay such moneys.

In regard to the loan to Mr. and Mrs. Granger, in respect of house at Blacklion, Greystones, the Council noted the advice of the Council's Solicitor in regard to the proposed proceedings by the Solicitors on behalf of the Ground Landlord in relation to the arrears of ground rent, and agreed that the Council endeavour to reach an agreement with the solicitors on the matter.

Application of Mr. F. J. Stafford, Tinahely, for loan : Councillors M. Deering, T.D., W. Hammond, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, asked that the County Manager reconsider the application of Mr. F. J. Stafford, Tinahely, for a loan in respect of the erection of a house near Wicklow. The County Manager explained the difficulties which had arisen in connection with several cases where loans had been advanced by the Council and expressed doubt if the security offered in the case would be sufficient. In view of the representations made by the members, the County Manager stated he would consider the matter again.

ITEM No. 9—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1957.

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

ITEM No. 10—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

Vacant Cottage at Muskeagh, Tinahely: Councillor Senator McCrea and Councillor J. O'Neill urged that the tenancy of a vacant cottage at Muskeagh, Tinahely, be granted to an applicant, P. McCarthy from Monaseed. The County Manager stated that the matter would be considered again by the Local Housing Committee.

Repairs to cottage at Timullen: Councillor Haughton raised the question of repairs to the cottage occupied by Mrs. O'Toole at Timullen and referred to the delay in carrying out the repairs. It was agreed that priority be given to the carrying out of repairs to this cottage.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th February, 1957, at 3 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, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless 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.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th November, 1956, and 3rd and 10th December, 1956.
2. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957—to consider further applications deferred from last meeting.
3. Extension of University Scholarship—application from scholarship holder for extension of scholarship.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Clarke in regard to Universities.
5. Civil Defence—arrangements for recruiting and training of volunteers.
6. To make water rates in respect of year ending 31st December, 1957, for towns of Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnew, Shillelagh, Tinahely, Coolboy and Enniskerry.
7. To consider Scheme for supply of Seeds and Fertilisers in year 1957.
8. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. O'Toole and Mrs. M. Ledwidge for making of footpath at Kimberley Road, Greystones.
9. Memorial from residents and users of Old Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, in regard to continuing of work of improvement of the road.
10. Resolution from Select Vestry, Newcastle Parish and Memorial from residents in regard to need for repairs to road from Newcastle Parish Church to Teighlin.
11. Report in regard to numbers of men employed and balances available for road works in Engineers' areas.
12. Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes for cottages at Redford.
- 12a. Roundwood Water Supply—Expenditure in excess of loan £382.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe for provision of public light at Castleruddery Cross Roads and provision of electric pump for water supply.
14. Public Lighting, Kilmacanogue.
15. Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—report on position in relation to certain loans.
16. Letter from D. M. O'Duabghail, Uas, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy, regarding printing of Rate Demands and Receipts in Irish.
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.
Pending the arrival of the Chairman, Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea took the Chair on the proposal of Councillor W. Hammond, seconded by Councillor O'Toole.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 5th and 12th November, 1956, and 3rd and 10th December, 1956."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary read letter received from Mr. John Garvin, Secretary, Department of Local Government, requesting that his sincere thanks be conveyed to the Council for their resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his father.

Dail Election.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond, it was agreed to recommend to the County Registrar, Returning Officer for the Dail Elections, that unemployed men be given preference as far as possible for posts as Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks.

ITEM No. 2—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1957.

The Council considered, in Committee, further information in regard to 8 applications which had been deferred from the previous meeting. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

“That having considered further information submitted in regard to applications under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957, we approve of the acceptance of the following applications:—

James Joseph Clarke.

Maeve O'Neill.

Liam McGarry.

Raymond J. Moran.

Anthony Charles O'Dea.

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred for further examination the applications of William O'Toole, Winifred Hogan, Owen McGarry, John Irvine McGill and Myles McSwiney.

ITEM No. 3—EXTENSION OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

An application from Mr. Michael J. Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Bray, for an extension of his University Scholarship for a fourth year in order to complete the course for a Degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Horticulture) was submitted to the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

“That having considered application from Michael J. Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Bray, we approve of the extension of his University Scholarship for a further year for 1957-58, subject to satisfactory report from the University authorities on his progress during the present year.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. CLARKE IN REGARD TO UNIVERSITIES.

In the absence of Councillor Clarke the Council deferred this item to the next meeting for his attendance.

ITEM No. 5—CIVIL DEFENCE.

The County Secretary gave a summary of the provisions of Circular Letters of 16th and 17th January, 1957, from Department of Defence in regard to arrangements for recruiting and training of volunteers for Civil Defence. The Council directed that a copy of the circular of 16th January, 1957, be circulated to the members and that the County Manager submit a scheme for training of volunteers for Civil Defence to a later meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 6—WATER RATES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

“That Water Rate book, as submitted by the Secretary, be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1957, made for the towns of Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Carnew, Avoca, Tinahely, Shillelagh, Coolboy and Enniskerry, as follows:—

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: Councillor J. Miley dissenting.

ITEM No. 7—SCHEME FOR SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS IN YEAR 1957.

The County Secretary submitted draft Scheme under Section 2 of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, for the year 1957. The scheme was in similar terms to that adopted by the Council for the previous year. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

“That in accordance with Section 2 of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, we hereby adopt scheme for the supply of Seed and Fertilisers in respect of the sale period ending on 31st July, 1957, in accordance with draft submitted to this meeting.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. O'TOOLE AND MRS. M. LEDWIDGE, FOR MAKING FOOTPATH AT KIMBERLEY ROAD, GREYSTONES.

Councillor O'Toole and Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge put forward the need for the provision of footpath at Kimberley Road, Greystones. Councillor Lawless referred to other works in the Greystones area which were in his opinion of greater importance and referred especially to Eden Road and Church Road. It was decided to defer the matter for consideration at the Roads Estimates Meeting.

ITEM No. 9—MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS AND USERS OF OLD LONG HILL, KILMACANOGUE, IN REGARD TO CONTINUING WORK OF IMPROVING THE ROAD.

The County Secretary submitted a Memorial received from residents and users of the Old Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, requesting that the Council continue the work of improving the road to its entire length. The County Engineer had reported that he had included provision in the Estimates for consideration by the Local Roads Committee for a further mile of reconstruction of the road. The Council deferred the matter for consideration at the Annual Estimates Meeting.

ITEM No. 10—RESOLUTION FROM SELECT VESTRY, NEWCASTLE PARISH, AND MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING NEED FOR REPAIR OF ROAD FROM NEWCASTLE PARISH CHURCH TO TEIGHLIN.

The Council considered resolution from Select Vestry, Newcastle Parish, requesting that the Council undertake the repair of the road in front of the Church and Church cottage from the corner of the Main Road to Church cottage and considered also a Memorial from residents using the road from the Parish Church south to Teighlin, requesting that the Council carry out repairs to the road. The County Engineer reported that the road referred to was not maintained by the Council. There are a few Council cottages on it. It had been improved several years ago with the aid of a rural improvement scheme and was about 1.3 miles in length. In view of all the roads under the control of the Council still not attended to the County Engineer did not recommend taking it over. The County Engineer stated that it had been already before the Council on two occasions and had not been accepted for maintenance. The Council noted that it would not be possible to take over the road for maintenance at present.

ITEM No. 11—REPORTS IN REGARD TO NUMBERS OF MEN EMPLOYED AND BALANCES AVAILABLE FOR ROAD WORKS IN ENGINEERS' AREAS.

The County Secretary stated that the total number of men employed on road and drainage works at the present time was 381. The County Engineer pointed out that owing to the reduction in Grants available for road works and drainage works in the present year as compared with the previous year, and consequent also on an increase in wages of road workers, it was not possible to provide the same extent of employment as in the previous year. The County Engineer pointed out that a temporary reduction in employment must be made almost immediately and stated that he had tried to retain the workers to the utmost limit but could not continue to do so. Most of the works listed to be carried out had been completed and all would be finished within the financial year.

The reduction in grants as compared with the previous year amounted to £17,800. The balances in the various Engineers' areas as at 17th January, 1957, were as follows:

	Roads (Inc. Grants)	L.A.(W).A.	E.S.V.	Total
North	£5,097	£1,832	£553	£7,482
S/East	£2,161	£1,505	£156	£3,822
South	£5,603	£1,671	Nil.	£7,274
West	£7,638	£2,971	£364	£10,973
Totals:	£19,499	£7,979	£1,073	£29,551

In regard to employment on housing works, the County Engineer stated that there had been a reduction of 42 men in December, 1956. The average number of workers employed on housing works from April, 1956, to December, 1956, was 73 as compared with 65 for the corresponding period in the present year. When the moneys available for cottage repairs from Revenue and also the loan of £20,000 for Cottage Purchase Scheme had been expended it had been necessary to reduce the number of employees. The Council agreed that a quarterly report

be submitted in future showing the amount expended on roads in each of the Engineering Districts and the balances available and numbers of men employed, etc.

The Council agreed to consider at the Estimates Meeting the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea:

"That in view of the widespread unemployment in certain districts I will move at the next or adjourned meeting of the County Council that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government the Council will raise a loan of £20,000 from next year's Road Estimates."

ITEM No. 12—WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR COTTAGES AT REDFORD.

The Council considered a report of the County Engineer in which he estimated the cost of laying a main sewer to serve the 18 cottages at Redford at £2,070. The County Secretary pointed out that the County Engineer's Estimate provided for the sewer being connected to the sewer on the La Touche Estate. The County Engineer was now of opinion that the alternative proposal put forward by him in his report of the 18th December, 1956, was not feasible. In the course of the discussion on the matter, Councillor Lawless stated that he understood the tenants would be agreeable to contribute about 3/- a week towards the cost of providing a water and sewerage system for the houses. It was decided that the La Touche Estate be approached again in regard to the conditions for the use of the sewer on the Estate, with a view to reaching a satisfactory agreement on the matter.

ITEM No. 12a—ROUNDWOOD WATER SUPPLY.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the improvements to Roundwood Water Supply was £1,982 9s. 9d. The loan raised for the work was £1,600 and, consequently, there had been an over expenditure of £382 9s. 9d. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose. The County Secretary stated that in addition there had been over expenditures on other items of Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes. The Council had agreed to the making of new house connections in respect of the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme but the necessary resolution authorising the expenditure had not been passed at the time. The amount involved was £400. There had been additional expenditure of £125 in respect of the Coolboy-Coolfancy Water Supply and of £277 in respect of Sanitary Convenience at the Meetings. The Council had also agreed to improvements to the Rathdrum Water Supply, which had cost £301. The total excess expenditure was estimated at £1,800. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise expenditure of £1,800 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of additional expenditure on Sanitary Services."

Passed unanimously.

Housing Repairs.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the recent storm urgent repairs were necessary to the roofs of many of the cottages, and it was estimated that up to £850 might be required. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

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

Resolved:—

“That we hereby authorise expenditure of £850 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of additional expenditure on housing repairs.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. KEHOE FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHT AT CASTLERUDDERY CROSS ROADS AND PROVISION OF ELECTRIC PUMP FOR WATER SUPPLY.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had recommended the installation of one public light at Castleruddery Cross Roads. It was proposed to obtain a quotation from the E.S.B. for the provision of the light. The Council agreed that the quotation be obtained. The Assistant County Engineer stated that he was obtaining an estimate of the cost of providing an electric pump for Castleruddery Water Supply now that the electricity supply was available in the area.

ITEM No. 14—PUBLIC LIGHTING, KILMACANOGUE.

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been asked to submit details of suitable site for the erection of an additional light. Councillor Dr. Donnelly drew attention to the need for a light or a special sign at the foot of the Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, the provision of “match sticks” was suggested. The County Engineer was asked to examine the matter.

ITEM No. 15—LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council considered in committee report of the County Secretary in regard to the Council's experience in relation to loans advanced under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. It was noted that 90 loans had been advanced to date, the total amount involved being £107,025, and of this number six had been repaid in full and 84 loans were still current.

Particulars of the difficulties experienced in the following cases were given to the Council:—

Loan of £1,350 to David Beresford, Tomriland, Annamoe: Consequent on representations and recommendations received, it was agreed to make a loan of £1,350 in this case. Only two payments were made by the borrower and he then left the country and it was not possible to trace him. The Council had to take proceedings to recover possession of the house, and these proceedings were very protracted. Having obtained possession, the house was put up for sale by auction but no bid was received. Efforts have been made to let the house but so far these have proved unsuccessful.

Loan of £750 to Mrs. Mai J. Brady, Blessington: The amount of the loan approved in this case was £750 but the advances made amounted to £375. The house was never completed and it was found necessary to institute proceedings for possession. A Court Order for sale was obtained and the property was sold by public auction. The Council recovered the full amount which had been advanced.

Loan of £800 to James E. Meredith, Killinure: A loan of £800 was advanced to Mr. James E. Meredith in November, 1952, but only one payment was received being in respect of interest only. Proceedings were instituted by the Council in respect of instalments due but subsequently the premises were sold and the loan redeemed in full in January, 1955.

Loan of £750 to Hugh Behan, Milltown North, Rathnew: A loan of £750 was advanced to Mr. Behan in April, 1950. No payment was received from the borrower and proceedings were instituted for possession. Possession was obtained and the house advertised for sale, but the highest offer received was

insufficient to discharge the loan and other liabilities. In March, 1954, the Council succeeded in arranging for the loan to be taken over by Mr. Francis Newsome.

Details of several other cases where difficulties had been experienced in recovering instalments due by borrowers were given to the Council. The Council noted the particulars given in regard to experiences in relation to repayment of loans by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

ITEM No. 16—PRINTING OF RATE DEMANDS AND RECEIPTS IN IRISH.

The Council noted letter received from D. M. O'Duabhghail, Baile Mac Siomoin, Gleann Fhaidhle, urging that the Council provide Rate Demands and Receipts in Irish. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

Blessington Housing Scheme.

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

7th February, 1957.

N27/2/15.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 5th September, 1956, and subsequent correspondence relative to the Council's proposals for a revised scheme of 6 houses at Blessington and to state that no objection will be raised to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Tutty and Fleming in the revised figure of £8,648 16s. 0d. for the erection of these houses. Notwithstanding the terms of this Department's circular letter H.17/56 of the 27th November last, the contract may be entered into forthwith. If a loan to finance the work has not already been applied for, an early application should now be made. The issue of the necessary loan from the Local Loans Fund will be sanctioned by the Minister for Finance.

With regard to the revised lay-out plan submitted, it is considered that the access road should stop at the end of the fourth house from the main road (i.e., on the original line), that the last two houses be serviced by the footpath. This would facilitate eventual continuation of the scheme should the necessity for this arise.

Mise, le meas,
S. O'HANLON.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe.

Resolved:—

“That we note letter of the 7th February, 1957, from Department of Local Government in regard to Blessington Housing Scheme and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £9,500 from the Local Loans Fund, repayable over a period of 50 years, to defray the cost of erection of 6 houses at Blessington.”

Passed unanimously.

Road from Oakwood to Coonmore.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Miley, the County Secretary said that the Department of Local Government in letter of the 8th February, 1957, had conveyed sanction to the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £2,443 for the

purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of this road, the loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer and repaid over a period of 10 years. Application had been made to the Treasurer for a loan in accordance with the Department's sanction.

Employment of Temporary Engineer.

Councillor Lawless pointed out that the tenants of certain cottages in the Northern area who were anxious to purchase their cottages were satisfied with the condition of repair of the cottages and that it was desirable that the necessary maps be prepared for the vesting of these cottages as soon as possible. He urged that in the circumstances the Assistant Engineer, Mr. McMahan, be continued in employment to 31st March, 1957, for the purpose of mapping such plots in the northern area. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the retention of Assistant Engineer, Mr. S. McMahan, in employment to 31st March, 1957, and authorise the necessary expenditure to meet the costs involved, the Engineer to be employed on mapping plots in the northern area."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Councillor Haughton suggested that application for tenancy of Council cottages should be examined and reported upon by the District Medical Officer instead of by the County Medical Officer and suggested that this would result in a considerable saving in cost and also expedite the letting of the cottages. The County Manager pointed out that under the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, it was necessary to obtain the report from the County Medical Officer in regard to housing applications and it would not be possible to have this work assigned to District Medical Officers.

Notice of Motion.

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

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting that portion of a wall be taken down so that motor cars can turn on a bend when going to the Church at Lacken."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th March, 1957, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

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, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, P. J. Foley, P. McGuinness and P. T. Hickey, attended.

The Council noted an apology for inability to attend from Councillor P. McCarthy.

The County Secretary informed the members that the County Manager was unable to be present due to illness.

Acknowledgments of Resolutions of Sympathy.

The Council noted the following letters received:—

Archbishop's House,
Dublin, N.E.3.

19th February, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. Brangan,

His Grace, the Archbishop, asks me to thank you for the courtesy of your letter in which you convey to His Grace the sympathy of the Council on the death of the Very Rev. Fr. McLoughlin, Vallemount, Co. Wicklow.

The Archbishop requests me to state that he would be grateful if you would be kind enough to convey to your Council the thanks and appreciation of the Archbishop for this gesture of theirs on the death of Father McLoughlin.

Yours very faithfully,

Signed: G. MARTIN,
Secretary.

St. Patrick's College,
Thurles,

12th February, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I am directed by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel, to thank you for your letter of the 11th instant regarding the resolution of sympathy passed at the meeting of Wicklow County Council on the death of Very Rev. John M. Canon Hayes, P.P., Bansha, Chairman of Muintir na Tire.

His Grace wishes also that you would be so kind as to convey to the members of the County Council his thanks for their kind gesture.

As a personal friend of the late Canon Hayes, and one who has been associated with him for many years in Muintir na Tire, may I add my personal thanks for the appreciation of the life work of a great Irishman which is contained in the resolution.

Beir bua is beannacht,

Mise,

Signed: THOMAS MORRIS,
Archbishop's Secretary.

Public Health Department,
Rathdrum.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

11th February, 1957.

County Secretary.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

Thank you for yours of the 6th instant regarding the death of my mother. Please convey to the Council my sincere thanks on the resolution of sympathy expressed by them. I wish also to thank the Manager and yourself and the members of the staff for the expression of sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

Signed : D. F. McCARTHY,
Chief Medical Officer.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of February, 1957.
2. Supplementary Grants for reconstruction; letter from Department of Local Government indicating that moneys are not available from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose.
3. Proposed Water Supply at Ballymacsimon, Glenealy—reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector.
4. Proposed Water Supply at Castlemacadam (Ballymoneen)—reports of Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector.
5. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
6. Repairs carried out during the month of February, 1957.
7. 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 February, 1957, had been circulated:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

1st March, 1957.

Housing Progress Report.

Gentlemen,

The present position of Housing Schemes in progress is as follows:—

Aughrim Scheme: 6 houses completed (except for plumbing work which is in progress). Development complete except for roadway and boundary walls.

Number of men employed: 1 skilled, 3 unskilled.

1952 Housing Scheme: Under this scheme 22 houses have been completed as detailed in previous monthly reports.

The following cottages are now in progress by direct labour:—

Macreddin (Site No. 1020). Complete except for painting.

Coolfancy (Site No. 1014). Roofed with tiling in progress.

Kilballyowen (Site No. 1019). Site entered, foundations being excavated.

Number of men employed: 2 skilled, 2 unskilled.

J. T. O'BYRNE.

County Engineer.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That me approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of February, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of the 22nd February, 1957, from the Department of Local Government regarding the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £2,000 for the purpose of making supplementary housing grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, as amended, it was stated that loan moneys were not available from the Local Loans Fund for this purpose. The County Secretary stated that the Council had previously applied to the Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., for a loan for this purpose and the Board of the Bank had indicated that they regretted that they could not see their way to make a loan available at present. The Council asked that further representations be made to the Department to reconsider the matter and to make the necessary moneys available to the Council from the Local Loans Fund.

ITEM No. 3—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYMACSIMON, GLENEALY.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were 7 cottages and two other houses at Ballymacsimon, Glenealy. The present source of water was a small drain with a spout on the side of the road. It would not be possible to improve this supply as it was possible that the stream was polluted, and, furthermore, it was not conveniently located to the cottages. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that a well be bored and a pump situated at an intermediate position between the cottages. The Health Inspector reported that there was a total of 52 people living in the 9 houses and he also recommended the sinking of a well and erection of a pump. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor J. Haughon,

Resolved:—

"That having considered reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump to serve 7 cottages and 2 other houses at Ballymacsimon, Glenealy, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from loan."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY AT CASTLEMACADAM (BALLYMONEEN).

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were 9 cottages and 2 private houses in the vicinity, some being in the townland of Kilqueeny, some in Castlemacadam, and some in Ballymoneen. The Assistant County Engineer recommended the sinking of a well at an estimated cost of £240. The Health Inspector who had also investigated the matter stated that there was a total of 34 people living in the cottages and he recommended the sinking of a well and provision of a pump on public health grounds. It was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered reports of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector we approve of the sinking of a well and the provision of a pump to serve 9 cottages and 2 private houses at Kilqueeny, Castlemacadam and Ballymoneen, the work to be included on Priority List and cost defrayed from loan."

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that the Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council had forwarded an application received by the Urban District Council for the erection of a garage and filling station on a site at Castle Street, Bray, by Mr. Ogle. As the site was on the Main Road, the matter was referred to the

County Council for their views. The County Engineer had examined the proposal and considered it would be most undesirable to site a garage and filling station at this dangerous junction. The Council agreed that permission for the work should be refused.

School Site at Kilmacanogue: The County Secretary submitted plans received showing the site of proposed new National School at Kilmacanogue. The County Engineer considered that the proposed approach to the School was not suitable. The entrance was on the main Bray-Glendalough road, very close to a dangerous corner which afforded poor visibility. The density and speed of traffic at the location was considerable and the road was used to a great extent by tourists in summer time who would not be familiar with any local road hazards. The County Engineer suggested that an alternative access might be provided from the road leading to the burial ground. The Council agreed that the access indicated was unsuitable and noted that the matter had been discussed with Rev. Fr. Menton, C.C., Kilmacanogue, and with the Architect for the Office of Public Works.

ITEM No. 6—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1957.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of February, 1957.

ITEM No. 7—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

S.D.A. Loan Application.

Councillor M. Deering, T.D., raised the matter of an application of Mr. Stafford for a loan in respect of the erection of a house near Wicklow. Members of the Council asked that the County Manager reconsider the matter and urged that the loan be granted.

Carnew Streets.

Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea drew attention to the need for regular cleaning of the streets at Carnew, and the Council asked that a report be submitted in regard to the arrangements for such cleaning.

Organisation in regard to Cottage Repairs.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, enquired as to what check was made to ensure that the Engineering Staff reported on cottages requiring repairs. The Council agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting in regard to the organisation of cottage repairs.

Councillor Haughton raised the matter of repairs to a cottage at Ballindoyle, the repairs to which had been approved by the Council, and stated that the Assistant County Engineer had informed him that he would not carry out the repairs at present. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had agreed to give priority as regards repairs to cottages in respect of which applications to purchase had been submitted. Councillor Haughton stressed the need for repairs to this particular cottage and asked that it be treated as urgent.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Hammond, the Council passed a resolution expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. J. J. Bourne, Forttown, Tinahely, who had been a member of the Council for a number of years and also who had served on the Committee of Agriculture for a considerable number of years. The County Secretary, on behalf of the County Manager and Staff, asked to be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Need for Water Supply at Killballyowen.

Councillor Senator McCrea asked that a report be submitted in regard to the need for water supply for six or seven families at Killballyowen.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th February, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

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, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, and J. D. Haughton.

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

An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson. The members of the Council asked the County Secretary to convey their best wishes to Councillor Hudson for his speedy recovery.

The attached report of the County Manager on the Estimates had been circulated to the members of the Council. The County Engineer's report on the Estimate for Road Works had also been circulated to the members. The Council decided to consider the various items in the Estimates in due order and to commence with the Estimate for Road Services.

ROADS.

In the course of the discussion on the Roads Estimate as submitted, it was proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and seconded by Councillor W. Hammond, that the same rate be provided for roads as in 1956/57 on the assumption that additional Road Grants equivalent to the proposed increase of 4.99d. in the £ would be available in the coming financial year. Following a further discussion the Council decided to adjourn consideration of the proposal and of the examination of the Estimate for Road Services until the Estimates for other services had been examined.

Road Grants: The County Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government in regard to Road Fund Grants:

R.201/4/5.
A Chara,

11 Feabhra, 1957.

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that, owing to the effects of petrol rationing and other circumstances, it is not possible for the present to indicate the amounts of the Road Fund Grants, in addition to the 40% Main Road Upkeep Grant (which will be forthcoming on the usual conditions) which will be available to County Councils for 1957/58. There will be the minimum of delay in informing local authorities of the position for the coming year, but in view of the necessity for avoiding, as far as possible, the disemployment of road workers, the Minister is making an interim Road Fund grant allocation for road improvement schemes for the period ending 30th June, 1957, the amount being £13,000 for Wicklow County Council. The usual conditions attaching to Road Fund grants will apply.

2. If the County Council consider it necessary they may (subject to paragraph 4 below) authorise work to start under the grant immediately. The Minister has sanctioned the charging to overdraft of expenditure incurred from this date to the date of recoupment from grant.

3. The grant is primarily intended for county road improvement but may also be devoted in part to main roads of the following categories:—

- Main roads forming part of the Scheme for the improvement of tourist roads in the Gaeltacht and Congested Areas;
- Main roads in the counties whose councils have already been authorised to continue main road improvement works.

4. Work on a road listed in the five year plan for county road improvements may be started in advance of the submission of documents, which should, however, be forwarded as early as possible. In the case of any other scheme, the usual documents should be submitted and the Department's approval obtained before work is started.

5. The Department should be furnished as early as possible with a return on the lines of the attached form.

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

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The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Council agreed that the County Engineer prepare immediately suitable schemes to be carried out with the aid of the Grant and approved of such work being put in hands as soon as possible. In view of the Department's notification of the Grant, Councillor Senator McCrea withdrew his Notice of Motion in regard to the provision of £20,000 in advance of the coming year's Estimates.

HEALTH SERVICES.

The Council proceeded to examine in detail the Estimate for Health Services. In reply to enquiries from members the County Secretary stated that sanction had not been received to the loan for the erection of dispensaries.

Baltinglass Hospital: The County Manager stated that there were 10 maternity beds in Baltinglass Hospital but that the accommodation in this respect in the hospital was not being fully availed of. The County Medical Officer intended to discuss the matter with the District Medical Officers and to bring to their notice the facilities which were available in Baltinglass Hospital.

Tuberculosis Hospitals: The County Manager pointed out that the Estimate for these hospitals showed a reduction of £5,000. The Council decided to reduce the provision for Tuberculosis Hospitals Extern by a sum of £2,000 in the anticipation that there would be a reduction in the demands for this service in the coming year.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the remaining items in the Estimates to a special meeting to be held on Thursday, 7th March, 1957, at 11 a.m.

Sick Leave of District Medical Officer:

The County Manager informed the members of the Council, in Committee, of an application he had received for sick leave in respect of a District Medical Officer. The Council agreed with the proposed action of the County Manager in the matter.

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Thursday, 7th March, 1957, at 11 a.m. The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator James J. McCrea, William Cleary, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice; C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.
The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

The Council proceeded with the Examination of the Estimates for Health Services.

Medical Care for Mothers and Infants: The County Manager stated that the Estimate for fees to Medical Practitioners showed a reduction of £2,000. This estimate was based on the number of births and it had been found that while 30% of the population were in the lower income group, about 60% of the births were in that group also.

The Council decided to make no other change in the Estimate in respect of Health Services.

The Council approved of the Estimates as submitted for Public Assistance, Mental Hospitals and Sanitary Services.

HOUSING SERVICES.

Cottage Repairs: In the course of a discussion in regard to cottage repairs Councillor W. Lawless stated that he felt that better value could be obtained from the moneys available for repairs by improvements in the organisation. Councillor Hammond suggested that tenants who were willing to do so should be allowed to carry out repairs to their own houses themselves. The County Manager pointed out that to employ a tradesman for a complete year and to provide the necessary materials and transport would cost about £1,000.

The Council decided to reduce the provision for cottage repairs by £8,000 to £10,067. The Council agreed to consider the question of the method of carrying out repairs at a later meeting.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Council decided to reduce the provision for reformatories and industrial schools by a sum of £400. The Council decided not to proceed with the proposed re-organisation of Veterinary Services and to reduce the provision under the heading "Slaughter of Animals Acts" by a net sum of £1,330. In connection with the provision for travelling expenses to Councillors, Councillor Hammond suggested that it would be possible to deal with all the business of the Council, including housing matters, at one meeting in each month and that this would effect economies. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided not to make any alteration in the amount of the estimate for this purpose.

ROADS.

The Council then resumed consideration of the Estimate for Roads. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to strike the same rate for roads as in 1956/57. The Council noted that this would involve a reduction in the extent of the work which might be done on roads in the coming year. In relation to the provision for superannuation allowance and gratuity to an Assistant County Engineer who would be retiring during the year, the Council suggested that the Engineer might be retained in an unestablished capacity after reaching retiring age.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

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, 1958, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
Roads	£2,099 2 9	£8,941 18 8	£1,796 18 9
Public Assistance	514 3 0	2,188 9 11	467 0 0
Mental Hospitals	1,475 6 10	6,235 13 1	1,272 0 2
Health	4,711 19 10	20,020 0 1	4,120 5 4
General Purposes	896 0 3	3,815 8 6	758 9 1
Separate Charges	674 14 11	29 4 4	571 11 1

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

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 £ levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1958:—

	s.	d.
Roads	10	6.15
Health	7	11.48
Mental Hospital	2	7.41
Public Assistance	0	10.24
Sanitary	2	9.25
Housing	3	4.27
General Purposes	5	1.20
Separate Charges:		
Vocational Education	12	176d.
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board		470d.
Malicious Injury—Bray Urban District		960d.
Dunganstown Sth. E.D.		790d.
Burgage E.D.		762d.

Passed unanimously.

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

"I give notice that I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that a Committee or a Committee of the whole Council be

set up to inquire into the question of Roads Expenditure under all headings" The attached Report of the County Manager on the Estimates and Report of the County Engineer on Roads and other Engineering Works had been circulated to the members:—

Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

21st February, 1957.

Estimates for Financial Year, 1957/1958.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending on 31st March, 1958, 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 £894,261. Receipts are estimated at £415,333. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £478,928.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were: Gross Expenditure, £876,001; Receipts, £406,815; Net amount to be met from Rates, £469,186.

The total rate required for the coming year if these Estimates were approved would be 34/4 in the £, which would be an increase of 1/2 over that levied in the present year, which is 33/2.

The rates in the £ for the various services, resulting from the Estimates now presented to you, would compare as follows with those for the present year:—

Service	1957/58	1956/57	Inc./Dec.
Roads	10/10.29	10/5.30	4.99 inc.
Health	8/0.24	8/2.15	1.91 dec.
Mental Hospital	2/7.41	2/8.72	1.31 dec.
Public Assistance	0/10.24	1/7.02	8.78 dec.
Sanitary	2/9.25	2/3.60	5.65 inc.
Housing	4/0.06	2/8.87	1/3.19 inc.
General Purposes	5/2.51	5/2.34	.17 inc.

The increase of 1/2 in the £ is due to increased provision for Roads, Sanitary Services and Housing, which are to an extent offset by reductions in the requirements for Public Assistance, Health and Mental Hospitals. The reductions in respect of the last two items, however, are comparatively slight and it will be recollected that last year they showed a steep rise.

The principal item responsible for the increase in the case of Roads is the necessity for making provision for wages adjustments arranged during the course of the present year and subsequent to the adoption of the Estimates; this is necessary if the same volume of work is to be carried out in the coming year as in 1956/57.

The rise in the cost of housing is due altogether to an additional sum included for repairs, whilst loan charges for the many new works (water supply and sewerage schemes) recently carried out and also resultant maintenance charges, account for the increased provision necessary for Sanitary Services.

ROADS.

The Rate Estimate for Roads as already mentioned is 10/10.29, and is an increase of 5d. over the present year, in which it has been 10/5.30.

The volume of road works proposed to be undertaken corresponds to that in the present year, but, in order to achieve this, provision must be made for the outlay entailed by the revision of remuneration agreed to in October, 1956, as otherwise the programme would have to be curtailed and employment be reduced. The cost involved is £3,300, but taking account of the proportion which would be met by State Grants the net sum to be met from rates is £2,640.

Up to the present the Council has not received any definite information as to the Grants which will be available from the Road Fund in the coming year. A circular letter received some days ago from the Department of Local Government states that owing to the effects of petrol rationing and other circumstances it is not possible for them at the moment to indicate the amounts of Road Fund Grants which will be given to County Councils for 1957/58. It is mentioned that in the meantime an interim Road Fund Grant allocation for road improvement schemes for the period ending 30th June, 1957, is being made,

the amount being £13,000 for Wicklow County Council. This information, however, does not seem to be of any help to the Council. It is quite obvious that the allocation mentioned could only apply to the quarter commencing 1st April, 1957, and ending 30th June, 1957, and could not, of course, be used in the present financial year. It could only mean that in the quarter to 30th June, 1957, expenditure on works to be undertaken from Road Fund Grants should be restricted to £13,000. As this apparently will also include the Grant given towards Main Road Upkeep it seems that if this allocation were to be taken as being proportionate to the total Grant for the coming year, the Grants would be much below the level of those received in the past few years. The experience in County Wicklow has been that petrol rationing has had no effect thus far on motor taxation receipts, which for the present quarter in fact are somewhat in excess of those at the corresponding date last year. In the absence of exact details it has been decided to show in the Estimates Grants corresponding in amount to those received in the present year. Some months ago the Department of Local Government stated that it was considered that the expenditure on large scale improvements to Main Roads should be curtailed and that it was proposed to divert the moneys which hitherto had been made available from the Road Fund, which is fed from Motor Taxation, to improvement Schemes for County Roads. As a consequence of this sudden and radical change in policy it will be found that all expenditure (estimated at £82,000) on special Grant works to be met from the Road Fund is shown as undertaken on County Roads. It might here be remarked that whereas local opinion, i.e., that of nearby residents and road users, is that some of the recent large scale improvements of main roads by realignment and removing of corners were unduly costly, long-distance travellers have been found to express keen appreciation of the measures taken. The main roads on which such works were carried out carry exceptionally heavy traffic especially during the summer, and the improvement schemes were determined after examination of accident statistics covering a lengthy period, and after a census of traffic, especially at peak periods, had been taken. At the same time those persons who live beside or have to use County Roads might naturally feel that costly schemes for the easing of traffic conditions on main thoroughfares could await the improvement of the surface of the roads which they have to traverse.

In the present year the programme for improving County Roads originally started in 1949 was continued, and as a result of the adoption of new techniques by the Council's Engineering Staff the rate of reconstruction and improvement has been much accelerated in the past year or two and greater road mileage can now be reached on with the funds available. As from 1949 Grants from the Road Fund were allocated to County Road improvements. Since 1949, it is found that 250 miles of County Roads have been improved by rolling and tarring, which represents 28% of the entire County Road mileage. In the present financial year 62 miles of County Roads were reconstructed, which is much above the average for previous years. At the present date the percentage of County Roads which have dust free surfaces is 37%; from this it will be evident that prior to 1949 very little had been done in improving County Roads. In fact the relative rapidity with which improvements have been carried out in these eight years was only possible because of new techniques and the availability of plant which radically altered the volume of work by reason of much greater output of road material in quarries, the quick transport of such material and the use of modern machinery in all road operations. Apart from the many evident improvements to Main Roads, it is felt that the increased output which has been achieved in recent years in the carrying out of road works will be apparent from the speed at which County Road Improvements have been carried out in the past few years. Here, it should be said, however, that it seems that County Council Road Works are viewed from two different standpoints, one seeking the achieving of maximum output with due efficiency and economy in costs, and the other being almost completely or solely concerned with the giving of maximum employment. It should be evident that these two viewpoints are irreconcilable and that if County Council Road Works be looked on primarily as employment schemes, then it will not be possible at the same time to achieve the aims of maximum output and economy in costs.

In the current year the programme of improving special tourist routes made further progress and another special Grant for the purpose was received. The

reconstruction of the road from Clara Vale to Drumgoff, Glenmalure (5 miles), was completed and about one mile of the road between Rathdangan and Aughavannagh at present is being improved. It is hoped that in the coming year a further Grant may be obtained which would permit of the completion of the remaining stretch of the old Military Road between the Vale of Glenmalure and Aughavannagh. There would then be a road with a good surface from Glencree to Aughavannagh and one with special scenic attractions which should become popular with tourists. This road, moreover, since it would provide an alternative road to Glendalough and other places, will, it is believed, eventually serve to ease traffic congestion on the eastern routes in the County.

The contract for the reconstruction of Laragh Bridge progressed favourably during the year and the work has just been completed. The cost (almost £13,000) involves the Council in loan charges of £650 per year. It has been arranged that 75% of the cost be met by a State Grant.

The Road Estimates also include additional provision for Superannuation arising from the retirement of an Assistant County Engineer and to increased charge resulting from the superannuation of road workers. The total amount involved is approximately £3,000.

HEALTH SERVICES.

It is unusual to record that the Estimate for these Services does not show an increase. For the coming year the rate required is estimated at 8/- as compared with 8/2 in the present year. The reduction, admittedly, is rather small, but for once the upward trend in cost has been halted. The new services were introduced at the beginning of the last financial year, and in fact had to be arranged for subsequent to the adoption of the Annual Estimates, with the consequence that the figures included in last year's Estimates could not be accurately assessed. During the course of the present financial year, however, it was found that economies in public expenditure would be essential and the result has been that the Health Services have not been enlarged to the extent which otherwise might have been anticipated. The actual gross amount required for the coming year is £273,448; Receipts, mainly from State Health Grant, are estimated at £145,519, and the net amount to be provided from rates is £127,929. In the present year, provision had to be made for the extension of the Health Services to persons in the so-called Middle Income Group, i.e., those persons, and their dependants, whose yearly means did not exceed £600, or farmers whose valuation did not exceed £50. For persons in this group, medical care is provided for mothers and infants, free specialist services are available, and hospital treatment at a charge not exceeding 6/- per day, is provided. Already the following classes of persons had been entitled to services: those persons who were regarded as being in the Lower Income Group and consequently were recorded in the Medical Services Register; persons insured under the Social Welfare Acts; and pupils from National Schools in respect of defects found at Schools' Medical Examinations.

The General Medical Services Register, to which reference has been made, has been kept since 1st August, 1954; Maternity Cash Grants have been paid since 1st January, 1954; and allowances to Disabled Persons have been in operation since 1st August, 1954. In addition, institutional and specialist services have been made available to persons insured under the Social Welfare Acts, and Medical Care, with choice of doctor, has been available for mothers and infants since 1st August, 1954. Consequently, there has been a fair experience of the operation of some of the Services, and it is now possible to estimate the trend of costs with greater confidence.

Medical Cards entitling persons to all Services free of cost had been issued at 31st December last in respect of 30.2% of the population; Maternity Cash Grants have been paid in the past two years in respect of 50% to 60% of the number of births recorded in the county.

General Medical Services: There is shown under this heading the cost of the Services provided through the local Dispensaries and clinics by the District Medical Officers (who were formerly known as Dispensary Doctors). The cost is estimated at £27,000, compared with £25,478 for the present year, and the increase is due to the provision which has to be made for Loan Charges on new dispensary buildings, together with a sum required to meet the revision of

remuneration allowed to Medical Officers subsequent to the adoption of the Estimates for 1956.

During the year new dispensaries were completed at Carnew and Rathdrum. In a short time it is expected that the new dispensaries at Aughrim and Balinglass will be ready for use. Plans for a new dispensary at Avoca were completed and tenders sought, but the start of the work is held up for the moment pending the procuring of the necessary loan.

Institutional Services: These are of two types (a) provided by the Council in their own institutions; and (b) afforded in hospitals in Dublin and elsewhere. Sanatoria and tuberculosis hospitals are included in both.

County Institutions: The costs of the County Hospital, the District Hospital at Balinglass and the Tuberculosis Hospital, Rathdrum, correspond to those in the present year. For the Fever Hospital at Wicklow, the sum of £1,250 is included as compared with £6,000 for the current year. For part of the present financial year, the Fever Hospital buildings at Wicklow were used as a County Preventorium. As an economy measure, however, it was decided during the course of the year to discontinue its use as a Preventorium, and in the meantime the buildings have been out of use. The Council recently had under consideration the possibility of using the buildings for accommodating cases of tuberculosis, and the sum of £1,250 which would cover such use for part of the coming year has been included. The cost of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, which is used for the aged and infirm, is shown at £26,000. Last year it was £24,500. The difference of £1,500 is accounted for by the outlay on repairs. In the coming year, it will be necessary to carry out some urgent works, such as repairs to roofs, and this accounts for the additional cost. During the present year St. Kevin's Sanatorium, with accommodation for 38 patients, has been fully occupied at all times. Many representations have been received asking that new cases should be sent to Newcastle Sanatorium, or that cases should be transferred there from St. Kevin's Sanatorium, and it was necessary to make it clear that if the Council were generally to accede to these requests full use could not have been made of St. Kevin's Sanatorium. The Council then would be involved in heavy overhead costs in respect of an institution which was not being used to capacity. Unless for cases requiring special types of treatment (and these would be a comparatively small number) St. Kevin's Sanatorium provides the same facilities as the other institution.

The average number of cases in St. Colman's Hospital for the past year was about 200.

Extern Institutions: These include General Hospitals in Dublin, Dun Laoghaire and Loughlinstown; Maternity Hospitals in Dublin; Newcastle Sanatorium, and other tuberculosis hospitals; Special Homes for Mental Defectives; Deaf and Dumb and other institutions which provide special services. The expenditure on treatment in General Hospitals shows a steep rise, being at £45,500, £5,000 in excess of the amount allowed for the present year. This is due to two causes: (1) increase in charges for maintenance in such hospitals; (2) increasing resort to hospital services. The cost of maintenance in Maternity Hospitals at £9,400 shows an increase of £2,500. It is felt that payments to Dublin Hospitals and Loughlinstown Hospital in respect of maternity cases need not be so high if further use were made of the accommodation available in Balinglass Hospital. In the past year this hospital was used only to the extent of less than 50% of the accommodation available. It is considered that many of the maternity cases which at present are being sent from Arklow to Loughlinstown and Dublin Hospitals should instead be sent to Balinglass Hospital, where first-class facilities are available. It also is open to question if so many cases require to be sent to Dublin Hospitals.

The costs for Special Homes, such as those for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc., show little change, but it will be noted that the estimate for tuberculosis hospitals shows a marked reduction (£5,000). The Council's Tuberculosis Scheme was the subject of a comprehensive report submitted some time ago by Dr. Dunleavy, and in it he mentioned that to-day there was much earlier case-finding, with the result that persons required shorter courses of treatment in institutions. Thus far, however, there has not been any marked falling off in the incidence of the disease, but greater X-ray facilities and especially mass-radiography have led to the finding of cases in the incipient stages, with the result that treatment is both shorter and less costly. The special report on this

Scheme also shows that there has been a dramatic decline in the death rate from tuberculosis in the past nine or ten years, and this it is felt must be attributed to the improved measures for its treatment. At present there is no difficulty in obtaining institutional accommodation for cases—some years ago there were depressingly long waiting lists. In fact, the difficulties nowadays arise from the choice of institution which patients may seek to exercise.

Maternity and Child Health Services: The aim of the services under the heading is to provide medical care and special treatment for (1) mothers and infants (up to six weeks); (2) children until they reach school-going age (say 5 or 6 years) through 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 attendances on maternity cases is estimated for the coming year at £6,000—a reduction of £2,400. It was very difficult to estimate costs last year, as an endeavour had to be made to provide for the Middle Income Group, and there was no previous experience to serve as a guide. Having regard to the amount being paid in the present year and to the experience thus far of the extended service, it is felt that £6,000 may be adequate for the coming year. It should, however, be stressed that this is an instance in which there is still inadequate experience for the purpose of taking out an accurate estimate.

The other items under this heading show little change. The total cost of the Mother and Child Welfare Service for the coming year is estimated at £24,228.

Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases: The costs of these items do not show any marked change from the present year. Included are such items as dispensary and clinical services for tuberculosis, special domiciliary services for T.B. patients, mass-radiography and B.C.G. Services, and Maintenance Allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases (T.B. patients). The total cost is estimated at £15,773.

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services: Here the cost shows a reduction of £1,230. It will be remembered last year it was arranged for an additional dentist to be employed mainly in connection with the Schools Medical Service. The position, however, was not filled after the person originally appointed took up a post elsewhere. At present the Council employs one whole-time dentist, who is altogether engaged on schools' work, and four part-time dentists, engaged on a sessional basis at various centres throughout the county.

Specialists' Services: The cost of £6,400 shows an increase of approximately £1,500. Up to the present, apart from X-ray and arrangements for orthopaedy and physiotherapy, the Council lacked special arrangements for other specialist services. Arrangements, however, are at present being made in conjunction with some other local authorities for the provision of special examinations and treatments at clinics in the voluntary hospitals in Dublin.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons: Again substantial additional expense is expected under this heading. Each year the Estimate has been found not to be adequate, but it is hoped that the costs may be stabilised during the coming year at £12,050. The number of recipients at the present time is 238.

Boarding-out, etc., of Children: This item, cost £6,094, does not show any change from the present year.

Ambulance Service and Transport of Patients: This includes both the cost of operating the Council's own ambulance service and the expense of hiring ambulances, cars for special cases, and travel by public conveyances. The cost at £5,000 is £151 in excess of that for the present year.

Supervision of Food and Drink: Under this is included the remuneration of Health Inspectors and Sanitary Sub-Officers. It is almost the same as the present year.

Other Health Expenses: The remaining items under the Health Services' Estimate do not show any marked change from those of the present year, except for an increase of £900 in respect of retiring allowances and gratuities. This is mainly due to the increases in pensions granted to persons, who were superannuated in former years, under the Pensions Increase Act, 1956.

Receipts: Of the total receipts of £145,519, the State Health Grant amounts to £131,699. There is an increase of £2,000 in receipts by way of contributions from patients towards institutional services, and this is due to the special contribution which may have to be made by persons in the Middle Income Group (£2-2-0 per week), but in such cases the Council nowadays would have to meet the balance of the cost.

MENTAL HOSPITAL.

For the coming year the Demand for Grangegorman Mental Hospital is £66,710; in the present year it was £71,849, and consequently there is a reduction of £5,139.

The amount to be found from Rates, however, is affected by the Health Grant, which will be available, and the existence of balances. There was found to be a debit balance in respect of the coming year and as a result the net reduction is £1,289, which equals about 1d. in the £. The rate for this service for 1956/57 was 2/8; for the coming year it will be 2/7.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

As indicated in previous reports, the services nowadays provided under this heading are of a welfare character, i.e., social benefits not necessarily associated with health conditions. The requirements for the coming year show a reduction of £3,787. In the past five or six years there has been a gradual reduction in the cost of this service, but this is to a great extent due to the provision of alternative types of benefit. A great number of persons are now in employment of an insurable character. The new Health Services also have affected the position. Persons who formerly might have had to receive Public Assistance now are entitled to social welfare and health services benefits. The granting, for example, of allowances under the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations and of special Disability Allowances has led to a falling off in expenditure for Public Assistance. It will be found, however, that the outlay on Disability Allowances is increasing each year and in the coming year will be up by £2,000. Mention previously had been made of the marked tendency to seek admission of old persons to County Institutions; formerly many of these had been maintained at home and had been assisted by allowances from the Local Authority.

The cost of the Scheme for providing footwear for children (£1,550) of families with low incomes remains unchanged.

The cost of burials at £450 is also unaltered.

The Fuel Schemes, under which fuel is provided free of charge to families in Urban areas who may be receiving Home Assistance, is again expected to cost £450.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Under this heading the total expenditure is estimated at £35,069, and the receipts at £4,954. The cost is £30,115 as compared with £28,274 in the present year. The rate required for these Services is 2/9.25d.; it was 2/3.6d. in 1956/57. There is an increase of 5½d.

The increase in the cost of these Services is in great part due to additional loan charges, but in addition, a substantial debit balance from the present year, due to additional outlay on water supplies and sewerage schemes which had to be voted during the present year, has to be met. The continuous provision of new amenity services, such as public lighting, water supplies, sewerage and public pumps, is bound to be reflected in the rate under this heading.

Public Lighting: There is an increase in cost of £300, i.e., from £3,300 to £3,600. £200 of this represents an increase in electricity supply charges which came into operation from 1st October, 1956. The balance is due to the provision of new lighting.

During the past year additional lighting was installed at Grangecon, Stratford-on-Slaney, Ballybawn (Enniskerry), Ballygannon (Rathdrum), Grattan Park (Greystones), Boghall Road (Bray), Kilmagig (Avoca), and Aughrim. These new services cost in all over £500, and as provision had not been made in the Estimates for most of them they partly account for the debit balance to which reference has been made.

At present in 46 towns, villages and hamlets, public lighting from electricity is available. In addition, public lighting by means of petrol lamps is provided at three further places to which electricity has not yet been extended, viz., Knockananna, Donard and Castleruddery. The possibility of providing public lighting by electricity in these latter places, however, is at present being examined. In the majority of the places recently provided with public lighting it is charged for per unit consumed. In many cases this proves more expensive than in villages and towns connected to the main transmission lines, where the public lighting is provided on the basis of a fixed figure per lamp per annum. Of the 46 districts provided with public lighting 27 are supplied from the rural network, and 19 from the main lines.

Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes: The outlay on maintenance of water supplies and sewerage schemes (including public sanitary conveniences) shows an increase of £500, i.e., from £6,450 to £6,950. The loan charges for these purposes will also be up by £2,000 and will amount in the coming year to £15,178. This increase in maintenance and loan charges is due to the new schemes carried out in recent years. During 1956 the following schemes were completed:—

Scheme	Capital Cost
Enniskerry Water Supply	£26,400
Baltinglass—Improvements to Water Supply	4,800
Roundwood—Improvements to Water Supply	1,980
Redford—Improvements to Water Supply	1,150
Three Trout Bridge (Kilcoole)—Extension of Watermain	850

The provision of a sewerage scheme for Aughrim at present is in progress; the estimated cost of it is about £19,500, and it will involve loan charges in the coming year.

Thus far 38 towns and villages in the County Health District have been provided with piped water supplies, and sewerage disposal systems have been provided in 21 towns and villages.

Up to the present 115 pumps and wells have been provided in rural areas. The total capital cost which was defrayed from loans and which must result in increasing annual loan charges for the coming year is £30,520. The scheme was started about 7 years ago, and when first being contemplated was very much below the figure of 115 which since have been provided. Notwithstanding this, however, it is found at present that there are 45 pumps shown as remaining to be provided on the Priority List which is kept by the Council, and to which additions are continuously being made. A supplemental loan of £5,000 has been applied for but it is not definite that this sum immediately can be made available. In passing it should be mentioned that the standard by which the necessity for a public pump is determined has been subject to much variation since the scheme was first undertaken some years past with the Council's own equipment. At the outset the provision of pumps was only approved where about 8 or 10 rural houses in a group were found to be in need of an improved water supply. In recent years, however, pumps have been provided for as low a number as 3 or 4 houses. These houses invariably have been Council cottages. It is this alteration in standards which has resulted in the continued demand for the provision of public pumps. At this time last year there was a waiting list of 51, and in the past 12 months 23 new pumps were provided. But, notwithstanding this, as already mentioned, the waiting list now stands at 45.

Open Spaces and Amenity Schemes: The Council has been fortunate in receiving assistance from An Bord Fáilte for the provision of public amenities. In the current year a Grant was made available for a new Car Park and Shelter on a site above the Waterfall at Glenmacnass and adjoining the new road from Sallygap to Laragh.

There have been further discussions with the Board regarding Amenity Schemes, and further grants have been asked for improvement works which might be undertaken over an extended period.

For some years past the proposal to improve the Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones was under consideration, but it seemed at one stage that the proposal might have had to be abandoned owing to legal difficulties. However, it now seems that these legal difficulties may be overcome and the Minister for Local Government has recently made an Order giving additional powers to the

County Council for the purpose of carrying out this work with the aid of a special Grant from An Bord Fáilte. Some of the other items which have been under consideration and for which Grants have been requested are: the provision of Passing Bays on the road around the Lake at Blessington; Car Park at end of Glenmalure Valley; Shelter with seating accommodation at Blessington; Car Park at Clara Vale; provision of access to the sea at Brittas.

HOUSING.

For housing, the gross estimate is £114,714. Receipts are estimated at £69,400, and the net requirement is £45,314, which is £11,650 in excess of the sum allowed in the present year. The increase is almost completely due to additional provision for housing repairs.

Loan Charges: The loan charges at £65,480 show an increase of over £3,000, but in the coming year will almost be completely offset by additional rents from new houses.

Repairs: Last year when submitting the Estimates an amount of £13,950 was included for repairs. This sum was made up of £2,950, being loan charges on a special loan raised for defraying the cost of repairs on houses for which applications to purchase under the Cottage Purchase Scheme had been received, and the balance of £11,000 was for normal housing repairs. When the Estimates were being determined, the amount, however, was reduced to £7,950, thereby leaving only £5,000 for ordinary repairs. The latter sum has been found to be altogether inadequate and it has been necessary for the Council to vote an additional sum of almost £2,000 in order that urgent repairs to cottages not coming under the Cottage Purchase Scheme arrangements can be carried out. The loan for repairs to Cottage Purchase Scheme houses was £20,000 and is now exhausted. The greater part of this loan has been spent in the year 1956. The number of houses repaired with the aid of this loan was 339 and the average cost was £59. This, it will be evident, only covers a comparatively small proportion of the total number of houses occupied by tenants seeking to avail of Cottage Purchase facilities, and if this experience be taken as a guide to future outlay, it would seem that up to £150,000 might be required in order to complete repairs arising under Cottage Purchase if all tenants were to avail of the Scheme. A short time ago the Council had under consideration the seeking of a further loan for Cottage Purchase repairs and it was decided to defer the matter to the Estimates meeting. It would appear, however, that under present circumstances there might be some difficulty in procuring such a loan.

If the houses owned by the Council are to receive adequate maintenance in the coming years, then it is felt that there should be a change in outlook on this problem. In 1954, when the Estimates were under consideration, a special report on the difficulties arising in connection with housing repairs was submitted to the Council, and it was emphasised that the real difficulty in connection with housing maintenance is that the rents have remained unaltered except in a comparatively small number of instances in which Graded Rents have been applied to new lettings. Maintenance costs have increased to a very considerable extent since most of the rents of Council cottages were first determined; likewise there have been pronounced changes in money values and in incomes. Rents which were fixed 20 to 30 years ago have in most cases never been adjusted in any way to meet the necessary cost of housing maintenance. It is evident that if the Council proceed with the scheme for defraying by loan repairs costs which may arise from Cottage Purchase arrangements, the outlay on loan charges will be very heavy for many years to come. Moreover, if inadequate provision be made for maintenance there is the danger of serious and continuous deterioration in the condition of the houses with the result that at some time in the future an enormous outlay on repairs will have to be met.

Cottage Purchase Schemes: The total number of cottages vested to-date is 394, being approximately 12% of the total number of Council houses. The total number of cottages which have been certified by the Engineering Staff as being fit for vesting up to the present date is 532.

Reconstruction Grants: These grants were again availed of to an increasing extent in the past year and they have helped towards the provision of extensions and the carrying out of much needed repairs to dwellings in rural areas. The number of grants which have been allocated up to the present is 167. The total outlay involved has been defrayed by a 10 year loan for £8,000. An additional

loan of £2,000 recently has been sought so as to enable the Council to make further grants. In addition to reconstruction grants, the Council also has paid 8 grants to persons building new houses; these are persons with limited incomes as defined in the Housing Acts.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: The loan charges for this purpose are again estimated at £6,600 (there were no new loans approved for some time past) and the amount will be offset in full by repayments by borrowers. The total number of loans which have been advanced up to the present date is 94 and the total indebtedness is £107,326.

Housing Programme: In the present financial year a scheme of 20 houses was completed at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, and, in addition, 24 on sites acquired by agreement were also completed. The present scheme of 6 houses at Aughrim is nearing completion. The following further schemes have been approved by the Council: Blessington—6 houses, Avoca—6 houses, Laragh—10 houses, Kilcoole—8 houses.

The total number of houses provided up to date by the Council is 3,289, and from the evidence available it seems that when the schemes at present contemplated have been completed the housing demand should be met. In the past year it again was found that when some cottages in isolated or remote districts became vacant, there was some difficulty in letting them. In some instances they had to be advertised on two or three occasions before a letting could be arranged. This tendency shows that new cottages on agreed sites which may be at some distance from towns and villages should only be erected after very careful consideration and that in all future schemes the grouping of cottages should be pursued whilst this availability of services and amenities should also be regarded as essential requirements for sites.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Under this heading are shown the costs of the Committee of Agriculture, Public Libraries, Secondary and University Scholarships, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare Scheme, Drainage Schemes, Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Schemes, Electoral and Jurors' Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatory Schools, Weights and Measures, Conveyance of Prisoners, Diseases of Animals Acts (Sheep Dipping, Bovine T.B., etc.), Courthouse and other expenses which might be taken as illustrating the great variety of Services which a County Council nowadays has to administer.

The net charges after deducting receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-Large, including Urban Districts, £18,472; chargeable to County Health District, £50,173. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were £18,659 and £49,407. It will be seen, therefore, that there is not a wide variation between the amounts required for the coming year, and the levy in the present year. The rate in the present year is 5/2.34d., and for the coming year the Estimate is 5/2.51d. It should, however, here be pointed out that provision has been made in this Estimate for the additional cost which would arise from the proposed re-organisation of the Veterinary Services. This would have involved an appreciable rate increase if it were not that Receipts are up through an increase in the Bounty in lieu of Rates. The rise in this receipt derives from the Bounty in lieu of Rates paid by the State on additional land taken over for Forestry. Such land is not rateable when taken over by the State, but an amount almost equivalent to the rates is paid to the Council. Much of this land had been unproductive in previous years, and in many instances the Council had had to record Mortgages in respect of unpaid rates. Details are given hereunder of any major changes in costs.

Veterinary Inspectors—Diseases of Animals Acts, etc.: It will be found that under the heading of Milk and Dairies and Slaughter of Animals Acts, the cost shows an increase of £1,530 from £400 in the present year to £1,930. Again, under the heading of Diseases of Animals Acts, there is an increase of £170. This is the additional cost which would arise from the Veterinary Services Re-organisation Scheme. Some time ago it was suggested by the Department of Agriculture to the Council that in the interests of public health the arrangements for inspection of meat and milk should be improved. In order to achieve this improvement they considered it would be necessary to appoint an additional Veterinary Inspector for the County with consequential re-arrangement of the existing districts. At present there are five part-time Veterinary Inspectors

(exclusive of Bray Urban District) employed by the County Council, and the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow. The Council, however, did not agree that an additional Veterinary Inspector would be necessary, and then the Department asked that the districts might be re-arranged and the remuneration of the officers, who would be appointed on a permanent basis, be revised. At present all veterinary inspectors are employed on a temporary basis. It should be mentioned here that the Urban District Councils who would have to bear part of the additional costs have already been consulted, and they indicated that they could not see their way to meet it. Consequently, it seems that if the revised Scheme be brought into operation, the County Council would have to bear the entire cost. The Departments of Agriculture and Health were asked if they would be prepared to make any grant available towards the increased cost, but stated they could not do so.

Interest on Overdraft: The Estimate is £6,000, which is £500 in excess of the provision for the present year. As mentioned on previous occasions there is no avoiding this charge, having regard to the very heavy outlay of the Council at the present time—the gross annual expenditure of the Council is now almost £900,000. There is still a time lag between the spending of large sums on road works and health services, and the receipt of State Grants. In addition, whilst the Council is solvent at the end of the financial year, it would nowadays require that there would be large credits available if the outlay in the first four or five months of the year were to be met before revenue became available. In the absence of such credits there must be resort to temporary borrowing on overdraft.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Vocational Education Committee: The cost of Vocational Education is levied by means of a Separate Charge as Bray Urban District Council has its own Scheme. The demand again shows a rise in the coming year, and at £12,647 is £1,500 greater than in 1956/57. The rate for Vocational Education in the coming year will be 12.176d. in the £, which is an increase of .482d. over that for the present year.

Present Costs and Effect on Future Programme of Works: In the present financial year it has frequently been urged that there should be economy in public expenditure. There has been a measure of stability in the costs of some materials, aside from those on which special import levies were imposed some time ago. But unless further revision of remuneration can be avoided, and, in addition, there is a decline in the insistent demands for new services, it manifestly would be impossible to curtail or stabilise public expenditure and the rate levy. The Estimates now submitted to you have, however, been affected by the altered conditions of recent months. For example, further expansion of the Health Services has been stayed for the time being, and in consequence the cost of these Services do not show the steep rise which had been a feature of local administration in the past few years.

It has been notable that in recent months there has been delay and difficulty in arranging for borrowing for public works. Capital expenditure has been on an unprecedented scale for the past ten years, and it scarcely could be continued indefinitely on such a scale unless there were a remarkable rise in the volume of money seeking sources of investment. It seems that the Council, in consequence, may have to defer for a period some of the capital works, especially Sanitary Services Schemes (water supplies and sewerage) which it had been intended to carry out. It is some years now since I first indicated to the Council in submitting the Annual Estimates that rapidly increasing outlay on Health measures and Social Services could mean that at a later date economies in public expenditure might have to be sought to the detriment of needed amenity services.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked and any further details required will be furnished when they are being considered at the Annual Estimates Meeting on the 25th instant.

To you, Mr. Chairman and to the members of the Council, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the consideration and valued assistance given to me in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY, Wicklow County Manager.

Wicklow County Council.

Report of County Engineer on Roads and Other Engineering Works.

To : County Secretary.

20th February, 1957.

A Dhuine Uasal,

I have already submitted to you my proposals for Maintenance, Reconstruction and Improvement Works on roads in the county during the year ending March 31st, 1958. It is the nineteenth Annual Road Works Scheme which as County Engineer I have had the honour to prepare and present for the consideration of the Council. May I record my appreciation of the care and co-operation which the members of the County Council have always given to my proposals each year and the keen sense of responsibility with which they have always been accepted.

I feel, however, that a statement is due from me, acting in the interest of the Council, setting out in some detail a picture of the Engineering Organisation involved in and the works carried out on Roads, Buildings and Drainage in the County during the years between 1953 and 1957; the difficulties encountered by the Council and their staffs in carrying out such works may not be readily understood, and it is also necessary that the public should be shown that the moneys provided for those Engineering works are carefully spent and that there is a reasonable return both in quality and quantity within the limits of restricted finance.

In the past ten years the Council and their staff have devoted much application to works on Roads, Housing Drainage and other Public undertakings and every effort has been made to give the fullest possible measure of employment whilst pursuing our activities with due economy and care.

At the same time I feel compelled to warn against the tendency to assume that the relief of unemployment, per se, is the necessary and overriding factor in the activities of the Council, or that our Engineering Works in general or Road Works in particular are primarily designed to absorb and maintain large numbers of workers who are not otherwise employed. This tendency can have disturbing consequences. Economy and efficiency in works cannot always then be achieved and it may lead to disappointment and recriminations in the minds of persons who may have been given the misleading impression that it is the Council's function to provide them with employment, and who also as a consequence may not seek alternative positions elsewhere.

The necessity in our Engineering Works to be ever intent on the employment situation and at the same time to carry out schemes expeditiously and economically makes for an almost impossible situation.

The completion of works within a reasonable time and the efficiency which results from the use of up-to-date machinery and roadmaking plant cannot be obtained if Road Works are regarded only as Employment Schemes. Greater production is to-day being urged on every side but in Road Works or any other Engineering Works this can only be done provided modern plant of the type which would be used in any other similar engineering undertaking be used. No reasonable observer of the works which have been carried out on roads in this county in recent times could fail to recognise the greater efficiency and rapidity with which materials are produced, transported and laid on roads, together with the extensive variety of surfacings, gradings, cuttings and realignments which have been completed.

Works of reconstruction and improvement cannot be competently or economically carried out if restricted conditions in regard to employment are to be imposed, or if up-to-date and specially designed plant cannot be used.

Given the same amount of Funds (but allowing for any increase in wages and cost of materials) and the same Special Government Road Grants, and with the continuance of our machinery output and by the use of revised and more rapid machinery operations on county roads and proceeding at our

present rate, I am confident that almost every road in this county (with the exception perhaps of some of the less important cul-de-sacs and "lanes") will be reshaped, drained and consolidated by rolling and tar-surfaced within six years from March 31st next.

We now have quarries capable of turning out about 90,000 cubic yards of good type stone and chippings per annum. In addition, we can take about 70,000 cubic yards of sand/gravel from sandpits. In this connection I may bring to your notice that I have undertaken a type of road-making by the use of a suitable gravel/sand surfacing in varying thicknesses, depending on the original condition of the route, and which is then tar surfaced in the usual way—a reduction in cost from about £3,000 per mile to about £1,600 has been effected. There have been about 30 miles of this type of road done during the present year. It is a suitable method for the more important county roads which are capable of carrying lighter traffic than that which would be required to be borne on our main roads.

Recently, also, I have undertaken the improvement of clay-stone county roads by the "Re-thread" method, which involves the use of a mechanical grader to excavate, "root up," grade, level, shape, and roll to consolidation the existing old surface where it already contains sufficient amount of stone in satisfactory quantities. Already this method had given such good results as to influence me to proceed further in dealing with suitable county roads of this type on those lines: the cost of providing a fairly satisfactory travelling surface would be probably in the region of £800 to £900 per mile.

At this date the position regarding the state of roads is as follows:—

Total Mileage, Main Roads in County	260
Total Mileage, County Roads in County	892

In 1954 the "Dust Free" Mileage was:—

Main, 256
County, 230

In 1957 the "Dust Free" Mileage is:—

Main, 258
County, 328

This record shows that 98 miles of county roads not previously reconstructed have been improved and brought up to a reasonable standard in 3 years: this work was in addition to the maintenance and improvement of other roads which proceeded at the same time. The rate of progress, of course, in the more recent 4 to 5 years has almost doubled, and it is now interesting to consider the work done on roads generally and under all headings, such as Reconstruction, Tarsurfacing, Tarmacadam, Realignment, etc., in the current financial year, viz. :—

(a) **Reconstruction** : Road, Derrybawn to Glenmalure—5 miles. Ashford towards Rathmore, Tarmac—1½ miles. Bray Urban, Strand Road—Concrete. Corner at Courtfoyle, Kiltimon—Alignment. Kilmurray (Alignment), Kilmacanogue. Kilpedder Village—part easement corner.

(b) **Tar Surface Dressing** : at Dargle, Kilmurray, Bray Urban, Windgates, Blacklion, Tinnehinch, Kilmacanogue, Calary, Sallygap, Glasnamullen, Ballyduff, Trinity, Knockfodda, Diamond Hill, Raheen, Annamoe, Glendalough, part Rathnew, Glenealy.

(c) **Reconstruction** : Road 19, Glencormac; Killoughter Cottage Road, Killincarrig; No. 9, Kilmolin; No. 13, Crone; Glenealy, Woodstock, Ballyronan, Altidore, Ballinastoe, 103, Kilpoole.

(d) **Tar Surface Dressing** : Windgates, Redford, Delgany, Glen of the Downs, Kilgarron, Enniskerry, Kilmolin, Kilcrone, Knockraheen, Garryduff, Ballylusk, Ballinalea, Ballyknockan, Tinnapark, Willowgrove, Delgany, Prettybush, Newtown, Ballyduff, Monaline.

(e) **Widening and Alignment:** Arklow—Kish Road, Aughrim—Coate's Bridge.

Tar Surfacing: Woodenbridge, Coate's Bridge, Garryduff, Carrigmore, Coolboy, Blainroe, Cullen Lane, Ballykeppogue, Greenane, Ballinatone, Balleeshal.

Tarmac: Arklow—Templeraíney, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Reconstruction: Roads at Kilmacurragh, Roscath, Cullen Lane, Castletimon, Redcross towards Sallymount, Arklow Rock, Ballycoogue, Woodenbridge, Castlemacadam, Avondale, Ballinderry, Barniskey, Ballyteigue, Ballygobban, Ballintekin, Greenane, Newbawn, Templelyon, Annacurra, Acton's Hill.

(f) **Improvements:** at Corners at Ballymanogue, Lugduff, Ballyshonogue, Cronehorn, Cronlea, Boley, Ballyrahan.

Tar Surface Dressing: Kilpipe, Annacurra, Ballyraheen, Hillbrook, Killaveney, Knocklow, Ballinglen, Mullans, Lugduff, Cronehorn, Glenashouk, Tomnafinchogue.

Reconstruction: at Ballyraheen, Boley Bridge, Cronelea.

Surfacing: Tomacork, Ballingate, Paulbeg, Rathmeigue, Barnemelia, Ballygobban, Coolalug, Mullinacuffe, Kilquiggan, Ballyconnell, Parkbridge, Reddenagh.

(g) **Reconstruction:** Footpath ($\frac{3}{5}$ mile), Tarmac ($6\frac{1}{4}$ miles), Spall and Tar ($2\frac{1}{4}$ miles), Grout ($6\frac{1}{4}$ miles), Gravel ($1\frac{1}{4}$ miles).

Roads at Ballintruer, Saundersgrove, Ballycore, Boherboy, Mullycagh, Blessington to Co. Kildare, Burgage, Barraderry, Holdenstown, Donard Village, Coonmore, Lemonstown, Athgarvan, Part Dunlavin, Red Lane, Kiltegan, Rathmoon, Cornaan, Knockenarrigan, Ballyhook, Lockstown, Vallemount, Hempstown, Baltinglass East, Griffonstown, Knockadort (Dunlavin), Barronstown, Irongrange.

The above Table shows that the work carried out on Roads in miles is:—

- (a) Reconstructed, 62 miles.
- (b) Tar Surface Dressing on roads already rolled— $63\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
- (c) Number of works on bridges, corners, alignments, paths, etc.—22 miles.

For the coming year 1957/58, it is proposed to carry out the following:—

- (a) Reconstruction.
- (b) Tar Surface Dressing.
- (c) Other Works.

In presenting my 1957/58 proposals in the absence of definite information from the Department, I have had to assume:—

(a) that Government Grants on Roads will be at least the same in total amount (£82,000) as in 1956/57 (not counting on any "supplemental" grants, which were not given this year).

(b) that the full amount of such grants will be expended on county roads.

It is desirable to examine the Record of the amount of Funds made available for roads from both Rates and Government Grants since 1952/53:—

ROADS SCHEMES AND WORKS, 1952/53—1956/57.

	Provided from rates			Provided by grants			Grand Total of monies available
	Main Roads	County Roads	Total	Main (Main-tenance)	Main (Improvement)	County (Improvement)	
1952/53	38,825	63,610	102,435	25,883	29,600	31,800	189,718
1953/54	42,662	70,080	112,742	28,441	37,500	38,500	217,183
1954/55	43,992	72,182	116,174	29,244	54,500	49,700	249,618
1955/56	43,942	72,182	116,124	29,294	37,350	59,650	242,418
1956/57	47,043	77,349	124,392	31,361	26,700	55,300	237,753
1957/58 Proposed	48,032	78,999	127,031	32,022		82,000 (assumed)	241,053

NOTE: Wages increase 20%—Materials about 15%—Funds increase only 25%.

This statement shows that:—

- (1) The gross total all-in amount made available for roads was progressively reduced since 1954/55.
- (2) Although the Rate of Wages increased by about 20 per cent. and materials by 15 per cent., the additional Funds increased by only 25 per cent.
- (3) Any increase in Funds from Rates were almost offset by increases in wages and materials.
- (4) Between 1954 and 1956, although wages rose from 94/6 to 106/-, the amount raised in rates was the same—£116,124.

It will be appreciated by outside observation of works on our Road System that with improved modern methods more miles of roads are being improved at less cost and the average number employed is not very materially altered.

This year, 1957/58, I am asking for an increase over 1956/57 to cover increase in wages, viz. £3,300, which means £1,650 on county and £1,650 on main (40% of which would be refunded from Central Funds). The following Table shows the position regarding various grants allocated to County Wicklow at 20/2/57.

	1955/56	1956/57	Variation
Special Road Grants	£82,000	£82,000	Nil
Supplemental do.	£15,000	Nil	— £15,000 (minus)
L.A.W. (1st Allocation)	£21,000	£16,000	— £5,000 (minus)
Supplemental L.A.W.	£5,000	£6,000	+ £1,000 (plus)
E.S.V. Schemes	Nil	£1,200	+ £1,200 (plus)
		(subject to Local Contributions)	
	£123,000		£17,800 NETT (not received)

According to letter dated 11/2/57 from Department, it is stated, inter alia, that "it is not possible to indicate at present the amount of the Road Fund Grants for 1957/58"—but "in order to avoid as far as possible the disemployment of road workers" an interim grant of £13,000 is allocated "FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30th JUNE, 1957." It is not clear how this amount could be expected to assist in maintaining our present staff fully employed up to 30th June next—4 months and in any event the policy of withdrawing funds from next year's (presumed) Grants and using them up during the present year is undesirable and means that we would enter next financial year with a reduced amount available. Anyway the amount, £13,000, would be expended in 3 or 4 weeks and the situation would be then as now. Dividing £13,000 by four gives a distribution of only £3,200 or so to each Engineering area.

The next Table shows the number of men employed on Roads, L.A.W. Schemes, Plant (lorries, sprayers, tractors, crushers, etc.) during each month in the following Financial Years:

	1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57
April	547	406	626	545	441
May	736	574	699	560	493
June	785	635	606	612	609
July	717	715	615	637	531
August	556	760	520	487	535
September	496	690	560	431	500
October	411	597	534	474	523
November	437	553	670	524	473
December	662	651	528	604	533
January	470	719	572	500	538
February	460	742	585	481	
March	483	543	440	473	
TOTALS:	6,760	7,585	6,955	6,328	5,175
Average	563	632	580	527	517

In my General Statement setting out the proposed allocation of Road Funds to each area, I refer to "Loans." Annual Charges for those amount to (and are included in the Estimates, of course) £6,764—and this sum is divided between:—

- Main Roads (£2,062)—Ashford Bridge and Laragh Bridge, and
- County Roads (£4,702)—Carnew, Umrigar, Coollattin, Tinahely, Aughrim, Moneymeen, Dunlavin, Tuckmill, Whitestown, Glen Imaal, Pollaphuca, Valleymount, Tourboy and Kilcarney Bridges, Silver Strand Road.

It is desirable to note the amount of those annual loan charges in the event of any further commitments.

The Record of the amount of Tar and Bitumen used on roads in each year is interesting:—

	1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57
Tar (Tons)	1,392	2,740	2,746	2,780	2,200
Bitumen (Tons)	78	138	135	140	200

The amount of Tarmacadam used in the county amounted to:—

Tons	1,600	2,480	5,950	7,200	5,780
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The Five Year Plan for County Roads:— (as approved November, 1955)

There still remains to be done (approximately):—
 Northern Area: 22½ miles—of which it is proposed to do 12 miles in 1957/58.
 South Eastern Area: 43½ miles—of which it is proposed to do 20 miles in 1957/58.
 Southern Area: 20 miles—of which it is proposed to do 11 miles in 1957/58.
 Western Area: 24½ miles—of which it is proposed to do 20 miles in 1957/58.

The amounts provided from Local Authorities (Works) Act for each year since 1952/53 to date is:

1952/53	£27,500
1953/54	£19,000
1954/55	£21,000
1955/56	£26,000
1956/57	£22,000

Total mileage of Main and County Roads in 4 counties adjacent to and compared with County Wicklow:—

	Main	County	Total
Wexford	328	1,659	1,987
Wicklow	260	890	1,150
Kildare	277	858	1,135
Dublin	272	487	759
Carlow	132	510	632

PUBLIC HEALTH

I now turn to a Review of the works carried out under this heading, viz., Cottage Repairs, Building Cottages, Wells, Sewerage and Water Supply Schemes.

The Schemes in progress during the year included:—

1. Aughrim Sewerage (Contract, £16,056)—in progress.
2. Kilmolin (Enniskerry Water Supply—Contract, £22,000)—completed.
3. Redford Water Supply—completed—D.L.
4. Three Trout Bridge Water Supply—completed—D.L.
5. Aughrim, Six Houses—in progress—D.L.
6. Kilgarron, 20 Houses—completed—D.L.
7. Carnew, Rathdrum, Aughrim, Baltinglass Dispensaries (Total Contract, £9,705)—completed.

8. Reinforced Concrete Tank at Kilgarron (D.L.)—completed.
9. Pumps and Wells—D.L. £29,420—120 pumps completed.
10. The 1952 Cottage Scheme (22 houses)—now completed.
11. Roundwood Water Supply (D.L.).
12. Total number of cottages repaired (including Cottages for Purchase) :—

1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57
439	519	627	648	563

13. Amounts allowed for expenditure on Cottage Repairs in each year :—

	1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57
Revenue	£80,000	£10,500	£15,000	£12,000	£5,000
Loan (C.P.S.)	£20,000				

Table to show average number of men employed on Public Health works carried out by Direct Labour in each of the following years :—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
1952/53	179	175	175	174	154	156	146	131	131	134	120	120	150
1953/54	94	76	78	74	74	80	81	84	80	80	83	83	81
1954/55	83	80	84	72	66	68	69	67	67	69	63	61	71
1955/56	61	66	66	60	62	69	73	74	74	84	94	95	73
1956/57	90	80	80	73	75	74	75	73	67	63	63	20	70

The following Public Health Schemes either have been prepared or are in immediate process of investigation :—

1. Laragh (New) Water Supply.
2. Laragh Village Scheme (10 Houses).
3. Blessington (6 Houses).
4. Kilmagig (Avoca) (6 Houses).
5. Kilcoole Housing (8 Houses).
6. County Home, Fire Escape and Reconstruction.

(Note: Building of new Boiler House, 60 foot chimney stack and erection of boiler in progress by Direct Labour).

The above Report gives a fairly comprehensive outline of all the many and varied works upon which the Engineering Staff has been engaged. Our sole interest is to endeavour to assist in the improvement and development of the County of Wicklow so that it will be second to none in its amenities in regard to traffic routes and communications, housing and public health. The members of the Council and the workers and the public generally must appreciate that we cannot "please all the people all the time" but the results to date, as nobody can deny, will at least be recognised as a fairly reasonable effort to meet the interests of all concerned.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., M.Inst.Mun.E.,

County Engineer.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

(Provisional) Road Works Scheme, 1957/58.

Proposed Allocation to Each of the Four Engineering Districts.

MAIN ROADS

	North	S/East	South	West	Totals
Mileage	113.40	50.00	39.42	61.00	263.82
Maintenance :					
Repairs	£9,400	£4,600	£3,700	£6,650	£24,350
Other Work	£23,578	£11,072	£11,550	£11,504	£55,704
Special Grants	£32,978	£15,672	£13,250	£18,154	£80,054
	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL (Main Roads)	£32,978	£15,672	£13,250	£18,154	£80,054

COUNTY ROADS

	North	S/East	South	West	Totals
Mileage	162.80	279.00	195.06	256.25	893.11
Maintenance :					
Repairs	£9,050	£12,850	£8,650	£9,800	£40,350
Other Work	£11,141	£9,348	£8,830	£9,330	£38,649
Special Grants (anticipated)	£20,191	£22,198	£17,480	£19,130	£78,999
	£22,050	£20,250	£18,130	£21,570	£82,000
TOTAL (County Roads)	£42,241	£42,448	£35,610	£40,700	£160,999
TOTAL (Main and County Roads)	£75,219	£58,120	£48,860	£58,854	£241,053

SOURCE OF FUNDS

	Main	County	Totals
Maintenance :			
Rates	£48,033	£78,999	£127,032
40% Grant	£32,021	Nil	£32,021
Special Grants	£80,054	£78,999	£159,053
	Nil	£82,000	£82,000
Loans	£80,054	£160,999	£241,053
Contingencies	£2,062	£4,702	£6,764
	£750	£750	£1,500
TOTALS	£82,866	£166,451	£249,317

February 19th, 1957.

J. T. O'BYRNE, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., F.R.SAN.I.,

County Engineer.

Particulars of the Estimates as adopted by the Council are set out hereunder:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st day of March, 1958.

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works :	£	£	£	£
Maintenance and reconstruction	80,054	78,404	78,999	77,349
Loan Charges	2,062	2,062	4,702	4,702
Contingencies	750	750	750	750
Special Grant Works :				
Road Fund			82,000	82,000
Other Purposes :				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	3,152	3,152	4,214	4,214
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			1,888	1,888
Retiring Allowance—Ex County Surveyor	540	540	2,005	2,005
Superannuation—Employees	2,255	1,855	1,364	864
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
	£90,473	88,423	£180,982	£178,832

ROADS—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
Road Fund :	£	£	£	£
Maintenance Grant	32,021	31,361	82,000	82,000
Special Grant				
Other Receipts :				
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	2,530
Proportion of Salaries and Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	2,051	2,051	3,057	3,057
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	160	160
Weighbridge Receipts	60	60		
Railway Overbridges	75	75		
Contributions from Established Servants (Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948)	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
	£35,747	£35,087	£89,537	£90,567

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the local Financial Year
ending on 31st day of March, 1958.

HEALTH

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
General Medical Services :	£	£
Salaries—District Medical Officers	16,889	16,889
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	2,711	2,711
Insurances, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	1,500	1,500
Institutional Services :		
County Hospital	10,990	10,990
District Hospital, Baltinglass	20,378	20,378
Tuberculosis Hospital—St. Kevin's, Rathdrum	10,367	10,367
Fever Hospital	1,250	1,250
Home for the Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's Rathdrum	26,000	26,000
Extern Institutions :		
General Hospitals	45,500	45,500
Maternity Hospitals	9,400	9,400
Tuberculosis	20,000	18,000
Fever Hospitals	4,000	4,000
Homes for Mental Defectives, Deaf and Dumb, etc.	4,250	4,250
Homes for Other Persons	1,050	1,050
Maternity and Child Health Services :		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants :		
Fees to Medical Practitioners	6,000	6,000
Fees for Professional Assistance	50	50
Midwifery and Nursing Services	6,130	6,130
Obstetrical Requisites	737	737
Milk for Mothers and Children	3,350	3,350
Maternity Cash Grants	3,000	3,000
Child Welfare Service	1,334	1,334
School Health Service	3,627	3,627
Carried forward	£205,013	£203,013

HEALTH—Continued

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Brought forward	£ 205,013	£ 203,013
Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases :		
Tuberculosis :		
Salaries	2,508	2,508
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	1,400	1,400
Domiciliary Welfare Service :		
Food, Clothing, Bedding	1,150	1,150
Mass Radiography Service	765	765
B.C.G. Service	1,250	1,250
Provision of Extra Rooms (Chalets)	100	100
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	7,750	7,750
Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services :		
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	1,700	1,700
Fees for Professional Services	1,000	1,000
Dental, Optical and Aural Appliances	750	750
Extern Institutions—Out-Patient Services	50	50
Furniture and Equipment	300	300
Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	50	50
Specialist Services :		
Salaries and Fees	1,200	1,200
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	1,500	1,500
X-ray Services	3,000	3,000
Other Expenses :		
Analysis of Specimens	700	700
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons :		
Cash Grants	12,000	12,000
Other Expenses	50	50
Boarding Out, etc., of Children :		
Maintenance, Clothing and Education	5,644	5,644
Approved Schools	450	450
Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients	5,000	5,000
Carried forward	£254,180	£252,180

HEALTH—Continued

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Brought forward	£ 254,180	£ 252,180
Supervision of Food and Drink :		
Contributions to Societies	2,823	2,823
General Administration :		
Salaries—County Medical Officer and Staff	3,198	3,198
Salaries—General Office Staff	3,100	3,100
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	3,946	3,946
Other Expenses :		
Fees and Travelling Expenses—Mental Treatment Act	40	40
Proportion of Salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	1,118	1,118
Loan Charges	150	150
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£273,448	£271,448

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grants—Health Grant	£ 131,699	£ 130,699
Contributions from Patients for Institutional Services	6,500	6,500
Other Receipts :		
Hire of Ambulances	100	100
Sales of Farm Produce	1,500	1,500
Sales of Offal and Old Stores	15	15
Rents and Insurance Refunds, etc.	375	375
Officers Emoluments	3,980	3,980
Contributions to Superannuation	1,150	1,150
Miscellaneous	200	200
	£145,519	£144,519

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Home Assistance	£ 13,500	£ 13,500
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	825	825
Salaries	4,521	4,521
Retiring Allowances	380	380
Fuel Schemes and Other Expenses	1,350	1,350
TOTAL	£22,576	£22,576

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	£ 775	£ 775
Other Receipts :		
Repayments of Home Assistance	100	100
Repayments of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	260	260
Superannuation Contributions	50	50
TOTAL	£1,195	£1,195

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money Supplied to Joint Committee	£ 66,710	£ 66,710

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947	£ 27,337	£ 27,337

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SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries—Office Staff	£ 1,086	£ 1,086
Caretakers :		
Water and Sewerage Schemes		
Dumping Grounds and Sanitary Conveniences	2,380	2,380
Burial Grounds	987	987
Engineering Staff—Proportion of Salaries and Travelling Expenses	2,032	2,032
Shop Acts—Inspectors	16	16
Analyst—Proportion of Salary	40	40
Superannuation	150	150
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	6,950	6,950
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	400	400
Burial Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	1,500	1,500
Public Lighting	3,600	3,600
Maintenance of Open Spaces	300	300
Loan Charges :		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	15,178	15,178
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
	£35,069	£35,069

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	£ 2,394	£ 2,394
Water Undertakings	1,800	1,800
Burial Fees	550	550
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuation	30	30
	£4,954	£4,954

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HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers' Acts :	£	£
Salaries	1,440	1,440
Retiring Allowances	740	740
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (Portion)	3,500	3,500
Rent Collectors Poundage	3,850	3,850
Cottage Repairs	18,067	10,067
Loan Charges	65,480	65,480
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Cottages	11,382	11,382
Other Labourers' Acts Expenses	305	305
Travelling Expenses of Rent Collectors	550	550
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,600	6,600
Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	300	300
Office Expenses	500	500
Loan Charges :		
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants	500	500
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES	£114,714	£106,714

Nature of Income	From which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers' Acts :		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	36,450	36,450
Housing Subsidy	25,700	25,700
Other Receipts	250	250
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,600	6,600
Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	200	200
Contribution under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	200	200
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS	£69,400	£69,400

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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			6,463	6,463
Town and Regional Planning Acts			50	50
Tourist Development	500	500		
Scholarships:				
Secondary	2,100	2,100		
University	1,650	1,650		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act, Drainage Schemes			25,000	25,000
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	4,057	4,057	8,499	8,499
Cost of Rate Collection			11,500	11,500
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,000	1,000
Tramway Employees Pensions			700	700
Pensions:				
Late Union Officers	557	557		
Late R.D. Council's Officers			217	217
Co. Officers and Servants	115	115	2,066	2,066
Franchise and Jurors' Lists Valuation	2,000	2,000		
Legal Expenses	175	175	200	200
Coroners and Inquests	300	300		
Postage and Telephones	350	350	750	750
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	75	75	900	900
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	396	396		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	236	236		
Carried forward	£12,511	£12,511	£64,562	£64,562

GENERAL PURPOSES—Continued

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
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	12,511	12,511	64,562	64,562
Fire Brigades			8,610	8,610
Drainage of Land	50	50		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	2,000	1,600		
Conveyance of Prisoners	150	150		
Weights and Measures	450	450		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	370	370		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme	2,000	2,000		
Milk and Dairies and Slaughter of Animals Acts			1,930	400
Road Fund Expenses	337	337		
Blind Persons Act	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	200	200	300	300
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts			300	300
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	700	700		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,340	1,340		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	340	340		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	300	300		
Courthouse and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses	500	500	300	300
Courtkeepers and Office Attendant	250	250	300	300
Loan Charges			912	912
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			700	700
Travelling Expenses: County Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft: General Account			6,000	6,000
Miscellaneous	30	30	200	200
Materials Expense (Balance)				
Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	£25,700	£25,300	£84,589	£83,059

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 ...	54	54	295	295
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 ...	375	375		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses Expenses ...	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts ...			188	188
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils ...			2,086	2,086
Diseases of Animals:				
(a) General ...	350	350		
(b) Sheep Dipping ...	670	670		
(c) Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order ...	300	300		
Fees Refunded by Co. Secretary:				
(i) Franchise and Jurors' ...	250	250		
(ii) Motor Registration ...	1,605	1,605		
(iii) Valuation Certificates ...			3	3
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance and Housing Services ...			588	588
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health and Sanitary Services ...	185	185		
Contribution from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary ...			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates ...			4,589	4,589
Rents from County Property ...	140	140	30	30
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees ...	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation ...	800	800	800	800
Miscellaneous ...	150	150	600	400
	£7,228	£7,228	£34,416	£34,216

Carried forward ...

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st day of March, 1958.

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 ...	12,647	12,647		
Repayment of Loans ...	2,231	2,231		
Retiring Allowances ...	800	800		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board ...			223	223
Criminal Injuries: Bray Urban District ...	136	136		
Dunganstown South E.D. ...			19	19
Burgage E.D. ...			14	14
Total for Separate Charges ...	£15,814	£15,814	£256	£256

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 ...	439	£6		
Kildare ...		£50		
Contributions to Superannuation ...	65		65	
	£1,619	£1,619		

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
 Explaining Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
 ending on 31st day of March, 1928.
 PARATE CHARGES

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN

SERVICES	Estimated GROSS EXPENDITURE of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated INCOME of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service, being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5	
	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ROADS ...	88,423	178,832	35,087	90,567	53,336	88,265
HEALTH ...	271,448		144,519		126,929	
MENTAL HOSPITAL ...	66,710		27,337		39,373	
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	22,576		1,195		21,381	
SANITARY ...		35,069		4,954		30,115
HOUSING ...		106,714		69,400		37,314
GENERAL PURPOSES ...	25,300	83,059	7,228	34,216	18,072	48,843
	£474,457	£403,674	£215,366	£199,137	£259,091	£204,537

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purposes of the £238,376 16s. 8d.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th March, 1928, at 11 a.m.

THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

Net Amounts Chargeable to Districts			Calculation of Net Sum Required to be Raised				
URBAN AREAS			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Estimated BALANCE (if any) in favour of COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at close of Financial Year	Estimated BALANCE (if any) Against COUNTY HEALTH TRICT at close of current Financial Year	AMOUNTS LEVI-ABLE off COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	RATE IN THE POUND IN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
Urban District of ARK-LOW	Urban District of BRAY	Urban District of WICK-LOW					
(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1,998	8,447	1,723	129,433			129,433	10/6.15
4,755	20,103	4,100	97,971			97,971	7/11.48
1,475	6,236	1,272	30,390		1,835	32,225	2/7.41
801	3,386	691	16,503	6,000		10,503	0/10.24
			30,115		4,000	34,115	2/9.25
			37,314		4,000	41,314	3/4.27
677	2,862	584	62,792			62,792	5/1.20
£9,706	£41,034	£8,370	£404,518	£6,000	£9,835	£408,353	33/2.00

etermination of the rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th March, 1957, 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, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, William Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; W. Clarke, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The 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.

The Chairman expressed regret that the County Manager was ill and unable to be present, and the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to him for a speedy recovery.

AGENDA.

1. To authorise overdraft on Council's General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 30th June, 1957.
2. Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1957; (a) to consider further applications deferred from last meeting; (b) letters from Department of Education regarding award of certain scholarships.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Clarke in regard to Universities.
4. University Scholarships; letter from University College, Dublin, regarding University Regulations for the award of County Council Scholarships.
5. Report of the County Engineer regarding road works to be financed from Grant of £13,000 allocated in letter of the 11th February, 1957, from Department of Local Government.
6. Letter dated 16th February, 1957, from the National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, in regard to Council's application for loan for reconstruction of road from Oakwood to Coonmore.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley regarding removal of portion of wall near entrance to Church at Lacken.
8. Application from Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd., for consent to closing of road at Enniskerry for Annual Hill Climb Test.
9. Appointment of Nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
10. Extension of boundary; letter from Department of Local Government enclosing copy of Wicklow County (Extension of Boundary) Provisional Order, 1957.
11. Blind Welfare; letter dated 15th February, 1957, from Department of Social Welfare regarding proposed setting up of Board to acquire and equip workshop for the Blind and be responsible for running it and in relation to contributions from County Councils and County Borough Councils to meet net loss arising.
12. Factories Act, 1955—letter from Department of Industry and Commerce enclosing copy of Factories Register for Co. Wicklow.
13. Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme; to authorise borrowing of supplementary loan.
14. Revision of salary of Medical Officer of District Hospital.
15. Extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital and Wicklow Fever Hospital/Preventorium—to consider reports on final cost of works and to authorise supplemental loan.
16. National Mass Radiography Association—address delivered on behalf of Minister for Health to Annual General Meeting (copy circulated to each member).
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—OVERDRAFT ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.

It was

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

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 June, 1957, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

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 30th June, 1957, shall not exceed £35,700."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1957.

The Council, in Committee, gave further consideration to applications which had been deferred from the previous meeting. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the following applications under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1957: Winifred Ann Hogan, St. Martha's, Manor Avenue, Greystones; John Irving Trevor McGill, Virgo, Hillside Road, Greystones, Myles Christopher McSwiney, Tullyra, Strand Road, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That pending the receipt of further information in regard to applications of William O'Toole, 29 Griffith Avenue, Arklow; George James McGarry, Wyndham Park, Bray, we approve of these candidates being allowed to sit for the examination provisionally pending the Council's decision on their applications"

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 18th February, 1957, from the Department of Education regarding the application of George V. Keddy, 35 Grattan Park, Kindlestown, for admission to the current year's scholarship examination, in which it was stated that the Minister regretted that he did not consider that the admission of the boy to the examination would be warranted in the circumstances stated. The Council decided to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision in the matter, as the members of the Council from their personal knowledge of the circumstances of the case were of opinion that the boy should be allowed to compete.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 5th March, 1957, from Department of Education in regard to the matter of the award of a scholarship to Maura A. Ferguson. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That having noted letter of the 5th March, 1957, from Department of Education, we approve of the award of scholarship at the reduced figure of

£10 in respect of the year 1956/57 to Maura A. Ferguson, provided that she attends an approved Secondary School after the Easter Vacation, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. CLARKE IN REGARD UNIVERSITIES.

Councillor Clarke, in proposing a Motion regarding the desirability of de-centralising University Education, referred to the marked increase in the population of Dublin with the decline in the population of Rural Ireland and suggested that while there might be difficulties in de-centralising industry, the de-centralising of administration and education should not present similar difficulties. He suggested that there was no valid reason why education at university level should be concentrated in Dublin. Councillor Clarke gave comparisons with other countries where the principal universities were not necessarily located in the capitals and suggested that to centre all main educational and administrative establishments in one city, especially if that were the capital, was damaging to the economy and moral fibre of the nation. In particular, he suggested that it would be much more suitable to have the faculty of agriculture located outside the capital. Attention was also drawn to the special advantages of parents living in Dublin as regards University Education for their children, and Councillor Clarke suggested that the Council's Scholarships should have a condition attached providing that they be tenable at a university on condition that such university allowed specially reduced fees to students whose parents lived at a distance from the city in which the university was situated. Councillor Clarke also referred to the proposed new Institute of agriculture and suggested that this Institute might more appropriately be sited in a provincial centre. He drew attention also to the problems which have arisen in Dublin consequent on the growth of the population of the city in relation to roads, water supplies, sewerage systems and housing. Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly, while agreeing in principle with the views expressed by the proposer and by the seconder, Councillor Hammond, pointed out that at present there was inadequate university accommodation as regards University College, Dublin, and stated that it would be a retrograde step to oppose the provision of the additional accommodation which was now being sought by the University. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That we request the Government to consider the desirability of transferring certain university faculties to centres outside of the capital with a view to de-centralising education. We consider that the proposal to erect new university buildings in the city of Dublin is open to objection. That copies of the Council's resolution be sent to the County Council's General Council and to all local authorities in Ireland."

Passed: Councillor Dr. Donnelly dissenting.

ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Council considered letter of the 12th February, 1957, from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, and the Regulations enclosed for the award of County and County Borough Scholarships under the Irish Universities Acts, 1908, which had been made by the Seanad of the University. The Council agreed that no change should be made in the method of marking for the purpose of University Scholarships in the current year as the scheme had already been adopted and applications were being received. The Council agreed that the question of the system of marking be considered by the Scholarship Committee when the scheme for 1958 was being prepared.

ITEM No. 5—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER REGARDING ROAD WORKS TO BE FINANCED FROM GRANT OF £13,000.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

5th March, 1957.

County Secretary

£13,000 (Advance) Grant, 1957/58—"5 Year Plan"—Roads to be Reconstructed.

A Chara,

I have now examined proposals and consulted with each Engineer for the expenditure of the above grants and submit same for approval please.

North: Part Ashford, Nun's Cross and Ballycullen, Garryduff
Glenwood, Laragh Road £3,250
(Roads Nos. 73, 92, 90, 86)

South-East: (a) Part Ballinderry-Knockrath Road, 124.
(b) Part Redcross-Templerainey Road, 173/4. £3,250

South: (a) Part Ballinglen-Tomcoyle-Kilballyowen-Rednagh Bridge
Road, 143
(b) Part Ballisland to Ardoyne (Newry, Moylisha, Money
Tullowclay) Roads, 235/234 £3,250

West: (a) Part Kiltegan Cross-Kilcarney Lower Cross Road, 256.
(b) Part Road 256, High Park-Ballinabarney Road, 261.
(c) Part Toberbeg-Fraynestown, etc. Roads 312/313.
(d) Part Hollywood to Blakestown Road, 346. £3,250

£13,000

Mise, le meas,

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

Councillor Lawless objected to the proposed allocation for the northern engineering district and pointed out that the works proposed were not within the Bray Electoral area. He contended that the amount of the Grants should be divided equally between each of the four Electoral Areas. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that the Arklow Electoral areas comprised the engineering district for the south and part of the engineering district for the south-east. He suggested that it would be more equitable to have the monies allocated on the basis of the engineering districts. The Council decided to hold meetings of the members of the Council for each of the four Electoral areas to consider the road works to be carried out from the advance instalment of grant already notified and also in relation to the road works scheme generally for the coming financial year. The meetings were arranged as follows: At Wicklow, at 3 p.m. on the 11th March, and on 15th March, 1957, at Baltinglass, at 11 a.m.; at Shillelagh, at 3 p.m., and at Bray at 7.30 p.m.

ITEM No. 6—RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM OAKWOOD TO COONMORE.

The Council noted letter of 16th February, 1957, from the National Bank Ltd., informing the Council that the Board could not see their way under present circumstances to sanction a loan of £2,443 for the reconstruction of the road from Oakwood to Coonmore and that, accordingly, the Council's application had been declined.

ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY IN REGARD TO REMOVAL OF PORTION OF WALL NEAR ENTRANCE TO CHURCH AT LACKEN.

The Council decided to defer to the next meeting consideration of this matter pending receipt of the report of the Council's Engineer.

ITEM No. 8.—APPLICATION FROM IRISH MOTOR RACING CLUB LTD. FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd. for consent for the closing of the road at Enniskerry in connection with the Annual Hill Climb Test. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the necessary public notices being given of the Council's intention to consider application of the Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd. for the closing of road at Enniskerry in connection with Annual Hill Climb to be held on 4th May, 1957."

Passed unanimously

ITEM No. 9—APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., as the Council's Nominee to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to membership of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Form of Appointment of Nominee."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—EXTENSION OF BOUNDARY AT BRAY.

The Council noted letter of 16th February, 1957, from Department of Local Government, enclosing copy of the Wicklow County (Extension of Boundary) Provisional Order, 1957. The Council noted that the Order would come into force on the 1st day of April, 1957, or in the event of the Act confirming the Order not becoming law, on or before the said day on such day as the Minister should by Order appoint.

ITEM No. 11—BLIND WELFARE.

The following letter from the Department of Social Welfare was submitted:—
15th Feabhra, 1957.

AD.39/56.

HA.2/57.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to refer to your Council's Scheme for the Welfare of the Blind and to inform you that, of the Institutions mentioned in the Second Schedule, The Richmond National Institute for Industrious Blind will be closing down within a few months and St. Joseph's School and Home for the Blind, Drumcondra, has given notice that it will no longer cater for the blind workers who have been employed in their workshops but were living outside the institution. The Minister is gravely perturbed at the prospect of some 50 blind workers losing their employment and considers it necessary to make fresh provision for these men (most of whom are married) and for those who will become available for such employment in the future.

To this end the Minister intends to set up a Board to acquire and equip a workshop for the blind and be responsible for running it. The Board would be a permanent institution providing employment for blind workers from any part of the country. It is intended that it should consist of representatives of local authorities, of the two institutions and of other interests, but that the total membership of the Board should be limited to about 7 persons. Members of the Board would hold office for a stated period—say two or three years—unless they die or resign. There will be provision for removal from office either

by the Minister, or with the Minister's consent, by the local authority who nominated the member or by resolution of the Board.

With regard to finances, it is proposed that the existing workshop grant should continue to be paid by the State and the appropriate local authorities in respect of existing and future out-resident blind workers, the net loss on the working of the Board thereafter to be met by a contribution from each County Council and County Borough Council in proportion to the rateable valuation of each area. On present information, it is thought that the annual charge on all local authorities should not exceed the product of a rate of one halfpenny in the pound.

The Minister considers that an arrangement on these lines will provide a permanent and equitable solution of the difficulties which have been associated with the employment of blind out-resident workers for many years past and he confidently recommends it for consideration by your Council. He cannot see that there is any reasonable prospect of an alternative scheme working satisfactorily when the two institutions referred to terminate the employment of the blind workers, and he, accordingly, recommends that your Council consider amending their scheme for the Welfare of the Blind as follows:

"After Article 3 insert a new article:

"The Council shall, in any year, contribute towards the expenses of the operations of the Board for the employment of the Blind, a sum arrived at by dividing the nett total of such expenses, after taking credit for all other receipts, amongst the local authorities contributing to the Board in the proportion that the total rateable valuations of their functional areas bear to one another, provided that the proportion falling to be paid by any local authority shall not exceed the product of a rate of one-halfpenny in the pound on the total rateable valuation of the functional area of that authority"

Add to the Second Schedule:

"Board for the employment of the blind."

As the Richmond National Institute may be closed by Court Order at an early date, it will probably be necessary to establish the new Board as a matter of urgency in order to avoid hardship to the blind workers. In that event, the Minister will nominate three or four persons as members of the Board to act pending the establishment of the full Board.

He would be glad also if the Council would nominate a representative who would be prepared to become a member of the Board if selected by the Minister.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary pointed out that the proposal would result in an additional charge on the rates which, as was indicated in the Circular, should not exceed the product of a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £. It appeared that the existing workshop grant by the State would be continued but it was not clear whether it was intended to increase the amount of such grant. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Consultative Health Committee at their next meeting.

ITEM No. 12—FACTORIES ACT, 1955.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Industry and Commerce had forwarded copies of the Factories Register for County Wicklow. The Register showed a total of 222 premises which included a number of garages, premises occupied by Harbour Authorities, hospitals, etc. The definition of "Factory" under the Factories Act was very wide and covered every place where an article was made, altered, repaired, etc., the breaking up, demolition or adaptation for sale of an article, storage of inflammable materials, etc. Section 45 of the Act, which imposed obligations on Local Authorities in regard to fire precautions and the issuing of certificates that satisfactory means of escape were provided, did not apply to all factories and related mainly to factories in which more than 20 persons were employed. The Section, however, did apply to any factory in which explosive or highly inflammable materials were stored or used, and it would seem to include all garages or any places where petrol, oils or paint was stored. The Section applied also to any factory where the factory premises were part of a premises of which another part was used as a dwelling. It appeared, therefore, that there would be quite a considerable

amount of work involved for the Council's Staff in inspecting all premises coming within the Section and in issuing the necessary Certificates. Following a discussion on the matter the Council suggested that the Minister be asked to amend the definition of Factory for the purposes of Section 45 and to limit the application of the Section to factories where a large number of persons were employed.

ITEM No. 13—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The County Secretary stated that the total expenditure on the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme amounted to £25,436 14s. 9d. The total of loans raised to defray the expenditure amounted to £25,500. In addition, it had been found necessary to remove the old cone shape service tank and replace it by a new one. This work was carried out by Direct Labour and the total cost amounted to £966 18s. 4d. It would be necessary to raise a further loan to defray the cost of this work. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report on all-in cost of the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme we hereby authorise the raising of loan of £966 18s. 4d. from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the balance of the cost of the scheme."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—REVISION OF SALARY OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

The County Secretary stated that the agreement of the Department of Health had now been obtained to the revision of the salary scale for the Medical Officer of Baltinglass District Hospital. The revised salary payable to the temporary Medical Officer, Dr. P. J. Lord, was £700 per annum as from 1st September, 1955, and was inclusive of all temporary allowance payable at that date. The remuneration was also inclusive of remuneration payable for the administration of anaesthetics in the Hospital. Particulars of Office and Qualifications for the permanent post of Visiting Medical Officer for the District Hospital, Baltinglass, had also been approved by the Department of Health and a Statutory Request for the recommendation for the appointment of a permanent Medical Officer had been sent to the Local Appointments Commission. The salary declared for the permanent office was also £700 per annum, the same as that approved in respect of the temporary Medical Officer. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 2nd March, 1957, from Department of Health we approve of the application of revised salary of £700 per annum to Dr. P. J. Lord, Temporary Medical Officer, District Hospital, Baltinglass, with effect from 1st September, 1955, the salary to be inclusive of all temporary bonuses payable at 1st September, 1955, and inclusive of all remuneration payable for the administering of anaesthetics in the Hospital. We approve of the application of a similar salary for the permanent position of Visiting Medical Officer to the Hospital."

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that representations be made to the Department of Health for approval to the continued temporary employment of Dr. Lord as Visiting Medical Officer, and that the permanent filling of the post be deferred.

ITEM No. 15—EXTENSIONS TO BALTINGLASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND WICKLOW FEVER HOSPITAL/PREVENTORIUM.

The County Secretary stated that it was expected that the final all-in costs of the work at Baltinglass Hospital would be available very shortly and it appeared that the total cost would be in the region of £99,000. It was expected

that an additional loan of approximately £6,000 would be required to defray the Council's portion of the extra cost.

In the case of the Wicklow Fever Hospital/Preventorium the total cost was expected to be approximately £23,000 and the additional loan required would be about £2,300. The Council noted that the final figures in respect of both works would shortly be available and that extra loans of £6,000 and £2,300 would be required to defray the balance of the cost.

ITEM No. 16—NATIONAL MASS RADIOGRAPHY ASSOCIATION.

The Council noted the address delivered on behalf of the Minister for Health to the Annual General Meeting of the National Mass Radiography Association, copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council.

Water Supply, Avoca Village.

Councillor McCarthy asked that County Medical Officer inspect the water supply in Avoca village and submit a report in regard to it.

Telephone Kiosk at Avoca.

Councillor McCarthy asked that representations be made to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of a telephone kiosk at Avoca.

Application for S.D.A. Loan.

Members of the Council referred to the application of Mr. F. J. Stafford for a loan under the S.D.A. Acts in respect of the erection of a house near Wicklow and asked that the Manager would reconsider his decision in the matter.

Notice of Motion.

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

"Please note that I or some one for me will move at the next meeting that this Council grant the same travelling allowance to our Home Assistance Officers as we grant to other officers employed by this Council."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st April, 1957, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:—

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, Mark Deeriú, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D., and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. McGuinness and P. T. Hickey, attended.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of March, 1957.
2. Proposed housing schemes at Blessington, Avoca, etc.
3. To adopt Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 3 in respect of 25 cottages.
4. Supplementary Housing Grants—Letter from Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister was not prepared to alter his decision regarding the Council's application for loan.
5. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Repairs carried out during month of March, 1957.
7. 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 March was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
31st March, 1957.

Housing Progress Report

Gentlemen,

The present position of Housing Schemes in progress is as follows:—

Aughrim Scheme: 6 houses completed. Development complete except for roadway and boundary walls.

Number of men employed: 1 skilled, 2 unskilled.

1952 Housing Scheme: Under this scheme 22 houses have been completed as detailed in previous monthly reports.

The following cottages are now in progress by Direct Labour:

Macreddin (Site No. 1020). Completed during month.

Coolfancy (Site No. 1014). Roofed with plastering in progress.

Kilballyowen (Site No. 1019). Walls being erected.

Ballycapple (Site No. 1047). Excavating foundations.

Number of men employed: 4 skilled, 9 unskilled.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of Housing Schemes during the month of March, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEMES AT BLESSINGTON, AVOCA, ETC.

Blessington Housing Scheme :

The County Manager explained to the members that a certain delay was arising in regard to the Blessington Housing Scheme as one landowner concerned had died and there were legal formalities still to be complied with.

Avoca Housing Scheme : The County Manager stated that the plans for the housing scheme had been supplied to the Department for approval and the site had been inspected. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that consideration be given to outhouses for prospective tenants and also that there would be approach to the plots at the rear of the houses to avoid the difficulty which he stated had arisen in Aughrim. The County Manager pointed out that the scheme at Avoca, and also that at Aughrim, were fully serviced houses and were similar to schemes provided in urban districts. The building of the houses in Aughrim in a terrace had been so designed to reduce building costs, and if any extra amenities by way of an approach to the rear of the plots was required it would have to be met from Revenue. In regard to the provision of out-offices at Avoca, the extra cost could be included in the Loan for the new houses, but for the existing houses extra cost would be entailed. It was estimated that the provision of out-offices would cost £60 each. The Council agreed that the out-offices at a cost of £60 be provided.

Aughrim Housing Scheme : The County Manager stated that the cost of providing access to the plots at the rear of the houses at Aughrim was estimated by the County Engineer at £180. The Council agreed that the tenants be informed of the amount of the increase in rent which would be required to meet the cost of providing the access. The Council also asked that the owner of the adjoining land be approached with a view to obtaining access from the passage-way at the rear of the plots.

Kilcoole Housing Scheme : The County Manager stated that the difficulties regarding the Title to the site had not yet been resolved.

Laragh Housing Scheme : The County Manager stated that house designs were being prepared and also layout plan and these would be submitted to the Department for approval at an early date.

Complaint of Employee.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that an employee of the Council who had been dismissed was present and asked if the Council would hear his complaint in regard to his dismissal. The Chairman pointed out that prior notice should be given if any persons were to be received by the Council. The Chairman also suggested that the matter should be dealt with through the employee's Union. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to receive the employee concerned at the meeting on Monday, 8th April, 1957.

ITEM No. 3—COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME No. 3.

Copies of the Cottage Purchase Scheme, No. 3, in relation to 25 cottages were submitted to the Council for adoption. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,

Resolved :—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Scheme for the purchase of Cottages under the Labourers' Act, 1936, entitled the County Wicklow No. 3 Cottage Purchase Scheme being in relation to 25 cottages.

Passed unanimously.

Agreement with An Bord Failte re Repairs to Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones.

The County Manager submitted for the approval of the Council the agreement to be entered into between the Council and An Bord Failte in respect of the repairs to the Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones to be carried out with the aid of a Grant from the Board. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved :—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Agreement with An Bord Failte providing for repairs to the Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones with the aid of a Grant from the Board."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS

Letter of the 11th March, 1957, from Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £2,000 from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making supplementary housing grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, as amended, and stating that the Minister was not prepared to alter his decision in the matter as conveyed in the Department's letter of 22nd February, 1957, was submitted to the Council. The County Manager stated that since the Council had been unable to procure a loan elsewhere the Council would not be able to proceed with the Scheme. The Council asked that further representations be made to the Department for re-consideration of their decision.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council considered the application of Patrick Gorman, Tinoran, Balinglass, for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Council noted that the applicant was not married and decided to defer consideration of the application.

ITEM No. 6—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF MARCH, 1957.

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

ITEM No. 7—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

The Council decided that a special meeting of the Council, in Committee, be held on the 9th April, 1957, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of examining housing repairs.

Unemployment.

Councillor Senator McCrea referred to Notice of Motion which he had submitted at a previous meeting in regard to the raising of £20,000 from the following year's Funds in order to provide work and to the notification received from the Department of Local Government of the allocation of £13,000 in anticipation of the following year's Road Grants, and asked why additional works had not been started and why workers had been paid off even during the previous fortnight. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., also referred to the extent of unemployment in the southern district and stated that he thought the position had worsened in recent weeks. Councillor Lawless referred to the allocation of moneys from the grant of £13,000 and pointed out that he had objected to the moneys being allocated equally between the four engineering districts and

had urged that it be divided equally between the four electoral areas. He maintained that the northern area had been unfairly treated in the allocation of the monies. The County Manager pointed out that the decision on the matter was the Council's own decision. In reply to enquiries from members as to when work would be started, the County Engineer stated that work was being started in the various areas.

Notices of Motion.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Councillor W. Lawless and accepted by the Chairman :

"That this Council consider and revise the scale affecting the issue of Medical Cards and also the scale relating to the Graded Rents System."

"That this Council take over and maintain Eden Road, Greystones."

"That this Council provide the necessary monies for a temporary engineer for the purpose of mapping in connection with cottage vesting."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th April, 1957, 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, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., 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

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th and 14th January, 4th and 11th February and 4th March, 1957.
 2. Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1957—to consider further applications deferred from last meeting.
 3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1957.
 4. Letter from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board regarding membership.
 5. Turf Production, 1957—Vesting of Bogs.
 6. Closing of Roads at Enniskerry.
 7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley regarding removal of portion of wall near entrance to Church at Lacken.
 8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless that the Council take over and maintain Eden Road, Greystones.
 9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea that a Committee of the Council be set up to inquire into the question of Roads Expenditure under all headings.
 10. Wages of Road Gangers and introduction of sick pay scheme for Overseers and Assistant Overseers—report in regard to Hearing at Labour Court.
 11. To receive deputation in regard to employment of men.
 12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless that the Council provide the necessary monies for the employment of temporary engineer for the purpose of mapping plots in connection with cottage vesting.
 13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless that the Council consider and revise scale affecting the issue of Medical Cards and also scale relating to Graded Rents System.
 14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless that the Council grant the same travelling allowance to Assistance Officers as that granted to other officers of the Council.
 15. Valuation of Nurses' Quarters at Baltinglass District Hospital.
 16. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.
- The Chairman and members welcomed Councillor Edward Byrne on his return to the Council after his illness.

Resolution of Sympathy : The Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late District Justice McCarthy, Greystones.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th and 14th January, 4th and 11th February, and 4th March, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1957.

The County Secretary referred to two applications which had not yet been finally decided upon by the Council, i.e.,

William O'Toole, Griffith Avenue, Arklow, and
George James McGarry, Wyndham Park, Bray.

Mrs. O'Toole had written on the 4th instant stating that the allowance she received from her husband was £6 per week but that she was still not in a position to submit confirmation of her husband's earnings from the Shipping Company. The County Secretary pointed out that ample opportunity had been given to submit the necessary information and it seemed that the application must be rejected as adequate proof of income was not available.

In the case of George James McGarry, the County Secretary stated that Mr. McGarry had submitted a certificate from a firm of Accountants and had been asked to forward a certified copy of the accounts of his business. The accounts had not yet been received and on the morning of the meeting, Mr. McGarry had telephoned and stated that he was still not in a position to supply the accounts. It was considered that in this case also the necessary information could have been supplied in the time allowed and it seemed that the application should be refused in the absence of proof of income. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby refuse the applications of William O'Toole, Griffith Avenue, Arklow, and George James McGarry, Wyndham Park, Bray, under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957, as satisfactory evidence of income of parents has not been received."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1957.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the applications received to compete under the Council's Scheme. 11 applications had been received by the Council. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the following applications received under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1957:—

Denis G. Byrne, Cullentra, Rathdrum.

Mary T. Cullen, Churchlands, Tinahely.

Margaret Dagg, Deerpark, Shillelagh.

Marv P. Donegan, Kilmurry, Baltinglass.

William T. Keegan, 11 Millbank, Delgany.

Brendan Thomas Kelly, Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, Delgany.

Mary O'Neill, Carrigower, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney.

Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray.

Amelia Colette Scullion, Sliabh Mis, Putland Road, Bray.

Jeanne I. Sheehy, Stylebawn, Ballyorney Road, Enniskerry.

Paul Vincent Spellman, Marine House, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—MEMBERSHIP OF GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 25th March, 1957, from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board in which was pointed out that Councillor C. M. Byrne had become disqualified through absence from meetings of the Board from 20th September, 1956, and that it would be necessary for the Council to fill the vacancy. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That in pursuance of Section 79 of the Local Government Act, 1941, and the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, Third Schedule, Rule 12, it is hereby decided

that Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge be appointed to fill the vacancy on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board, such vacancy having arisen from the disqualification of Councillor C. M. Byrne through absence from meetings of the Board since 20th September, 1956, as notified by the Chief Clerk of the Board in his letter of the 25th March, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—TURF PRODUCTION, 1957—VESTING OF BOGS.

The County Secretary submitted Vesting Orders for sealing by the Council in respect of the bogs at Cloghoge, Ballinagee and Farbreaga. It was not proposed to vest the other bogs at Sallygap as it was understood that banks would be made available to private cutters by the owners of the bogs. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we affix the Seal of the Council to Vesting Orders in respect of the following bogs:

Cloghoge (Lady Oranmore and Browne),

Ballinagee (Robert Laurie),

Aughavanagh Mountain (Farbreaga)."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—CLOSING OF ROADS AT ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary stated that public notice had been given and no objections had been received to the proposed closing of the roads at Enniskerry in connection with the annual hill climb by the Irish Motor Racing Club. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That notice having been given by public advertisement of the proposal, and no objection having been received, it is hereby agreed in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Acts, 1955, and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956, that the Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry N.S. to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, be closed on May 4th, 1957, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the purpose of permitting the holding of a Motor Hill Climb Competition, during the period when it is so closed to public traffic. The alternative route available is via County Road No. 7."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the holding of Motor Hill Climb competition on Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery on the 4th May, 1957, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. during the period when such road is closed to public traffic."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MILEY RE REMOVAL OF PORTION OF WALL NEAR ENTRANCE TO CHURCH AT LACKEN.

The County Engineer stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he inspected the junction of the two roads at Lacken where it was suggested that portion of the wall be removed to make turning easier. It was possible to do something to ease the turn but not to a great extent as it would necessitate raising the road leading to the Church to such a degree as would affect the houses on the road. The limited improvement, however, could be carried out with a lesser raising of the road at a cost of approximately £60. The Council recommended that the work be carried out at the estimated cost of £60.

ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS FOR TAKING OVER EDEN ROAD, GREYSTONES.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter pending a full report from the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SENATOR J. J. MCCREA FOR FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO QUESTION OF ROADS EXPENDITURE UNDER ALL HEADINGS.

Councillor Senator McCrea in moving his motion stated that he felt that the moneys available for road works could be more effectively expended and could provide a greater amount of employment. He expressed criticism of some of the methods used for the repair of roads by machinery and queried the cost of the machinery used on roads. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., urged that a Sworn Inquiry be held instead of the appointment of a Committee and made a number of charges against the County Engineer. He referred to the dismissal of certain workmen in February and their re-employment in the month of March, to the removal of machinery from the quarry, to the transport of stones to Bray and to the use of a lorry for scavenging at Greystones in place of a carter. He queried also the cost of the dispensary at Kilcoole. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated also that the County Engineer made use of his office for purposes other than the Council's work. Councillor Haughton referred to a van from the Machinery Yard which he stated travelled to Aughrim each morning to transport one man. In regard to the constitution of the Committee, Councillor Senator McCrea, seconded by Councillor W. Cleary, proposed that the Committee consist of all the members of the Council. As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Lawless, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, that the Committee be constituted of two members from each Electoral Area. A vote having been called for on the amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:

In Favour: Councillors P. Kehoe, W. Lawless, H. J. Byrne ... 3

Against: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and James Haughton ... 12

The amendment was declared defeated by 12 votes against to 3 in favour, and the Motion that the Committee consist of all members of the Council was carried on the same voting, i.e., 12 votes in favour to 3 against. It was

Proposed by Senator J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That we appoint a Committee of the Council to inquire into the question of Roads Expenditure under all headings and other matters complained of by Councillor J. Everett, T.D."

Passed by 12 votes for to 3 votes against.

The Council decided that the Committee would meet on Monday, 20th May, 1957, and the proceedings would be in Committee.

ITEM No. 10—WAGES OF ROAD GANGERS AND INTRODUCTION OF SICK PAY SCHEME FOR OVERSEERS AND ASSISTANT OVERSEERS.

The County Secretary stated that the County Manager and Secretary had attended at the hearing in the Labour Court in relation to the application of the Federation of Rural Workers for the payment of a differential of an additional 1/- per week to gangers and for the introduction of a sick pay scheme for overseers and assistant overseers. The recommendation of the Court on the matters had not yet been received. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 11—TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS IN REGARD TO DISMISSAL OF WORKMAN.

The Council decided to defer the matter for examination by the County Manager.

ITEM No. 12—EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY ENGINEER FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAPPING PLOTS FOR COTTAGE VESTING.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to defer consideration of the proposed employment of a temporary engineer to the meeting of the Council to be held on the following day in regard to the organisation of cottage repairs.

ITEM No. 13—SCALE IN REGARD TO ISSUE OF MEDICAL CARDS AND SCALE RELATING TO GRADED RENTS SYSTEM.

Councillor Lawless and other members of the Council criticised the scale in use in connection with the determining of eligibility for the issuing of a medical card, and suggested that the income limits should be increased. The County Manager agreed to re-examine the scale but pointed out that at present nearly one-third of the population were entered on the General Medical Services Register and were entitled to all services without charge. He pointed out that in cases where persons had been refused a Medical Card when they were in employment and subsequently became unemployed they could obtain the services of the District Medical Officer by obtaining a ticket from the Assistance Officer or from a member of the Council. In regard to special cases mentioned by members, the County Manager stated that if details were submitted by the members the cases would be re-examined.

In regard to the Graded Rents Scales, Councillor Lawless pointed out that the scales only extended to the case of a person with four dependants. He suggested that the scale should be extended to cover cases where there were more than 4 dependants. The County Manager agreed to examine the matter.

ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS FOR GRANT OF TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES TO ASSISTANCE OFFICERS SIMILAR TO THOSE GRANTED TO OTHER OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Councillor Lawless pointed out that in the application of travelling expenses to Assistance Officers a limit of £100 in the year was imposed. He asked that this limitation be removed and that the Assistance Officers be paid on the same lines as other officers who are in receipt of travelling expenses. The County Manager pointed out that additional costs would be involved and that provision had not been made in the Estimates. Councillor Lawless stated that the additional cost should not amount to as much as £300 in a year. The County Manager stated that he would investigate the matter and obtain an estimate of the cost and report to the Council.

ITEM No. 15—VALUATION OF NURSES' QUARTERS AT WICKLOW PREVENTORIUM AND BALTINGLASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

The County Secretary stated that a valuation of £15 had been placed on the Nurses' Quarters at the Preventorium, Wicklow. In the previous year a valuation had also been placed on the Nurses' Section of the District Hospital at Baltinglass. In the case of both institutions the nurses' accommodation formed part of the hospital buildings and formerly no separate valuation had been placed on this accommodation. The Council had appealed against a valuation being placed on the Nurses' Quarters, but in the case of Baltinglass Hospital the appeal had not been successful, and it appeared that the appeal in regard to the Wicklow Fever Hospital would also be unsuccessful. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Financial Position :

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., enquired as to the Council's Financial position at the close of the year and asked if there was any substantial amount outstanding in respect of grants due by Government Departments. The County Manager stated that a report on the position would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Notice of Motion :

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman :—
"That we, or someone for us, will move at the next County Council meeting that a light be provided at Jamesons' Corner, Kilmacanogue."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of the members of the Council, in Committee, to consider the question of cottage repairs was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 9th April, 1957, at 2 p.m. The following members attended :

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator James J. McCreagh, P. McCarthy, William Cleary, James O'Neill, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, William Lawless, Edward Byrne and J. Everett, T.D.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, attended.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman read the following letter from the County Engineer :

Courthouse, Wicklow.

To Mr. M. Flannery,
County Manager.

9th April, 1957.

A Chara,

I would be obliged if you would convey to the Chairman and the members of the Council my regret for having been involved in the incident at the meeting of the Council yesterday. I wish to assure the Chairman and all the other members that I meant no discourtesy to any; it will be appreciated that my feelings were somewhat disturbed. It is my earnest hope that sometime these bitter encounters will be forgotten and forgiven.

Yours faithfully,

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

Members of the Council expressed appreciation of the terms of the County Engineer's letter.

Organisation of Cottage Repairs :

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the 1st April that he was completing the preparation of a scheme which he would submit setting out his proposals for the carrying out of cottage repairs by contract. The County Engineer stated he believed the method would be under present circumstances more economical than carrying out the work by direct labour, and he intended, if approved, to put it into action with the least possible delay. He stated that a Prices Schedule of all the items which it might be necessary to do in maintaining cottages in repair would have to be completed and he suggested that the assistance of a qualified Quantity Surveyor should be obtained for this purpose as in the case of Bray Urban District Council. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had subsequently submitted a Schedule of Prices for repairs to cottages. The County Manager in explaining the matter pointed out that repairs to cottages could be carried out either by direct labour or contract. The former system of carrying out repairs by contract entailed a certain amount of delay as a group of cottages would be advertised for tender and tenders received and then contracts allotted. He had experience in another Local Authority in which repairs were carried out by contract on the basis of Scheduled Prices. A Schedule listing the prices for various types of work required to cottages was prepared and tenders were invited for the carrying out of repairs in accordance with such Schedule either at the prices quoted in the Schedule or at a percentage over or under the Schedule prices. This system had worked satisfactorily and on coming to Wicklow he had introduced the system for repairs to houses in Bray Urban District. The system had worked quite satisfactorily in the Bray area. The County Manager pointed out that in carrying out repairs by direct labour in the county area considerable overhead costs were involved, particularly in the transport of men and in the transport of materials. From an analysis of the cost of repairs carried out during the year 1956/7 it was found that wages accounted for about 58½% of the expenditure, materials for 26% and machinery, i.e., transport costs.

15½%. Councillor Senator McCrea agreed that there were difficulties in the present system of cottage repairs but did not favour the carrying out of repairs by contract. He suggested that an arrangement might be adopted under which the Council could supply materials and that the tradesmen employed by the Council would tender for carrying out the work. Councillor Dr. Donnelly suggested that the repairs might be worked more efficiently if a mobile workshop were used and cottages repaired in groups. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., recommended the continuation of the present system of direct labour but suggested that it might be improved in many ways. Councillor H. J. Byrne agreed with the method suggested by the County Engineer and pointed out that the cost of transporting men and materials added considerably to the cost of repairs and suggested that the transport of men should cease. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the introduction of a system of cottage repairs by contract and invite tenders for repairs in districts on the basis of a schedule of prices."

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we continue the system of cottage repairs by direct labour, endeavour to economise in transport costs, and employ local labour in all possible cases; and that the monies provided for cottage repairs be apportioned between the engineer's districts in relation to the number of cottages in each engineer's 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.; Senator J. J. McCrea, James O'Neill, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, William Lawless and J. Everett, T.D. ... 10

Against: Councillors William Cleary, Paul Kehoe, James O'Toole, T.D.; Edward Byrne and H. J. Byrne ... 5
Councillors P. McCarthy and W. Hammand did not vote.

The Amendment was declared passed by 10 votes in favour to 5 votes against and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

The County Engineer stated that the system of transporting men originated when building schemes were in progress on a large number of sites throughout the county. He stated that nowadays workmen would not travel any distance unless transport was provided for them. He agreed that the cost of transporting men added considerably to the cost of repairs to cottages. He stated that he would co-operate in endeavouring to improve the efficiency of the organisation for carrying out repairs by direct labour.

Appointment of Temporary Engineer:

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the employment of a temporary engineer for a period of three months for the purpose of mapping plots for vesting of cottages and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the remuneration and travelling expenses of such officer."

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

Cottage at Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig:

Councillor Lawless stated that sometime ago a tenant of No. 14 Castlefield Terrace had asked him to make representations to the Council to allow him to cultivate the plot opposite his house and forming the end of the access road. Due to a misunderstanding the tenant thought that he had the permission of the Council and had fenced off this portion of land and planted it. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the only unfavourable circumstance that might arise would be in the case of any future extension of the road. The County Manager stated that it would be necessary to make some adjustment in the rent payable by the tenant in respect of the use of this plot by him.

Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of April, 1957.

During the month of April, 1957, the following housing schemes were completed:—

1. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

2. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

3. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

4. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

5. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

6. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

7. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

8. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

9. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

10. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 cottage completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes was submitted:

County Engineer's Office,
Carrigrohane, Wexford,
2nd May 1957.

Housing Progress Report

The present position of Housing Schemes in progress is as follows:—

1. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 6 houses completed. Work on masonry and boundary walls now in progress.

2. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: 1 skilled 2 unskilled.

3. Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig: Under this scheme 23 houses have been provided as detailed in previous monthly reports.

The following cottages are now in progress by direct labour:

Castlefield Terrace (Site No. 1074): Concrete work for minor work.

Killincarrig (Site No. 1075): Finishing in progress.

Ballymore (Site No. 1076): Walls in progress.

Number of men employed: 4 skilled & unskilled.

J. J. O'NEILL,
County Engineer.

It was

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

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of April, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th May, 1957, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Senator James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. Hickey and P. McGuinness, attended.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of April, 1957.
2. Vaccination against Poliomyelitis—proposed introduction of scheme of vaccination.
3. Application for licence for use of lands for temporary dwellings.
4. Applications for loans under S.D.A. Acts.
5. Apportionment of moneys provided in Estimate for Cottage Repairs to Engineer's Districts.
6. Report on Cottage Rent Collection for half year to 31st March, 1957.
7. Proposed repairs to cottage at Carrigower, Kilpedder.
8. Repairs carried out during the month of April, 1957.
9. To authorise repairs to cottages.

Resolution of Sympathy: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the recent death of Councillor J. O'Neill and proposed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with his widow and family. All the members of the Council present paid tribute to Councillor O'Neill's work on the Council and the resolution was passed unanimously and the Council adjourned for a period as a mark of respect to his memory.

Time of Meeting: Councillor W. Hammond suggested that in future the time of the meeting of the Housing Committee be at 3 p.m. instead of 2 p.m.. The Council agreed that in future the meeting would commence at 3 p.m.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes was submitted.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
3rd May, 1957.

Housing Progress Report

Gentlemen,

The present position of Housing Schemes in progress is as follows:—

Aughrim Scheme: 6 houses completed. Work on roadway and boundary walls now in progress.

Number of men employed: 1 skilled, 2 unskilled.

1952 Housing Scheme: Under this scheme 23 houses have been completed as detailed in previous monthly reports.

The following cottages are now in progress by direct labour:

Coolfancy (Site No. 1014): Complete except for minor items.

Kilballyowen (Site No. 1019): Plastering in progress.

Ballycapple (Site No. 1047): Walls in progress.

Number of men employed: 4 skilled, 6 unskilled.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of April, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

The County Manager stated that this matter had been included on the Agenda for the meeting as being a matter of urgency. The Minister for Health had decided to recommend to Health Authorities the adoption of a scheme for vaccination against poliomyelitis. It was intended that the scheme would apply eventually to children in the age group 1 to 9 years and the Minister urged that arrangements be made immediately for the vaccination in the current year of children over 1 and under 3 years of age. The cost of the vaccine was estimated at about £1 in respect of each child vaccinated and the total expenditure on the scheme in the current year should not exceed £1,500, of which 50% would be recouped under the Health Services Grant. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 20th April, 1957, Ref. 19/57, from Department of Health, we hereby adopt Scheme for vaccination against Poliomyelitis for children in the age group 1 to 9 years and approve of arrangements being made immediately for the vaccination of children over 1 and under 3 years of age. We hereby authorise expenditure of £1,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services to meet the cost of putting into operation this scheme for vaccination."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR USE OF LANDS FOR TEMPORARY DWELLINGS.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had recommended the issue of licence to Matthew Wolohan, Dunbur, Wicklow, for the use of his lands at Dunbur for the retention thereon of 1 temporary dwelling and 12 caravans. The water supply was satisfactory. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the issue of a licence to Mr. Matthew Wolohan, Dunbur, Wicklow, for the use of lands at Dunbur, Wicklow, for the retention thereon of 1 temporary dwelling and 12 caravans for the year to 31st March, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council considered the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:
Circ. No. H.5/57.
H.209/32.

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
2nd May, 1957.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that issues from the Local Loans Fund for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts will be available in the current financial year on the following basis:—

1. Advances to which local authorities are committed:

The issue of instalments from approved loans will be recommended as required by local authorities, to enable advances to which they are already committed to be made according as payment arises.

Where the value of existing commitments exceeds the balance of approved loans available to a local authority, application should be made for sanction to a loan of an amount which will cover that excess. Local Authorities who have made application for loans which have not yet been sanctioned are asked to revise their applications on this basis.

2. Further advances:

The Minister will be prepared to recommend issues from balances of approved loans, and to recommend new loans, to enable local authorities to consider further applications for advances. Having regard, however, to the extent of capital commitments of local authorities for housing generally, as ascertained

from a survey made in January, 1957, it will not be possible at present to provide unlimited finance for the purposes of new Small Dwellings advances.

In these circumstances, the Minister considers it desirable that there should be the maximum degree of uniformity in the general conditions of eligibility for new advances. He has accordingly decided that loans will be recommended to enable advances to be made to new applicants from the following groups:—

- Farmers, the rateable valuation of whose holdings does not exceed £35;
- other persons whose income does not exceed £624 a year in the county boroughs, the borough of Dun Laoghaire, the county of Dublin or the district of St. Mary's, Bishopstown, Blackrock and Douglas in the County of Cork, or, in any other area, £520 a year; and
- tenants of local authority dwellings, without limit of income, who surrender their tenancies on providing their own houses.

Advances should not be made in respect of houses the price of which is considered by the local authority to be unduly high, having regard to the classes of persons eligible for the advances.

The Minister requests that applications for loans under head (2) of this Circular Letter be restricted to such amounts as would represent estimated approvals of advances in the next twelve months and that each loan application be accompanied by as accurate an estimate as possible of the expenditure in 1957/58 on foot of such advances. In accordance with the requirements of Circular No. H.17/56 of 27 Samhain, 1956, commitments should not be entered into by local authorities in respect of advances under the Acts prior to the receipt of sanction to the loans.

Mise, le meas,

To Each local authority.

The County Secretary gave particulars of the outgoing which would arise in respect of loans of £1,000 and £1,600 at the current rate of interest of 6½%. The annual outgoing (including repayment of annuity, ground rent, repairs, fire insurance and rates) amounted to approximately £120 in respect of a loan of £1,000 and to £172 approximately in respect of a loan of £1,600. Members of the Council pointed out that the annual outgoing would represent a substantial proportion of the income of the applicants coming within the limits specified in the Department's letter. The Council agreed that the Minister be asked to increase the limits as regards valuation to £65 and in respect of income to £780 a year. The Council decided also that the Council's views in regard to increasing the limits for means be conveyed to the General Council of County Councils for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting. The Council also asked that a copy of the circular be circulated to each member.

The Council considered letter of the 1st May, 1957, from Mr. W. Boyle Fawsitt, Solicitor on behalf of Mr. Robert J. Mooney who had obtained a loan from the Council in respect of premises, 13 La Touche Place, Greystones, asking that the Council consent to the letting of the premises as Mr. Mooney had purchased a business premises in Greystones with living accommodation and wished to reside there. The Council noted that Mr. Mooney would continue to be responsible for the repayment of the loan and agreed that permission be given for the letting of the premises.

The Council considered applications for loan from Miss Eilis Gilheany, Blessington, in sum of £1,600 in respect of a house to be erected at Burgage, and from Mr. T. F. Millett, Solicitor on behalf of Mr. P. J. Hanlon, for £1,200 in respect of erection of a house at Tuckmill, Baltinglass. The Council noted that both applicants were single and that it was not the practice to make loans to single persons.

ITEM No. 5—COTTAGE REPAIRS.

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with the decision of the Council the monies available in the Estimates for cottage repairs for the current year had been apportioned between the Engineers' Districts in accordance with the number of un-vested cottages in each area. The proportions were as follows:

Area	Unvested Cottages	Allowance for Repairs
North-Eastern (Mr. Hickey)	1,405	£3,475
South-Eastern (Mr. Caffrey)	533	£1,318
Southern (Mr. McGuinness)	344	£851
Western (Mr. Foley)	548	£1,356
	<u>2,830</u>	<u>£7,000</u>

The Council noted the allocation of the monies between the Assistant Engineers' Districts.

ITEM No. 6—REPORT ON COTTAGE RENT COLLECTIONS :

The County Secretary submitted report on the Cottage Rent Collection in respect of the half year to 31st March, 1957. The total rents for collection in the full year amounted to £38,161 12s. 4d. and the amount lodged was £38,062 15s. 8d. The percentage collected was 99.46. The Council expressed satisfaction with the collection and complimented the tenants and the collectors on the state of the collection.

ITEM No. 7—REPAIRS TO COTTAGE AT CARRIGOWER.

Having considered report of the Clerk of Works dated 22nd May, 1957, in regard to cottage No. 1/8 at Carrigower, and estimate of cost of repairs amounting to £48 15s. 0d., and report of the Rent Collector in regard to periodic absences of the tenant from the cottage, the Council agreed that the repairs be carried out. The Council considered that the tenant should be allowed to remain in occupation.

ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF APRIL 1957.

The Council noted list of cottages repaired during the month of April, 1957.

ITEM No. 9—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th May, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, William Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.

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 25th February and 11th March, 1957.
2. Resignation of Member of Council and to declare vacancies on Council.
3. Application of Leinster Motor Club Ltd. for closing of road circuit at Wicklow for purpose of Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races in June, and July, 1957.
4. Recommendation of Labour Court in regard to (i) rate of pay of Gangers employed by the Council, and (ii) Sick Pay Scheme for Overseers and Assistant Overseers.
5. Proposed taking over of Eden Road, Greystones, as a public road; report of Council's Engineer.
6. Call-out System for fire brigades; proposed provision of sirens.
7. Re-organisation of Veterinary Services; letter from Department of Agriculture in regard to making of permanent appointments.
8. Blind Welfare; recommendation of Consultative Health Committee regarding proposed contribution by Council to cost of setting up Board to acquire and equip workshop for the blind.
9. Letter from Department of Health in relation to review of dispensary building programme and notifying the discontinuance on the 1st June, 1957, of scheme for provision of grants.
10. Recommendation of Consultative Health Committee in regard to future use of St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum.
11. Provision of Institutional Services for cases of "Hardship" under Section 15 of the Health Act, 1953 (copy of scale of charges circulated).
12. Proposal to provide public sanitary convenience at Aughrim; report of the County Medical Officer.
13. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole, T.D., in regard to provision of public light at Jamesons' Corner, Kilmacanogue.
14. Letter from Foras Eireann in regard to scheme of grants from Carnegie Trust towards the cost of building halls in rural areas.
15. Minutes of meetings of County Councils' General Council held on 13th December, 1956, and 20th March, 1957.
16. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 25th February and 11th March, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL AND DECLARATION OF VACANCIES.

The following letter from Councillor W. Clarke was submitted :

“ Finisterre,”
Wicklow.
6th May, 1957.

Mr. Kevin Brangan,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

It is with deep regret that I find I must submit my resignation as a member of the Council. I enclose a note from my doctor which explains the reason for this action.

I understand that in filling a vacancy the Council have in the past followed the practice of co-opting a member from the same Party as that of the member who resigned. If this is so, I submit for the Council's consideration the name of Mr. Jack Smith, Manager, Royal Hotel, Glendalough, Co. Wicklow. Please be good enough to convey to the Chairman and the members of the Council my sincere thanks for their many kindnesses and considerations in the past, and let me express my very deep appreciation and gratitude to the County Manager, yourself and the other members of the Staff of the Council who have at all times shown to me so much co-operation and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Signed : William Clarke.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

Resolved :—

“ That we hereby accept with regret the resignation of Councillor William Clarke as a member of the Council.”

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman and members of the Council expressed appreciation of the services given by Councillor Clarke during his membership of the Council and regret at his having to resign on account of his health. The County Secretary stated that there were two vacancies on the Council arising from the death of Councillor James O'Neill and from the resignation of Councillor Clarke.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“ That we hereby declare two vacancies on Wicklow County Council arising from the death of Councillor James O'Neill and the resignation of Councillor William Clarke and determine that these vacancies be filled at the next meeting of this Council to be held on the 17th June, 1957.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notices had been given in regard to the proposed closing to public traffic of the road circuit near Wicklow on the 13th, 14th and 15th June and on the 11th, 12th and 13th July for the purpose of the Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races and that no objections had been received. A discussion took place in regard to the times of the closing of the roads on the Thursday and Friday evenings and also in regard

to the general principle of closing roads for the purpose of motor cycle and motor car races. It was.

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved :—

“ That having considered application of Leinster Motor Club Ltd., we hereby close to public traffic the roads described in the Schedule hereto on the following dates :—

- Thursday, 13th June, 1957, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- Friday, 14th June, 1957, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- Saturday, 15th June, 1957, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.
- Thursday, 11th July, 1957, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- Friday, 12th July, 1957, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- Saturday, 13th July, 1957, from 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 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 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.

We hereby authorise the holding of Motor Cycle and Motor Car Races and practices therefor on these roads, while so closed to public traffic.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—RECOMMENDATION OF LABOUR COURT REGARDING RATE OF PAY OF GANGERS AND SICK PAY SCHEME FOR OVERSEERS AND ASSISTANT OVERSEERS.

Recommendation No. 946 of the Labour Court in regard to the dispute between the Federation of Rural Workers and the Council concerning the rate of pay of road gangers was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the Court recommended the granting by the Council of the claim made by the Federation for the increasing of the differential paid to gangers from 3/- to 4/- per day as from the date of the recommendation, viz., 8th April, 1957. Recommendation No. 948 of the Labour Court in regard to the dispute between the Federation of Rural Workers and the Council concerning the conditions of employment of overseers and assistant overseers and the proposed introduction of sick pay schemes for these employees was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that while in sympathy with the general idea underlying the claim, the Court felt that it must take heed of and be guided by the generally prevailing practices in industry and in the services of local authorities in regard to the application of the principle in the case of manual or non-clerical staffs. In the

light of this consideration the Court did not recommend that the Council should concede the claim of the Federation of Rural Workers. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we adopt the recommendations of the Labour Court."
Passed unanimously.

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered recommendation of the Labour Court dated 8th April, 1957, we hereby approve of the payment of a differential of 4/- per day to gangers employed by the Council as from 8th April, 1957, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this increase in the differential."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—PROPOSED TAKING OVER OF EDEN ROAD, GREYSTONES, AS A PUBLIC ROAD.

The County Secretary stated that Eden Road, Greystones, was not a public road and that the Engineer had reported that its length was 200 yards with width of 22 ft. It served 9 houses, one garage and some rear entrances to the houses on the Main Street, and ran parallel to the railway off La Touche Road. It finished in a cul-de-sac at the 200 yards mark with a 5 ft. path which ran somewhat beyond that point. The estimated cost of bringing the surface to grade, drainage, surfacing in stone and tarring was £350. The Assistant County Engineer reported that its present condition was poor. The total valuation of the houses on the road amounted to £139. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council had received many representations in regard to the need for repairing certain roads in the Greystones district for which the Council already were responsible. Kinlen Road was one in respect of which representations had been received and the total valuation of property on the road was £414 5s. 0d. Representations had also been received in regard to Quarry Road. The valuations of houses on this road amounted to £142 5s. 0d. The County Secretary stated that it would seem desirable that these roads should receive preference. Councillor Lawless urged that the Council take the necessary steps to have the road declared a public road and stated that the matter of priority as regards repairs could be considered later. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the Council's Engineer we approve of the taking over of Eden Road, Greystones, as a public road and direct that the necessary public notices of the Council's intention to do so be given."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—CALL-OUT SYSTEM FOR FIRE BRIGADES.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had reported in regard to the suggestion that sirens might be used for the purposes of call-out of the fire brigades at Carnew, Tinahely, Blessington. The Chief Fire Officer stated that sirens would be more effective during the day and he thought at least as effective as buzzers at night. The system of call-out by telephone buzzers could be discontinued in towns where sirens would be installed. The Chief Fire Officer estimated the cost of each siren to be approximately £80 plus wiring and erection costs. He estimated the wiring costs at approximately £30 for each siren and the erection cost in the case of Tinahely siren at £20, and the Carnew siren, if erected on suggested concrete tower in the Station Officer's Garden would be approximately £50. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration at the Estimates Meeting for the following year. Councillor J. McCrea and

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that arrangements might be improved in regard to the existing call-out system and asked that the Chief Fire Officer arrange to meet the local councillors in each area to consider this matter.

ITEM No. 7—RE-ORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was submitted:—
No. 11/29/38. Dublin
12th April, 1957.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th March and previous correspondence about the re-organisation of local authority veterinary services in Co. Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he cannot agree that the question of making permanent appointments to posts of part-time Veterinary Inspector under your Council should be further deferred. It is accordingly requested that your Council will proceed with the arrangements for the appointment of five permanent part-time Veterinary Inspectors for the revised Arklow, Wicklow, Rathdown, Baltinglass and Rathdrum districts in respect of which statutory requests have already been made by the Council to the Local Appointments Commissioners. An order should be made by the County Manager formally creating the new posts described in the third paragraph of this Department's letter of the 19th July, 1956. A copy of the order should be furnished to this Department in connection with the making of the proposed amalgamation orders by the Minister in respect of the Wicklow and Arklow districts.

As regards remuneration, I am to state that if the Council do not wish to accept the salary proposals set out in the draft "Particulars of Office" enclosed with this Department's letter of the 19th July, 1956, their proposals should be submitted for consideration by the Department.

In view of the delay which has already occurred in making the permanent appointments, the Department will be glad to have your reply at an early date.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient servant,
Signed: J. A. Wallis,
for Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Department had been informed in reply to their letter that the Council felt unable to agree to the proposed changes in the salaries of Veterinary Inspectors under the proposed re-organisation scheme in view of the substantial additional cost which would ensue. The Department was informed that the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow were not agreeable to the payment of a greater amount for veterinary services. The following letter was also received from the Department of Agriculture:—

Dublin,
3 Bealtaine, 1957.
No. 11/29/38.
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 18th April and previous correspondence about the re-organisation of local authority veterinary services in Co. Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to request that the Council's proposals as regards the salaries to be fixed for the posts of part-time permanent Veterinary Inspectors for the revised Arklow, Wicklow, Rathdown, Baltinglass and Rathdrum Districts should be submitted for consideration by the Department as soon as possible. In this connection I am to state that irrespective of the question of an increase in salaries it will be necessary in connection with the permanent appointments to revise existing salaries to take account of the relative size and volume of duties arising in each of the new districts as compared with the present districts.

Mise, le meas,
Signed: J. A. Wallis,
Runai.

An Runai,
Comhairle Chontae Chille Manntain,
Teach na Cuirte,
Cill Manntain.

The County Secretary stated that all the present appointments of Veterinary Inspectors were on a temporary basis and that it would be necessary apart from any re-organisation scheme to make arrangements for permanent appointments. The appointments would be made on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners. Following a discussion on the matter it was

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

Resolved:—

“That we defer action in regard to the re-organisation of veterinary services in the county.”

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Lawless referred to the need for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis and suggested that the Department of Agriculture be requested to extend the scheme to County Wicklow.

ITEM No. 8—BLIND WELFARE.

The following letter from the Department of Social Welfare was submitted:—

A.D.37/56.

H.A.2/57.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to refer to your letter of the 18th ultimo regarding the proposal to acquire and equip a workshop for the for the employment of the Blind and to state that it is noted that the matter will be considered by your Council at its meeting to be held on the 13th instant. It should be explained that, while details of the cost of the scheme will not be available until the Board for the employment of the Blind furnishes its accounts as at the 31st March, 1958, it is considered unlikely that any local authority, except perhaps the Dublin Corporation, will be called on to pay any money towards expenses in the current financial year.

As regards your enquiry as to whether it is proposed to increase the amount of the State Grant, I am to invite your attention to Section 2(1) of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, which imposes a duty on the Council of every County and County Borough to make arrangements, to the satisfaction of the Minister, for promoting the welfare of blind persons ordinarily resident within their area, and, for that purpose, authorises the authorities to provide and maintain or contribute towards the provision and maintenance of workshops, hostels, homes or other places for the reception of blind persons whether within or without their area, and, with the approval of the Minister, to do such other things as may appear to them desirable for the purpose.

I am to ask that your Council will give favourable consideration to the project of setting up a workshop for the employment of the blind and decide to contribute its share of the annual cost of operation.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee had considered the matter and had recommended that the Council might agree to contribute towards the proposed setting up of a workshop for the employment of the Blind. The Council noted that an enquiry had been addressed to the Department as to whether it was intended to increase the amount of the state grant in relation to the scheme and that no reply had been received to this enquiry. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter pending the receipt of a reply from the Department in regard to this point.

ITEM No. 9—GRANTS FOR DISPENSARIES.

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

Circular No. 21/57.

30 Aibreán, 1957.

A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to refer to the various Circular Letters which have been issued regarding the need for remedying the very unsatisfactory conditions which obtained insofar as dispensary premises are concerned. As a special inducement to local authorities to proceed more rapidly with their programmes for the replacement of unsatisfactory dispensaries it was decided in 1952 that a grant of £600 would be paid in the case of new dispensaries subject to certain conditions being complied with. This matter was dealt with in the Department's Circular Letter No. H.12/52, dated 5 Bealtaine, 1952. Subsequently it was specifically mentioned in a Circular Letter of 30th October, 1953, that it would be unwise to assume that grants for dispensary replacement would be available indefinitely.

The Minister has reviewed the position of the dispensary building programme. Very considerable progress has been achieved in the replacement of unsatisfactory premises and the Minister has now decided that pending an examination of the general position in relation to capital expenditure on hospital and allied building works the scheme for the provision of grants towards the cost of erecting dispensaries will be discontinued from 1st June next. The decision regarding the non-payment of grants will not apply in the case of dispensary premises which have already been built or which are in course of construction on that date.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that the Council had now received the draft Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £7,500 for the erection of the four dispensaries at Aughrim, Baltinglass, Carnew and Rathdrum. The draft Mortgage was submitted for the approval of the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

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

Resolved:—

“That we approve of draft Mortgage for loan of £7,500 in respect of erection of four dispensaries received from the Commissioners of Public Works and undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November, in each year, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this undertaking.”

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the proposed provision of a new dispensary at Avoca, the County Secretary stated that the Council was awaiting a decision from the Treasurer as to whether a loan of £1,100 could be made available to defray the Council's share of the cost of the work. No tender could be accepted or contract entered into until the Council were assured that monies were available. The Council noted that it would be necessary to have work on the erection of this dispensary put in hands before 1st June, 1957, if the grant of £600 was to be availed of. Members of the Council suggested that site works might be started by direct labour, if necessary, before the close of the month.

ITEM No. 10—FUTURE USE OF ST. KEVIN'S SANATORIUM, RATHDRUM.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee at their meeting on the 15th April, 1957, had considered the proposal that tuberculosis cases in St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, who required further treatment be transferred to Newcastle Sanatorium and that St. Kevin's Sanatorium be used

for the accommodation of sick or infirm inmates of the County Home. This would enable the attic wards in St. Colman's Hospital to be discontinued. It had been found, however, on further examination of the costs involved that the proposals would involve an expenditure of about £3,000 per annum, of which £1,500 would rank for recoupment from Health Grant. The Council decided to refer the matter again to the Consultative Health Committee for further examination, having regard to the costs involved in the proposals.

ITEM No. 11—PROVISION OF INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES FOR CASES OF "HARDSHIP."

Particulars regarding the provision of institutional services for cases of "hardship" under Section 15 (4) of the Health Act, 1953, had been circulated to the members, together with copy of the scale of charges to be made in such cases. The Council noted the scale of charges to be made in the circumstances set out in the circulars.

ITEM No. 12—SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT AUGHHRIM.

The following report of the Chief Medical Officer was submitted:—

Rathdrum,
Co. Wicklow.
15th April, 1957.

Staff Officer,
Housing Section.

re/Public Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim.

A Chara,

I cannot see any necessity for this. It is understood that one of the reasons given for the proposal is that crowds congregate in Aughrim on the occasion of football matches. If the G.A.A. required lavatory accommodation it is a matter for them, and I am asking the Health Inspector for the area to look into the whole question of sanitation at the G.A.A. Park on the occasion of matches. Public lavatories in such places as Aughrim are much more likely to become a Public Nuisance. Generally speaking, my views are that such provision of amenities must be approached with care and a definite need such as facilities for tourists must be established and caretaking must be satisfactory. It is also common knowledge that there is a considerable demand for Public Lavatories after the public houses are closed at night, and generally speaking, lavatories which have a caretaker are by then closed, or if they are without caretakers they become Public Nuisances.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: D. F. McCarthy,
Chief Medical Officer.

In reply to Councillor Lawless, the County Manager stated that the G.A.A. had not asked for the provision of a public convenience at Aughrim. The Council noted that monies were not available at present to enable the provision of sanitary conveniences to be considered.

ITEM No. 13—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT JAMESONS' CORNER, KILMACANOGUE.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had been asked to submit quotations for the provision of additional public lights at Kilmacanogue, including the light at Jamesons' Corner. It seemed doubtful, however, if the light at the latter place would be essential. The Council noted that the estimate of the E.S.B. would be submitted in due course.

ITEM No. 14—LETTER FROM FORAS EIREANN.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Foras Eireann stating that the Carnegie Trust had re-opened a scheme of grants towards the cost of building halls in rural Ireland, and enclosing details of conditions governing grants from the Trust. It was pointed out in the letter that the total grant to be given by the Carnegie Trust was only £20,000 and that competition would therefore be very keen, as only a limited number of halls could participate in the scheme. The Council was asked if they were interested in the scheme, and it was stated that any further details would be supplied. The conditions governing the grant require that the hall be vested in trustees and held for the benefit of the whole community under a properly executed Trust Deed. The hall must be administered by a Committee to consist of a nominee from each organisation and club within the area to be served together with others elected at an Annual General Meeting. The hall must be built of sound and appropriate materials and must provide adequate accommodation for the social needs of the neighbourhood without, however, being beyond the power of the neighbourhood to maintain. The hall must be designed by a properly qualified architect whose plans would be subject to approval before qualifying for grant. The grant would only be a proportion of the total cost and would not be paid over until the local contribution was raised and expended. Part of the local contribution might be made in gifts and voluntary labour. It is stated also that no grant would be considered for a hall to be owned or administered by any single organisation and that no grant would be considered where building on the hall had already started. The matter was discussed by the Council, and the Council noted that there were no halls in view for which an application for a grant might be made.

ITEM No. 15—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of Meetings of the County Councils' General Council held on the 13th December, 1956, and 20th March, 1957.

Road at Kilcarra :

Councillor McCarthy enquired if a report had been received from the Council's Engineer in regard to proposals that road at Kilcarra be taken over and maintained as a public road. The County Secretary stated that the report would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Road serving Council cottages at Ballygannon :

Councillor Haughton asked that work be carried out on the road serving these cottages. The County Engineer stated that the estimated cost would be £400 and that he would consult the Assistant County Engineer for the district and see if the work could be carried out and defrayed from Maintenance.

Site for Caravans at Avoca :

The County Secretary submitted an application received for a licence for use of land at The Meetings, Avoca, for caravans. The Council noted the report of the County Medical Officer who recommends that the application be refused and who pointed out that there was no satisfactory water supply and that the site was unsuitable being very close to the Meeting of the Waters. The Council agreed that a licence be refused in this case.

Redford Sewerage Scheme :

Councillor Lawless enquired if the County Engineer had met the Estate Architect in regard to the proposed sewerage scheme for Redford. The County Engineer stated that he was arranging for a meeting with the Architect and that a report would be available for the next meeting.

Travelling Expenses for Assistance Officers :

Councillor Lawless asked if the County Manager had considered the application of the Assistance Officers for travelling expenses on the basis of scale

applicable to other classes of officers. The County Manager stated that the matter was being examined and that a report would be submitted to the Council.

Forestry Workers at Ballinglen :

Councillor McCarthy stated that workers employed by the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands at Ballinglen were under notice and asked that the Council make representations to the Minister. The Council agreed that a telegram be sent to the Forestry Division asking that the men be retained in employment.

Notice of Motion :

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Dr. Donnelly and accepted by the Chairman :

" Take notice that at the next statutory meeting of this Council, I or someone on my behalf will move the following Notice of Motion : That in the interest of public health (a) Greystones be afforded the facility of a weekly refuse collection, and (b) the North Beach dump be done away with and a suitable new dump provided."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Council, in Committee, was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th May, 1957, at 11 a.m., to enquire into the question of roads expenditure under all headings and regarding matters complained of by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

The following members attended :—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. D. Haughton.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor W. Hammond and passed, that Councillor Dr. Donnelly take the Chair.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor J. J. McCrea queried the holding of the meeting in Committee. The County Secretary read the resolution passed by the Council at the meeting held on the 8th April, 1957, from which it was noted that the Council had decided that the meeting be held in Committee.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to machinery which he stated was not in use, to the employment of a man as machinery attendant who had previously served in the navy and also to the treatment of a Clerk-Typist employed in the County Engineer's office. The County Manager and County Secretary gave details to the members of the difficulties experienced with the Clerk-Typist referred to. Councillor J. Everett stated that he reserved the right to raise these matters publicly. The objections made by Councillor J. Everett were noted by the Council.

Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that his purpose in proposing the meeting of the Committee to enquire into the questions of roads expenditure was principally his concern regarding the employment position and the need for assuring that the moneys available for road works were being expended in a satisfactory way. He referred to the reduction in employment on roads during the previous months and the delay in commencing road works in the current financial year. Councillor J. J. McCrea also complained of the hiring of a machine which had been used at Tomacork Quarry and in respect of which a high hireage charge was paid. He suggested that the work could have been done without the use of the machine and employment provided locally. He referred also to the use of the Blade Grader and suggested that there was an excessive use of machinery. He pointed out that in many cases there was no need for speed in carrying out works and that the use of other methods, while involving a slower rate of work, would provide more employment. He enquired also as to the use to which the central quarries could be put having regard to the new methods of road construction. Councillor Lawless enquired as to the amount spent on the hiring of lorries during the year to 31st March, 1957.

The County Manager stated that after the war work was commenced on restoration of Main Roads to a proper standard and subsequently work was commenced on the reconstruction of County Roads. Only a comparatively small mileage of County Roads had been tarred prior to the war, but now there were nearly 250 miles of such roads tarred. The quantity of materials needed for road works had increased enormously and it would not have been possible to carry out such a volume of work without the use of machinery. In referring to the extent of the roads which had been reconstructed he gave examples of such works carried out in the various Electoral areas. The County Manager reminded the Council of the numerous representations which had been received in past years for repairs and reconstruction of roads, for example, County Roads on which milk lorries travel. Usually it was represented to the Council that the repairs to these roads were urgently required. Almost all roads in respect of which representations had been received previously had now been reconstructed. In regard to the matter of employment on roads, the County Manager referred to recent economic difficulties and pointed out that in such times a greater number of men sought employment on roads. He stated that the wages re-

presented about 50% of the cost of road works, materials about 33%, and machinery about 17%.

Details of plant hired by the Council during the nine months to 31st December, 1956, were submitted. In regard to the hiring of lorries from C.I.E., it was noted that the rate of charge was 18/3 per hour, of which 3/3 was retained by C.I.E. and also 7½% of the remaining 15/-. The rate of charge for Council lorries in the period was 15/- per hour. The County Secretary stated that C.I.E. had been asked as far as possible to engage lorries owned by persons in the county when lorries were hired by the County Council. The Council agreed that when lorries had to be hired preference should be given to local lorry owners who had the necessary licences.

New Methods of Roads Construction: The County Engineer gave particulars of the methods recently introduced for reconstructing County Roads by sand-gravel system and by the use of the Blade Grader. The methods formerly used had involved a considerable use of tar, and with the new methods the works could be more easily spread over the year. The cost per mile for reconstructing roads by Blade Grader was approximately £1,000 and represented a saving of nearly £2,000 as compared with the former system. The sand-gravel system of road construction was suitable when the road was not subject to very heavy traffic and provided that a surface dressing was given to the road when completed. In the south-eastern Engineering District 17 miles of road had been done by the sand-gravel method at a cost of approximately £850 per mile. 26 miles of road had been done with the Blade Grader last year and 10 miles in the present year.

The Assistant County Engineer, Mr. P. McGuinness, explained the circumstances under which the special machine, a Trax-Cavator, had been hired for use at Tomacork Quarry and pointed out that the work was done more economically with the use of the machine. The hireage charge was 27/6 per hour. Councillor Lawless asked that particulars be supplied to the next meeting of the County Council of the number of lorry drivers employed and the total amount paid to lorry drivers and also the number of machinery attendants employed and the total amount paid to such workers. He asked also that particulars be supplied of the amount paid for the hire of machinery for the year to 31st March, 1957.

The Council agreed that every effort should be made to avoid the hiring of lorries from C.I.E. and suggested that the work be staggered over the period of the year in order to avoid such considerable hire charges.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, supported by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that the Council's Engineering Staff slow down on the use of machinery and concentrate on employment of men.

Road Grants, 1957/58 :

Letter of 13th May, 1957, from the Department of Local Government giving particulars of the road grants available for 1957/58 was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the Main Road Improvement Grant was £26,700 and the County Road Improvement Grant £55,300, these being similar amounts to the grants allocated in the previous year. The Council agreed that the matter of the works to be carried out with the aid of road grants be considered at the Housing Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd June, 1957.

Loan for Erection of Dispensaries :

The County Secretary stated that a Deed of Mortgage had been received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £7,500 to defray the cost of erection of four dispensaries. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

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 £7,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Health Acts, 1947 to 1954."

Passed.

Date of Meeting of Council :

As Monday, 10th June, 1957, will be Whit Monday, the Council decided that the Council meeting in June should be held on the Following Monday, 17th June, 1957.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd June, 1957, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, William Cleary, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, were present.

AGENDA.

1. Report of County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of May, 1957.
2. To consider programme of Road Works for 1957/58 (proposals of County Engineer circulated).
3. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding supplementary grants for reconstruction.
4. Use of lands for Caravans.
5. Report in regard to shed at Boghall Road, Bray.
6. Applications for loans under S.D.A. Acts.
7. Dispensary at Avoca—arrangements for proceeding with the work and financing cost.
8. Repairs carried out during month of May, 1957.
9. Authorisation of Repairs.

Pending the arrival of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of May, 1957, was submitted :—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
31st May, 1957.

Housing Progress Report.

Gentlemen,

The present position of Housing Schemes in progress is as follows :—

Aughrim Scheme : 6 houses completed. Work on roadway and boundary walls now in progress.

Number of men employed : 1 skilled, 1 unskilled.

1952 Housing Scheme : Under this scheme 23 houses have been completed as detailed in previous monthly reports, and Coolfancy (Site No. 1014) was completed during May.

The following cottages are now in progress by Direct Labour :

Kilballyowen (Site No. 1019). Complete except for minor items.

Ballycapple (Site No. 1047). Ready for roofing, timbers fixed.

Number of men employed : 4 skilled, 6 unskilled.

J. T. O'BYRNE,
County Engineer.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of May, 1957.”

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Hammond, the County Secretary stated that as the houses completed at Aughrim were fully serviced it would not be possible to arrange for the letting of the houses until the sewerage scheme was completed and the houses connected to it. It was expected that the sewerage scheme would be completed in August, 1957.

ITEM No. 2—PROGRAMME OF ROAD WORKS FOR 1957/58.

The County Engineer's recommendations for the allocation of monies available for road works for the year 1957/58 as between the Engineers' Districts and electoral areas, together with particulars of the works proposed to be carried out with the aid of road grants had been circulated to the members. Councillor Miley drew attention to a difference in the amounts allocated for roads in the west for the current year as compared with the previous year and pointed out that there was a reduction of over £1,000. The County Engineer stated that in allocating the monies he had to have regard to the volume of traffic on roads in the different areas and pointed out that roads in the northern and eastern part of the county carried very heavy traffic particularly during the summer period. It was

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

Resolved:—

“That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer in regard to the allocation of monies available for road works in the year 1957/58.”

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

In favour: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, William Cleary, Wallace Hammond, M. Deering, James O'Toole, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, William Lawless, C. W. Hudson and H. J. Byrne 12

Against: Councillor G. Timmins 1
Councillors P. Kehoe and J. Miley did not vote.

The Motion was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to 1 vote against.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Hammond, the County Engineer stated that the provision of £2,950 for the straight at Kilmacanogue related to the surfacing of this portion of roadway and the lowering of the sides of the road. The Council decided that meetings of the members of the Council for the various electoral areas would be held as follows

Arklow Electoral Area: At Shillelagh at 3 p.m. on Friday, 14th June.

Baltinglass Electoral Area: At Baltinglass at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 6th June.

Bray Electoral Area: At Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 6th June, 1957.

Wicklow Electoral Area: At Courthouse, Wicklow, at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 14th June, 1957.

ITEM No. 3—SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of the 9th May, 1957, from Department of Local Government it had been indicated that the Minister was not in a position to recommend the issue of loans from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making supplementary grants under Section 12 of the Housing

(Amendment) Act, 1954, as amended. The following circular of the 30th May, 1957, Ref.H.7/57 from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

Department of Local Government,

Custom House,

Dublin.

30th May, 1957.

Circ.No.H.7/57.

H.209/41.

Supplementary Housing Grants under Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, as amended.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has been authorised by the Government to inform housing authorities that they will have access to the Local Loans Fund for issues:

(a) for the payment of supplementary housing grants to applicants who have been formerly notified of the allocation of such grants;

(b) where a housing authority so decides, for the payment of supplementary grants to other eligible persons who, had capital been available, would have received such grants in the normal course, and

(c) where a housing authority so decides, for the continued payment of supplementary grants.

Applications for sanction to new loans for the foregoing purposes should be restricted to the estimated commitments (including new commitments, if the housing authority so decides, to be incurred in the next twelve months) and should be accompanied by as accurate an estimate as possible of the expenditure in the financial year 1957/58 on foot of such grants.

Local authorities who have made application for loans from the Local Loans Fund which have not yet been sanctioned are asked to review their applications on this basis.

Mise, le meas,

To/Each housing authority.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had borrowed to date a sum of £8,000 for the purpose of supplementary housing grants, and the amount paid and provisionally allocated to date was £8,372. Applications received under Section 9 and 10 of the 1952 Act but deferred pending arrangements for financing the scheme amounted to £1,455, and applications received under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, and deferred amounted to £1,325. The estimated amount for new applications to be received during the year to 31st March, 1958, was £2,500 under Sections 9 and 10 of the 1952 Act and £1,600 under Section 12 of the 1954 Act. In addition, the sum of £900 was estimated as the requirements for supplementary grants in respect of new houses for the year to 31st March, 1958. The total sum required, therefore, was £8,152.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

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

Resolved:—

“That we raise a loan of £8,000 from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making supplementary reconstruction grants and supplementary grants for new houses under Section 9 and 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, the loan to be repayable over a period of 15 years.”

Passed: Councillor Dr. Donnelly dissenting.

ITEM No. 4—USE OF LANDS FOR CARAVANS.

Application of William Staunton, Brittas Bay, for a licence for 20 acres 2 rds. of land at Brittas Bay on which to park 30 caravans was submitted. The County Medical Officer had reported that the site was now quite suitable for the parking of 30 caravans in all—15 on the old site and 15 on the new site. A screen of trees had been planted along the ditch which would in time completely screen caravans on the old site from the public road, and it was understood that caravans on the new site would be screened by a line of sand dunes lying to the west of the site. A water supply had been piped from a well on the opposite side of the road to a point half way between the two sites. Samples of the water had been taken and on analysis had proved satisfactory.

The application of H. Delahunt, Furzeditch, for a licence in respect of three sites at Ballinacorrigh, Wicklow, indicated as Sites A, B, and C was submitted. The County Medical Officer recommended that licences for Sites B and C be refused as there was no proper water supply available to either site. The issue of a licence in respect of Site A, situated at the end of McDaniel's laneway and adjoining McDaniel's caravan site, was recommended as being suitable for the parking of not more than 5 caravans.

The application of Paul Costello, Arinary, in respect of a site at Arinary was submitted. The County Medical Officer recommended that the application be refused as there was no water supply on the site and the nearest available was 300 yards away.

The application of Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown, for a licence for 8 acres of land at Johnstown on which to site 19 caravans was re-submitted. A water supply had now been provided and a sample taken from the supply had proved satisfactory. The County Medical Officer agreed that a licence be issued for the use of the site for not more than 8 caravans.

The Council noted the report of the County Medical Officer and Health Inspector in respect of an inspection of the caravan site owned by Alexander McDaniel at Ballinacarrig Upper. It was noted that no proper water supply had been provided to the site and that the Health Inspector recommended that Mr. McDaniel be warned that the use of the site as a caravan park until such time as a licence had been issued would result in legal proceedings. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the issue of licences for the use of lands at Brittas for temporary dwellings as follows:

To:—

William Staunton, Brittas Bay: for parking of 30 caravans—15 on old site and 15 on new site.

H. Delahunt, Furzeditch, Wicklow: for Site A only for not more than 5 caravans, this site being situated at the end of McDaniel's laneway and adjoining McDaniel's caravan site.

Desmond Sharpe, Johnstown: for site of 8 acres at Johnstown for 8 caravans only."

Passed; Councillors P. McCarthy, J. J. McCrea and Dr. Donnelly dissenting.

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

Resolved:—

"That we note that Mr. Alexander McDaniel, Ballinacarrig has not provided a satisfactory water supply for caravan site at Ballinacarrig.

"That we refuse the application of Mr. Paul Costello, Arinary, Brittas Bay, for the use of lands for caravans as no satisfactory water supply is available on the site.

"That we refuse the application of Mr. H. Delahunt, Furzeditch, Wicklow, for a licence for the use of Sites B and C at Ballinacarrig for caravans as no proper water supply was available."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—SHED AT BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that the Housing Committee in July, 1950, had recommended that permission be given to Mr. Liam Valentine to erect a Nissen hut at Boghall Road, Bray, temporarily for use as a printing works pending the provision of a permanent structure for which he was to submit plans. The permission granted for the temporary structure was for a period not later than 31st December, 1950. The hut had never been removed and it was understood now that Mr. Valentine had ceased printing operations and had gone to England and that the hut was now let to a Mr. Winter, Boghall Road, who conducted a saw milling and timber business there. The Clerk of Works reported that in his opinion the hut was dangerous and recommended that it be removed. In addition a hedge which had partly screened the hut from the road had been recently removed and the hut was now exposed to view from the road. It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

"That we agree that the Council take proceedings under the Bye-Laws to have shed at Boghall Road, Bray, owned by Mr. Valentine, removed.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER S.D.A. Acts.

The Council considered letter of 23rd May, 1957, from Mr. T. F. Millett, Solicitor, Baltinglass, on behalf of Mr. P. J. Hanlon, Tuckmill Baltinglass, who is seeking a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Council noted that the amount of loan required was reduced to £1,000 and that Mr. Hanlon wished to know if the Council would agree to make the loan available to him on his marriage. The Council recommended that the loan be made to Mr. Hanlon on his marriage.

ITEM No. 7—DISPENSARY AT AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated that with the agreement of the Consultative Health Committee work had been commenced on the fencing of the Dispensary site at Avoca and on preliminary site works prior to 1st June, 1957. An enquiry had been made from the Department of Health as to whether the grant of £600 would be available in respect of the erection of the dispensary. As it had not been found possible to arrange borrowing to defray the balance of the cost of the work, the County Secretary suggested that the Council might agree to defray the cost from Revenue. The dispensary was urgently required. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise expenditure of £1,700 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the erection of new dispensary at Avoca from Revenue, and approve of the Council proceeding with fencing and site works pending the commencement of the work by the contractor."

Proposed School at Kilmacanogue:

The County Secretary submitted report dated 24th May, 1957, of the County Engineer in regard to his interview with Rev. Fr. Menton, C.C., and with Very Rev. Fr. Nolan, P.P., in relation to the proposed entrance from the main road from Kilmacanogue to Roundwood to the new school at Kilmacanogue. The Council agreed that the proposed entrance was unsuitable and considered that

the series of concrete steps from the school down to the road would be dangerous to children. The Council recommended that the County Engineer arrange a further interview with Rev. Fr. Menton, C.C., and Very Rev. Fr. Nolan, P.P., with a view to reaching agreement on an alternative entrance.

ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF MAY, 1957.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of May, 1957.

ITEM No. 9—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

Enniskerry Water Supply :

Deputy J. O'Toole referred to a complaint he had received regarding the quality of the water being supplied at the pump at Monastery. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the matter was being dealt with.

He referred also to the flooding by water from the road of a pathway used as a short cut and suggested that the wall could be repaired and a shore utilised for the water.

Footpath at Shillelagh :

Councillor Hammond referred to the condition of the footpath at Shillelagh and asked if it would be possible to arrange to have repairs carried out. He referred also to tar bleeding on roads in the district and asked that the Assistant County Engineer endeavour to remedy the matter.

Dispensary Site at Carnew :

Councillor Hammond stated that Mr. J. Fitzpatrick from whom the plot for the new dispensary at Carnew had been purchased was prepared to put up a fence on the right of way to his septic tank if materials were provided, and had asked that this matter be arranged.

Meeting of Housing Committee at Bray :

Councillor Lawless stated that he had received no notice of the meeting of the housing committee which had been held at Bray on the 27th May, 1957. The matters dealt with at the meeting in question were discussed. The County Manager stated that the Staff Officer had signed notices for each member but as the notices were not issued by registered post it could not be confirmed that they all had been posted.

Addition to Cottage at Blessington :

Councillor Miley stated that a Mr. James Hamilton had applied for permission to make an addition to his cottage but had not received any decision on the matter. The County Engineer was asked to submit an immediate report in regard to it.

Repairs to Cottage at Ballymoney :

Councillor McCarthy asked that a report be submitted in regard to repairs required to a cottage of Mrs. Daly, Ballymoney. In regard to a cottage at The Rock, which he had asked be inspected by the Chief Medical Officer and the Assistant County Engineer, the Staff Officer stated that the reports had been received and would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Rate of Wages for James Doyle, Rathnew :

Councillor McCarthy enquired why a reduction had been made in the remuneration of James Doyle, Rathnew, who was assigned duties in regard to the water supply at Rathnew. The County Manager explained that the builders' labourers rate of pay was not applicable to works of that type. It could not be accepted that work on maintenance of water supplies or sewerage systems involved any special degree of skill which would justify payment of the builders' labourers rate, and workers employed on such works were paid at the ordinary road workers rate of wages. He had not approved of the rate of pay which had previously been made to Mr. Doyle. Councillor Lawless also raised the matter of payment of men engaged on such works and contended that these duties did involve certain skill and that men engaged on them should be paid at a higher rate than the ordinary road workers' rate of remuneration.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts :

The County Secretary referred to circular letter No.H.5/57 of the 2nd May, 1957, which had been considered by the Council at their previous meeting, and stated that the Department had now informed the Council that the limits of rateable valuation and income set out in the circular referred to had been increased throughout the State to £50 in respect of valuation and £832 in respect of income. The Council noted the increase in the limits of valuation and income.

Notices of Motion :

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

By Councillor W. Lawless :

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting—That this Council request the County Manager to reduce the salary of the County Surveyor and his Assistants as we have not the same amount of work as in previous years."

By Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. :

"That I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the remuneration in respect of future appointments of Rate Collectors be on a salary basis plus the usual bonus for lodgment on specified dates."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th June, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; 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

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 1st, 8th and 9th April, 1957.
2. To authorise the raising of temporary overdrafts on the Council's General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 30th September, 1957.
3. To fix date for Annual Meeting of the Council.
4. To fill vacancies on County Council arising from death of Councillor James O'Neill and resignation of Councillor William Clarke.
5. To fill vacancies on County Committee of Agriculture.
6. To allow and make County Rate for services of Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1958, sign and seal Rate Books, authorise affixing of Seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants, and sign and seal Demands on Urban District Councils.
7. Letter from Department of Lands, Forestry Division, in reply to request of Council for retention of workmen in employment.
8. Application from Wicklow Regatta Committee for closing of roads at Wicklow for purpose of Annual Regatta on 5th August.
9. Letter from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. in regard to works carried out by County Council at Kiltymon.
10. Road at Kilcarra—report of Assistant County Engineer.
11. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to retirement of Assistant County Engineer.
12. Application from Ashford Branch, National Farmers' Association for provision of car park at Ashford.
13. Proposed provision of Car Park at Brittas Bay—report of County Engineer.
14. Particulars of the number of lorry drivers, and machinery attendants employed by the Council and annual remuneration, and particulars of machinery hired by the Council during the year to 31st March, 1957.
15. Application for use of Blessington Courthouse.
16. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Valleymount Parish Council in regard to formation of Parish Council.
17. Use of Fever Hospital Buildings, Wicklow—recommendation of Consultative Health Committee.
18. Use of St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum—recommendation of Consultative Health Committee.
19. Wicklow Fever Hospital—report on final cost of works.
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Dr. Donnelly re (a) Provision of weekly refuse collection at Greystones, and (b) Provision of new dumping ground at North Beach, Greystones.
21. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the remuneration in respect of future appointments of Rate Collectors be on a salary basis plus the usual bonuses for lodgment on specified dates.

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22. Letter from Wicklow County Branch National Farmers Association, protesting against appointment of a Rate Collector in any vacancy which might arise.
23. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless "That this Council request the County Manager to reduce the salaries of the County Engineer and his Assistants as we have not the same amount of work as in previous years."
24. Letter from Department of Agriculture in regard to payment of compensation for cows slaughtered under Bovine Tuberculosis Order.
25. Letter from Department of Social Welfare regarding setting up of workshop for the employment of the blind.
26. Application from Wicklow Branch, National Council for the Blind of Ireland, for increase in amount of grant.
27. Travelling Expenses of Assistance Officers—particulars of costs.
28. Proposed appointment of Organisation and Methods Officer for group of counties.
29. Letter from General Council of County Councils regarding proposal that the Valuation Acts be amended.
30. Enquiries arising out of County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the fatal accident which had occurred at the Motor Cycle Races held in Wicklow on the previous Saturday, the 15th June, 1957, and proposed a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Desmond Nolan. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne and passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 1st, 8th and 9th April, 1957."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

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 determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th September, 1957, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

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 determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th September, 1957, shall not exceed £38,600."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday, 1st July, 1957, at 11 a.m.

ITEM No. 4—FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COUNCIL.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Mr. John Smyth, Royal Hotel, Glendalough, to be a member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Councillor William Clarke."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Mr. John Quigley, Upper Aughrim, to be a member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy arising from the death of Councillor James O'Neill."

Passed unanimously.

Councillors John Smyth and John Quigley completed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office and were welcomed by the members as members of the Council.

ITEM No. 5—FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The County Secretary stated that there were two vacancies on the Committee of Agriculture arising from the deaths of Messrs. J. J. Bourne and James O'Neill, M.C.C. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor J. Quigley, Upper Aughrim, as a member of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture."

Councillor W. Hammond urged that greater representation be given on the Committee to farmers and proposed Mr. A. Haddon and Mr. P. J. O'Loughlin to fill the vacancies. Councillor C. W. Hudson seconded the proposal in regard to Mr. A. Haddon. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we appoint Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., as a member of the County Committee of Agriculture."

Councillor Dr. Donnelly suggested that the Council agree on the appointments of Councillor J. Quigley and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. Councillor Hudson agreed to withdraw his seconding of the proposal to appoint Mr. A. Haddon. The resolutions appointing Councillor J. Quigley, Upper Aughrim, and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., as members of the Committee were declared passed.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Hammond the County Secretary stated that the number of members of the Committee could not exceed 16 and that it was at the Council's discretion as to whether the Committee be composed either wholly or partly of members of the Council.

ITEM No. 6—TO MAKE COUNTY RATE FOR SERVICES OF YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1958.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1958, 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 on 31st March, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

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, 1958, as follows:—

Arklow	£10,371	7s.	7d.
Bray	£41,230	14s.	7d.
Wicklow	£8,986	6s.	3d.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTRY DIVISION.

The following letter received from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, was submitted:—

22nd Bealtaine, 1957.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Minister for Lands to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 13th May conveying a request of your Council that the workmen to be left off at Ballinglen Forest should be retained in employment.

I am to state that the reduced staff at this forest is sufficient to cope with the programme of work for the current period and retention of staff at any higher level could not be justified.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Councillor J. Quigley stated that since the letter was written a further 8 men had been laid off employment in the Aughrim forest. Councillor Dr. Donnelly suggested that it would be desirable to send a deputation to the Minister and stated that the time was opportune to consider the establishment of a wood pulp factory in the county. On the proposal of Councillor McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. Quigley, the Council agreed that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision and to receive a deputation to discuss the subject of afforestation in County Wicklow.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FROM WICKLOW REGATTA COMMITTEE FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT WICKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for permission to close the roads over the Stone and Parnell bridges leading to the sea front at Wicklow, on Monday, 5th August, 1957, for the purposes of the Annual Regatta. It is requested that the period of closing be from 12.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the issue of the necessary public notices of the Council's intention to close to public traffic the roads at Wicklow in connection with the Wicklow Regatta on the 5th August, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—LETTER FROM SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD. IN REGARD TO ROAD WORKS AT KILTYMON.

The Council noted the following letter received from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd.

Woodstock, Kilcoole,
Co. Wicklow.

4th June, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. Brangan,

My co-Directors and myself would like to express our appreciation of the manner in which the County Council carried out the road straightening work at Kiltymon.

The work was done quickly and efficiently, and the appearance of the entrance has been enhanced by the work carried out.

I should be very glad if you would convey to the Council and to all concerned our appreciation in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: Herman Van Den Bergh,
Managing Director.**ITEM No. 10—ROAD AT KILCARRA.**

The County Secretary had stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported on his inspection of a lane at Kilcarra. It was a cul-de-sac off the Woodenbridge Road through the Proby Estate which had been taken over a couple of years previously by the Council. The portion referred to was not taken over and was not maintained by the Council. The laneway was about 170 lin. yds. to the last house on the lane and stretched another 130 yds. to a field gate. It was in a very bad condition, bumpy, uneven and filthy with mud and dirt and would cost about £60 to drain, clean the road and give it a gravel surface as far as the houses. There were only 5 houses served by the road, having a total valuation of £14 5s. 0d. The County Manager pointed out that the Council would have to consider very carefully any proposal to take over the road as a public road. If the Council took over cul-de-sacs like this road they might be involved in considerable costs and the Council should have regard to the use of the road by the public generally. Councillor Hammond stated that in his opinion the persons using the road should make a contribution towards a grant for the repair of the road. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of giving public notice of our intention to take over as a public road the road at Kilcarra connecting to the Kilcarra-Woodenbridge Road.

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

In favour: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, James Miley, James O'Toole, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; John Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton

Against: Councillor H. J. Byrne

Councillors Hammond, Deering and Timmins did not vote. The resolution was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 1 against.

ITEM No. 11—RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER.

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

Custom House,
Dublin.
23 Bealtaine, 1957.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 7th May, 1957, regarding the application of the age limit order to Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant County Engineer, and to point out that the age limit order is of general application and the indefinite retention of an officer after reaching the age of 65 is contrary to the provisions of Section 21(7) of the Local Government Act, 1941. The Minister could not, therefore, approve of the proposed retention of Mr. Foley for a longer period than is necessary for the appointment of a successor.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: D. Turpin.

Councillor Miley proposed that the matter of resignation be postponed until the question of organisation and re-grouping of the Engineers districts be examined. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lawless and passed, Councillor Haughton dissenting.

ITEM No. 12—APPLICATION FROM ASHFORD BRANCH NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION FOR PROVISION OF CAR PARK AT ASHFORD.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Captain C. B. Tottenham, Secretary, Ashford Branch N.F.A., forwarding the following resolution: "In view of the fact that there is no public parking place at Ashford Market we request that space be made available for the parking of cars and lorries attending this market." Captain Tottenham asked that the resolution be brought to the notice of the Council. The County Engineer reported that the application followed on the objection which had been raised to the parking of lorries, cars and other vehicles along the side and on the gravel margins of the main road adjoining the Sales Yard. The County Engineer pointed out that the Ashford Market was a private concern, and if public parking facilities were required, they should be provided by the private interests concerned. The County Engineer pointed out that obstructing the public highway and congregating all the vehicles alongside the grass margins appeared to him to constitute a grave danger to traffic. The Chairman agreed that this appeared to be a matter which should be dealt with by the private interests concerned and the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

ITEM No. 13—PROPOSED PROVISION OF CAR PARK AT BRITTAS BAY.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported in regard to the proposed provision of a car park at Brittas Bay on lands owned by Mr. Justice Martin Maguire. The County Engineer submitted a map showing site containing 15 acres which might be acquired and stated that the owner would require the plot to be fenced right down from the road to the sea at each side. The cost of the fencing was estimated at £350, and levelling part of the area by bulldozing and re-sodding and improving the entrances from the main road was estimated to cost £550. It was understood that An Bord Failte were having negotiations with the owner, Mr. Justice Martin Maguire, in regard to the acquisition of the lands. The County Manager suggested that the Council might indicate if they were agreeable to make some contribution towards the cost of providing the Car Park if a grant could be obtained from An Bord Failte and if they approved in principle of continuing the negotiations. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that he would wish to know what the land would cost as he considered that the land did not carry any great value. The Council

agreed that the Council proceed with the negotiations in regard to the acquisition of the site and approach Bord Failte for a grant towards the cost and that the Council would be prepared to make a contribution.

ITEM No. 14—PARTICULARS OF NUMBER OF LORRY DRIVERS AND MACHINERY ATTENDANTS EMPLOYED AND ANNUAL REMUNERATION AND PARTICULARS OF MACHINERY HIRED BY THE COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1957.

On the proposal of Councillor Lawless it was agreed that these particulars be circulated to the members.

ITEM 15—APPLICATION FOR USE OF BLESSINGTON COURTHOUSE.

The County Secretary stated that an application which had been received from Mr. M. Tully for the use of the Courthouse for the purpose of holding dancing classes had since been withdrawn as changed circumstances had made it unnecessary to seek the use of the premises.

ITEM No. 16—LETTER FROM HON. SECRETARY, VALLEYMOUNT PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING FORMATION OF PARISH COUNCIL.

The County Secretary stated that Valleymount Parish Council which had recently been formed had forwarded a copy of their constitution and asked if the Council would recognise the Parish Council as an Approved Council for the purposes of the Local Government Act, 1941, Part 8. Councillor Miley stated that the people in the district wished the Parish Council to be established in order to assist the County Council in matters in which they felt they could help. The County Manager pointed out that if the County Council approved of the Parish Council the members would naturally seek some assistance from the Council. So far the Council had not approved of any Parish Council. It would be necessary for the Council to bear in mind whether they were prepared to delegate any responsibilities to a Parish Council or to assist them by giving them facilities.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we declare the Valleymount Parish Council to be an approved local Council for the purposes of Part VIII of the Local Government Act, 1941."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—USE OF FEVER HOSPITAL BUILDINGS, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee had considered proposals for the use of the Fever Hospital Buildings for the purposes of a County Hospital in lieu of the present buildings. The Fever Hospital buildings had been modernised and were considered more convenient for use as a County Hospital as being all on the ground floor. There would be accommodation for the same number of patients and there would not be any increased charges arising from the use of these buildings instead of the present County Hospital buildings. The Consultative Health Committee recommended that the buildings be used in future for the purposes of a County Hospital and that the existing County Hospital buildings be disposed of. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the Consultative Health Committee for the use of buildings formerly used as a Fever Hospital and Preventorium at Wicklow as a County Hospital in lieu of the building at present used for the purposes of a County Hospital, and offer the existing County Hospital building for sale."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—USE OF ST. KEVIN'S SANATORIUM, RATHDRUM.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee had given further consideration to the proposal that the use of St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, as a T.B. Institution be discontinued and the patients transferred to Newcastle Sanatorium and the accommodation thereby provided to be used for sick and infirm patients in St. Colman's Hospital. The Committee noted that the net cost to the rates of the proposal would be about £2,000 per annum, but recommended that it be adopted by the Council as it would provide much needed additional facilities for the patients in St. Colman's Hospital. The County Manager suggested that the matter might be deferred pending submission of particulars regarding the trend of costs of health services in the present year. He stated that it seemed that additional costs would be incurred in respect of the provision of specialist services. The Council agreed to defer the matter pending submission of particulars regarding the trend of costs of health services in the present year.

ITEM No. 19—WICKLOW FEVER HOSPITAL—REPORT ON FINAL COST OF WORKS.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of extensions and alterations to the Wicklow Fever Hospital amounted to £22,855 7s. 9d. Two-thirds of the cost would be defrayed by Grant from the Hospitals Trust Fund and one-third by loan. A supplementary loan to meet the balance of the cost, amounting to £2,238 9s. 3d., would be required. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report on final cost of alterations and extensions to Fever Hospital/Preventorium, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,238 9s. 3d. from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the Council's share of the balance of the cost of the work."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 20—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR DR. DONNELLY RE PROVISION OF WEEKLY REFUSE COLLECTION AT GREYSTONES AND PROVISION OF NEW DUMPING GROUND AT NORTH BEACH, GREYSTONES.

Councillor Dr. Donnelly, supported by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., urged that a weekly refuse collection system be provided at Greystones and that a new dumping ground be provided at the North Beach. The Chairman stated that as recently as 1951 the County Engineer, County Manager and himself, with members of the Council for the area, had met persons representing the residents of Greystones and had submitted particulars of the cost of introducing a refuse collection service. The persons concerned had agreed that they would carry on in the same manner as formerly and would not press for the provision of such a service by the Council. The County Manager pointed out that any collection of household refuse would not include trade refuse and stated that an estimate of the cost of such a scheme could be supplied if the Council would indicate the area to be covered by the Scheme.

ITEM No. 21—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., REGARDING REMUNERATION IN RESPECT OF FUTURE APPOINTMENTS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

The Council decided to defer this item to the next meeting for the attendance of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

ITEM No. 22—LETTER FROM WICKLOW COUNTY BRANCH, NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION PROTESTING AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT OF A RATE COLLECTOR IN ANY VACANCY WHICH MIGHT ARISE.

The Council decided to defer this matter also to the next meeting for consideration in connection with the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

ITEM No. 23—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS FOR A REDUCTION OF SALARIES OF COUNTY ENGINEER AND HIS ASSISTANTS.

Councillor Lawless stated that there was nothing personal in the Notice of Motion which he handed in but pointed out that he felt it was unreasonable that the wages of a small number of men had been reduced. He asked that a list of the duties of the workers who had been employed on water and sewerage schemes be prepared and asked that the case of James Keegan be considered particularly. The County Manager agreed to re-examine the particulars regarding the employment and rate of remuneration of Mr. James Keegan.

ITEM No. 24—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR COWS SLAUGHTERED UNDER BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

Department of Agriculture,
Dublin.

No. 8/2/27, 24 Bealtaine, 1957.
A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that the speedy eradication of bovine tuberculosis is now a matter of vital importance for this country. The Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Scheme operated by this Department is being applied as quickly as resources permit, but it will be some time before the Scheme can be introduced into County Wicklow. In the meantime, grave damage is being caused by the presence in herds in the county of cows which are affected with tuberculosis as defined in the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926. These animals are potent sources of infection.

Generally speaking, the number of cases dealt with under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order has fallen far short of what it should be. It is probable, however, that the response of herd owners would be better if the compensation terms were substantially improved. Accordingly, the Minister directs me to request that until further notice your Council will pay compensation equivalent to full market value for every tuberculosis cow caused by the Council to be slaughtered under the Order as from the date of this letter. The Council's expenditure in respect of such compensation will be recouped in full by the Department and claims for recoupment should be furnished to the Department in the normal way. It should be noted that this arrangement applies to cows only and not to other classes of cattle.

In order to offset to some extent the greatly increased expenditure likely to result from the foregoing arrangement, the Minister would be glad if the Council will, wherever feasible, arrange for the salvage of the carcasses of the slaughtered cows. In any such case the relevant recoupment claim should include particulars of (1) the amount of compensation paid to the owner, (2) the amount realised by the Council from the salvage and (3) the nett amount—being the difference—due to be recouped to the Council by the Department.

I am to request that you will have this matter brought to the notice of all herd owners in the county.

Mise, le meas,
Runai.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

ITEM No. 25—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE REGARDING SETTING UP OF WORKSHOP FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE BLIND.

The County Secretary stated that an enquiry had been made from the Department of Social Welfare as to whether it was intended to increase the amount of the State Grant in respect of blind welfare and a reply had been received in which it was pointed out that local authorities were charged with the duty of promoting measures for the welfare of the blind under the Blind Persons Act, 1920, including the provision and maintenance of workshops, and they were authorised to take combined action in regard to any such measures. It was stated in the Department's letter that there was no statutory authority for the financing of the project from Government funds and that it was not intended to increase the amount of State Grants. The County Secretary stated that there would appear, however, to be power to increase the amount provided in the vote for the purpose, and as local authorities were being asked to undertake new commitments it was suggested that the amount of the State Grant should also be increased. The Council agreed that they would be prepared to contribute a sum equivalent to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £ towards the cost of the scheme provided that an equivalent amount was contributed by way of increase in State Grant.

ITEM No. 26—APPLICATION FROM WICKLOW BRANCH, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND FOR INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF GRANT.

The County Secretary submitted an application received from the Wicklow Branch, National Council for the Blind of Ireland for an increase in the amount of the grant from the Council in respect of an increase in the remuneration of the Home Teacher and additional travelling expenses. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration at the meeting on the 1st July and in the meantime asked that particulars of the accounts of the branch and a copy of the Annual Report be circulated to the members.

ITEM No. 27—TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO ASSISTANCE OFFICERS.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the mileage travelled by Assistance Officers and the amount of travelling expenses at present paid and the amount which would have been payable if scales of travelling expenses without limitation had been applied. The maximum amount now payable by the Council was £600 and it would appear from the figures for the last financial year that the actual costs would have been £1,040 if there had not been a limitation in the amount payable to each officer. It was

Proposed by Councillor Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved:—

"That the Council approve of the payment of travelling expenses to Assistance Officers at the approved scales without limit in amount."

Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the County Manager submit proposals for increasing the limit in the amount of travelling expenses and relating the limits to the mileage travelled by the respective officers.

ITEM No. 28—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF ORGANISATION AND METHODS OFFICER.

The County Secretary stated that it had been suggested by the Department of Local Government that Organisation and Methods Officers be appointed in respect of groups of counties. The suggestion had been made that such an officer might be appointed to cover the counties Carlow, Kildare, Wexford and Wicklow, and the counties concerned had been asked to select an officer from their Staffs who would be suitable for training. The County Manager stated

that he had recommended Mr. Nicholas Byrne, County Checker, and that the other counties had not nominated an officer. Mr. Byrne has received training and the approval of the Council was requested to his being assigned these duties. It was estimated that the costs arising, which would be shared equally between the four counties, would be about £200 in a year. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the appointment of an Organisation and Methods Officer to cover the region Wicklow, Wexford, Carlow and Kildare on the terms and conditions indicated, subject to the agreement by the County Councils of Carlow, Kildare and Wexford, to the appointment and to the sharing of the costs equally between the four counties; the appointment to be reviewed at the end of one year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 29—VALUATION.

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

National Bank Chamber
1/2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin,
24 Bealtaine, 1957.

To
The County Secretary.

re/Valuation.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 8th inst., a recommendation from the Emergency Committee in the following terms was before the meeting:

"Since inclusion in the annual re-valuation list normally involves a re-valuation of the whole premises as a unit, this Council is of opinion the Valuation Acts should be amended to enable a separate valuation to be made (preferably on a fixed percentage basis of the cost) of additions, extensions, structural alterations or improvements; and that such separate valuation be added to the existing valuation—the total to be the new revised valuation for rating purposes."

Before coming to a decision on the matter my Council, after discussion, decided that the views of the affiliated Councils should be obtained.

Accordingly, I should be obliged to you if you would bring this matter before the next meeting of your Council and, at your convenience, let me know their decision thereon.

Mise, le meas,
Enri MacDaiibheid,
Runai.

The Council agreed with the recommendation made by the Emergency Committee.

Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.

The County Manager stated that the latest date for the receipt of tenders for the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme was the 5th July, 1957, at 12 noon. The Consulting Engineer had stated that if the tenders could be opened on that date, he would be in a position to submit a report on the tenders to the Council at their meeting on the 8th July. The Council agreed that the tenders be opened following 12 noon on Friday, 5th July, in the presence of the Chairman, County Manager and Consulting Engineer.

Badges for Civil Defence Volunteers.

The County Manager informed the Council of a circular received from the Department of Defence concerning the issue of badges to members of the Civil Defence Services. The Council noted that directions were given by the Department for the keeping of extensive records in regard to all badges issued. The Council agreed that it be suggested to the Department that the keeping of such records would scarcely be necessary.

Telephone Kiosk at Rathdrum.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the recent erection by the Department of Post and Telegraphs of telephone kiosk at Rathdrum and stated that in his opinion the site was unsuitable as the kiosk was placed on a narrow foot-path and obstructed traffic on the road.

Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillor J. Miley:

"That I or some member of this Council will propose that the road schemes be done in stone and not sand and gravel when stone can be got at the same cost in West Wicklow."

By Councillor Edward Byrne:

"That I will move at the next statutory meeting of the Council that the short road north of the harbour at Greystones be taken over by this Council."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m., on Monday, 1st July, 1957.

The following members attended:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T. D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, William Cleary, John Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; John Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager and County Secretary 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 Dr. B. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved:—

"That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne signed the declaration of acceptance of office and expressed thanks to the members for his re-election as Chairman.

ITEM No. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That Councillor C. W. Hudson be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor C. W. Hudson signed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the members for his re-election.

ITEM No. 3—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That the following members be appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board:—
Councillor W. Lawless, Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Councillor P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

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ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

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.; J. D. Houghton, C. W. Hudson, W. Lawless.

Passed unanimously.

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

The appointment of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., was
Proposed by Councillor Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

The appointment of Councillor Dr. Donnelly was
Proposed by Councillor M. Deering,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor Hammond,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils :—

Councillors J. J. McCrea, Dr. B. Donnelly and P. Brennan, T.D.

Passed unanimously.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association.”

Passed unanimously.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on the 1st July, 1957.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on the 10th, 11th and 12th July, 1956.

2. Report of the Chairman.

3. Report of the Vice-Chairman.

4. Report of the County Manager.

5. Report of the County Engineer.

6. Report of the County Surveyor.

7. Report of the County Treasurer.

8. Report of the County Clerk.

9. Report of the County Health Officer.

10. Report of the County Veterinary Officer.

11. Report of the County Agricultural Officer.

12. Report of the County Social Welfare Officer.

13. Report of the County Public Health Officer.

14. Report of the County Fire Officer.

15. Report of the County Police Officer.

16. Report of the County Constabulary Officer.

17. Report of the County Road Officer.

18. Report of the County Parks Officer.

19. Report of the County Recreation Officer.

20. Report of the County Housing Officer.

21. Report of the County Social Services Officer.

22. Report of the County Youth Officer.

23. Report of the County Women's Officer.

24. Report of the County Children's Officer.

25. Report of the County Probation Officer.

26. Report of the County Prison Officer.

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95. Report of the County Police Officer.

96. Report of the County Constabulary Officer.

97. Report of the County Road Officer.

98. Report of the County Parks Officer.

99. Report of the County Recreation Officer.

100. Report of the County Housing Officer.

ITEM No. 1—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE RATHFRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne.
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly.

Resolved—

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

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; C. M. Byrne, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. D. Haughton, C. W. Hudson, W. Lawless.

Passed unanimously.

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

The appointment of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. was
Proposed by Councillor Cleary,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

The appointment of Councillor Dr. Donnelly was
Proposed by Councillor M. Deering,
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor Hammond.

Resolved—

That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils—
Councillors J. J. McCrea, Dr. B. Donnelly and P. Brennan.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

It was

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

Resolved—

That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association.
Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th July, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, 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 the 6th, 13th and 20th May and 3rd June, 1957.
- Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958—to consider letter from Department of Education and Scheme for 1958.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan that remuneration in respect of future appointments of Rate Collectors be on a salary basis plus the usual bonus for lodgments on specified dates.
- Letter from National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Branch protesting against the appointment of a Rate Collector in any vacancy which might arise.
- To take over road known as Eden Road, Greystones, to be a public road.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor E. Byrne that the short road north of the Harbour at Greystones be taken over by the Council.
- Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—Letter of 28th June, 1957, from Department of Local Government in regard to grants for the current year.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor James Miley that the road schemes be done in stone and not sand and gravel when stone can be got at the same cost in West Wicklow.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea that the question of employment on roads and the production of road material be considered.
- Report of Consultant Engineer on tenders received for Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.
- Notice of Motion in the name of James Miley that the Oldcourt Blessington Water Supply be extended.
- Water Supply at Castleruddery.
- Blessington Housing Scheme—proposed provision of rear access to houses.
- Supplementary Housing Grants—Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to raising of loan by the Council.
- Re-organisation of Veterinary Services—Letter dated 2nd July, 1957, from the Department of Agriculture regarding appointment of five permanent, part-time Veterinary Inspectors.
- Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th May, 1957, and pointed out that in addition to the items recorded in the Minutes he had referred also to the use by the County Engineer of his office for other than official purposes. It was

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

Resolved:—

“That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 6th, 13th and 20th May, 1957, and 3rd June, 1957, as amended following representations by Deputy Everett.”

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Edward Byrne, supported by other members, asked that efforts be made to expedite the printing of the Minutes so that copies of the Minutes for a particular month would be available at the following month's meeting.

ITEM No. 2—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1958.

The following letters from the Department of Education were submitted:—
Primary Branch,

Marlborough Street,
Dublin.

14 Meitheamh, 1957.

R/O(2) 93786.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958.

A Chara,

1. In connection with the formulation of County and County Borough Councils of Schemes for the award of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1958, I am directed by the Minister for Education to state that the Schemes should be submitted, in duplicate, for the approval of the Minister not later than the 15th August, 1957.

2. So that arrangements for the holding of the examinations may be completed in good time before Easter Week, 1958, it will be necessary that the application forms of the candidates should be received in the Department by the 1st February, 1958. Councils are requested to bear this fact in mind when specifying in the schemes the latest date for the receipt in the Councils' offices of completed application forms from candidates.

3. The Minister wishes to inform all Councils that they may not include in their schemes any clause or sentence reserving the right to refuse permission to a particular candidate to sit for the examination. The Minister has been advised that a clause or sentence of this nature would be ultra vires the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.

4. With regard to the clause included in all schemes in connection with the determination of the eligibility of candidates before the examination and the provision that a candidate declared eligible shall not subsequently be rejected save in exceptional circumstances, it has been decided that in this clause a reference to the approval of the Minister is no longer necessary.

5. In order to avoid any difficulty that might arise through a candidate's wishing to defer acceptance of a scholarship, the Minister requests all Councils to include in their schemes a clause somewhat on the following lines:—

"Every successful candidate shall avail himself/herself immediately of the scholarship awarded to him/her under this scheme unless the Council agree that acceptance may be postponed owing to illness or other exceptional cause; otherwise the candidate shall forfeit all right to the award."

6. It has been decided to adopt this year a new method of preparing results of the examination. Photographic equipment will be used to prepare lists of candidates' names, marks, etc., in examination number order. The lists thus prepared will be issued to all Councils and will be accompanied by order of merit list. The order of merit list will include the examination number, total marks and sex of candidate, Roll No. and name of school and, where applicable, the type of school (viz., boys, girls or mixed, number of teachers on staff, etc.). It is hoped under this system to have the results of the examination made available at an earlier date in future.

7. The programme of the examination remains unchanged for 1958.

Mise, le meas,
Runai.

R/O(2) 93786.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Department of Education,
Primary Branch
Marlborough St.,
Dublin.

24th June, 1957.

Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958.

A Chara,

Further to this Department's Circular Letter of the 14th June, I am directed by the Minister for Education to state that it has been decided that henceforth

both Irish and English versions of the question papers will be supplied to all candidates in the following subjects:—

Arithmetic, History, Geography, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study.

Candidates who answer wholly in Irish from either version of the question papers in these subjects will be eligible for the award of bonus marks of the same percentage as formerly.

I am to request your Council to be so good as to make the necessary amendment in the appropriate clause of the scheme to be submitted for 1958.

Mise, le meas,
Runai.

The Council decided to refer the proposed Scholarship Scheme for 1958 for examination by the Scholarship Committee and agreed that the Committee meet and their report be submitted to the meeting of the Council to be held on the 12th August, 1957.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN REGARDING REMUNERATION FOR FUTURE APPOINTMENTS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That remuneration in respect of future appointments of Rate Collectors be on a salary basis plus the usual bonus for lodgments on specified dates."

In the course of a discussion on the matter, members referred to a possible vacancy which might arise for appointment of a rate collector. The County Manager pointed out that as no decision had yet been reached in the matter, no vacancy existed and the matter could not be discussed. Following a discussion on the basis of payment of rate collectors, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed to withdraw the motion and the Council agreed that the County Secretary submit the necessary details to enable the Council to discuss the matter at a future meeting.

ITEM No. 4—LETTER FROM NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION PROTESTING AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT OF A RATE COLLECTOR IN ANY VACANCY WHICH MIGHT ARISE.

The following letter from the National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Branch, was submitted:—

Spud's Farm,
Kilquade,
15th May, 1957.

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

I am directed by the Wicklow Executive National Farmers' Association to protest in the strongest possible manner against the appointment of a Rate Collector in any vacancy which might arise.

It is the considered opinion of the Wicklow Executive National Farmers' Association that rates should be paid direct to the County Council in the same way as Motor Taxation is paid or exactly as E.S.B. Accounts are paid.

Yours truly,
Signed J. P. Kelly,
Hon. Secretary.

Councillor Hammond urged that the Council consider operating a system under which the rates would be paid direct to the County Council Offices in the same manner as Motor Taxation was paid and E.S.B. Accounts were collected. Councillor Hammond's proposal was not seconded.

ITEM No. 5—TAKING OVER ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's intention to take over as a public road the road known as Eden Road, Greystones, from its junction with La Touche Place, a distance of 150 yards in a south-easterly direction alongside the railway line. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby declare that the road described hereunder be a public road:

Road known as Eden Road, Greystones, leading from its junction with La Touche Place, Greystones, a distance of 150 yards in a south-easterly direction along the railway line."
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting held in June, 1956, the Council had agreed to proceed with the taking over as a public road of the road known as Manor Avenue, Greystones. The necessary public notice had been given but the formal resolution for the taking over of the road had not been passed. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby declare the road described hereunder to be a public road: Road in townland of Killincarrig known as Manor Avenue and connecting with Main Road 26 (L 164) from Delgany to Greystones, about 20 yards from Killincarrig Cross roads. Length 27½ pers."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR E. BYRNE FOR TAKING OVER OF ROAD NORTH OF THE HARBOUR AT GREYSTONES.

The following report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:
County Secretary. Courthouse, Wicklow.
8th July, 1957.

re/Avenue at North Beach, Greystones.

Dear Sir,

I inspected the above avenue. It is located north of the North Beach, Greystones, and runs for about a distance of 120 yds. along the seafront. It serves 3 houses. I observed during my inspection that the northern half of the road was almost completely covered with stone, sand, etc., which would appear to indicate that the surface is obviously affected by tidal deposition. For this reason it would appear unlikely that surfacing the road would be of much value unless rather elaborate protection wall, etc., were erected along the sea-front boundary. Any kind of permanent works of this sort which would include surfacing the avenue and erection of coastal protection wall would cost in the region of £500. A temporary job which would include only clearing of the road and shaping it without surfacing would cost about £50.

I might point out, however, that this is little more than a private avenue, and there would appear to be little reason for taking it over and maintaining it as a public road, especially having regard to the fact that there are very many roads of this type in the area. I omitted to say that the avenue is a cul-de-sac.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: P. T. Hickey,
Assistant Co. Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that there were only three houses on the roads of which the valuations were £21, £25 and £17 respectively. Councillor Edward Byrne stated that the matter had been before the Council on a previous occasion and that the residents on the road did not wish the Council to incur any substantial liability in connection with the road. They wished, however, that the Council might arrange for the filling of potholes and removing stones from the road. It was agreed that the opinion of the Council's Law Agent be obtained as to whether the Council would have any authority to carry out minor works without taking the road over for maintenance as a public road.

ITEM No. 7—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.

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

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIÚIL,
(Department of Local Government),
BÓITHRE,
(Roads),
TEACH AN CHUSTUIM,
(Custom House),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
28 Meitheamh, 1957.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that as announced by him when introducing the Department's Estimate in An Dáil recently, it has been decided that no grants will be available for the current year for new schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act.

It has been arranged with the Department of Agriculture that that Department will make to local authorities such grants as are necessary to enable them to continue to carry out schemes under the Act for culvert improvement, etc., consequential on Land Project operations. The following procedure will apply to grants for such schemes:—

(1) Particulars of schemes necessitating culvert improvement, etc., will be furnished, as they arise, to the local authorities by the Land Project District Officer.

(2) As a preliminary, a rough estimate for each such scheme will be furnished by officers of the local authority to the District Officers. District Officers will then advise the local authority whether or not the scheme is to be proceeded with.

(3) At the close of the financial year, a requisition for recoupment of expenditure incurred should be submitted to the Department of Agriculture setting out on the attached form the expenditure of each scheme. The amount will be duly recouped to the local authority by the Department of Agriculture.

Any further correspondence in connection with these grants should be addressed to the Department of Agriculture. Statistics of employment or expenditure thereon need not be submitted to this Department. The address of the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of these schemes is Department of Agriculture, Land Rehabilitation Project, 14 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin. (Telephone 65581).

Requisitions for final payments in respect of 1956/57 grants should be submitted to this Department as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas,
E. T. Sheehy.

To each local authority.

In reply to enquiries from members the County Secretary stated that the grants received by the Council in the previous financial year under the Act amounted to £16,000. Councillor J. J. McCrea expressed regret that these grants were not being continued and suggested that the Council protest to the Minister against the action by the Government.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCreá,
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,
Resolved:—

"That we protest to the Minister for Local Government against the withdrawal of grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, in respect of the year 1957/58.

Passed, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., dissenting.

ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY REGARDING CARRYING OUT OF ROAD SCHEMES IN STONE.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Secretary. 8th July, 1957.
A Chara,

With regard to Councillor Miley's Notice of Motion herein that "Road Schemes be done in stone and not sand/gravel when stone can be got at the same cost" I should like to say that I would obviously agree to this. But it would be necessary that I would be fully satisfied that where stone could be used it would be more economical having regard to the final cost of the completed road. I am not committed to sand/gravel roads as such but only because of the desire to give the Council cheaper roads to a reasonable standard of efficiency and suitable to traffic requirements.

Mise, le meas.

Signed: J. T. O'Byrne.

County Engineer.

The Council noted the views of the County Engineer on the matter.

ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA REGARDING EMPLOYMENT ON ROADS AND PRODUCTION OF ROAD MATERIAL.

Councillor McCreá referred to the reduction in the number of men employed by the Council in his area, i.e., in the neighbourhood of Carnew, Ballingate, etc., and also to the production of road material outside the county. The County Engineer in reply stated that the Council had not purchased any road material from outside the county except tarmacadam for use in West Wicklow where the Council had not a tarmacadam plant. The County Engineer stated that he understood that the material referred to by Councillor McCreá was supplied to the Department of Lands and not to the County Council. In regard to the employment of men the County Engineer stated that the maximum number of men as was justified by the funds available was employed. Councillor McCreá stated that he would supply to the County Engineer the names of men who had previously been employed by the Council in the area but were not now employed.

ITEM No. 10—REPORT OF THE CONSULTANT ENGINEER ON TENDERS RECEIVED FOR WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The following report of the Consultant, Professor P. F. Purcell, was submitted:—

County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

6th July, 1957.

South-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the advertisement issued for the above contract, 16 tenders were received by noon on 5th inst. and were opened and initialled in the

presence of the Chairman, County Council; the County Manager, the County Engineer and myself. The tenders, in order of amount, are set out below:—

	£	s.	d.
1. T. McInerney and Sons Ltd., Dublin	77,935	17	8
2. A. J. Jennings and Co. Ltd., Dun Laoghaire	78,554	9	10
3. Cormac Murray, Navan	80,670	18	0
4. Murphy Bros. (Cork) Ltd.	82,485	10	6
5. South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Dublin	82,971	18	9
6. R. E. Fegan, Tullow, Co. Carlow	83,303	8	5
7. P. Blake, Dublin	84,649	1	3
8. Collins and Rooney, Dublin	84,812	3	3
9. William Clarke, Wicklow	85,091	17	3
10. Butler Bros., Dublin	87,531	12	0
11. Mahon and McPhillips, Kilkenny	89,862	1	0
12. A. F. Hastings and Co. Ltd., Dublin	90,487	6	9
13. Christopher Dodd and Sons, Bray	92,000	0	0
14. Malachy Burke (Contractors) Ltd., Galway	103,696	0	3
15. P. J. Walls and Bros. (Dublin) Ltd.	103,826	19	10
16. Patrick J. Walshe, Tramore	104,999	2	0

This represents very keen competition between competent and experienced contractors. I have examined the lowest tender, that of Messrs. Thos. McInerney and Sons Ltd. at £77,935 17s. 8d., and find it in order. I recommend, subject to sanction of the Department of Local Government, that the contract be placed with this firm and that the necessary documents be signed and executed.

I return their original tender herewith.

If this scheme is to proceed and, apparently, the shortage in water supply in Wicklow seems to require urgent attention, it is of great importance that the negotiations should be completed without delay so as to allow the work to commence and proceed while the remainder of the summer weather is available.

It will also be necessary to procure the services of a full time Resident Engineer to supervise the work which extends over a good distance from the Annagollan Bridge to Wicklow Town.

Yours faithfully,

P. F. Purcell, M.I.C.E.,

Consulting Engineer.

FPF/MM.
Enclosure.

The County Manager pointed out that it had been agreed some years ago between the County Council and Wicklow Urban Council that the costs of the Regional Water Supply Scheme would be apportioned on the basis of 70% of the cost to be borne by Wicklow County Council and 30% of the cost by Wicklow Urban District Council. In October, 1956, it had been agreed to accept a tender from Messrs. Candy Filter Co. Ltd. in the sum of £5,311 for a filtration plant at Ashford but the construction of the plant was dependent on the acceptance of a tender for the general scheme.

On the basis of the foregoing apportionment and the information now available to meet part of the cost and that borrowing could be arranged through the Local Loans Fund with repayment over 25 years at current rate of interest, the annual cost to be met by the two local authorities expressed as a rate in the pound would, it is expected, be: Wicklow County Council, between 2d. and 3d. in the £; Wicklow Urban District Council, 2/6 in the £. In the case of Wicklow Urban District Council, however, there were reductions in other costs which would offset this charge of 2/6 in the £. Loan Charges on the existing water supply which arise on a Stock Issue redeemable in 1958 would terminate shortly and in addition there would be a saving in Pumping Plant costs—the Urban Council had to incur considerable expense in pumping water from a stream at Marlton to the filter beds and reservoir. These reductions in existing water supply costs would leave the nett additional charge to Wicklow Urban Council for the new Water Supply at about 1/- in the £.

In reply to the Acting Chairman (Councillor C. W. Hudson) and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Manager mentioned that the scheme would serve Ashford and Rathnew in addition to the town of Wicklow, but that the greater

part of the water provided under the new scheme would be used in Wicklow Urban District. Other members expressed the view that having regard to the consumption of water in the villages in the County Health District and in the town of Wicklow, the arrangement for apportionment of costs seemed very favourable to the Urban Council.

It was noted by the Council that the agreement of Wicklow Urban District Council to the costs arising out of the acceptance of the lowest tender would be necessary before a contract could be entered into and arrangements made to proceed with the scheme. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of Professor P. F. Purcell, Consulting Engineer, on the tenders received for the South-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme we hereby approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. T. McInerney and Sons Ltd., Dublin, at £77,935 17s. 8d. and approve of the defraying of the cost of the scheme by means of a loan from the Local Loans Fund."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY THAT THE OLD-COURT-BLESSINGTON WATER SUPPLY BE EXTENDED.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the cost of extending the water supply to a point near the forge was estimated at £200. The County Secretary stated that only one Council cottage would be involved in the proposal. The Council deferred the matter for a detailed report from the County Engineer, together with a report from the County Medical Officer.

ITEM No. 12—WATER SUPPLY AT CASTLERUDDERY.

The County Secretary stated that in 1950 an estimate had been submitted to the Council in the sum of £400 for providing a ram on a stream, constructing a tank and piping water to the roadside. The scheme had been approved by the Council at that time. Subsequently, the Assistant County Engineer indicated that as the rural electrification network was being extended to the area it would be better to await that event and to install an electric pump to provide water. Subsequent to the submission of the original proposal, the Council had approved as a temporary measure of piping the water to the roadside and this had been done at a cost of approximately £60. The Chief Medical Officer had investigated the position again and was of the opinion that having regard to the number of occupied dwellings at Castleruddery Cross, i.e., 2 business premises and 1 Council house, the present water supply was adequate, and the expenditure which would be involved on the provision of a more elaborate scheme would not be justified. The Council noted the views of the County Medical Officer on the matter and deferred any action in regard to the water supply.

ITEM No. 13—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME—PROPOSED PROVISION OF RERE ACCESS TO HOUSES.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that an access road of the sand-gravel type or spalls and sand-gravel surface dressed could be made for £117. This amount made allowance for additional fence and six small paths. The Assistant County Engineer suggested that it might be desirable to move the frontage line of the houses forward as the roadway would reduce the length of the yards by about 10 ft. The County Manager pointed out that any alteration in the plans at this stage might cause considerable difficulty and would require the approval of the Department. It was decided that the Council's Engineer would see the Contractor and Councillor Miley, and also that the views of the Department's Inspector would be obtained on the matter.

The County Secretary stated that the Deed of Mortgage in respect of the loan of £9,500 had now been received from the Board of Works. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £9,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the provisions of the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1956."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby undertake that the instalment and repayments of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, 1st May and 1st November each year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin.
2nd July, 1957.

27/13/1.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 17th instant regarding a proposal of the Wicklow County Council to raise a loan of £8,000 from the Local Loans Fund to finance the payment of supplementary housing grants, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that, having regard to the statement enclosed with that letter, he has recommended the issue of a loan of £5,000 from the Fund for the purposes of Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, as amended. He would be glad to have an indication in accordance with the terms of the Department's Circular Letter No. 7/57 of 30th ultimo of the estimated draws for this purpose up to 31st March, 1958.

With regard to the financing of grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, I am to refer to the Department's letter of the 9th ultimo and previous correspondence in which it was indicated that loans for this purpose are not available from the Local Loans Fund. The Minister will be prepared, however, to sanction borrowing for the purpose from a source other than the Local Loans Fund and the housing authority's proposals in the matter will be awaited.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that a loan of £3,000 would be required to meet grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 2nd July, 1957, from the Department of Local Government, we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £3,000 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 15 years for the purpose of making Supplementary Grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—RE-ORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES.

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

11/29/38.

A Chara.

Julil, 1957.

With reference to your letter of the 14th May and previous correspondence about the local authority veterinary services in Co. Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to point out that it is necessary to proceed with the arrangements for the appointment of five permanent part-time Veterinary Inspectors for the revised Arklow, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Baltinglass and Rathdown districts, in respect of which statutory requests have already been made by the Council to the Local Appointments Commissioners in accordance with the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926. In this connection I am to point out that the present Veterinary Inspectors in the county (excluding Bray Urban District) were appointed on a temporary basis under the provisions of Section 5 (2) of that Act, pending the making of permanent arrangements in the normal way on the recommendation of the Commissioners and it would be irregular to continue to defer the making of the required appointments through the Commissioners.

I am accordingly to request that your Council will give further consideration to the question of the remuneration to be fixed for the five new permanent appointments and submit their proposals in the matter for the Minister's approval as early as possible. In formulating their proposals the Council should have regard to the size of each of the revised districts and the volume of meat and milk inspection duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in each district.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: M. Wallic,

Runai.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The County Secretary stated that the matter had been before the Council previously and that the Council had indicated at the Estimates Meeting that they were not agreeable to providing for higher amounts of salaries than those at present paid. The Urban District Councils had also indicated that they were not prepared to make additional provision in their Estimates in respect of Veterinary Services. The County Secretary pointed out, however, that it would be necessary for the Council to make arrangements for the permanent filling of the vacancies. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting and asked that the Secretary submit to the members particulars of the revised areas and proposed remunerations.

St. Valerie Bridge.

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

27/6/9.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Custom House, Dublin.

5th July, 1957.

re/St. Valerie Bridge.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that a Road Fund Grant of £21,000 or 75% of the cost of the work, whichever is the lesser, will be made available to the Wicklow County Council for the reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge on T.7. if a suitable proposal therefor is formulated.

The grant will be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) the work must be approved by the Department;
- (2) Payment of the grant may be withheld by the Minister at any time if, in his opinion, an inadequate return is being obtained for expenditure or the general administration of road work is unsatisfactory.
- (3) Recruitment of labour must be in accordance with the Department's Circular Letter SGA/202 of 30 Samhain, 1948, and any amending Circular.

(4) Particulars of expenditure on the work and of the employment afforded thereby should be returned on the monthly return submitted to the Department on Table E4—see this Department's Circular Letter R.222/5 of the 23rd May, 1957.

(5) Interim requisitions for payment on foot of the grant, which may be made from time to time as work progresses, should be on Form 97. Interim payments will be made only up to 90% of the grant and further payments should not be requisitioned until the works have been completed, when a final requisition on Form 97, accompanied by Forms 16 and 18, should be furnished.

If it is intended to avail of this grant, the Department should be informed accordingly and the necessary steps for the preparation of plans, etc., should be put in hands.

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:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

8th July, 1957.

County Secretary.

re/St. Valerie Bridge.

Dear Sir,

With reference to letter received from the Department of Local Government, dated 5th July, 1957 (Ref. 27/6/9), in which it is indicated that a Road Fund Grant of £21,000 will be made available to Wicklow County Council for the reconstruction of this bridge, I advise that this involves a considerable realignment of roads and a detailed survey must be made to ascertain the appropriate position of the new bridge and its approach roads.

The engagement of a Consulting Engineer to assist in the preparation of plans, etc., is necessary. It is calculated that the work would probably commence about January, 1958. The total expenditure as visualised in the Department's communication is £28,000.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the engagement of a Consultant Engineer to prepare plans for St. Valerie Bridge on Road T7."

Passed unanimously.

Closing of Roads at Wicklow.

The County Secretary reported that public notice had been given of the Council's intention to close to public traffic roads over the Stone and Parnell Bridges leading to the Sea Front at Wicklow on the 5th August, 1957, for the purpose of the annual Regatta and that no objections had been received. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby close to public traffic the roads at Wicklow as described hereunder on the 5th August, 1957, from 12.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., in connection with the holding of the Wicklow Regatta:—

Portion of Road No. 129B across the bridge known as the "Stone Bridge" over the Leitrim River in the Urban District of Wicklow and from the said bridge to the north end of Leitrim Place in the said Urban District."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he was dissenting from the Order in regard to the Clerk-Typist Miss McGurk. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., also referred to a worker employed in the hospital who was not paid for Church Holydays and queried his rate of wages. The County Manager stated that he would enquire into the matter.

Liscolman Cemetery.

Councillor J. J. McCrea drew attention to the condition of the fencing at Liscolman Cemetery and pointed out that they required attention.

Road known as Friars' Lane.

Councillor J. Miley asked that a proposal to take over this road as a public road be included in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillor P. Kehoe:

"That I or someone for me will propose at the next meeting of the County Council that the road at Iron Grange, Baltinglass, be taken over by the Council."

By Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole, T.D.:

"That we or someone for us will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the road from Annacrevey to Glaskenny be put into repair."

By Councillor J. Quigley:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Council take over and maintain as a county road the road known as Tinnakilly Old Road, between Fox's cottage and Green Lane."

By Councillor M. Deering:

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the question of the purchase of the Committee of Agriculture Offices be re-considered."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th August, 1957, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. J. Lawless, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Smyth.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, P. J. Foley, J. P. Caffrey and P. Mc Guinness, were present.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of July, 1957.
2. Blessington Housing Scheme—proposed provision of rere access.
3. Supplementary Grants for reconstruction of houses; letter from National Bank Ltd. in regard to Council's application for loan.
4. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958—to consider recommendation of Committee on Scheme for 1958.
5. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957—results of examination and award of scholarships.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. (a) Bray-Greystones Cliff Walk—report on present position regarding construction of Cliff Walk.
8. Repairs to cottages for vesting—report on total expenditure.
9. Repairs carried out during month of July, 1957.
10. 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, 1957, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
8th August, 1957.

Housing Progress Report.

Gentlemen,

The present position of Housing Schemes is as follows:—

Aughrim Scheme: 6 houses completed.

1952 Housing Scheme: Under this scheme 26 houses have been completed as detailed in previous monthly reports and includes Ballycapple (Site No. 1047) completed during this month.

In Progress: Cottage at Kilmacoo (Site No. 1028) (by contract).

Blessington: 6 houses in progress (by contract).

J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of July, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME.

Having discussed the proposal of the County Engineer for the provision of rere access to six houses at Blessington, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the County Engineer's proposals for the provision of rere access to 6 houses at Blessington Housing Scheme at an estimated net additional cost of £82 10s. 0d."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES.

The Council considered letter from the National Bank Limited, Wicklow, in regard to the Council's application for a loan of £3,000 to finance the payment of Supplementary Grants for the reconstruction of houses. As a result of the Bank's refusal to make financial facilities available by way of loan, the Council directed that the matter be resubmitted to the Minister for Local Government.

ITEM No. 4—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1958—SCHEME FOR 1958.

The Council considered the following Report of the Committee set up by the Council to consider the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958.

Report on Meeting of Scholarship Committee held at Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th August, 1957, at 2 p.m.

A meeting of the Scholarship Committee to consider the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958, was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th August, 1957, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended :

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors W. Cleary, P. McCarthy, Dr. B. Donnelly, G. Timmins.

The County Manager and County Secretary were present.

The Committee recommended to the Council the adoption of Scheme of Scholarships for the year 1958 based on that operated for the year 1957, but subject to the following amendments:—

(1) Means of Parents or Guardians :

The Committee considered that the valuations under Section 4(a) were not in proportion to the income limits set out in 4(b). The Committee recommended that the valuation limit in the case of families of 1 child be amended to £40 and that the limit be increased by £7 10s. 0d. in valuation for each additional child. The Committee, with Councillor McCarthy dissenting, recommended that the limits for means under the heading of Income remain as in the scheme for 1957. The Committee agreed that the income to be taken into account shall be that for the year ended 31st March, 1957. The Committee agreed that any rent allowance or any similar type of emolument, such as apartments, rations or other perquisites in kind or a monetary payment in lieu of such must be regarded as income for the purposes of the scheme and that income would also include any payment of fees or commission.

Paragraph 11—Method of making application for Examination :

The Committee recommended that the latest date for receipt of completed application forms be 23rd November, 1957. The Committee agreed as recommended by the Department of Education that the words "and with the approval of the Minister for Education" be omitted in the final paragraph of that section in the scheme.

Paragraph 12—Method of Award :

The Committee recommended that the following paragraph be inserted :

"Every successful candidate shall avail himself/herself immediately of the scholarship awarded to him/her under this Scheme unless the Council agrees that the acceptance may be postponed owing to illness or other exceptional cause; otherwise the candidate shall forfeit all right to the award."

Paragraph 14 :

The Committee recommended that this paragraph be amended by inserting a provision that Irish and English versions of the papers be supplied to all candidates in the following subjects: Arithmetic, History, Geography, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study, and that candidates who answer wholly in Irish from either version of the Question Paper in these subjects will be eligible for the award of bonus marks of not more than 10% of the marks awarded, except in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework and Drawing in which the bonus marks will be not more than 5% of the marks awarded.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letters of 14th and 24th June, 1957, from the Department of Education, we hereby adopt a Scheme for the award of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1958 in similar terms to the Scheme adopted for the year 1957, subject to the following amendments:—

That the following paragraph be inserted after Paragraph 12 (Method of Award):

"Every successful candidate shall avail himself/herself immediately of the scholarship awarded to him/her under this Scheme unless the Council agrees that the acceptance may be postponed owing to illness or other exceptional cause; otherwise the candidate shall forfeit all right to the award."

That paragraph 14 in relation to syllabus of examination be amended by inserting a provision that Irish and English versions of the Question Papers will be supplied to all candidates in the following subjects: Arithmetic, History, Geography, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study and that candidates who answer wholly in Irish from either version of the Question Paper in these subjects will be eligible for the award of bonus marks of not more than 10% of the marks awarded, except in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework and Drawing in which the bonus marks will not be more than 5% of the marks awarded.

The income to be taken into account in connection with the means of parents of candidates shall be that of the year ended 31st March, 1957.

The latest date for receipt of completed application forms shall be 23rd November, 1957.

The dates 1957 where appearing otherwise in the Scheme shall be amended to 1958, and the dates 1956 be amended to 1957.

The words "and with the approval of the Minister for Education" shall be omitted from the final paragraph of Section 11 of the Scheme.

Valuation limits under Clause 4 (a) regarding means shall be:—

i.	£40 0 0	in the case of families of one child.	
ii.	£47 10 0	" " "	two children.
iii.	£55 0 0	" " "	three children.
iv.	£62 10 0	" " "	four children.
v.	£70 0 0	" " "	five children.
vi.	£77 10 0	" " "	six children or more.

Passed, Councillor P. McCarthy dissenting.

ITEM No. 5—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1957—RESULTS OF EXAMINATION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

The County Secretary submitted results of the examination for Scholarships under the Council's Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools Scheme, 1957. Sixty-nine candidates had presented themselves for examination, of whom forty-four passed the examination.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered results of Examination for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, we approve of the award of Scholarships, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, as follows:—

Category 1 (a):

Raymond Moran, 97 Blacklion, Greystones.
Patrick F. Whelan, Bawnogue, Rathdangan, Kiltegan.
James B. O'Toole, The Sallies, Rathdangan, Kiltegan.
Annie M. Byrne, 6 Castle Villas, Kiltencarrick, Delgany.
Mary O'Byrne, Altidore Castle, Kiltedder.
Monica Smullen, 11 Castle Villas, Killincarrick, Delgany.

Category 1 (b):

Michael Joseph Tuite, Marlton Road, Wicklow.
Patrick G. O'Reilly, 6 Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow.
James P. Anderson, Castleview, Wicklow.

Catherine P. Olohan, 6 Convent Road, Wicklow.
Winifred M. Lambert, Sunnyside, Wicklow.
Carmel Shaw, Novara House, Bray.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS:

The County Secretary submitted details in connection with application from Mr. Thomas Ellis, Newtownmountkennedy, for permission to erect Petrol Pumps at Newtownmountkennedy. The Council approved of permission being granted, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer and provided that the work was carried out in its entirety subject to such conditions.

The Council recommended that permission be granted to Mr. Patrick McCoy, Laragh, for the erection of Petrol Pumps at Laragh, subject to the submission of acceptable plans.

The County Secretary submitted details in connection with application from Mr. M. J. Cole, White Piers, Glassnamullen, for permission to open a shop at Glassnamullen for the sale of cigarettes, ice cream, etc. The Council noted that the structure had been erected without the permission of the Council under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The Council granted permission to Ardmore Film Studio Ltd. for the erection of Sound Stages at "Ardmore Place," subject to the submission of satisfactory details of sanitary accommodation and sewage disposal.

ITEM No. 7—SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS.

The Council considered application of Miss Patricia Weadick and Mr. Fergus D. Lalor for the assignment of the premises at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, owned by Mrs. Una Kelly, subject to the existing Mortgage to the Council. Having considered the details submitted, the Council decided to refuse application.

The Council agreed to the granting of a loan of £960 to Mr. Albert E. Woods, Tinahely, in respect of erection of dwellinghouse at Toberlonagh—subject to adequate security being obtained by way of mortgage on house and land.

The Council approved of the granting of loan of £300 to Mr. Patrick Gorman, Tinoran, Baltinglass, subject to his being eligible for and obtaining a grant, and subject to the condition that the structure is of a satisfactory standard.

Councillor J. Miley and other members of the Council for the Baltinglass Area referred to the fact that Mr. Michael Moore, contractor for the erection of cottage at Monatore had met with an accident, and asked for an extension of the time for the completion of the cottage. The Council agreed that the time for the completion of the cottage should be extended for a reasonable period in view of the circumstances.

ITEM No. 7 (a)—BRAY-GREYSTONES CLIFF WALK.

The Council noted the present position regarding the construction of the Cliff Walk, and agreed to a payment of a sum not exceeding £5 5s. 0d. in respect of legal costs in connection with the acquisition of portion of land from Mr. Fisher.

ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES FOR VESTING.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"Having considered report regarding expenditure on repairs to vested cottages, we authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount authorised in the Estimates for the year 1956/57 to defray the additional cost of repairs to cottages for vesting, seeing that a further loan to meet cost of repairs to such cottages cannot now be arranged."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 1957.

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer on repairs carried out during the month of July, 1957.

ITEM No. 10—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th August, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, John Quigley, P.C.; W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, J. Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey and P. J. Foley, were present.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Edward Byrne.

AGENDA.

- Minutes of Meetings held on 17th June, 1st and 8th July, 1957.
- To fill vacancy on Arklow Old Age Pension sub-Committee.
- Renewal of University Scholarships—Letter from University College, Dublin.
- Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools.
- Application from Bray Amusements' Committee for closing of roads at Bray on 8th September, 1957, in connection with Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.
- Rural Employment Schemes; letter dated 30th July from Department of Local Government regarding allocation of grant for Rural Employment Schemes, and report of County Engineer in regard to proposed schemes.
- Letters in regard to works carried out at Kilmullen Lane.
- To consider making declaration declaring road at Kilcarra West to be a public road.
- Road at North Beach, Greystones; advice from Council's Solicitor.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe in regard to taking over of road at Iron Grange, Baltinglass.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor John Quigley, P.C., in regard to taking over of road known as Tinnakilly Old Road, between Fox' cottage and Green Lane.
- Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and J. O'Toole, T.D., re putting into repair of road from Annacrevy to Glaskenny.
- Road known as Friar's Lane, Tubber, Dunlavin—report of Engineer.
- Correspondence with Valleymount Parish Council in regard to roads in the district.
- Letter from Bray Chamber of Commerce in regard to suggested pathway from Kilcronev to Enniskerry.
- Discontinuance of County Hospital and transfer of patients to Wicklow Fever Hospital.
- Report from Chief Fire Officer in regard to towing of trailer pump at Baltinglass and in regard to application from Bray Urban District Council for provision of light trailer pump.
- Report on Rate Collection for year to 31st March, 1957.
- Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme; arrangements for financing scheme.
- Report in regard to revision of travelling expenses of assistance officers.
- Re-organisation of Veterinary Services; arrangements for making of permanent appointments.
- Letter from Department of Lands regarding employment afforded in Baltinglen Forest and establishment of wood pulp factory in the county.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering in regard to re-considering question of purchase of offices occupied by Committee of Agriculture.
- Report of Council's Solicitor regarding recent judgment in relation to liability for maintenance of children under the Children's Act.
- Quarry at Ballylusk; report on its operation.
- Complaint regarding surface water on road at Churchlands, Tinahely.
- Minutes of meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 8th May, 1957.
- Resolutions from Leitrim County Council regarding
(a) Local Authorities (Works) Act—Grants.

- (b) Report of Transport Commission.
 29. Resolution from Ennis Urban District Council regarding Speed Limit.
 30. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 17th June, 1st July (2 meetings) and 8th July, 1957."
 Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—TO FILL VACANCY ON ARKLOW O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Rev. Mr. Carry's successor to fill vacancy on Arklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Rev. C. Carry, M.A., and that Very Rev. Fr. Pigott, P.P., replace Rev. Fr. Kelly on the Committee."
 Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,
 Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the 18th July, 1957, from Registrar, University College, Dublin, we approve of the renewal of the following University Scholarships for a further year:
 Michael J. Woods,
 Kevin C. Brennan,
 James O. Reynolds."
 Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
 Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further period of 12 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. Mullaly, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
 John C. Gorman, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
 Andrew Wynne, St. Joseph's Intermediate School, Wicklow.
 Laurence Doyle, Technical School, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
 Vincent Halpin, St. Joseph's Intermediate School, Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
 Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 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. Laoise.
 Anne Cahill, Scoil Cairtriona, Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin.
 Edward R. Archer, C.B.S., Synge St., 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 McElheron, 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, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Anne Byrne, Loreto Abbey, Gorey."
 Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
 Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months of the scholarships awarded to the following twelve successful candidates under the Wicklow County Council's Scholarships Scheme, 1955, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of the schools:

Anne Dagg, Brigidine Convent, Tullow.
 Mary C. Davis, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.
 Eileen McNulty, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.
 Prionnsias Mac an Baird, C.B.S., Carriglea, Dun Laoghaire.
 Sean S. Cathain, C.B.S., Synge St., Dublin.
 Diarmuid O'Coiglig, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.
 Labhrus O'Dubhthaig, C.B.S., Gorey.
 Abraham F. Jacob, De La Salle College, Wicklow.
 Labhrus P. O'Talun, Good Counsel College, New Ross.
 Marie Theresa O'Toole, Loreto Convent, Bray.
 Philomena Crinnion, Loreto College, North Gt. George's St., Dublin.
 Mary Ann O'Dea, Loreto Convent, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
 Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
 Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months of the scholarships awarded to the following 12 successful candidates under the Wicklow County Council's Scholarship Scheme, 1956, satisfactory reports as to the conduct and progress of these pupils having been received from the Superiors of their schools:

Henry Byrne, St. Mary's College, Knockbeg, Carlow.
 Marie Ann Ferguson, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.
 Sean MacSeoin, St. Brendan's, Old Connaught Avenue, Bray.
 Gerald Gilmore, St. Brendan's, Old Connaught Avenue, Bray.
 Ann C. Cullen, St. Leo's, Convent of Mercy, Carlow.
 John P. Coffey, De La Salle College, Wicklow.
 Mary E. Doyle, St. Ann's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
 Catherine E. Timmons, St. Anne's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
 Bernadette A. Byrne, St. Ann's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
 Michael Hollingsworth, De La Salle College, Wicklow.
 Mary F. O'Sullivan, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Mary C. Conroy, St. Ann's Dominican Convent, Wicklow."
 Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—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 the 8th

September, 1957, and the County Secretary having stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections received, it was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,
Seconded by Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

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, 8th September, 1957, 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 Dr. B. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered application of Bray Amusements' Committee, we hereby approve of the holding of a Cycle Race on the roads at Bray which are closed to public traffic on Sunday, 8th September, 1957, between 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m., adequate provision to be made for stewarding on the occasion of the race."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—RURAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES: LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING ALLOCATION OF GRANT.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government, dated 30th July, 1957, notifying the Council of the allocation of a grant of £1,200, subject to a local contribution of £400, for the carrying out of rural employment schemes under the Employment and Emergency Schemes' Vote, 1957/58. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:

County Secretary, 17th August, 1957.
Employment and Emergency Schemes, 1957/58.
Rural Employment Schemes.

A Chara,

I recommend the following works:

Baltinglass: Road 290 (Srughan)—part, roll and improve 400 lin yds.	£265
Blessington: Road 371, leading to reservoir, 250 lin yds.	£265
Dunlavin: Road 387, leading to 8 houses	£265
Greystones: Road 25, concrete footpaths	£270
Kilcoole: Road 45, concrete paths	£265
Rathnew: Village footpaths (concrete)	£270

Mise, le meas,

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved:—

"That having noted letter of the 30th July, 1957, from Department of Local Government notifying grant of £1,200 under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1957/58, we approve of a local contribution of £400 and approve of the recommendations of the County Engineer for the carrying out of schemes estimated to cost £1,600."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—LETTERS IN REGARD TO WORKS CARRIED OUT AT KILMULLEN LANE.

The Council noted the following letters received from residents at Kilmullen Lane:

Dromore, Kilmullen,
31st July, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to you and those concerned on the excellent work carried out on Kilmullen Lane. It is now tarred

right through and should not cause the County Council any further outlay for a number of years. As one living on farm adjoining this lane, I fully benefit from its good condition and I am duly grateful.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: George Roberts.

The County Secretary,

Kilmullen House,
22nd July, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I write to thank you and your engineers for the splendid job done tarring and rolling Kilmullen road. As one of the principal users of this road I appreciate your work done on it very much.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Sylvester Bourke.

ITEM No. 8—TO CONSIDER MAKING DECLARATION DECLARING ROAD AT KILCARRA WEST TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary notices of the Council's intention to declare the road at Kilcarra to be a public road had been inserted in the daily papers and that no objection had been received. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby declare that the road described hereunder be a public road: Road in townland of Kilcarra West extending from its junction with the Kilcarra-Woodenbridge road No. 402, a distance of 180 lin yds., being as far as the dwellinghouses only."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—ROAD AT NORTH BEACH, GREYSTONES.

In the absence of Councillor Edward Byrne it was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. KEHOE IN REGARD TO TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT IRON GRANGE, BALTINGLASS.

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

Blessington,
7th August, 1957.

re/Iron Grange Road.

Dear Sir,

I inspected the above road constructed by the Land Commission. It varies from 12 to 18 feet between fences and the roadway 8-9 feet. The length is approximately 1 mile. The road is sound and in fair repair but is a cul-de-sac. It serves seven farms and houses.

Yours faithfully,

Signed P. J. Foley.

Following a discussion on the matter it was decided that it be deferred for the purpose of investigating Rural Improvement Schemes Grant.

ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY, P.C., IN REGARD TO TAKING OVER OF TINNAKILLY OLD ROAD.

The Council noted that a report in regard to this road had been considered at meeting held on the 12th November, 1956, and that the Assistant County Engineer had indicated that it would cost about £250 to put the road into a good condition. It was decided to adjourn the matter pending investigations as to the possibility of obtaining a grant for the repair of the road from the Forestry Department or a Rural Improvement Schemes Grant.

ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN REGARD TO ROAD FROM ANNACREVVY TO GLASKENNY.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:
County Secretary, 12th July, 1957.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant regarding Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors J. O'Toole and Mrs. Ledwidge, this road would appear

to be part of No. 17 and part of No. 14 County Roads. There is no special allocation of funds for the major "repair" of this road during the present financial year, but it will receive priority next year if funds are available.

In my proposals of March last, when it was thought that all available Grant money would be expended on County Roads only, this particular road was included, but unfortunately it had to be deferred when we came to examine the distribution of the Grants in May, 1957, and you will note that even then I had great difficulty in ensuring that even the sum of £8,000 would be made available in the northern district.

The county roads to be done around the immediate vicinity of Bray area: Road No. 9, Kilmolin-Glencullen; Roads No. 35/36, Old Long Hill; Road No. 40, Willow Grove-Downs; Road No. 41, Altidore.

In tar surface dressing we have work to do on Road No. 11, Glenree; Road No. 10, Kilgarron Hill; Road No. 13, Waterfall towards Bahana; Road No. 19, Kileroney Lane. So that the area is not too badly served. There is no doubt, of course, that the Road No. 14 referred to above is in need of reconstruction, although I must say that the amount of traffic on it is extremely small. It will, however, be attended to when funds are available.

Yours faithfully,

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

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until such times as moneys were available to carry out the work.

ITEM No. 13—ROAD KNOWN AS FRIAR'S LANE, TUBBER, DUNLAVIN.

The following report of the Council's Engineer was submitted:

Blessington,

16th August, 1957.

re/Road—Friar's Hill.

Dear Sir,

This road has been reported on on a previous occasion. However, I attach my report again.

The road is a cul-de-sac road seven to nine feet roadway, and varies from 12' to 18' between fences. Its condition is not good, being worn and tracked. It was repaired, I believe, under a minor relief scheme grant years ago.

The length of the road is 1¼ miles approximately and serves seven houses. The cost of repair could amount to £200.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: P. J. Foley.

The Council decided to defer the matter for the purpose of investigating the possibility of a Rural Improvement Schemes' Grant.

ITEM No. 14—CORRESPONDENCE WITH VALLEYMOUNT PARISH COUNCIL IN REGARD TO ROADS IN THE DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that the Vallemount Parish Council had submitted enquiries as to the Council's proposal in regard to the Ballyknocken/Lacken/Blessington road, and that the following report of the County Engineer had been received:

County Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

17th August, 1957.

re/Valleymount Roads.

A Chara,

In reference to above, the portion of road in Ballyknocken village is not in good condition, and is loose and hollow in the centre. Provision has been made for carrying out improvements to this road during the current financial year. The length of this roadway is about 160 lin. yds.

Regarding the roadway to the quarries, this is a cul-de-sac road and is about 220 lin. yds. Part of this road is supported by a retaining wall, which is showing much cracking. Should the Council accept responsibility for maintaining this road (which it has already refused on several occasions), then the repair or renewal of the retaining wall might also be included in its responsibility. The cost of metalling the roadway would be approximately £200.

I am not in favour of the Council taking over the repair or maintenance of this road.

Mise, le meas,

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

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided that the most appropriate way to deal with it would be by a discussion between the Vallemount Parish Council and the members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral area.

ITEM No. 15—LETTER FROM BRAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN REGARD TO SUGGESTED PATHWAY FROM KILCRONEY TO ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary submitted correspondence with the Bray Chamber of Commerce regarding a proposal that the Council construct a pathway beside the river from Kileroney to Enniskerry. The Council decided that the most appropriate way for examining the proposal further would be for the Chamber of Commerce to get in touch with the local members of the County Council.

ITEM No. 16—DISCONTINUANCE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL AND TRANSFER OF PATIENTS TO WICKLOW FEVER HOSPITAL.

The Council have considered particulars furnished by the County Manager and having noted that the Department of Health, in letter of the 3rd August, 1957, Ref. A.32/164, conveyed the consent of the Minister for Health to the proposed transfer of patients in the County Hospital to the former Fever Hospital Building, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson.

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the discontinuance of the use of the present County Hospital and of the transfer of patients to the building formerly used as a Fever Hospital, the transfer to take effect as on and from 1st October, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that the office of Medical Officer to the Fever Hospital would no longer be necessary and that Dr. J. B. Conway would, accordingly, retire, or the office would be abolished, and agreed to the payment of a gratuity and superannuation to Dr. Conway.

Following a discussion as to the future use of the County Hospital building, it was decided that a committee of the County Council should meet a committee of the Urban District Council to discuss the matter and that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor should be obtained in regard to the legal issues involved.

ITEM No. 17—REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN REGARD TO THE TRAILER PUMP AT BALTINGLASS AND THE PROVISION OF A LIGHT TRAILER PUMP IN THE BRAY AREA.

The Council noted arrangements made with Mr. Morrin of Messrs. Morrin and Sons, Baltinglass, for the use of one of their lorries to tow the trailer pump at Baltinglass.

The Council considered report of the Chief Fire Officer, in which he recommended that the Council purchase a light trailer pump for use in the Grey-stones area, and decided that the matter be deferred and that the Chief Fire Officer would meet members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area to discuss the matter.

ITEM No. 18—REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1957.

The following statement showing the details of the 1956/57 rate collection was submitted:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
FINAL STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF 1956/57 RATE COLLECTION

Dis-trict	Collector	Warrant		Lodged		Credit Note		Discount		Over-lodged		Under-lodged		Irrecoverable		C/fwd. to 1957/58 warrant		Percentage Collected	Comparative Statement in respect of uncollected rates as on 31/3/56 C/fwd. to 1956/57				
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
1.	L. McDonnell	18,070	0 6	17,969	17 5	29	18 5	15	15 1	8	10	66	16 10	62	15 8	17	4 5	98.63	62	15 8	17	4 5	
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7.	J. Sheehan	31,102	2 1	30,287	8 4	1	0 6	44	5 5	12	5 3	11	4 3	45	13 2	764	0 4	97.54	95	7 4	332	0 10	
8.	P. J. O'Byrne	22,794	0 8	22,271	0 2	35	000	0	4 4	52	15 11	7	9 8	17	15 4	363	11 5	98.04	78	12 11	188	16 3	
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11.	J. J. McCall	21,435	10 6	21,352	0 3	51	0 0	1	9 5	15	1	3	8 5	6	8 2	110	0 5	99.58	50	19 8	130	19 6	
12.	Wm. C. Byrne	26,227	16 2	26,059	13 3	95	10 8	12	18 6	3	48	0 11	3	48	0 11	35	2 4	99.85	55	3 0	180	4 0	
13.	Mi. Murray	25,573	1 7	25,383	8 11	18,282	13 0	19	9 3	35	10 11	13	14 8	1	17 7	169	17 10	99.08	15	3 7	102	14 11	
14.	E. Lynch	18,493	16 4	18,282	13 0	13,413	2 11	51	0 0	22	18 2	8	6 3	2	6 5	190	11 1	98.61	2	6 5	287	16 6	
15.	D. J. Kinsella	15,671	3 6	15,413	2 11	9,844	13 10	6	7 1	10	3 6	3	5	2	14 8	217	10 9	97.84	2	11 3	461	14 7	
16.	R. V. McCrea	10,981	10 1	9,844	13 10	39	10 8	21	13 11	3	9 1	3	9 1	57	10 4	72	16 0	99.42	56	16 7	47	12 1	
17.	Mi. O'Neill	12,448	10 6	12,256	19 7	359	17 5	270	3 4	58	10 10	3	456	10 3	4,747	12 6	1,5732	553	18 9	2,678	16 11		
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The Council noted that the amounts collected, together with discounts and credit notes, represented 98.3%, and allowing for the amounts written off as irrecoverable, the percentage collected was 98.27 per cent. The comparative figures for the previous year were 98.847 and 99.046.

ITEM No. 19—WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME—ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING SCHEME.

The County Manager having outlined proposals for the financing of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme until such time as the necessary formalities were completed and an instalment of the loan received, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

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

Resolved:—

"Pending the receipt of the loan to finance the Wicklow Regional Water supply Scheme, we hereby authorise the incurring of overdraft on the Capital Account in a sum not exceeding £20,000 to finance expenditure on the scheme."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 20—REPORT IN REGARD TO REVISION OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF ASSISTANCE OFFICERS.

The Council having considered proposals made by the County Manager for an increase in travelling allowance to Assistance Officers and having noted that the proposed yearly allowance for each officer was based on the average yearly mileage travelled by him in the course of his official duties over a number of years, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor James O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That having considered recommendations of County Manager in regard to travelling expenses of Assistance Officers, we approve of the following yearly limits in respect of these officers:

James Byrne	£224
James Brophy	£108
Patrick Brennan	£140
Mrs. Maureen Hunt	£160
Thomas Kavanagh	£132
Patrick Kinsella	£136

Payment to be made retrospective to 1st July, 1957. We approve also of any additional expenditure thereby involved."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 21—REORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES.

As decided at the last meeting of the Council, particulars regarding proposed reorganisation of the Veterinary Services in the county, excluding Bray Urban District, had been circulated to the members. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to take no action and to continue the existing arrangements.

ITEM No. 22—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LANDS REGARDING EMPLOYMENT IN BALLINGLEN FOREST AND ESTABLISHMENT OF WOOD PULP FACTORY IN THE COUNTY.

The following letter from the Department of Lands was submitted:
The County Secretary, Department of Lands,
Wicklow County Council, Dublin.
Wicklow. 13th July, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to acknowledge your letter of the 26th June, requesting that a deputation be received by him to discuss the

employment afforded in the Ballingen Forest and the establishment of a wood pulp factory in the county.

The Minister has already made it clear, as has been the case in the past, that as forestry operations are completed in a given area labour must be dispensed with or transferred to an adjacent area.

The position in regard to County Wicklow forestry in general is that this year there are 814 persons employed compared with 832 in the previous year.

Last year the Department decided to change the methods by which thinnings were effected because of the high cost and the subsequent loss resulting from sales of timber.

It has been found more economic to auction timber standing to contractors, except in areas where access is difficult or where there are special reasons for not so doing.

The effect in Wicklow has been the employment of approximately seventy persons working for contractors, so the total number employed in County Wicklow forests now slightly exceeds those of former years.

The future trend of employment in the county will depend upon the amount of land offered to the Forestry Department and the consequent planting that can be carried out, and all offers of land are likely to be accepted provided the Forestry Grant sanctioned by the Minister for Finance can be maintained and increased.

In the present state of the country's economy and until exports expand the Forestry Department will be competing with other Departments for available capital and for the proceeds of taxation.

If exports expand they will do so as a result of capital investment at a time when capital is scarce. The Minister will have to prove to the Minister for Finance that forestry operations are being conducted with the maximum efficiency and that, indeed, the whole operation of the Department compares as near as possible to that of a private lumber corporation.

This involves in turn greater output and efficiency all round which, if secured, should result in a higher level of remuneration, but only if the increase of output is satisfactory.

For these reasons, to press the Minister for retention of employees in one particular forest would only jeopardise the employment of those in other forests, and he has already indicated the situation in Wicklow is satisfactory so far as total employment is concerned.

As Wicklow is the premier forestry county the Minister would be glad to receive a deputation to discuss the future prospects of County Wicklow afforestation in general.

Insofar as the pulp factory is concerned, industries making use of forestry material are now under the general surveillance of the Industrial Development Authority.

The Minister has furnished to the Industrial Development Authority a general picture of the thinnings both by volume and area which are rapidly growing in content throughout the Republic.

In all this the Minister is guided by making comparisons between the cost of afforestation and the investment of money at 5 per cent. compound interest over a period of twenty-five and then fifty years. Unless forestry is conducted with the maximum economy the present load of taxation and of interest repayable on capital advanced for acquisition will worsen the economic position, raise the costs of production throughout the country. Therefore, policy must relate to carrying out a productive job where results are deferred for many years in such a way that those who enjoy the benefits thereof will be able to say that the work was well done and that they are not inheriting excessive costs.

Further, the Minister considers there is a gross inadequacy of private afforestation and he intends to take such steps as are possible to secure that part of the planting programme should be carried out by individuals at a lower cost than is possible in the case of the State, and when the forestry programme is launched he trusts that the County Council, which is well acquainted with the value of afforestation, will give co-operation by taking part in the necessary publicity measures required to speed up such a campaign.

Mise, le meas.

Runai Aire.

The Council decided that a deputation consisting of Councillors H. J. Byrne (Chairman), P. Brennan, T.D.; J. O'Toole, T.D.; J. Everett, T.D., and Dr. B. Donnelly would meet the Minister to discuss the matter.

ITEM No. 23—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. DEERING IN REGARD TO THE PURCHASE OF THE PREMISES OCCUPIED BY THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The Council deferred consideration of this proposal to a later date.

ITEM No. 24—REPORT OF THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR REGARDING RECENT JUDGMENT IN RELATION TO LIABILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CHILDREN'S ACT.

The County Secretary informed the Council of a decision recently given by the Circuit Court Judge in the case of a child whose parents resided in Dublin and who had been placed with a foster mother in Co. Wicklow. The Judge decided in pursuance of Section 20 of the Children's Act, 1941, i.e., that as the child was resident in Co. Wicklow for over 12 months Wicklow County Council should be liable for the maintenance of the child in the Artane Industrial School, Dublin. The Council decided that in view of this decision it would be advisable that in all future cases of foster children, consent should not be given to the receipt of children if there is any doubt as to the ability of the foster mother to rear the child. It was also decided that representations should be made to the Minister for Education to arrange for appropriate amendment of the Children's Act to allow of the giving of longer notice to the Council of the placing of children in foster homes. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary,

Resolved:—

"That the responsible Minister arrange for appropriate amendment of the Children's Act so as to provide for longer and more reasonable notice to be given to local authorities of the placing of children in foster homes. The Council considers the present notice altogether inadequate. The Council furthermore considers that in any case of the placing of a child with foster parents the Council should be given reasonable time to ascertain if the foster home was suitable and if there was any doubt of the ability of the proposed foster parent to provide for the child in the future."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 25—QUARRY AT BALLYLUSK.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:
County Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

14th August, 1957.

re/Quarry at Ballylusk.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, re above, I write to say that the work here has been temporarily suspended because we have a sufficient quantity of stone accumulated. Further, I understand that the men who were employed at this quarry may be engaged for alternative work with the contractor who is carrying out the Regional Water Supply Scheme as soon as he will have his materials on the site. In such an eventuality these men will receive a very much longer period of employment than they would have by being engaged by the County Council.

I note that it is requested that the Manager defer the closing of the quarry pending a discussion on the matter at the meeting on the 19th instant; as I have indicated above, the quarry has already been closed.

The adoption of the sand/gravel method of making roads and the retreading and scarifying are, of necessity, reducing the quantity of crushed stone required from quarries for county roads. It is likely that it will be only in the case of large scale works, such as realignment and similar reconstruction on Main Roads, that crushed stone macadam and spalls will be required in the future.

If the Council would approve of the purchase of an extra large size Granulator for the purpose of producing stone chippings in Ballylusk, then a somewhat extended period of employment might be arranged at the present time with the quantity of chippings made. Our small Granulators which we have in our possession for about 20 years are now entirely uneconomical.

Yours faithfully,
Signed: J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer.

The Council noted the County Engineer's report and received an assurance that everything possible would be done to find alternative work for the displaced workmen.

ITEM No. 26—SURFACE WATER ON ROAD AT CHURCHLANDS, TINAHELY.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:
County Secretary. 13th August, 1957.

re/Flooding at Churchlands.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence, the flooding on the road at Churchlands is due to the fact that the outlet for surface water, which is situated in Mr. Haskins' field adjoining the road, has been cut off. Mr. Haskins claims that he has no objection to surface water but that the waste water from the cottages opposite his field and on the other side of the road has also been flowing into his property.

I have examined the proposals for providing pumps for each cottage, but I am not satisfied that they would prove satisfactory. I would recommend that the present water accumulating on the road be piped with a 6" diameter pipe direct to the river, a distance of approximately 800 feet, at an estimated cost of £450. This pipe line could be utilised at a later stage should a sewerage disposal system be provided for these houses.

Mise, le meas,

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

The Council approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer and of the expenditure of £450 on this work.

ITEM No. 27—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

The County Manager stated that the following resolution had been forwarded by Wicklow County Council to the General Council of County Councils:

"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."

The General Council recommended that the above motion be withdrawn and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"Since the inclusion in the annual re-valuation list normally involves a re-valuation of the whole premises as a unit, this Council is of opinion the Valuation Acts should be amended to enable a separate valuation to be made (preferably on a fixed percentage basis of the cost) of additions, extensions, structural alterations or improvements; and that such separate valuation be added to the existing valuation—the total to be the new revised valuation for rating purposes."

Following a discussion on the matter at the meeting of the General Council, it was proposed by Councillor P. Farrell (Cavan) and Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bowe (Wexford) and

Resolved:—

"That the recommendation be circulated to the affiliated Councils for their views."

This motion was passed unanimously.

The Council decided that the General Council of County Councils be informed that they considered it satisfactory and an improvement on the present system.

ITEM No. 28—RESOLUTION FROM LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council approved of the following resolution received from Leitrim County Council:

"That we, the Leitrim County Council, request the Department of Local Government to restore the Grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949."

The Council decided to mark "Read" the following resolution from Leitrim County Council:

"That before implementing the recent Report of the Transport Commission, we call on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to bring the matter before both houses of the Oireachtas for debate, and that the subsequent decision be left to a free vote of the Deputies and Senators."

ITEM No. 29—RESOLUTION FROM ENNIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from Ennis Urban District Council:

"That we, the members of Ennis Urban District Council, request the Government to take immediate steps to introduce legislation in order to enable the imposition of speed limits on traffic passing through built-up areas.

"We direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government, and that copies be circulated to all local authorities in Ireland with a request that they adopt same."

Public Lighting at Knockananna:

The Council noted the quotation received from the E.S.B. for the provision of five 200 watt lamps, complete with lanterns, brackets, switchwire, solar dial time switch, waterproof box and all necessary wiring connections, for the sum of £59 10s. 0d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation in the sum of £59 10s. 0d. from the E.S.B. for the provision of public lighting at Knockananna, and of the charge for annual lighting."

Passed unanimously.

Notice of Motion:

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor W. Lawless—

"That we hereby give notice and we or someone for us will move at our next meeting that this Council proceed with the erection of Kavanagh's cottage at Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd September, 1957, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne Chairman;
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Smyth.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley and P. McGuinness, were present.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of August, 1957.
2. University Scholarships Scheme, 1957—report on results of Examination.
3. Letter from candidate for Secondary Schools Scholarship indicating that he is unable to avail of the scholarship.
4. To consider advisability of erecting additional cottages.
5. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Authorisation of Repairs.
8. Repairs carried out during the month of August, 1957.
9. Inspection of reconstructed Fever Hospital Buildings.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of August, 1957, was submitted :—

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow County Council.

31st August, 1957.

Housing Progress Report.

Gentlemen,

The present position of housing schemes is as follows :—

Aughrim Scheme : 6 houses completed.

1952 Housing Scheme :

Completed : 25 houses.

In progress : 2 houses (Kilmacoo, Site No. 1028; Ballincrow, Site No. 1009);

Blessington : 6 houses in progress (by contract).

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of the housing schemes during the month of August, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1957.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Education had forwarded the list of marks awarded at the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1957, to candidates accepted under the University Scholarship Scheme. Seven of the 11 candidates had qualified at the Examination. The candidates who obtained the first three places would appear to be entitled to the award of scholarships. These candidates were :

1. Patrick J. O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray.
2. Paul V. Spellman, Marine House, Greystones.
3. Mary T. Cullen, Churchlands, Tinahely.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That having considered letter of the 14th August, 1957, from Department of Education, forwarding list of marks awarded at the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1957, to candidates accepted under the Scholarship Scheme of the Council, we hereby approve of the award of scholarships in accordance with the terms of the Scheme to the following candidates:

Patrick J. O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray.

Paul V. Spellman, Marine House, Greystones.

Mary T. Cullen, Churchands, Tinahely.

subject to their complying with all conditions of the Scheme.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1957.

The County Secretary stated that in reporting to the Council at the meeting on the 12th August, 1957, on the results of the Examination under the Council's Scheme it had been indicated in error that the candidates who obtained 13th and 27th places at the examination were eligible for the award of scholarships, subject to the sanction of the Minister. In previous years' Schemes provision had been made by the Council for the reservation of half of the scholarships for boys and half for girls, but in the current year's Scheme no such reservation was made. Consequently, the candidates who obtained 8th and 12th places at the Examination were entitled to the award of scholarships subject to the sanction of the Minister in lieu of the candidates who obtained 13th and 27th places.

A letter had been received from Mr. James O'Toole, The Sallies, Rathdangan, who obtained 9th place at the examination, that he did not intend to avail of the scholarship and, accordingly, this scholarship would be available for the next qualified student from a school in which not more than three teachers had served during the previous calendar year. The next appropriately qualified candidate was Charles A. O'Toole, Whitehills, Grangecon, who obtained 18th place at the examination. Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., referred to the case of Miss Carmel Shaw, Novara House, Bray, who had obtained 27th place at the Examination and who had received a notice of provisional award of a scholarship, and it was decided that the parent would be written to again on the subject.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That having considered report of the County Secretary and letter from James O'Toole, Sallies, Rathdangan, indicating that he was unable to avail of the scholarship under the Scheme, we hereby approve of the award of scholarships under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957, subject to the sanction of the Minister and in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme, as follows:

Students residing in a rural area:

Raymond Moran, 97 Blacklion, Greystones.

Patrick F. Whelan, Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

Annie M. Byrne, 6 Castle Villas, Killincarrig.

Mary O'Byrne, Altidore Castle, Kilpedder.

Patrick J. Jones, 2 La Touche Place, Greystones.

Charles A. O'Toole, Whitehills, Grangecon.

Students residing in an urban area:

Michael Joseph Tuite, Marlton Road, Wicklow.

Catherine P. Olohan, 6 Convent Road, Wicklow.

Patrick G. O'Reilly, 6 Fitzwilliam Road Wicklow.

Winifred N. Lambert, Sunnyside, Wicklow.

James P. Anderson, Castle View, Wicklow.

Anthony N. Lang, 6 Camaderry Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF ERECTING ADDITIONAL COTTAGES.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to representations he had received from persons who were in need of housing accommodation and suggested that the Council might invite applications from such persons with a view to determining whether additional cottages would be required in certain districts. Other members of the Council also referred to representations they had received and suggested that additional cottages were required. The County Manager in reply to enquiries stated that during the previous year applications had been invited by advertisement for the tenancy of 60 cottages. In 7 cases no applications were received and three of these cottages were still vacant. In 26 cases there was only one applicant for the cottage and it was doubtful if some of these applicants were in grave need for re-housing. In 14 cases there were only 2 applicants and in the remaining 13 cases there were more than 2 applicants. It appeared, therefore, that only in 13 cases could it be said that there was any great need for housing accommodation. The County Manager pointed out that it was proposed to provide extra houses at Avoca and the layout plan and house plans had been submitted to the Department for approval. In Blessington 6 houses were in progress and schemes were proposed for Kilcoole and Laragh, though in the latter cases there was difficulty in regard to the acquisition of the sites. Councillor Miley stated that there was still a great need for houses in Blessington. The County Manager agreed that when the existing scheme had been completed and applications invited for the houses it would then be possible to ascertain if any further houses were needed in Blessington. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that in his opinion at least 6 more houses were required in Rathnew. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided that an advertisement be inserted in the local papers inviting applications from persons in need of housing accommodation.

ITEM No. 5—LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.

The County Secretary that there were no applications for consideration in respect of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

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

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. P. J. Mullen for housing development at Killarney Road, Bray. A similar application, though for a greater number of houses, had been submitted in 1956 but had been refused by the Council, and the Council's decision had been upheld on appeal to the Minister. The Council noted that the County Engineer and County Medical Officer were being asked to report on the proposal.

In regard to an application for approval to the erection of a Nissen Hut for use as Club Rooms at Avoca, the Council noted that further information was being obtained from the applicant.

ITEM No. 7—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the men employed on cottage repairs in the Southern area had been dismissed and enquired as to the position in regard to expenditure on repairs. The County Manager stated that the greater part of the moneys allocated for repairs to cottages had been expended. A report on the matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion for the raising of a loan for the purpose of continuing the repair of cottages. The

County Manager pointed out that the estimate submitted at the Estimates Meeting for cottage repairs had been reduced by a sum of £8,000.

ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1957.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of August, 1957.

Removal of Fountain :

Following a discussion arising from enquiries made by Councillor Lawless regarding the removal of fountain near The Rock Bar, Glen O'Downs, and a report of Mr. O'Connor, Staff Officer, it was decided to refer the matter again to the local housing Committee for examination.

Public Lighting at Kilmacanogue :

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge asked that a report be submitted in regard to the cost of providing a light at the bus stop at Kilmacanogue.

ITEM No. 9—INSPECTION OF RECONSTRUCTED FEVER HOSPITAL BUILDINGS.

Following the termination of the meeting, the members of the Council with the County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer and Dr. Dunleavy, Assistant County Medical Officer and Dr. McEnroy, Medical Officer at the County Hospital inspected the reconstructed Fever Hospital buildings at Wicklow, which it was intended to use as a County Hospital.

Notice of Motion :

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

"I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that we raise a loan of £10,000 for the repair of rural cottages."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th September, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, P.C.; W. Hammond, G. Timmins, Paul Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

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.

1. To authorise the raising of Overdrafts on the Council's General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 31st December, 1957.
2. Filling of vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee consequent on the death of Mr. D. J. O'Driscoll, N.T.
3. Former Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy—to consider report of County Engineer on his interview with owner of premises formerly used as a Court-house.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea for raising of loan of £10,000 for repairs to cottages, and report on expenditure to date on repairs to cottages.
5. Difficulty of letting cottages recently built at Aughavannagh.
6. Proposed transfer of patients from St. Kevin's Sanatorium to Newcastle Sanatorium and alternative use of St. Kevin's Sanatorium.
6. (a) To make Water Rates for the towns of Auhgrim, Blessington, Glenealy and Rathdrum.
6. (b) Memorial from residents of Trooperstown in regard to road in the district.
7. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolutions of Sympathy :

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. D. O'Driscoll, N.T., who had been for several years a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe, the Council passed a resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Byrne and the family on the death of her husband, Mr. Thomas Byrne, Blessington, who had been for many years an official of the Council. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the Staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

ITEM No. 1—OVERDRAFTS.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1957, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on

the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1957, shall not exceed £52,850."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary submitted letter from Mr. J. H. Morrissey, Wicklow County Committee, I.N.T.O., stating that the I.N.T.O. representative of the Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to replace the late Mr. D. J. O'Driscoll was John Barry, N.T., Church Hill, Wicklow. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that a member of the Council could not be appointed to fill the vacancy as the Council already had the maximum number of members on the Committee. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Very Rev. Fr. Power, P.P., Rathdrum, as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. D. J. O'Driscoll, N.T."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—COURTHOUSE AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The following report of the County Engineer in regard to his interview with Mr. Synnott, Solicitor, and with the owner of the premises formerly used as a Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy was submitted:

County Manager.

25th August, 1957.

re/Courthouse, Newtownmountkennedy.

A Chara,

With further reference to this matter, at the interview with Mr. Synnott, Solicitor, and owner of the Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy, on Friday, 16th August, 1957, I was accompanied by Mr. Hickey, B.E., Assistant County Engineer. The approximate floor area of the Old Courthouse is 720 sq. feet.

The height from floor to ceiling is approximately 20 ft. It is roofed with old type natural slates. Mr. Synnott states that he has recently expended the sum of £50 on its repair but it is doubtful as to the results. The question of the removal of the Courthouse and its acquisition by Wicklow County Council was discussed. Mr. Synnott has asked that a new store would be built to replace the old building and he will give a site free on his own land almost adjoining.

He is prepared to hand over the Courthouse buildings to the Council free of charge and give legal title to the plot upon which it is erected. I estimate that the financial position would be as follows:

Cost of new store, 720 square feet	£1,100
Cost of demolition of old building	£300
Total Cost	£1,400

We told Mr. Synnott that he would be required to contribute towards the cost of the new store, and a figure of £250 to £350 was discussed, but on consideration I suggest that he should give £400.

If the value of the materials in the old building, such as timber, slates, etc., were put at £200, the net expenditure by the County Council would, therefore, be £800.

Alternatively, of course, the original suggestion proposed by me was that Mr. Synnott be given a sum of £400 for the old building and site and that the Council would remove and clear the plot for an expenditure of £300, being a total amount of £700. I will await your further views and observations on the subject please. The file for your information is attached.

Mise, le meas,

Signed J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

In the course of a discussion on the matter, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that he did not see any great necessity to acquire these premises. Councillor J. J. McCrea recommended that the premises should be acquired if they could be obtained at a reasonable figure. The Council decided that the County Engineer interview Mr. Synnott again to see if agreement could be reached for the acquisition of the premises at a reasonable price. The Council indicated that unless the premises could be obtained at a very reasonable figure the Council would not be interested in acquiring them.

ITEM No. 4—PROPOSED LOAN FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That a loan of £10,000 be raised for the repair of rural cottages."

In reply to enquiry as to the present position in regard to expenditure on repairs, the County Manager stated that the amount provided in the Estimates for repairs to cottages in the current year was £7,000. The expenditure to 31st August, 1957, amounted to over £5,000. In the southern area the amount allocated for cottage repairs had been expended in full and only £270 remained to defray repairs in the south-eastern area and £300 in the western area. A sum of £1,300 approximately was still available for repairs to cottages in the northern district. A loan of £20,000 had been raised by the Council two years previously for the carrying out of repairs to cottages for the purpose of vesting and this had been fully expended by the end of last year. The County Manager pointed out that the rate of expenditure on cottage repairs was about £1,000 per month and, consequently, a sum of at least £12,000 would be required to cover a full year. The estimate submitted to the Council in the current year for cottage repairs amounted to £18,000, which included £3,000 for Loan Charges. The amount submitted in the Estimates was reduced by £8,000, which left only £7,000 available to meet the cost of repairs from revenue during the year. It seemed, therefore, that a further £5,000 would be required if it was intended to continue repairing cottages at the same rate as in the previous months of the year. The average number of workers employed on cottage repairs in the present year was 10 tradesmen, 1 apprentice and 7 labourers. If this staff were to be employed for the full year, the wages payments would amount to about £7,500. Materials required would bring the total cost for a year to about £12,000.

The Chairman suggested that the Motion might be adjourned to the Estimates Meeting to ascertain how the Council's position was at that time and that then it might be necessary to seek a loan. If an excess expenditure of £5,000 had to be authorised this sum would have to be met from the rates in the coming year. Councillor McCrea agreed that the figure in his resolution be reduced to £5,000. He pointed out that he had raised the matter in order to let the occupiers of rural cottages know that the Council had spent whatever money was available for repairs and were doing their best to continue the work. In reply to enquiries from members in regard to the manner of carrying out repairs, the County Manager stated that following the meeting of the Council at which the question of cottage repairs had been considered, there had been a substantial reduction in the cost of transport. Councillor Hammond again made the suggestion that tenants might be allowed to carry out repairs to their own cottages where they were qualified to do so. Councillor E. Byrne suggested that a system of cottage repairs by contract should be further examined.

The County Manager stated that it was very unlikely that the Council would obtain sanction to the raising of a loan of £5,000 for the purpose of carrying out repairs. He pointed out that the Commissioners of Public Works and the Council's Treasurer had already refused applications for loans in the present year. The number of cottages vested so far amounted to 579, and applications still to be dealt with amounted to 998. The average cost of repair of cottages for the purpose of vesting was nearly £60, and, consequently, if repairs to these cottages were to be financed by way of loan, a loan of £60,000 approximately would be needed. The loan obtained in 1955 cost about £3,000 per annum in

principal and interest and, consequently, a loan of £60,000 would involve an annual charge of £9,000 extra. The County Manager drew attention to the fact that the revenue from the cottages had never been adjusted adequately to meet the cost of repairs. There were still about 2,250 cottages let at rents between 1/- and 3/- per week. The problem of a lack of adequate revenue from rents was being eased somewhat by the application of the Graded Rents scale, but this applied only to a comparatively small number of cottages. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

“That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £5,000 repayable over a period of 10 years to defray the cost of expenditure on repairs to cottages.”

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that he would enquire from the Council's Treasurer as to whether a loan could be made available.

ITEM No. 5—DIFFICULTY OF LETTING COTTAGES RECENTLY BUILT AT AUGHAVANNAGH.

The County Secretary stated that 2 semi-detached cottages were erected on sites acquired from the Forestry Division at Aughavannagh by contract, but during the course of the erection of the two cottages the original applicants were re-housed in Council cottages which became vacant. The two new cottages were completed on the 6th February, 1957, and were advertised for letting. Four applications were received and two persons were appointed tenants. One of the persons appointed indicated that he was not accepting the cottage but no eligible applicant came forward. The cottage has been advertised on three occasions since without result. The other tenant surrendered possession of his cottage in August, and both these cottages were now vacant. There did not seem to be any possibility of procuring tenants for them. The County Manager pointed out that this showed the difficulty of obtaining tenants for cottages built in remote districts. The Council noted the report on the matter.

ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PATIENTS FROM ST. KEVIN'S SANATORIUM TO NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM.

The County Secretary stated that the expenditure on Health Services to 31st August, 1957, had been examined and a comparison made with the Estimates for the current year. It seemed that there would be savings on the estimate in respect of maintenance of patients in Tuberculosis Institutions, Fever Hospitals and Maternity Hospitals amounting to £2,500, and a reduction in the amount of payments of maintenance allowances by about £2,000 also. An increased expenditure over the estimate was anticipated in respect of Specialist Services which were being availed of to a greater extent. Allowing for other estimated increases and decreases it would appear that there might be a net saving of about £2,800 as compared with the Estimate for the current year. The estimated cost which would arise from the transfer of patients from St. Kevin's Sanatorium to Newcastle Sanatorium and the use of the buildings as an adjunct to St. Colman's Hospital in order to provide better accommodation for the patients there was estimated to cost about £4,500 in a full year. Consequently, if the Council proceeded with the proposal and if the estimated savings were realised, the net effect would be an increase in expenditure of about £2,000, of which 50% would be met from Health Services Grant, leaving a net additional expenditure of £1,000 approximately. The County Manager pointed out that if alterations were to be made to St. Colman's Hospital and new buildings provided in order to provide better accommodation, it seemed that the Loan Charges arising would amount to more than the estimated cost of the proposal at present before the Council. It was

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

Resolved:—

“Having noted report on expenditure on Health Services to date in the current year, we approve of proceeding with transfer of patients from St. Kevin's

Sanatorium, Rathdrum, to Newcastle Sanatorium, and of the use of the buildings as an adjunct to St. Colman's Hospital, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the additional cost arising.”

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6 (a)—TO MAKE WATER RATES FOR THE TOWNS OF AUGHGRIM, BLESSINGTON, GLENEALY AND RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

“That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary be signed and Water Rates in respect of the year ending 30th June, 1958, made for the towns of Rathdrum, Blessington, Aughgrim and Glenealy as follows:—

Rathdrum: 6/- in the pound (Six Shillings) on the Rateable Valuation of the premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Blessington: 6/- in the pound (Six Shillings) on the Rateable Valuation of the premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Aughgrim: 4/1 in the pound (Four Shillings and One Penny) on the Rateable Valuation of the premises connected to the Public Water Supply.

Glenealy: 6/- in the pound (Six Shillings) on the Rateable Valuation of the premises connected with the Public Water Supply.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Miley asked that he be supplied with particulars of the expenditure on Blessington Water Supply during the previous year.

ITEM No. 6 (b)—ROADS AT TROOPERSTOWN.

The County Secretary submitted a memorial received from residents at Trooperstown in regard to the condition of the roads serving the district. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that Road No. 88, Moneystown to Croneybyrne, was about 3½ miles long and the branch road No. 89 to Trooperstown was about 3 miles long. The roads had been maintained by sub-contract and the Council had expended some moneys from Local Authorities (Works) Act Grants on these roads. Both roads were unrolled County Roads and were in much the condition of all similar roads before reconstruction. The roads were narrow, uneven, and in the Moneystown end the road was inclined to pothole easily. The roads were not on the Council's Five Year Plan, but owing to fairly good progress at other places the County Engineer believed that they could be included next year when about 2 miles of the Moneystown/Trooperstown portion could be provided for. Councillors J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. Everett, T.D., supported the memorial and urged that arrangements be made to carry out some work in the present year. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., also supported the representations made. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral area with a view to seeing if moneys could be transferred from some other roads in the district to enable certain works to be carried out on the roads at Trooperstown in the present year.

Closing of Burial Grounds:

The County Secretary stated that the Order of the Minister authorising the closing of burial grounds at Kilcoole, Lugduff, Kilpipe and the Catholic portion of Crosspatrick Burial Ground had been received. Councillor Lawless mentioned that a limited number of persons in Kilcoole wished to obtain rights of burial in the Kilcoole Ground and stated he would submit particulars.

Filling of Vacancy on County Committee of Agriculture:

Councillor Lawless referred to the resignation of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., from membership of the Committee of Agriculture, and it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That Mr. W. H. Meredith, Glenealy, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor J. Everett, T.D."

Passed unanimously.

Use of County Hospital Buildings at Wicklow:

The County Secretary submitted a letter from the Town Clerk, Wicklow, submitting the names of representatives appointed by Wicklow Urban District Council to represent the Council at the Joint Committee Meeting with members of the County Council to consider the future use of the County Hospital buildings.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint the following members of the Council to represent the County Council on the Joint Committee of Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council for the purpose of discussing the future use of the building at present used as a County Hospital at Wicklow:—

Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, P. Brennan, T.D.; M. Deering, W. Lawless, J. J. McCrea."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Urban District Council might appoint additional members to the same number as the County Council representatives if desired. It was decided that the meeting of the Committee be held on Monday, 16th September, 1957, at 2.30 p.m.

Renewal of University Scholarship:

The County Secretary stated that Mr. David H. Herman, Braeside, Westfield Park, Bray, has passed the First Engineering Examination and applied for renewal of the Scholarship. It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the renewal of the University Scholarship of David H. Herman, Braeside, Westfield Park, Bray, for a further year."

Passed unanimously.

Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1957:

Councillor Lawless and Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., raised the question of girls who had obtained 13th and 27th Places at the Examination under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools and had received a provisional notification of the award of a scholarship, subject to sanction, but who were not eligible for scholarships under the terms of the scheme, as the Council did not now reserve any scholarships specially for girls. Following a discussion on the matter, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education we hereby amend the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957, by the addition of the following paragraph in the first section of the Scheme:

"Two additional scholarships will be awarded, one under Category 1(a) and one under Category 1(b). The two additional scholarships shall be reserved for girls."

Passed unanimously.

Pending Retirement of Assistant County Engineer:

The County Manager stated that Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, would retire under the Age Limit Order on the 14th October. At a previous meeting of the Council a recommendation had been made for a re-

organisation of the Engineering Districts and that the filling of the vacancy be deferred pending such re-organisation. The County Manager stated that apart from any question of re-organisation it would be necessary to fill the vacancy on the Engineering Staff, and the Council would have to make application to the Appointments Commissioners to fill this vacancy within a month from the date of its occurrence. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That the post of Assistant County Engineer arising from Mr. Foley's retirement in October, 1957, be not filled until the Council has considered the matter of re-organisation of the Engineering Staff."

Passed unanimously.

University Scholarship Scheme:

The County Secretary stated that one of the successful candidates under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme had indicated that he intended to pursue a course in Medicine. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council's Scheme provided for the tenure of the scholarship for three years, whereas the course for Medicine was 6 years. It was agreed that the candidate be informed that the scholarship was limited to three years.

ITEM No. 7—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that he be recorded as dissenting from the Order of 28th August, 1957, in regard to the removal from office of a Clerk-Typist and also to the Order of 14th August, 1957, in regard to the institution of proceedings in respect of the use of unlicensed caravan sites.

Notices of Motion:

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:

"I or someone for me will move

(1) That the Council raise a loan in order to provide a piped water supply for three cottages at Rodenagh, Auhgrim.

(2) That the Council raise a loan in order to supply a piped water supply for three cottages on Annacurra Road, Auhgrim, either by extending Auhgrim supply or by bringing the water from Kennedy's Well."

By Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

"That I or some Councillor will move that this Council recommend the County Manager to increase all persons in receipt of assistance by 5/- per week owing to the increased cost of living by removal of food subsidies."

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Dr. Donnelly, the Council expressed the sympathy of the members with Mr. P. O'Donoghue, D. Minister for Local Government—in the death of his wife.

On the proposal of Councillor F. McCarthy, the Council expressed the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Hyland Delaney, Councillor Emeritus.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of working schemes during the month of September, 1957, was submitted:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th October, 1957, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Smyth.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy 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 September, 1957.
2. Applications received for provision of houses.
3. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor W. Lawless "That we hereby give notice that we or someone for us will move at our next meeting that this Council proceed with the erection of Kavanagh's cottage at Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy."
4. Cottage Repairs—reply from Council's Treasurer regarding application for loan.
5. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Repairs carried out during month of September, 1957.
8. Authorisation of repairs.
9. Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme—to authorise affixing of Seal to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £60,500.
10. University Scholarships Scheme, 1957—letter from candidate indicating that she did not wish to accept the scholarship.
11. Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme—application for renewal of scholarship.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Dr. Donnelly, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. P. O'Donnell, T.D., former Minister for Local Government, on the death of his wife.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Hyland Delaney, Consulting Engineer.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of September, 1957, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow County Council.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
3rd October, 1957.

Housing Progress Report.

Gentlemen,

The present position of housing schemes is as follows :—

Aughrim Scheme : 6 houses completed.

1952 Housing Scheme :

Completed : 26 houses.

In progress : 1 house (Kilmacoo, Site No. 1028)

Blessington : 6 houses in progress (by contract).

R. L. Farrell,
Deputy County Engineer.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of September, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR PROVISION OF HOUSES.

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement 49 applications for the provision of houses had been received. Nine of the applications were in respect of the Arklow Electoral area, 16 in respect of the Baltinglass Electoral area, 11 for Bray Electoral area and 13 for Wicklow Electoral area. It was noted that some of the applications were from single persons, and in several of the other applications the housing conditions did not seem such that would require the provision of new houses. The Council agreed that reports be obtained from the County Medical Officer on the housing conditions of the applicants and that the applications then be considered by local committees of the Council.

Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that he had a number of applications to submit and it was agreed that these applications also be considered. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to a case where the applicant had been informed that he would not be considered for the provision of a new house and objected to the terms of the letter as implying that the members of the Council had considered the matter. The applicant in question had been offered the tenancy of a Council cottage but it was 7 miles from his work and was not suitable. He asked that this application also be considered by the local Committee.

ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. EVERETT, T.D., AND W. LAWLESS IN REGARD TO PROPOSED ERECTION OF COTTAGE AT BALLINAHINCH, NEWTOWNMOUNT-KENNEDY, FOR MR. KAVANAGH, TRUDDER, NEWTOWNMOUNT-KENNEDY.

Councillor Lawless stated that Mr. Kavanagh did not wish to live in Newtownmounkennedy village and urged that the Council agree to provide a cottage for him in a rural area. He submitted an appeal that the claim be favourably considered signed by a number of farmers in the district. The County Manager pointed out that there seemed to be a lack of a suitable water supply for the site on which Mr. Kavanagh sought to have the cottage erected. It seemed that if a cottage were erected on the site, the Council might subsequently be asked to provide a well. There had been a number of cottages vacant in the area for

which he might have applied. The County Manager pointed out that Mr. Kavanagh's application for the provision of a new house was based on overcrowding of his present house and that any new house which might be provided would have only similar accommodation. Councillor Lawless pointed out that there were four families already using the well in question. The Council agreed that the application be reviewed by the local Councillors.

ITEM No. 4—COTTAGE REPAIRS.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for a loan of £5,000 to finance repairs to cottages for vesting under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. The National Bank Ltd. had replied stating that they regretted they could not see their way to sanction the loan. The County Secretary stated that the expenditure to 30th September, 1957, on cottage repairs amounted to just over £6,000, which left a balance unexpended of somewhat under £1,300. The moneys which had been allocated for repairs in the southern, south-eastern and western engineering districts had all been expended. It was necessary, however, to provide for the retention of sufficient moneys to deal with urgent repairs in all areas and it was proposed to set aside the sum of at least £500 to cover such repairs. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council considered letter from Messrs. Maurice E. Veale and Co., Solicitors, in regard to the proposed sale of a house at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, by Mrs. Una Kelly to whom the Council had advanced a loan under the S.D.A. Acts to Mr. James Beattie. The Council recommended that the loan be assigned to Mr. Beattie.

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

The Council considered the application of Mr. P. J. Mullen, "Schomberg," Killarney Road, Bray, for approval in principle to the housing development on the lands attached to the house. The County Secretary submitted report of the Town Engineer, Bray, in which he pointed out that regard should be had to the fact that the Killarney Road area adjoining Bray was being gradually built up along the entire road frontage and that if ribbon building or in-filling between existing buildings continued the entire road frontage would be built up as far south as Ballywaltrim. The Town Engineer pointed out that Bray U.D.C. would not accept sewerage into the Bray system from the sewerage scheme which would inevitably be demanded in the area if further building expansion took place. He pointed out also that Mr. Fitzgerald, Architect, who was preparing a Town Plan for Bray had suggested that Bray Urban Council request the County Council to restrict building as far as possible for a distance of one mile south of Bray so as to preserve Bray as a distinct unit and to discourage building on lands immediately adjoining Bray. For these reasons the Town Engineer considered it undesirable that housing schemes of the type proposed should be permitted on lands in close proximity to the town of Bray. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had investigated the possibility of providing a sewerage scheme for the Boghall road area and it had been found to be a difficult problem. Pumping into Bray sewerage scheme would not be satisfactory and it seemed that a very costly scheme would be required so that the sewage could eventually be discharged into the Dargle River. He pointed out that if this type of development proceeded indefinitely there would be a demand for a sewerage scheme. It seemed doubtful if houses proposed to be erected on the site could be connected to any future sewerage scheme in view of the relative levels. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that he saw no reason why permission should not be given for the development and stated that in

his opinion the proposed method of sewage disposal by means of septic tank on sites of nearly 1 acre in extent should be quite satisfactory and should not cause any difficulty. It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we recommend that permission be given for the development of lands at Schomberg, Killarney Road, Bray, by Mr. P. J. Mullen."

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that he must have regard to the technical advice given to him and regretted that he could not agree with the Council's views on the proposal. The County Manager stated that the applicant could appeal to the Minister and that he would convey the views of the members on the matter to the Minister.

ITEM No. 7—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1957.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during September, 1957.

ITEM No. 8—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

ITEM No. 9—WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The County Secretary submitted Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of loan of £60,500 for the purposes of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme. It was

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

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 £60,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952, and the local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1956.

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan of £60,500 for the purpose of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme as well as of any existing loans will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 10—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1957.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Miss Marie T. Cullen, Churchlands, Tinahely, in which she stated that she did not wish to accept the scholarship offered by the County Council in view of a recent call to a Training College. The County Secretary stated that the next qualified candidate would be Miss Amelia Scullion, Sliabh Mis, Putland Road, Bray. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

"Having noted letter of the 19th September, 1957, from Miss Marie T. Cullen indicating that she did not wish to accept University Scholarship offered by the Council, we hereby approve of the award of the remaining University Scholarship to the next qualified candidate, Miss Amelia Scullion, Sliabh Mis, Putland Road, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

The Council expressed appreciation of the following letter received from Mr. Eugene M. Doyle:

82 Dale Road,
Stillorgan, Dublin.
1st October, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank you and Wicklow County Council for all they have done for me over the past three years. I have just received word that I have passed my B.E. Degree Examination and I can safely say that only for Wicklow County Council I would never have had the benefit of a University Education. Again I wish to convey my sincerest thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Eugene M. Doyle.

ITEM No. 11—SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME—APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

Having noted letter from Dominican Convent, Eccles Street, Dublin, asking that the scholarship for Miss Jeanne Iseult Sheehy be renewed for a further year to enable her to compete again for a University Scholarship in the year 1958, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"Having noted that Miss Jeanne Iseult Sheehy wishes to continue her studies for a further year at Scoil Caitriona, Scoil San Doimnic, Eccles Street, Dublin, for the purpose of competing again for a University Scholarship in the year 1958, we hereby approve of the renewal of her scholarship for a further year, and request the sanction of the Minister to such renewal."

Passed unanimously.

Having considered letter from Rev. Br. J. B. Coen, St. Helen's, Booterstown, in regard to scholarship holder, Francis Ward, asking that his scholarship be deferred for the current school year while he was doing his Novitiate, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Rev. Br. J. B. Coen, St. Helen's, Booterstown, Dublin, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the suspension of the scholarship of Francis Ward for the current school year and until such time as he shall resume studies in an approved school."

Passed unanimously.

Secondary Schools Scholarships Scheme, 1957—Proposed Award of Additional Scholarship.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—
Ref. R.O.(2)91747.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Primary Branch,
Marlborough St., Dublin.
14 Mean Fomhair, 1957.

Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957.
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 6th September, 1957, enclosing particulars of the scholarships which it is desired to award under the above scheme, I am directed to convey the Minister's approval of the awards subject to the terms of the scheme being observed.

In regard to your letter of the 9th September, 1957, submitting for the Minister's sanction an amendment of the 1957 Scheme to allow of the award of two additional scholarships, I am to say that it is the general policy that the number of scholarships to be awarded in the scheme published before the examination should not be exceeded except in very exceptional circumstances. The circumstances mentioned in your letter are not considered such as would justify an amendment of the published scheme for the purpose of awarding two additional scholarships, and the Minister regrets, accordingly, that he is unable to approve of your Council's proposal in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: S. O'Mathuna.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"Having considered letter of the 14th September, 1957, from Department of Education, we request that the Minister reconsider his decision and ask that he approve of the Council's proposal to award two additional scholarships in accordance with the resolution of the Council at their meeting on the 9th September, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

Complaint regarding James Lawless, Ganger.

Councillor W. Lawless drew attention to a complaint which had been made by the Federation of Rural Workers that Mr. James Lawless, Ganger, had informed employees of the Council that they would have to become members of a Trade Union but that membership of the Federation of Rural Workers would not be accepted as complying with the requirement. He pointed out that the Federation of Rural Workers had subsequently withdrawn their complaint and had stated that they had found that their members were not in a position to substantiate the allegations made. Councillor Lawless stated that an employee of the Council, Thomas Daly, Tomriland, Annamoe, had made these allegations against Mr. Lawless and that some action should be taken in regard to him. The County Manager stated that the complaint had been investigated and a letter had been addressed to Mr. Daly on the 24th September, 1957, and that Mr. Daly had replied on the 26th September stating that he made no complaint about Mr. Lawless. Subsequently, a further letter had been addressed to Mr. Daly on the matter. The Council agreed that the matter be enquired into by the Chairman of the County Council, the County Manager and County Secretary and that they should interview the persons concerned.

Monthly Meetings.

Councillor W. Hammond drew attention to the time taken for the meeting and also the time required for the previous meeting of the County Council and again suggested that one meeting per month should normally be sufficient to enable the Council to discharge all business. While he did not propose to move another motion on the matter he asked that the members of the Council might give further consideration to the suggestion. The Chairman noted Councillor Hammond's suggestion.

Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillor Edward Byrne:

"That the Wicklow County Council asserts that any discrimination against any section of public servants is unjust and inequitable. That we fail to understand why the Government shall reward one section of public servants for certain years of service and refuse the award of others who gave the same years of service, and we now call on the Government to pay without delay the balance of the retiring gratuity that is now overdue to the pre-1950 pensioned teachers."

By Councillor P. Kehoe:

"I or someone for me will propose at the next meeting of the County Council that 8 public lights will be provided for the village of Donard."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th October, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, J. D. Haughton and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, attended.

AGENDA.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 12th and 19th August, 2nd and 9th September, 1957.
- To fill vacancy on Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
- Filling of Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee.
- Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1958—letter from Department of Education conveying approval to scheme, subject to conditions.
- University Scholarship Scheme, 1958—to consider scheme of scholarships for coming year.
- Renewal of University Scholarship.
- St. Valerie Bridge near Bray—preliminary estimate of total cost of scheme
- Arklow Bridge—preliminary estimate of cost of reconstruction.
- Memorial from ratepayers in regard to condition of Old Long Hill and branch road at Glassnamullen.
- Road Improvements at Castle Street, Bray.
- Letter from Clerk to Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board in regard to provision for parking of cars at Cemetery at Rathnew.
- Arrangements for collection of rates in No. 9 Collecting District.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for increase in amount of home assistance.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., re provision of piped water supply for cottages at Rednagh, Aughrim, and on Annacurra Road, Aughrim.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe for provision of 8 public lights for village of Donard.
- Public Lighting at Rathdangan.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne as follows: "That the Wicklow County Council asserts that any discrimination against any section of public servants is unjust and inequitable. That we fail to understand why the Government should reward one section of public servants for certain years of service and refuse the award of others who gave the same years of service, and we now call on the Government to pay without delay the balance of the retiring gratuity that is now overdue to the pre-1950 pensioned teachers."
- Extension of Urban District Boundary at Bray.
- Letter from Vocational Education Committee applying for grant for purpose of erecting and equipping two Vocational Schools to be sited at Dunlavin and Blessington.
- Re-organisation of Veterinary Services—letter from Department of Agriculture regarding appointment of permanent Veterinary Inspectors.
- Civil Defence—letter from Department of Defence regarding recruiting and training of volunteers.
- Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1957.
- Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 12th and 19th August, 1957, and 2nd and 9th September, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor E. Byrne enquired whether the opinion of the Council's Solicitor had been obtained in regard to his enquiry whether the Council could carry out the work of clearing the surface of the road at North Beach, Greystones, without formally taking over the road as a public road. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had reported that the road in question was a private road and that, therefore, the Council would not be in order in carrying out any repairs unless the road were taken over and declared to be a public road. In view of the fact that the road served only a few houses and that the road might be damaged by erosion, the Council's Solicitor considered that the Council might make themselves liable to surcharge if they were to take over the road and have it declared a public road. Councillor Edward Byrne noted the opinion of the Council's Solicitor on the matter.

ITEM No. 2—VACANCY ON BALTINGLASS No. 1 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee had reported that there were two vacancies on the Committee caused by the death of Mr. L. K. O'Reilly, P.C., and the transfer of Rev. Wm. O'Mahony, C.C. The Council deferred the matter for a recommendation from the Sub-Committee for the filling of these vacancies.

ITEM No. 3—FILLING OF VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

With reference to the resolution passed by the Council at the previous meeting appointing Very Rev. Fr. T. Power, P.P., as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, the County Secretary stated that Very Rev. Fr. Power, P.P., had written to express his thanks to the Council for the favour but stating that his Medical Adviser had advised him against taking on any such commitment which would require regular and frequent attendance and that he was, therefore, reluctantly compelled to refuse the nomination. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that he had been speaking to Fr. Power and that he understood that Fr. Power had reconsidered the matter and would be able to accept the appointment. The Council decided to defer the matter for clarification of the position.

ITEM No. 4—SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1958.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:
R.O. (2) 93845. Primary Branch,
The Secretary, Marlborough St., Dublin.
Wicklow County Council. 27 Mean Fomhair, 1957.

Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958.
A Chara,

With reference to the draft Scholarship Scheme submitted by you for 1958, I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Education has approved, under the powers conferred on him by Section 2(3) (b) of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, of the scheme submitted by you, subject to the following conditions:—

Clause (4):

The Minister considers it undesirable that the determination of the eligibility of candidates as to means of parents or guardians should be based on the income for the year ended 31st March, 1957, and he requests that the clause remain unchanged for 1958.

Clause (11):

The words "prior approval of the Minister for Education," which occur in lines 10 and 11 of the fourth paragraph should be omitted.

Clause (14):

The words "from either version of the question paper" should be omitted. I am to refer to the terms of Section 2(4) of the Act and to ask that the Minister be informed in due course whether the Council has determined to carry into execution the Schemes as approved. If the Council so determines, please forward for official purposes twelve copies of the Scheme when printed for circulation.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: S. O'Mathuna.

The County Secretary stated that the reason why the Council had proposed that the eligibility of candidates as to means of parents or guardians be based on income for the year ended 31st March, 1957, had been given to the Department, but the Department considered that this clause should remain unchanged for 1958. The following letter from Aod O'Broin, Rathcoyle N.S., Kiltegan, was submitted to the Council:

1st October, 1957.

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of your Council it appears that the regulations for the award of Scholarships to Secondary Schools were interpreted as leaving the Rural Competition entirely open, i.e., no places were reserved for girls.

This is an entirely new departure from the Schemes of other years and I am writing to ask your Committee to reserve the usual number of places for girls as heretofore. This is done in most Scholarship Schemes and even the Intermediate authorities, i.e., Secondary Schools Branch have distinct Scholarship Schemes for boys and girls.

I would ask you to bring this matter before your Committee and in case they have made any decision I would ask you to bring it before them for rescinding.

My request is that there be (3) three scholarships for boys and (3) three for girls, all other conditions of the scheme to remain the same.

Mise, le meas,

Aod O'Broin.

The Council noted that the Scheme for 1958 had already been determined by the Council and that provision continued to be made in the scheme for the reservation of two scholarships for schools in which not more than three teachers were serving. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 27th September, 1957, from Department of Education, we hereby determine to carry into execution the scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958, as approved by the Minister and subject to the conditions indicated in the letter."
Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1958.

The County Secretary stated that the draft University Scholarship Scheme for 1958 was available for consideration by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby refer to the Scholarships Committee the examination of the draft University Scholarship Scheme for 1958."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Having considered letter from David J. Dempsey, Lauridene, Putland Road, Bray, enclosing notification from University College, Dublin, that he had passed his first year examination, it was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal of the University Scholarship of David J. Dempsey, Lauridene, Putland Road, Bray, for a further year, he having passed his First Examination."

Passed unanimously.

Having considered letter from Miss Mary C. Haughton, St. Anne's, Seaview Road, Wicklow, and certificate of her having passed her First Arts Examination, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the renewal of University Scholarship for Miss Marie Haughton for a further year and note that she has passed her first University Examination."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—ST. VALERIE BRIDGE NEAR BRAY.

The County Secretary submitted the report of the Deputy County Engineer in regard to the provision of a new bridge to replace St. Valerie Bridge between Kilcrouney and Bray. The Deputy County Engineer stated that a preliminary estimate would indicate that the construction of the approach roads, together with the cost of acquisition of land, would cost approximately £14,000. The Council's share of the cost of erection of the bridge itself would be £7,000, and in addition the Council would have to meet the cost of the acquisition of lands, and it would be necessary to assign a large proportion of the Main Road Improvement Grant towards defraying the cost of the approach roads. Councillor Dr. Donnelly, supported by Councillor W. Hammond suggested that the reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge might be deferred and stated that in his opinion this work was not urgent. He suggested that there were other more urgent works towards which grants should be assigned. Councillor O'Toole, T.D., and Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge supported the proposal that the Council proceed with the scheme in respect of St. Valerie Bridge. Councillor Dr. Donnelly and the Chairman, suggested that the moneys notified by the Department by way of grant might be assigned for work on the road from Kilcrouney to Enniskerry. The County Manager suggested also that it would be desirable to reconstruct Tinnahinch Bridge on the route between Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue. The Council decided to refer the matter for examination by members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area.

ITEM No. 8—ARKLOW BRIDGE.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer estimated the cost of reconstructing the bridge on the main road at Arklow at about £11,000. The County Manager stated that the bridge was narrow and that the footpath was cantilevered out on one side. Similar work would have to be carried out on the other side of the bridge and the bridge required to be strengthened. The Council agreed that widening and strengthening of the bridge was very necessary and asked that enquiry be made from the Department if a grant could be made available for this work.

ITEM No. 9—OLD LONG HILL AND BRANCH ROAD AT GLASSNAMULLEN.

The County Secretary submitted memorial received from ratepayers of the Paddock, Glassnamullen and Ballinastoe, drawing the attention of the Council to what was stated to be the very bad condition of the Old Long Hill and branch road at Glassnamullen. The County Secretary stated that the Council had provided for continuing the work of reconstruction of the Old Long Hill road and that further works had been carried out on this road in the current year. Provision had not been made for any reconstruction of the branch road at Glassnamullen but it was not considered that this road was in bad condition. The Council noted that work on the Long Hill road had been carried out.

ITEM No. 10—IMPROVEMENTS AT CASTLE STREET, BRAY.

The Council considered, in Committee, the proposal to acquire premises owned by Mr. Ogle at Castle Street, Bray, for the purpose of road improvements. The Council noted that improvements to the roadway by widening at this point were very desirable and that Bray Urban District Council contemplated under their Town Planning Scheme that the old buildings on the island at Castle Street eventually should be removed so as to facilitate traffic and provide for car parking in the coming years. The Council noted also the valuation of the premises which had been obtained by the County Council. The County Secretary stated that Bray Urban District Council at their meeting on the 8th October, 1957, had agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of acquisition of the premises. The Council decided to refer the matter to the local Committee for the Bray Electoral area for examination.

ITEM No. 11—PROVISION FOR PARKING OF CARS AT CEMETERY AT RATHNEW.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Burial Board had informed the Council that a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board requesting the Council to have the grass sod removed outside the Cemetery wall at Rathnew and to have the surface tar dressed to enable motor cars attending funerals to park there. It was pointed out that at present the grass sod was used for parking but that in wet weather the ground was very soft and car owners had difficulty when removing their cars owing to the boggy ground. The Council agreed that provision for parking of cars should be made at the Cemetery at Rathnew and that this work would be carried out in the coming financial year.

ITEM No. 12—ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION OF RATES IN No. 9 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of the 7th September, 1957, from the Department of Local Government the Minister had terminated the suspension of Mr. Michael J. Healy and had consented to his removal from the office of Rate Collector with effect from 9th September, 1957. It was necessary that arrangements be made for the collection of rates in the area. Up to the present the rates had been collected through the Council Offices and a sum of £18,343-5-9 had been collected and lodged to 30th September, 1957, being 47.13% of the warrant. The percentage of the total warrant collected at 30th September in the previous two years was: 1955/56, 50.9%; 1956/57, 42.35%. In the latter year, however, an extension of one month was granted for payment of the first moiety. Up to 10th October, 1957, the percentage of the total warrant collected was 53.35%. The costs incurred in collecting through the office to-date amounted to £35-2-7 in respect of postage and clerical work on the issue of Demand Notes, Reminders and Rate Receipts. The County Secretary pointed out that at the 10th October, 1957, there was still a sum of £3,524-12-1 outstanding in respect of the first moiety and arrears. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That applications be invited for the post of Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District."

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That we decide not to fill the vacancy for Rate Collector for No. 9 District and approve instead of the collection of the rates in this area being arranged through the Council Office for the period to 31st March, 1958, and authorise the employment of such additional Clerical assistance as may be necessary for the purpose."

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.; Wallace Hammond, Paul Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, James O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, C. W. Hudson and H. J. Byrne

Against: Councillors J. J. McCrea, Patrick McCarthy, John Quigley, Godfrey Timmins, Dr. Brendan Donnelly, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, James Haughton

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment. The amendment was accordingly passed on the Chairman's casting vote and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., FOR INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF HOME ASSISTANCE.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., proposed "that this Council recommends to the County Manager to increase all persons in receipt of assistance by 5/- per week owing to increased cost of living by removal of the food subsidy." The proposal was seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy. In reply to enquiries from members the County Manager stated that it would cause difficulty if a general increase in home assistance were recommended and pointed out that many cases had been revised already. The total increases granted during the year to 1st October, 1957, amounted to nearly £1,000, involving 82 cases. In the quarter commencing 1st October, 1957, all cases were specially reviewed as a result of the removal of food subsidies. Following a further discussion on the motion the County Manager stated that a sum of about £2,000 would be required if increases in home assistance to the extent desired by the mover of the resolution were to be given. It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we provide a further sum of £2,000 to meet the cost of increases in Home Assistance for the period to 31st March, 1958, and authorise this additional expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimate."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., agreed to withdraw his Notice of Motion and asked that meetings of the Local Assistance Committees be held as soon as possible to consider the revision of the allowances.

ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY, P.C., FOR PROVISION OF PIPED WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT REDNAGH, AUGHIRM, AND ON ANNACURRA ROAD, AUGHIRM.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that three cottages in the townland of Killacloran on the Aughrim-Tinahely road were situated about 450 yards from a well that the Council bought for them some years ago. They had to cross a low fence and go down some steps to a well and it would cost about £50 to erect a pump from the well on the side of the road. The Aughrim water main finished about 1,000 lin. yards away and the extension of the watermain would cost about £750. The Council agreed that the erection of a pump from the well on the side of the road to serve these cottages be included on the priority list. The Council noted that a report in regard to the matter of a water supply to the cottages at Rednagh was being obtained from the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 15—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT DONARD.

With reference to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £118 capital cost for providing 6 lights at Donard. This estimate was considered excessive and the Board was asked to revise their quotation. Following consultations with the Assistant County Engineer, revised proposals were submitted as follows:

For six lights, £118; for five lights at positions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, £90; for four lights at positions 1, 2, 3 and 5, £80; for six lights at positions 1 to 5 and the position indicated by an arrow on the map, £90. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that if the first quotation for the six lights were regarded as excessive, he recommended No. 2, i.e., five lights at positions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the map at a cost of £90, but stated that this would not give public lighting up to the usual standard. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That five public lights be provided for the village of Donard in accordance with estimate."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT RATHDANGAN.

Having considered quotation from E.S.B. and recommendation from Assistant County Engineer, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That having noted quotation from E.S.B. and recommendation of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the provision of three public lights at Rathdangan at a cost of £44."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 17—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR EDWARD BYRNE IN REGARD TO BALANCE OF RETIRING GRATUITY TO PRE-1950 PENSIONED TEACHERS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That the Wicklow County Council asserts that any discrimination against any section of public servants is unjust and inequitable. That we fail to understand why the Government should reward one section of public servants for certain years of service and refuse an award to others who gave similar years of service, and we now call on the Government to pay without delay the balance of the retiring gratuity that is now overdue to pre-1950 pensioned teachers."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—EXTENSION OF URBAN DISTRICT BOUNDARY AT BRAY.

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 10th October, 1957, from the Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, stating that at the meeting of the Urban District Council held on the 8th October, the Council had passed a resolution, copy of which had been forwarded, asking Wicklow County Council to make an Order under Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, which would have the effect of adding an area of land in the townland of Old Connaught to the Urban District of Bray. A copy of the map referred to in the resolution and indicating the area concerned was submitted to the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That having considered resolution from Bray Urban District Council at meeting held on the 8th October, 1957, we are satisfied that a prima facie case exists for the alteration of the boundary of the Bray Urban District and direct that a Local Inquiry as required by the Urban Districts (Alteration of Boundaries) Regulations, 1937, be held by the following members of the Council who are

hereby appointed to constitute a Committee for the purpose: Councillors H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Dr. B. Donnelly, W. Lawless, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and J. O'Toole, T.D."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 19—APPLICATION FROM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR GRANT FOR ERECTION AND EQUIPPING TWO VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO BE SITED AT DUNLAVIN AND BLESSINGTON.

The following letter from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee was submitted:—

Secretary, Technical School,
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.
Courthouse, Wicklow. 24th September, 1957.

A Chara,

I was instructed by my Committee at its meeting on 17th instant to make application to your Council for a grant under the terms of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, of the sum of thirty-six thousand pounds (£36,000) for the purpose of erecting and equipping two vocational schools to be sited at Dunlavin and Blessington respectively.

Baltinglass is the only vocational school which operates at present in West Wicklow. My Committee has for the past four years endeavoured to cater for the educational needs of the entire area lying between Baltinglass and Blessington by means of a system of travel scholarships to Baltinglass. Whilst a certain measure of success has attended the Committee's efforts in this experiment, the present system of operating Baltinglass as the only school in West Wicklow has many serious drawbacks. Deputations have been received on three occasions in recent years requesting the Committee to proceed with the erection of schools at Dunlavin and Blessington, and there has been a considerable volume of correspondence from local organisations, such as Parish Councils, Macra na Feirme, Clubs, I.C.A. groups, etc., pressing for the establishment of schools.

A special sub-committee was set up in 1956 to examine the problem of how best to cater for the West Wicklow area. After an exhaustive enquiry this sub-committee reported in favour of building schools at Dunlavin and Blessington. My Committee is now satisfied that there is a genuine need for vocational schools in the areas mentioned, and that the numbers of students of school-going age in these districts are sufficiently high to warrant the erection of the proposed schools.

In the event of a favourable reply being received from your Council, it would be my Committee's intention to press forward with all possible speed the erection of the schools at Dunlavin and Blessington, thereby putting a fully equipped vocational school within reasonable distance of all residents in West Wicklow.

Mise, le meas,

A. O'Crotaigh,

Príomh Oifigeach Feidhmiúchain.

In letter of 1st October, 1957, the Vocational Education Committee had submitted further general particulars regarding the proposed schools as follows:—

Secretary, Technicolor School,
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.
Courthouse, Wicklow. 1st October, 1957.

A Chara,

In reply to your enquiry I wish to submit for the information of your Council the following general particulars concerning the proposed new vocational schools at Dunlavin and Blessington.

(a) It is proposed to build a four-classroom school at each of the centres. These schools will cater for separate first and second year classes of boys and girls attending whole-time day classes for 25 hours per week, as well as for night classes for adults.

(b) The day courses will cover the full range of subjects normally provided in a vocational school for pupils in the 14-17 years age group, viz.:—

Girls: Irish, English, Arithmetic, Geography, Book-keeping, Business Methods, Shorthand, Typewriting, Cookery, Needlework, Laundrywork, Household Management and Home Gardening.

Boys: Irish, English, Mathematics, Freehand and Mechanical Drawing, Magnetism and Electricity, Mechanics and Heat, Woodwork, Engineering and Rural Science.

(c) Night classes for adults will be provided in all those subjects for which there is popular demand, viz.: Rural Science, Woodwork, Metalwork, Tractor Maintenance, Motor-car Engineering, Cookery, Needlework, Home Crafts, Irish and Commercial Subjects.

(d) As well as teaching in night classes at the new central schools, the teachers based at these schools will also conduct sessional evening classes for adults in rural areas lying outside a three mile radius of Blessington and Dunlavin in Districts where suitable accommodation for such classes can be found.

(e) The Whole-time Day Courses in the case of both boys and girls require attendance of two years following completion of the primary school career. Upon satisfactory completion of the Day Courses, the pupils standard of education is generally equivalent to that of Intermediate Certificate students in Secondary schools, and they are able to sit for the Group Certificate Examinations of the Department of Education, Technical Instruction Branch. Possession of the appropriate Group Certificate is now a pre-requisite for those wishing to enter many of the skilled trades and occupations.

I trust that the above information will be of assistance to your Council when considering my Committee's application.

Mise, le meas,

A. O'Crotaigh,

Príomh Oifigeach Feidhmiúchain.

The County Secretary stated that the Vocational Education Committee had calculated the probable attendance at the proposed Blessington school at from 60 to 70 day pupils. 27 students from Blessington travelled by bus to day classes in Baltinglass during last session. It was estimated that the proposed new school at Dunlavin would have an attendance of from 40 to 50 students. 28 students from Dunlavin availed of bus transport to day classes in Baltinglass during 1956/57. The Committee estimated that enrolments for adult evening classes at each proposed school would be in the region of 50 to 80 students. The County Secretary stated that the Loan Charges on a loan of £36,000 at 5½% for 30 years would be £2,532 per annum. 50% of the Loan Charges would be recouped by the State leaving a sum of £1,266 to be met per annum from rates. Six extra teachers would be needed, and their salaries at the maximum of the scale would amount to over £4,000. In addition there would be the cost of cleaning, heating, and the provision of class materials. Allowing for recoupment of 50% of the cost, it would seem that the expenses arising from the provision of these two schools would involve a rate increase of between 3d. and 4d. in the £. The following letter which had been received from the Merginstown Branch, Ratepayers Association was submitted to the Council:—

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Merginstown,

Dunlavin.

12th October, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I would be much obliged if you would present the following statement to your Council at its next meeting.

A special meeting of the Merginstown Branch of the Ratepayers' Association was held on the 11th inst. to consider the implications of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee's request to the Wicklow County Council to raise a loan of £36,000 for the purpose of building Vocational Schools in Blessington and Dunlavin.

After a long discussion, during which all aspects of the question were debated, the following conclusions were come to:

(1) The transport system, whereby children from a very large area of West Wicklow are transported to Baltinglass where they have every facility for a first-class Technical, Commercial and Secondary Education, is the most suitable system for the sparsely populated area, whereas the schools in Blessington and Dunlavin would necessarily be small with a very limited programme.

(2) The cost on the rates for transport in 1955/56 was £541. It is noted that the figure for caretaking and cleaning staff for the proposed new schools would be £704 p.a. Cost of heating, lighting, class materials is estimated at £600. These two sums, viz., £1,304, alone are more than double the entire cost of transport.

(3) Finally it was concluded:

(a) that the present transport system is the best that could be devised for the area as it brings children from remote districts to Baltinglass where they have already provided every facility for a first-class Commercial, Technical and Secondary Education as well as facility for Protestant children attending the Primary School in the area, and it would not be in the best interests of the people of West Wicklow to change to the costly system envisaged by the County Vocational Education Committee. The cost is estimated at:

A loan to be raised by the County Council of	£36,000
for the building of new schools, plus an annual cost for	
Caretaking, etc.	£704
Heating, etc.	£600
Additional teaching staff	£3,056
initial rising over 20 years to	£4,910.

Entirely crushing figures to put on the ratepayers for a very doubtful venture.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously: "That this meeting of ratepayers calls upon the Wicklow County Council to refuse a loan of £36,000 for the building of further Technical Schools in West Wicklow, which is already well served. We as ratepayers object to our representatives adding this huge unnecessary sum to our rates."

Yours faithfully,

Signed: Thomas Dowling,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to refer the matter back to the Vocational Education Committee and to inform the Committee that the Council considered that one school only should be proceeded with at present.

ITEM No. 20—REORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was submitted:—
11/29/38.

Department of Agriculture,
Dublin.

8 Deire Fomhair, 1957.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 26th August and previous correspondence about the local authority veterinary services in County Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to point out that there is a statutory obligation on the Council to appoint Veterinary Inspectors on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners in place of the present temporary appointments in County Wicklow (excluding Bray Urban District). In this connection the Council's attention is directed to Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, which provides that, save as is otherwise authorised by the Act, every local authority shall, before making an appointment to an office to which the Act applies, request the Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment to the office. The Section also provides that whenever a local authority does not, within three months after an office to which this Act applies becomes vacant, or (in the case of a new office) is created, either request the Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment or make an appointment (other than a temporary appointment) to the office in accordance with a provision of the Act dispensing with such request, the Minister may on behalf of such local authority request the Commissioners to recommend to the local authority a person for appointment to the office. The Council's attention is also directed to the fact that the present temporary appointments in County Wicklow were made by virtue of Section 5(2) of the Act which authorises the local authority, with the Minister's consent and without obtaining a recommendation from the Commissioners, to fill vacant offices such as that of Veterinary Inspector on a temporary basis, pending the making of appointments on the recommendation of the Commissioners.

In view of the statutory position as indicated, the Minister could not agree to the continuance of the present temporary appointments for a further indefinite period, even if these arrangements were otherwise suitable. As indicated in previous correspondence, however, the present arrangements are unsatisfactory both as regards the layout of districts and the division of duties in the same district between more than one Veterinary Inspector. The Minister will, accordingly, be glad if the County Council will now agree to proceed with the necessary permanent appointments for the revised Arklow, Wicklow, Rathdown, Baltinglass and Rathdrum Districts. Statutory requests have already been made to the Commissioners for the filling of these districts, but it is, of course, necessary to fix salaries for the new posts before further steps are taken in the matter. The Minister will be glad to receive the Council's proposals for fixing appropriate remuneration in each case, having regard to the size of each of the revised districts and the volume of public health (meat and milk inspection) duties and duties under the Diseases of Animals' Act arising therein.

A copy of a letter dated 16th July from the Arklow U.D.C. about the permanent appointment for the Arklow District is enclosed for information.

Mise, le meas,

Runai.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The County Secretary submitted suggestions for the salaries for the proposed new posts calculated in reference to the size of each of the revised districts and the volume of public health, meat and milk (inspection) duties and duties under the Diseases of Animals' Acts arising therein. The total of the salaries was such that only a slight increase in the salaries at present payable by the Council would arise. Particulars of the proposals had been circulated to the members. Following a discussion on the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering,

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 8th October, 1957, from Department of Agriculture we approve of the following rates of remuneration for the posts of Veterinary Inspectors for the revised Arklow, Wicklow, Rathdown, Baltinglass and Rathdrum districts and approve of proceeding with the recommendations by the Local Appointments Commission of suitable persons for permanent appointments to the posts:

1. Rathdown No. 2 Former Rural District and Newcastle Dispensary District	£216
2. Baltinglass No. 1 Former Rural District	£327
3. Wicklow and Annamoe Dispensary Districts (including Wicklow Urban District)	£262
4. Arklow, Avoca and Dunganstown Dispensary Districts (including Arklow Urban District)	£216
5. Rathdrum and Aughrim Dispensary Districts and Shillelagh Former Rural District	£309

As an Amendment, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

"That we defer for six months the making of permanent arrangements for the re-organisation of the veterinary services. A Vote having been called for on the amendment, it was found that the members present voted as follows:

In favour: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, J. Miley, Edward Byrne, Dr. B. Donnelly, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Haughton and H. J. Byrne	9
Against: Councillors W. Hammond, P. Brennan, T.D.; M. Deering, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and J. Smyth	8

The amendment was declared passed by 9 votes in favour to 8 votes against, and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

ITEM No. 21—CIVIL DEFENCE.

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 10th September, 1957, from the Department of Defence in regard to recruiting and training of volunteers. It was stated in the letter that to-date a total of approximately 2,000 volunteers had been enrolled, but that this response, while encouraging, had not been sufficient to attain the immediate objective, viz., the building up initially in the cities and towns of the nucleus of a Civil Defence Organisation. The Minister asked that the local authorities arrange to resume recruiting and training for Civil Defence as soon as conveniently possible after 1st October, 1957. He urged that further and more intensive efforts be made during the forthcoming campaign to secure and train additional recruits. It was intended towards the end of September to carry out a further Civil Defence advertising campaign in the National Press and in certain periodicals, and local authorities were authorised to arrange for advertising to the extent of two advertisements in local newspapers. Expenditure up to £10 might be incurred on bill posting and printing and distribution of hand-bills. The Minister urged local authorities to consider the possibility of making some use of the Irish language in the advertisements for recruits. It was suggested that recruiting be commenced immediately after the initial advertisement had appeared in the daily papers. The Council noted the terms of the Minister's letter and agreed that advertisements be inserted and hand-bills printed in connection with the recruiting campaign. The County Manager stated that copies of leaflets prepared by the Department of Defence in connection with Civil Defence would be circulated to the members.

ITEM No. 22—ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1957.

The County Secretary submitted the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1957. Particulars of the Rate Collection and of the Rent Collection had already been reported to the Council at previous meetings. The total indebtedness on foot of loans now amounted to £1,452,958 15s. 3d.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1957, and direct that it be submitted to the Department of Local Government."

Passed unanimously.

Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillor H. J. Byrne,

"I hereby give notice that I or someone on my behalf will move at the next statutory meeting of the Wicklow County Council that we recommend to the Government the abolition of the Local Appointments Commission."

By Councillor J. Quigley:

"I hereby give notice that I or someone on my behalf will move that the County Council provide 1 public light at Hyland's House on the Aughrim-Moneymeen Road, Aughrim."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th November, 1957, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth and James D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, P. J. Foley and P. McGuinness, attended.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1957.
2. Erection of houses at Kirikee, Glenmalure.
3. Erection of houses at Avoca.
4. Tenancy of cottage at Knocknamohill, Avoca; eviction of William Bracken; maintenance of wife and family.
5. Increase in rate of interest on loans from Local Loans Fund.
6. Supplementary Grants for reconstruction of houses; letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to raising of loan of £5,000 and Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for sealing by the Council.
7. Applications for approval under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
9. Repairs carried out during month of October, 1957.
10. Authorisation of Repairs.
11. Renewal of University Scholarship.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the members of the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Grace McDermott, who had been Courtkeeper and caretaker of the County Council Offices at Wicklow for many years.

ITEM No. 1—HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1957, was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council—Housing Section.

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow County Council.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
31st October, 1957.

Housing Progress Report.

Gentlemen,

The present position of housing schemes is as follows:—

1952 Housing Scheme.

Completed: 26 houses.

In progress: 1 house (Kilmacoo—Site No. 1028).

Blessington: 6 houses in progress (by contract).

J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of October, 1957."

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

Kilcoole Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had received a letter from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, for the owner of the site stating that he was just back from convalescence in a Dublin Nursing Home and that members of his staff had been out ill and that, consequently, he was unable to reach on the matter before now but would let him have replies to his requisitions within a week and that he hoped to be able to close the sale before the end of November. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 2—ERECTION OF HOUSE AT KIRIKEE, GLENMALURE.

Letter of 9th October, 1957, from Department of Local Government, indicating that the Minister had noted the assurance of the County Manager that the proposed three cottages at Kirikee, Glenmalure, were urgently needed in the area and that the Council's proposals for the erection of the cottages would be awaited. The County Secretary stated that an enquiry had been sent to Messrs. W. P. Forde and Sons, Building Contractors, who had submitted the lowest tender for the erection of 7 cottages at Kirikee in July, 1956, enquiring if they would be prepared to proceed with a contract for the erection of three houses at Kirikee at a price proportionate to their former tendered figure. Messrs. W. P. Forde and Sons had replied stating they were prepared to proceed with the work on the basis of the price quoted in July, 1956, but subject to an increase in respect of the rise in cost of materials and increases in wages since that date. The County Engineer in report of the 4th November, 1957, estimated the increased cost which would arise at £75 per house. The County Secretary stated that the previous price per house based on the tender, less adjustments in respect of agreed variations in the specification, was £993-0-0, and if the increases in wages and materials amounted to £75 per house, the cost per house would be approximately £1,068-0-0. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that if the rent of the houses were taken at 7/6 per week, it would be necessary to provide a subsidy of approximately 12/6 per week from rates. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Haughton,
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved :—

"Having considered letter of Messrs. W. P. Forde and Sons received on the 2nd November, 1957, and recommendation of the County Engineer, we approve of proceeding with a contract with Messrs. William P. Forde for the erection of three houses at Kirikee, Glenmalure, at the price quoted by them in July, 1956, subject to an increase to meet the costs of increased wages and prices of materials."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—ERECTION OF HOUSES AT AVOCA.

Letter of 1st November, 1957, from Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's proposal to erect 6 houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, and stating that no objection would be raised to the invitation of tenders on the basis of documents submitted, was submitted to the Council. The Council approved of tenders being invited by public advertisement for the erection of the six houses and directed that the County Engineer also submit a tender.

With regard to the provision of outhouses for both the existing cottages and the proposed new cottages, the County Engineer estimated the cost at £85 for each outhouse. The Council considered that a smaller type of outhouse could be provided and the County Engineer was asked to submit proposals for a modified

type at a cost not exceeding £50. The County Manager pointed out that no provision had been made in the Estimates to meet the cost of providing outhouses and in relation to the existing 12 houses the cost based on £50 per outhouse would be £600. The County Manager stated that it would be necessary to revise the rent if outhouses were provided.

ITEM No. 4—TENANCY OF COTTAGE AT KNOCKNAMOHILL, AVOCA: EVICTION OF WILLIAM BRACKEN—MAINTENANCE OF WIFE AND FAMILY.

The Council considered, in Committee, the report of the County Manager in regard to a number of recent cases of persons who had failed to support their dependants, with the result that the Council had to incur expenditure on their maintenance. In the case of William Bracken, the details had been reported to the Local Housing Committee and the tenant had been ejected from the cottage on the 21st October and his wife and three children were moved to the County Home. The amount of rent due in the case was £17-0-4. The County Manager also referred to the cases of Messrs. Curley, Hilliard and Kennedy, and pointed out that in the case of Hilliard the cost of maintenance of the children already amounted to £88-5-0. The mother was being maintained in the County Home. The Council noted the report of the County Manager in regard to these cases.

ITEM No. 5—INCREASE IN RATE OF INTEREST ON LOANS FROM LOCAL LOANS FUND.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 29th October, 1957, 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 28th October, 1957, would be 6½%, except in respect of issues made for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, in respect of which issues the rate would continue to be 5½% per annum until 31st March, 1958. The County Secretary stated that the increase in the rate of interest would result in a further sum of from 7d. to 1/- per week having to be met from rent and rates in respect of new housing. The Council noted the increase in the rate of interest.

ITEM No. 6—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 18th October, 1957, from the Department of Local Government, it had been indicated that the Minister had sanctioned the borrowing by the Council of £5,000 for the purpose of making Supplementary Reconstruction Grants under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952. The Council had received a Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of the loan and this was now submitted for sealing by the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £5,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Acts, 1952 to 1956.

"That our Corporate Seal 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—APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Greory for the provision of a filling station on a site at Kildreenan. The details submitted were insufficient and the applicant had been asked to submit further details. The Council noted that further details were awaited.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from a Mr. Bohan, Blessington, in respect of a house to be erected at Holy Valley near

Blessington but the application and plans of the house had been submitted only on the previous Saturday and had not yet been examined.

ITEM No. 9—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1957.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of October, 1957, as submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 10—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

The County Secretary stated that up to 31st October, 1957, a sum of £6,294-7-0 had been expended on cottage repairs leaving a balance of only £1,096-13-0. It would be necessary to reserve this amount for urgent and necessary repairs in the various areas. The Council noted the position and the list of repairs submitted for authorisation and noted that the funds available would enable the Council to carry out only most urgent and essential repairs. Councillor J. Everett submitted a letter received from a tenant in regard to repairs needed to the cottage and referring to previous representations as to the need for repairs. The County Engineer was asked for a special report in regard to the cottage. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that he had received a letter from Mr. McDonald, Springfield, Arklow, in regard to the condition of his cottage which he stated needed repairs.

Councillor McCarthy stated that a report had been asked for previously from the County Medical Officer in regard to the condition of the cottage and asked that the report of the County Medical Officer and a special report from the Engineer be obtained.

In regard to the matter of repairs, the County Manager pointed out that he had submitted an estimate in the sum of £18,000 for cottage repairs in the present year, but that this had been reduced at the Estimates Meeting by £8,000. It would not be possible to carry out all repairs to cottages as sufficient moneys were not available.

Housing at Rathdrum.

Councillor Haughton enquired if additional houses could be built in the Rathdrum area. It was suggested to Councillor Haughton that persons needing housing accommodation make application to the Council Offices, Rathdrum, in connection with the Scheme which was being considered by the Council in relation to the County.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that particulars be submitted of the number of cottages in Wicklow and Rathdrum area which had been vacant for six months.

ITEM No. 11—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

The County Secretary submitted report of the 28th October, 1957, from University College, Dublin, in which it was stated that Mr. Terence F. Brennan presented for the Second Science Examination and was allowed to proceed to the Third Year Courses and that the renewal of his Scholarship was recommended. It was stated also that Kieran F. Spellman obtained exemption in four subjects and was rejected in two at the examination for the Civil Engineering Degree and, consequently, could not complete the Examination until 1958.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that Terence F. Brennan had obtained a University Scholarship in 1955 and had passed his First Examination in 1956. The renewal of his University Scholarship for the Third Year Courses had been recommended by the University.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the 28th October, 1957, from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, we approve of the renewal of University Scholarship for Terence F. Brennan for a further year."

Passed unanimously.

Road Balances.

The Council asked that particulars of the unexpended balances for road works for the remainder of the year be submitted to the meeting of the Council on the following Monday.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th November, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O. Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey, P. McGuinness, attended.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 7th and 14th October, 1957.
2. To fill vacancy on Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
3. Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee.
4. To appoint representatives on Grangeorgan Mental Hospital Board in place of Councillor W. Lawless—resigned.
5. Absence of member of Council.
6. University Scholarships Scheme, 1958—Report of Scholarship Committee.
7. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957—letter from Department of Education in regard to Council's proposal to award two additional scholarships.
8. Application of Bray Urban District Council for extension of boundary of Urban District; report of Local Inquiry.
9. Application of Vocational Education Committee for grant towards cost of erection of Vocational School at Blessington.
10. Letter from Uachtaran na hEireann in regard to attendance of Council's Fire Brigades at fire at Roundwood Park on the 7th October, 1957.
11. Report of the Chief Fire Officer in regard to Greystones Fire Pump.
12. Factories Act, 1955, and Factories (Sanitary Accommodation) Regulations, 1956.
13. Report of the County Engineer regarding disposal of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley for provision of public lights on Aughrim-Moneymeen Road.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne "That I or someone on my behalf will move at the next Statutory Meeting of Wicklow County Council that we recommend to the Government the abolition of the Local Appointments Commission."
16. Road Works Programme, 1957/58—report of County Engineer on balances available.
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 7th and 14th October, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—FILLING OF VACANCY ON BALTINGLASS No. 1 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Sub-Committee had reported that the Sub-Committee recommended the appointment of Rev. Dermot McDermott, C.C., Baltinglass, and Mr. Andrew Toomey, Donard, to fill the vacancies on the Sub-Committee arising from the transfer of Rev. W. O'Mahony, C.C., and the death of Mr. L. K. O'Reilly, P.C. It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Rev. D. McDermott, C.C., and Mr. Andrew Toomey to fill the vacancies on the Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr. L. K. O'Reilly, P.C., and the transfer of Rev. Wm. O'Mahony, C.C."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 6th November, 1957, from Very Rev. Thomas Power, P.P., Rathdrum, stating that he found himself unable to accept membership of the Vocational Education Committee to which the Council had kindly nominated him. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge.

Resolved:—

"That having noted letter from Very Rev. T. Power, P.P., Rathdrum, we hereby appoint Mr. John Barry, N.T., Church Hill, Wicklow, as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. D. J. O'Driscoll, N.T."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond.

Resolved:—

"That we appoint Mr. Meredith, Glenealy, as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. D. J. O'Driscoll, N.T."

A vote having been called for as to which of the persons proposed and seconded should be appointed, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

For John Barry: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, James O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne 8

For Mr. Meredith: Councillors J. J. McCrea, J. Quigley, P.C., W. Hammond, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and C. W. Hudson 6

Mr. John Barry was declared appointed as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee by 8 votes in his favour to 6 votes in favour of Mr. Meredith.

ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON GRANGE-GORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 24th October, 1957, from Councillor W. Lawless stating that he was resigning from the Grangegorman Board and would be glad if the Council would appoint another member at the next meeting. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor Edward Byrne as a representative of Wicklow County Council on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor W. Lawless."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—ABSENCE OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

The County Secretary stated that Councillor C. M. Byrne had attended the meeting of the Council held on the 5th November, 1956, but due to illness had been unable to attend any meeting since that date. Following the meeting held that day he would be absent for a period of 12 months. The following letter from Mr. A. Cullen, State Solicitor, on behalf of Mr. Byrne, was submitted:—

Church Street,
Wicklow.

8th November, 1957.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I understand that it is now around twelve months since Mr. C. M. Byrne attended a meeting of the County Council. His non-attendance was due to continued illness and at present he is still unable to perform his public duties. During the summer he improved very much but in another month or two it might be easier to give an idea as to whether he is likely to be in a position to resume his attendance. I would suggest, in the circumstances, that the Council defer any action in the matter for say two to three months and in the meantime if he is not likely to return, then he will send in his resignation. Perhaps you would place these facts before the members of your Council.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Augustus Cullen.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we grant leave of absence for a period of 12 months to Councillor C. M. Byrne on account of his illness."

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor C. M. Byrne for his recovery from illness.

ITEM No. 6—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1958—REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

The following report of the Scholarship Committee was submitted:—

A meeting of the Scholarship Committee of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th November, 1957, to consider the draft University Scholarship Scheme for 1958.

The Committee noted letter of the 12th February, 1957, from University College, Dublin, enclosing regulations made by the Senate of the University for Scholarship Schemes approved by the Academic Council.

The Committee recommended the following alterations in the scheme which had been in operation for the year 1957:—

Paragraph 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—

£50 in the case of families of 1 child;	
£60 do. do. 2 children;	
£70 do. do. 3 do.	
£80 do. do. 4 do.	
£90 do. do. 5 do.	
£100 do. do. 6 do.	

The valuation limit shall be increased by £10 in respect of each additional child over 6 children.

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

£600 in the case of families of 1 child;	
£635 do. do. 2 children;	
£670 do. do. 3 do.	
£705 do. do. 4 do.	
£740 do. do. 5 do.	
£775 do. do. 6 do.	

The annual income limit shall be extended by an amount of £35 in respect of each additional child over 6 children.

Paragraph 4(3) of the Scheme for 1958 to be as follows:—

"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 the scholarships. Of these at least 4 must be honours subjects and honours must be obtained in at least three with a pass in the remaining two. The maximum marks for honours subjects will be 100 and the marks for the fifth subject, if a pass paper is taken, shall be 50. Honours mathematics may be counted as two of the five subjects."

The Committee noted that whereas a number of subjects were approved by both University College, Dublin, and Trinity College, Dublin, for Matriculation purposes, certain subjects approved in one College were not approved by the other College. The Committee recommended that the Authorities of Trinity College, Dublin, be asked to accept the following subjects as approved subjects for Matriculation: Botany, Agricultural Science and Applied Mathematics. The Committee recommended that the Authorities of University College, Dublin, be asked to accept the subject Biology as an approved subject for Matriculation purposes.

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of Scholarships Committee we hereby adopt Scheme for University Scholarships for year 1958 in similar terms to that operated in the year 1957, but subject to the following amendments:—

1. Approved subjects for purpose of Matriculation to be listed in Council's Scheme in accordance with recommendation of Committee.

2. **Clause 3:**

"Competition for these Scholarships to be confined to children whose parents or guardians

(a) Occupy agricultural land, the rateable valuation of which does not exceed—

£50	in the case of families of 1 child;	
£60	do.	2 children;
£70	do.	3 do.
£80	do.	4 do.
£90	do.	5 do.
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£705	do.	4 do.
£740	do.	5 do.
£775	do.	6 do.

"The annual income limit shall be extended by an amount of £35 in respect of each additional child over 6 children.

3. **Clause 4(3)** of the Scheme for 1958 to be as follows:

"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 the Scholarships. Of these at least 4 must be honours subjects and honours must be obtained in at least three, with a pass in the remaining two. The maximum marks for honours subjects will be 100, and the marks for the fifth subject if a pass paper is taken shall be 50. Honours Mathematics may be counted as two of the five subjects."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. J. McCrea asked that copies of the University Scholarship Scheme, as adopted, be circulated to the members of the Council.

ITEM No. 7—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1957.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—
R.O.(2)91747.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Primary Branch,
Marlborough Street, Dublin.
24 Deiradh Fomhair, 1957.

Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1957.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 8th October, 1957, regarding the proposed amendment of the above scheme which would permit of the award of two scholarships in addition to the number announced in the published scheme, I am directed to inform you that the Minister has given further careful consideration to your Council's proposal in the matter. The Minister is satisfied, however, that the circumstances would not justify his approval of the amendment proposed by the Council to allow of the award of additional scholarships.

The Minister regrets that he is unable to give a more favourable reply in the matter.

Mise, le meas,
S. O'Mathuna.

The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter and agreed that no further action could be taken in the matter.

Councillor Haughton enquired whether the number of scholarships awarded by Wicklow County Council compared with those awarded in other counties. The County Secretary stated that when schemes from other counties were examined some years ago, the number of scholarships offered by Wicklow County Council compared favourably with those offered in other counties. It was agreed that up-to-date particulars be obtained from the other County Councils.

ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION OF BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR EXTENSION OF BOUNDARY OF URBAN DISTRICT—REPORT OF LOCAL INQUIRY.

The following report in regard to the Local Inquiry required under the Urban Districts (Alteration of Boundaries) Regulations, 1937, was submitted to the Council:

Extension of Boundary of Bray Urban District.

In accordance with resolution of the Council passed at the meeting on the 14th October, 1957, a Local Inquiry was held at the Town Hall, Bray, on Friday, 8th November, 1957, in regard to the application of Bray Urban District Council for an extension of the boundary of the Urban District.

The following members of the Committee appointed by the Council to hold the Inquiry attended:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and James O'Toole, T.D.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notices in compliance with the Urban Districts (Alteration of Boundaries) Regulations, 1937, had been given and the persons and authorities concerned had been informed of the Inquiry. No objections had been received. The County Secretary gave a summary of the steps leading to the holding of the Inquiry and the reasons why the Urban District Council had sought the extension of the boundary.

The Committee noted that there were no objections to the proposed extension of the boundary and recommended to the County Council that the application of the Bray Urban District Council for such extension be granted.

Signed: H. J. Byrne, Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

Signed: K. J. Brangan, County Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of Committee of the Council appointed to hold Local Inquiry into the application of the Bray Urban District Council for an extension of the Urban District Boundary we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Order made by this Council to-day extending the boundary of the Urban District."

Passed unanimously.

The Order of the Council was as follows:—

Order of the Council of the County of Wicklow altering the Boundary of the Urban District of Bray.

WHEREAS the Council of the Urban District of Bray have applied under Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, to the Council of the County of Wicklow (hereinafter referred to as "the County Council") for an Order altering the boundary of the Urban District of Bray (hereinafter referred to as "the Urban District") so as to include therein the portion of the County Health District of Wicklow consisting of the District Electoral Division of Rathmichael (Bray):

AND WHEREAS the Urban District is an urban district (other than a borough) situate in the County of Wicklow (hereinafter referred to as "the County");

AND WHEREAS the County Council, being satisfied that a prima facie case existed for the alteration of the boundary of the urban district caused an inquiry to be made in the locality;

AND WHEREAS the County Council have complied with the provisions of the Urban Districts (Alteration of Boundaries) Regulations, 1937;

NOW THEREFORE the County Council in exercise of the powers vested in them by sub-section (2) of section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, hereby order as follows:

1. (1) This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1958.
- (2) The Interpretation Act, 1937 (No. 38 of 1937) shall apply to this Order.
2. On the coming into operation of this Order, the District Electoral Division of Rathmichael (Bray) shall be detached from the County Health District of Wicklow and shall be added to the Urban District, and thenceforward the said District Electoral Division shall cease to form part of the County Health District of Wicklow and shall be included in and form part of the Urban District for all purposes and the boundary of the Urban District shall be altered accordingly.
3. Every person holding office on the coming into operation of this Order as Urban District Councillor for the local electoral area of Bray Urban shall be deemed to have been elected for the local electoral area of Bray Urban as extended by this Order.
4. (1) The provisions of any public general Act adopted by the Council of the Urban District at the coming into operation of this Order and of any statutory instrument applying to the Urban District and then in force shall apply to the Urban District as extended by this Order and references in any such instrument to the area comprised in the Urban District at the coming into operation of this Order shall be construed as references to the Urban District as extended by this Order.
- (2) All bye-laws and regulations of the County Council and of the Council of the Urban District that are in force in the Urban District at the coming into operation of this Order shall apply to the Urban District as extended by this Order.
5. (1) The County Council and the Council of the Urban District may by agreement make any adjustment of property, rights and liabilities which may be necessary in consequence of the Boundary Order.

- (2) In default of agreement, any such adjustment of property, rights and liabilities shall be made by such person as shall be appointed for the purpose by the Minister.

GIVEN under the Seal of the Wicklow County Council this 11th day of November, 1957.

Signed: H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Signed: K. J. Brangan, Secretary.

ITEM No. 9—APPLICATION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR GRANT TOWARDS COST OF ERECTION OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AT BLESSINGTON.

The following letter from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee was submitted:—

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Technical School,
Wicklow.
4th November, 1957.

re/Building of Vocational Schools in West Wicklow.

A Chara,

The contents of your letter of the 16th ultimo was considered by my Committee at its meeting on 22nd ultimo.

The Committee considered at length the suggestion conveyed in your letter that it should proceed for the present with an application for a Grant towards the cost of erecting and equipping one vocational school in west Wicklow.

It was finally agreed to proceed along the lines suggested, and the Committee has decided to submit a revised request to your Council for a Grant of £18,000 towards the cost of erecting and equipping a four-classroom Vocational School in Blessington.

The proposed new school will be staffed and equipped to provide full day-time courses for young people in woodwork, engineering, rural science, drawing, mathematics, all continuation subjects, shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping, and domestic science subjects. Corresponding courses will be available to adults in the evenings during the winter months, and the teachers attached to the school will also conduct short evening courses for residents in outlying districts, such as Manor Kilbride, Vallemount, Lacken, Hollywood, etc.

My Committee trust that your Council will now give this application its favourable consideration so that preliminary arrangements may be commenced for the erection of the proposed school.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: A. O'Crotaigh,

Priomh Oifigeach Feidhmiuchain.

Councillor M. Deering protested against the action of the Merginstown Ratepayers' Association in opposing the proposals for the provision of the Vocational School at Dunlavin. The County Secretary stated that the Cost involved in respect of the erection and equipping and operation of a Technical School at Blessington would be approximately 2d. in the £ in the rates. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered application of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee we hereby make a grant to such Committee of the sum of £18,000 towards the cost of building and equipping a new Vocational School to be sited at Blessington, and we authorise the borrowing of the moneys required for the purpose of making this grant from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 30 years, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and subject to recoupment to the Council by the Department of Education of 50% of the Loan Charges in each year."

Passed; Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe dissenting.

Councillor Edward Byrne urged that the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee make a greater contribution to the Bray Vocational Education Committee in respect of about 200 children who resided in the rural areas

adjacent to Bray and availed of Vocational Education in the Bray Technical School. The Chairman stated that he understood that over 50% of the pupils attending the Bray Technical School were from outside the Bray Urban District.

ITEM No. 10—LETTER FROM UACHTARAN NA h-EIREANN IN REGARD TO ATTENDANCES OF COUNCIL'S FIRE BRIGADES AT FIRE AT ROUNDWOOD PARK.

The following letter from Uachtaran na h-Eireann was submitted to the Council:—

Mr. K. Brangan, Secretary of the Wicklow County Council. Baile Atha Cliath. A Chara,

I feel I should write to you to express my sincere gratitude to the officers and members of the three fire brigades of the County who fought the fire at our home, Roundwood Park, on the afternoon of Monday, October 7th last.

Considering their difficulties I think they did their work efficiently and well.

I understand that members of three brigades—Bray, Greystones and Rathdrum—attended with their fire-fighting apparatus and that they acted under the direction of Chief Fire Officer Sharpe.

To each and every one of these men I would like publicly to express my thanks. It was certainly no fault of theirs that the house and practically all its contents were destroyed.

If you will be so kind as to have my thanks conveyed to all those concerned I shall be obliged.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: Sean T. O'Ceallaigh.

The Council decided that the Council's thanks be conveyed to His Excellency for the terms of his letter and that he be informed of the Council's regrets at the loss of his property in the fire.

ITEM No. 11—GREYSTONES FIRE PUMP.

The following report of the Chief Fire Officer was submitted:

Secretary, Wicklow County Council. Courthouse, Bray. 11th October, 1957.

re/Greystones Fire Pump.

Dear Sir,

As mentioned in my report on the Roundwood fire, the Greystones pump was put out of action by mechanical trouble.

As reported in earlier letters this pump is now over 15 years old and cannot be regarded as reliable. I again recommend that the Council should consider the purchase of a Land Rover light fire engine for this station which receives the greatest number of fire calls in the county after Bray.

I do not recommend that a light trailer pump would be suitable for this station as during the day we have to rely for towing on the availability of private vans, one of these was used to tow the pump to Roundwood. With a self-propelled unit such as a Land Rover we would not waste time in loading hose and equipment into a van with the great possibility that some vital part of equipment will not be taken with the brigade; also it must be borne in mind that these private vans cannot accommodate a ladder, the lack of same might cause the loss of life.

The approximate cost of a Land Rover appliance would be £1,250. I would like to mention that many of these machines are now in use by Cavan and other County Councils with great success.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: H. R. H. Sharpe,
Chief Fire Officer.

In reply to enquiry from the Chairman, the County Secretary stated that a loan of £1,250 which had been obtained by the Council in 1947 for the purchase of a fire engine and trailer pump and equipment for Dunlavin would be repaid by April, 1958, the final payment of £62-0-0 being due in that month. If the

Council decided to purchase the new light fire engine as recommended by the Chief Fire Officer, it would not involve any increase in loan charges for fire brigade services in the coming year. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the Chief Fire Officer we approve of his recommendation for the purchase of a light fire engine for Greystones station and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,250 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years to defray the cost of the purchase of the fire engine."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—FACTORIES ACT, 1955, AND FACTORIES (SANITARY ACCOMMODATION) REGULATIONS, 1956.

The County Secretary stated that the Factories Act, 1955, imposed additional duties on County Councils in relation to fire safety, sanitary conditions, water supply, etc., in respect of factories. In view of the very wide definition of a factory, the liabilities imposed on the Council by the Act were quite substantial. The Council was obliged to ensure that sufficient and suitable sanitary conveniences were provided, maintained and kept clean for persons employed in the factory, and the regulations made by the Minister prescribed the number of conveniences which should be available in relation to the numbers employed. The Act provided that the section in relation to Sanitary Conditions be enforced by the Sanitary Authority. The Council also were required to ensure that an adequate supply of wholesome drinking water was available to all employees in the factory. In the case of fire safety the Council was required to inspect factories and issue a certificate that a factory was provided with such means of escape in case of fire as might reasonably be required in the circumstances of the case. Provision also had to be made in certain factories for giving warning of fires. The Council noted the duties imposed on the Council by the Factories Act, 1955.

ITEM No. 13—DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER AT CHURCHLANDS, TINAHELY.

The County Secretary submitted report of the Deputy County Engineer in which he indicated four alternative schemes for dealing with waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely. The schemes were as follows:

(a) for the disposal of all water from the road outlet by pipe to the river at a cost of £450, or if septic tank were provided, £538.

(b) For the disposal of waste water from each individual cottage of the six (a branch pipeline starting from each individual cottage joining the main pipe and finally finishing at the river), £1,008.

(c) Pipelines as in previous estimate together with the erection of W.C.s for each cottage, £1,488.

(d) the provision of six large sumps for the six cottages at £36.

The County Manager explained that the water which collected on the road had previously been discharged to the water outlet on the lands adjoining, but the landowner had closed the outlet and contended that as well as the water there was sewerage and waste water from six cottages flowing on to the land and causing a nuisance. The matter had been investigated previously by the County Medical Officer who was satisfied that there was no sewerage being discharged and that no nuisance arose. The six cottages concerned had been erected as rural cottages on half-acre plots and it would be noted that the cost of providing a sewerage service for the cottages would amount to about £250 each. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwige,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the County Engineer we approve of scheme for piping water to the river as given in his report of the 19th August.

1957, at estimated cost of £450 and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £450 from the Council's Treasurer to defray the cost of the work."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 14—PUBLIC LIGHTING—AUGHRIM-MONEYMEEN ROAD.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, the County Secretary submitted a report of the Assistant County Engineer of 23rd October, 1957, together with a map showing the site of the proposed new light. The County Secretary pointed out that the Assistant County Engineer was of opinion that the extra light was unnecessary. Having regard to the population of the village and the existing lighting, there being already 12 public lights in the village, an additional light could scarcely be justified. Councillor Quigley urged that the light be provided and stated that it was necessary on account of an opening at the side of the road at this place. He referred also to an existing public light which was situated in the field and asked could this light be removed to the side of the road. The County Manager pointed out that there was no technical recommendation for the provision of the public light as requested in the notice of motion. The Council agreed that a report be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the light in the field referred to by Councillor Quigley.

ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR H. J. BYRNE REGARDING THE LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved:—

"That we recommend to the Government the abolition of the Local Appointments Commission."

Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor H. J. Byrne agreed to the addition of the words "and that a system of written examination be instituted and that copies of the resolution be sent to all public bodies." The resolution as amended was declared passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 16—ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME, 1957/58: REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON BALANCES AVAILABLE.

The County Secretary submitted details of the County Engineer's report in regard to the balances available on road works. The report showed that at 24th October, 1957, the following amounts were available in the respective areas:—

North-Eastern Area	...	...	£27,141
South-Eastern Area	...	...	£18,258
Southern Area	...	...	£12,093
Western Area	...	...	£19,954
Total			£77,446

The amount available represented approximately one-third of the total amount provided for road works. In reply to enquiries from members the County Engineer stated that he hoped to be in a position to employ some additional men prior to Christmas.

Renewal of Cinema Licences.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had inspected the cinemas at St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew; Ormonde Cinema, Greystones; Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, and Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass, and had no objection to the renewal of the licences for these cinemas. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the renewal of Cinematograph Licences for the following cinemas: Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass; Ormonde Cinema, Greystones; Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum; St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew."

Passed unanimously.

Complaint from Federation of Rural Workers regarding Ganger.

The County Secretary referred to a complaint which had been submitted by the Federation of Rural Workers in regard to Ganger James Lawless and to subsequent letter from the Federation of Rural Workers withdrawing the allegations made that the ganger had threatened men with dismissal unless they became members of another Union. At a previous meeting of the Council the Council had decided that the Chairman and County Manager and County Secretary would investigate the matter further. The County Secretary stated that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor on the matter had been obtained and that he advised that this was a private matter between the parties concerned and if persons had made slanderous statements against Mr. Lawless he had his own civil remedy. In view of the advice of the Council's Solicitor it was not proposed to take any further action in the matter. The Council noted the advice of the Council's Solicitor and agreed that no further action be taken.

Road Improvements at Castle Street, Bray.

The Council considered, in Committee, the report of the County Manager in regard to an interview with Mr. Gerald Ogle, owner of property at Castle Street, Bray, which it was desired to acquire for road improvements. The Chairman of the County Council, the Chairman of Bray Urban District Council, Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., the County Manager, County Engineer, Town Clerk, Bray, and Assistant County Engineer had been present at the interview. The County Secretary reported that it had eventually been agreed that the two Councils would offer a sum of £2,250 to Mr. Ogle for his leasehold interest, and it was pointed to Mr. Ogle that in addition there would be legal costs amounting to probably £150 and also that the Council would have to redeem the Ground Rent which would amount to about £300. Mr. Ogle, however, was not prepared to accept the sum offered. The Council considered that the amount offered was reasonable and did not recommend that any increase be made in the offer.

Shop at Hollywood.

Councillor J. Miley enquired regarding an application made by Mr. Deering, Dunlavin, for permission to use a site near Hollywood for the erection of a shop. The County Manager stated that Mr. Deering had been informed that the Council would not be agreeable to the use of this particular site for the erection of a shop as the site was at the junction of the main Blessington-Baltinglass road with the Hollywood-Dunlavin road at a dangerous corner. The Council asked that the matter be re-investigated and that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

Arklow Memorial Hospital.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he understood that the Arklow Memorial Hospital was likely to close in the near future. He stated that this was largely due to the Council's refusal to pay in respect of certain patients maintained in the hospital. He asked if the Council could do anything in the matter to ensure that the hospital would still be operated. The County Manager pointed out that the hospital in question was a private hospital and had never been under the control of the Council. The hospital did not provide general services and only provided services of a specialist type, i.e., in relation to non-pulmonary T.B. The Council had been asked to accept responsibility for patients who had been in the hospital for a considerable time and who would have been suitable for accommodation in St. Colman's Hospital. The Council could not agree that the Arklow Memorial Hospital be used as an alternative to St. Colman's Hospital.

At the suggestion of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., it was decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Consultative Health Committee at their next meeting.

Notices of Motion.

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

1. By Councillor John Quigley :

"I or someone for me will move at next meeting of County Council that two public lights be erected at the village of Clash."

2. By Councillor W. Hammond :

"I beg to propose that at the next meeting of the County Council I will move that a light be erected at Moyne in a position to show light to the entrance to the church, the school and the Post Office."

3. By Councillor J. J. McCrea :

"Take notice that I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that we ask the Minister for Local Government to re-introduce and provide funds under the Local Authorities (Works) Act with a view to relieving unemployment and carrying out work of a reproductive nature."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd December, 1957, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Assistant County Engineer 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 November, 1957.
2. Applications under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
3. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
4. Repairs carried out during the month of November, 1957.
5. Authorisation of urgent repairs to cottages.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the widow and relatives of the late Senator Moylan.

ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of November, 1957, was submitted:—

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow County Council.

Housing Progress Report.

Gentlemen,

The present position of the housing schemes is as follows:—

1952 Housing Scheme.

Completed : 26 houses.

In progress : 1 house (Kilmacoo—Site No. 1028).

Blessington : 6 houses in progress (by contract).

J. T. O'Byrne,
County Engineer

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of November, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

In connection with application of James Bohan, Blessington, for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of the proposed erection of a house at Holy Valley, Blessington, the County Secretary pointed out that particulars regarding the water supply and sewage disposal system for the house had not been received and consequently it was not possible to determine any valuation in respect of the house. The Council noted that the annual outgoings

in respect of a loan of £1,400 sought by Mr. Bohan, together with rates, provision for repairs, etc., would represent a rather high proportion of his annual income. The Council decided to defer a decision on the matter.

ITEM No. 3—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to grant permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts to James Gregory for the erection of a filling station at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, in accordance with revised plans submitted. The Council agreed that permission be granted.

The Council considered report of the County Engineer in regard to application of P. Deering, Dragoon Hill, Baltinglass, for permission to erect a shop and house on site owned by him adjoining the cross roads where the Hollywood-Dunlavin road crossed the main Blessington-Baltinglass road. The Council noted the proposed road improvements at the cross roads for which part of Mr. Deering's land would be required. It was agreed that the County Engineer interview Mr. Deering again to see if any satisfactory arrangement could be made in regard to site for the house and shop and the acquisition of land required by the Council for road improvements. It was stated by members of the Council that if Mr. Deering erected a new house and shop he would leave his present house which would facilitate the Council in the matter of road improvements.

ITEM No. 4—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1957.

The Council noted the repairs carried out during the month of November, 1957, in accordance with the list prepared by County Engineer.

ITEM No. 5—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

With reference to the list of repairs submitted by the County Engineer, the County Secretary stated that it was intended to approve only of those repairs which were regarded by the County Engineer as being urgent. The Council approved of the carrying out of repairs as recommended by the County Engineer.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Secretary stated that 73 cottages had been repaired in the west Wicklow area during the 6 months to 30th September, 1957, at a total cost of £940-4-0, giving an average cost per cottage of £12-17-7. Councillor Kehoe asked that in view of the low average cost of repair to cottages in west Wicklow that workers be again employed in the area to continue repairs to cottages. The County Secretary pointed out that only a limited amount of funds were available for further repairs to cottages and that these were being reserved for urgent repairs.

Defective Building at Main Street, Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that a building in Main Street, Tinahely, had been allowed to deteriorate into a condition where it constituted a danger to the public. Loose slates, chimney bricks and eave gutters were liable to dislodge themselves on to the footpath and street at any moment. The building was the property of Joseph Maguire, formerly of Tinahely but now residing in England, and his address was unknown. The Council's Solicitor had advised that it was necessary for the Council to serve a notice on the owner requiring him to carry out any works that were necessary to protect the public from danger, but that since the owner's address could not be ascertained the Council could not operate the section of the Act. The Council's Solicitor suggested that the matter might be deferred until January and it might then be possible to serve the appropriate notice on the owner. Members of the Council noted the position in the matter. It was stated that it might be possible to ascertain the address of the owner from relatives living in Arklow.

St. Valerie Bridge.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., the County Manager stated that the views of the members of the Council in regard to alternative schemes which might be carried out with the aid of grant allocated in respect of St. Valerie Bridge had been conveyed to the Department of Local Government but that to date no reply had been received.

Bridge at Ferrybank, Arklow.

In reply to Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Manager stated that Mr. J. J. Roughan, Consulting Engineer, had been engaged to prepare plans for the reconstruction and improvement of the bridge at Ferrybank, Arklow, on the recommendation of the County Engineer. The County Manager stated that Mr. Roughan had previously been engaged by the Council for the reconstruction of bridges at Ashford and Laragh.

Road at Monastery, Enniskerry.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to complaint he had received regarding the condition of a road at Monastery and asked that a report on the road be submitted. The County Manager stated that the road in question was an access road serving the cottages and provision had not been made for carrying out any repairs to the road.

Lift for Council Chamber.

Councillor P. McCarthy enquired if any report had been obtained from the County Engineer in regard to the cost of providing a lift to serve the Council Chamber. It was suggested by Councillor McCreagh that as an alternative it would be an advantage to have a room on the ground floor made available for meetings of the Council. He asked that the matter be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillors J. Quigley and J. Everett, T.D.:

"That we wish to alter the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting that 2 public lights be erected in the village of Clash to read 3 public lights be erected in the village of Clash."

By Councillor P. Kehoe:

"That I or someone for me will propose that a light be erected on the bridge at Baltinglass."

By Councillor J. Miley:

"That I or some member of this Council will move for me that Carrig get a water supply and that we ask the E.S.B. to give it to them in return for the supply they took from them."

St. Valerie Bridge—The County Engineer stated that the views of the members of the Council in regard to the schemes which might be carried out with the aid of grants allocated in respect of St. Valerie Bridge had been conveyed to the Department of Local Government but that to date no reply had been received.

Mr. P. McCarthy, County Engineer, stated that Mr. J. J. McCrea, County Engineer, had been engaged to prepare plans for the reconstruction and improvement of the bridge at Ferrybank, Arklow, on the recommendation of the County Engineer. The County Engineer stated that Mr. P. McCarthy had previously been engaged by the Council for the reconstruction of bridges at Ashford and Laragh.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th December, 1957, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—
Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; John Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey ad P. McGuinness, attended.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on the 4th and 11th November, 1957.
2. To authorise the raising of temporary overdrafts on the Council's General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 31st March, 1958.
3. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools.
4. Memorial from ratepayers in Lower Calary, Teetemple and Kilmurray Districts in regard to condition of Red Lane and Calary Lane.
5. Proposed acquisition of premises for road improvements at Castle Street, Bray.
6. Reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge—letter from Department of Local Government.
7. Road from Glenmalure to Glen Imaal—letter from Department of Lands, Forestry, Division.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea—"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that we ask the Minister for Local Government to re-introduce and provide funds under the Local Authorities (Works) Act with a view to relieving unemployment and carrying out works of a reproductive nature."
9. Oldcourt Water Supply.
10. Proposed Water Supply for Council cottages at Roddenagh.
11. Carrig Water Supply—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley.
12. Public lighting at Ballinacash—Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Quigley and J. Everett, T.D.
13. Public lighting at Moyne—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Hammond.
14. Public lighting at the Bridge, Baltinglass—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe.
15. Former Wicklow County Fever Hospital—loan to defray balance of cost of alterations and extensions.
16. Accommodation for meetings of County Council.
17. Re-organisation of Veterinary Services—letter from Department of Agriculture in regard to making of permanent appointments.
18. Payment of marriage gratuity to former officer of the Vocational Education Committee.
19. Office Premises Bill, 1957—particulars of obligations imposed on County Council.
20. Results of Examination for Clerk-Typists.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.
On the proposal of Councillor J. Quigley, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. Andrew Doyle, an official of the Council, on the death of his uncle.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 4th and 11th November, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1958, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1958, shall not exceed £23,500."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Education in letter of 27th November, 1957, had pointed out that Edward McElheron who attended St. Patrick's Secondary School, Arklow, had passed the Intermediate Certificate Examination in 1957 but had not obtained honours as required under the terms of the Council's Scheme. The Department had referred the Council to their circular M.18/1954 and had asked that the Council's recommendation in the matter be forwarded after consultation with the School Authorities. The Council noted report of 3rd December, 1957, from the Headmaster of the school stating that he attributed the boy's failure to get honours to nerves at a strange examination centre as he had done well in all his house examinations. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report from Principal of school, we approve of the renewal of the Secondary School Scholarship for Edward McElheron, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—RED LANE AND CALARY LANE.

The County Secretary stated that a petition had been received from ratepayers in the Lower Calary, Teetemple and Kilmurray Districts drawing the attention of the Council to what was stated to be the appalling condition of Red Lane and Calary Lane. It was stated also in the petition that a bad job had been done recently on the roads whereby a quantity of very unsuitable material was

dumped very unevenly on the roads making the position very much worse. It was stated that a local resident had to rake off the larger stones in order to make the roads a little more usable. The signatories to the memorial felt that instead of wasting huge sums of money making straight roads more like a race track than ever that some much needed attention should be given to the smaller roads. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:

5th December, 1957.

County Secretary.

re/Red Lane and Calary Lane.

Dear Sir,

I refer to yours of the 4th instant in connection with Red Lane and Calary Lane. During the recent storm (October, 1957) on County Roads Nos. 31 and 32 a portion of the road at Lower Calary was washed away and in some places to a depth of 12". You may realise that this is a very mountainous and steep roadway in the vicinity of Sugar Loaf Mountain and it has always been regarded as a very secondary road and akin to a laneway.

Large stones 3" to 5" diameter had to be used to repair the damage and this was covered by gravel, and with constant use of tractors on same, some of the stone worked up to the surface. During the fortnight prior to the 15th November, 1957, two men had been working on this road, opening drains and taking off loose stones.

Most of the damage caused on these roads are the result of local ratepayers opening gaps for tractors and filling up side drains, also at a certain time of the day they turn out pigs on to the road causing more damage. This indicates how unimportant it would seem to be from the point of view of traffic, as there are gates actually across it.

The adjoining landowners should be asked to have these gates removed or permit that to be done. Next year, in 1958, I have in mind carrying out the first step of the full reconstruction of the road (by doing about one mile with sand/gravel). The Council will appreciate that all the roads practically in the northern district are now surfaced and we are gradually overhauling our road system; one seldom hears any appreciation of this.

Yours faithfully,

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

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer and agreed to defer the matter to the Estimates Meeting.

ITEM No. 5—PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT CASTLE STREET, BRAY.

The County Secretary submitted report of discussion between representatives of the County Council and Bray Urban District Council with Mr. G. Ogle on 30th November, 1957, in connection with the proposal to acquire his interest in shop and premises at Castle Street, Bray, for the purpose of road improvements. The following were present at the discussion: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman County Council; Dr. B. Donnelly, Chairman, Bray U.D.C.; Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.; County Manager, County Engineer and Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C.

The Council noted that it had eventually been agreed that Mr. Ogle's interest in the premises be acquired at a price of £2,400, subject to the approval of Bray Urban District Council and the County Council and also to the sanction of the Minister. It would be necessary also to purchase the ground rent of the premises, and it was expected also that this could be purchased for a figure of £240. In addition there would be legal costs. The total outlay was estimated at £2,750, and it was proposed that one-half the cost be borne by each local authority. Each Council, consequently, would have to meet the capital outlay of about £1,375, and it would seem advisable for each Council to provide for a round figure of £1,400. In the case of the County Council it was suggested that this outlay be defrayed from the Revenue allocation from Rates for Main Roads in the north-eastern area in 1958/59. The County Engineer was preparing a road plan showing the road improvements and this and other supporting documents would be forwarded to the Department of Local Government for their approval without delay. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,
Resolved:—

"That having considered report on discussions with Mr. Gerard Ogle and representatives of Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council in regard to the proposal to acquire his interest in shop and premises at Castle Street, Bray, for the purpose of road improvements, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government of the acquisition of premises at a price of £2,400, and approve also of the purchase of ground rent and of legal costs involved, subject to Bray Urban District Council also approving of the proposals, the costs of which will be shared equally between Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council; we agree that provision be made in the estimates for road works for the coming financial year to defray the Council's share of the cost of the acquisition of the premises."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—RECONSTRUCTION OF ST. VALERIE BRIDGE.

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

R.27/6/9.

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

Roads, Custom House,
Dublin.

30th November, 1957.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 5th November, 1957, and previous correspondence regarding the proposed new road bridge at St. Valerie, Bray, Co. Wicklow, and to point out that the grant of £21,000 notified in this Department's letter of the 5th July, 1957, is being made available from the Special Road Fund Allocation for bridges, and there can be no question of diverting it to alternative road improvement works.

With regard to the Council's request for a special grant to defray the cost of the approach roads and land acquisition, I am to state that the Minister will be prepared to consider sympathetically in due course the question of a revised grant to cover 75% of the cost of these items when detailed documents are submitted.

The Department should be informed in due course of the Council's decision on the matter.

Mise, le meas,

The County Manager referred to the discussions with the members of the Council for the Bray electoral area in regard to the proposed reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge, and to the alternative schemes of road improvement in the district which had been suggested to the Department following the discussion with the members. The Department, however, had not given their views in regard to these alternative proposals which related to the road from Kilcroney to Enniskerry and the road from Enniskerry via Tinnahinch Bridge to Kilmacanogue. As regards the proposed reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge, the County Manager stated that there was a reduction in the original estimate for the work and the total cost including approach roads and acquisition of land was now estimated at £30,000. If 75% of the total cost of the works were met by State Grant, including the cost of land acquisition, the Council would have to provide the sum of £7,500 from rates. If land acquisition were excluded from the costs, the amount to be provided by the Council would be £9,750. The County Manager stated that the local members felt that St. Valerie Bridge was not a serious traffic hazard in view of the few accidents which had occurred there, and that improved vision at the bridge could be afforded by removing walls and replacing them by railings. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to communicate again with the Department and to request the Department's observations in regard to the alternative proposals submitted by the Council.

ITEM No. 7—ROAD FROM GLENMALURE TO GLEN IMAAL.

The following letter from Department of Lands, Forestry Division, was submitted:

22 Upper Merrion Street,
Dublin, C.17.

31 Deire Fomhair, 1957.

Glenmalure Forest—Roadway at Camenbologe.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to draw your attention to the following. There is an old roadway running through the State Forest in the townland of Camenbologe, 6"O.S.Ref. 22 Wicklow. This roadway known as "The Black Banks Road" runs from Glenmalure—from the ford at Baravore, along by the Avonbeg River, through the Forest and thence westward to Glen Imaal. At the time the property in Camenbologe was being purchased by this Department in 1946, Messrs. Matheson, Ormsby and Prentice, Solicitors for the Vendor (Mr. A. E. Prentice) described this passage as an old military road and stated that they understood that your Council had, for some years a scheme before them to remake the road.

When the property was taken over by the Department, the road was impassable except for foot traffic. The Department carried out some work on parts of the roadway in order to make it usable for Forestry purposes. Now, in addition to local users and the Forestry Division, the road is also being used by tourists for motor traffic, particularly during Summer time.

Would you please be good enough to investigate the position and say whether your Council would be prepared to take over this road formally as part of a public highway linking Glenmalure with Glen Imaal. This Office would be pleased to have your views on the matter at your earliest convenience.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The County Engineer reported that he had communicated with the Secretary of the Department of Defence in the matter as he felt that that Department would be concerned since the Irish Army artillery range was located in the Glen Imaal. On receipt of a reply from the Department he would submit his further observations, but in the meantime, subject to the agreement of the Department of Defence, he considered that the road would be an excellent one to have for use either for forestry or tourist purposes, and he strongly recommended that it be taken over as a public road. The County Secretary stated that the Department of Defence had informed him by telephone that it was unlikely that they could have a reply available for the Council's meeting that day as it would be necessary to consult the Curragh Command and subsequently the Director of Artillery. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That subject to the Department of Defence indicating that there is no objection to the proposal, we approve of the road known as The Black Banks Road being declared to be a public road and direct that the necessary public notice be given of the Council's intention. We agree that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for a special grant for the purpose of reconstructing this road in view of its attraction for tourist purposes."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that application be made for a special grant for the development of this road for tourist purposes.

ITEM No. 8—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government to introduce and provide funds under the Local Authorities (Works) Act with a view to relieving unemployment and carrying out works of a reproductive nature. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each County Council and to the County Councils' General Council."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. J. McCrea pointed out that valuable work had been done under these grants in previous years but that other work was very necessary. Councillor Hammond supporting the proposal pointed out that the carrying out of drainage works in winter was most unsuitable. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stressed the desirability of co-operating with the Department of Agriculture in Land Project Schemes.

ITEM No. 9—OLDCOURT WATER SUPPLY.

The County Manager stated that a group of residents in Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, wished to have permission to extend the pipeline from the Oldcourt Water Supply to serve their premises. They were prepared to carry out the work themselves and proposed to use plastic piping. They had asked if they could have the water free of charge from the point to which the supply had been extended a few years ago. The Assistant County Engineer, however, had now reported that it would be necessary to construct a storage tank if all the people mentioned wished to be supplied. He also mentioned that he had reason to believe and from what he heard and observed in the previous summer that the water was required for other than domestic use. The approximate cost of the storage tank would be £250. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not supply water free of charge for non-domestic use. In reply to enquiries from members, the Assistant County Engineer stated that the cost of extending the water supply to serve these houses had been estimated in 1955 at £1,050. There were 15 houses along the road, 9 of which were farm houses, one a Council cottage and the remainder privately owned rented houses. The Council at the time felt that the expenditure of £1,050 would not be justified. In August, 1955, the Council approved of an extension of the supply, a distance of 440 yards at a cost of £112 and this work was carried out. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for submission of a more comprehensive and detailed survey.

ITEM No. 10—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL COTTAGES AT RODDENAGH.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had estimated the cost of piping water to the roadside from the Forestry Department property to serve Council cottages at Roddenagh at £160, exclusive of legal fees, stamp duty and wayleave. The wayleave would involve the felling of a number of trees and the Forestry Department would have to be compensated for this. The Health Inspector in a previous report had stated that a well serving these 6 cottages was satisfactory and was in easy reach of each cottage. The County Secretary pointed out that no sanction had been received by the Council to the application for the raising of a loan to finance the provision of pumps and wells, etc. The Council noted that it would not be possible to consider the provision of a water supply at present.

ITEM No. 11—CARRIG WATER SUPPLY.

The Council deferred this Motion in the name of Councillor Miley for his attendance.

ITEM No. 12—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BALLINACLASH.

With reference to Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Quigley and J. Everett, T.D., for the provision of three public lights at Clash, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he visited

Ballinacash at night time and that the matter of the provision of public lighting was a matter of policy for the Council. There was no public lighting at present in Ballinacash and it probably could do without lighting. If the Council wished to improve the amenities of the place, the Assistant County Engineer suggested that two lights would be sufficient, one on a new pole on the Greenane side of the bridge and one on an existing pole which would light the Post Office and the house there. There were 10 houses in the village. The Council agreed that an Estimate be obtained from the E.S.B. of the cost of providing two public lights at the points recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM No. 13—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT MOYNE.

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Hammond, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that in the village of Moyne there was one school, one church and one shop and no other houses. It did not appear that the provision of public lighting would be justified. The County Manager stated that the only dwelling was that attached to the shop and it was not the Council's policy to provide a light for a shop only. The Council agreed that public lighting should not be provided.

ITEM No. 14—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE BRIDGE, BALTINGLASS.

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Secretary stated that he had not yet obtained the recommendation of the County Engineer on the matter. The Council agreed to adjourn the Notice of Motion to the next meeting.

ITEM No. 15—FORMER WICKLOW COUNTY FEVER HOSPITAL.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the borrowing of a supplementary loan from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the balance of the cost of the alterations and extensions to the former Wicklow Fever Hospital. The Department of Health had indicated that in view of the comparatively small amount required that the Council approach the Treasurer for a loan, and the Council's Treasurer had now indicated that his Board would be prepared to provide a loan repayable over a period of 15 years with interest at the usual rate. The amount of the supplementary loan required was £2,249-8-0. The Department had conveyed sanction to the borrowing of this sum from the Council's Treasurer. It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. Donnelly,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 26th November, 1957, from Department of Health and letter of the 11th November, 1957, from National Bank Ltd., we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,249-8-0 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., repayable over a period of 15 years with interest at the usual rate for the purpose of defraying the balance of the County Council's share of the expenditure on the alterations and extensions to Wicklow Fever Hospital."

ITEM No. 16—ACCOMMODATION FOR MEETINGS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The County Engineer stated that he had investigated if the Caretaker's apartments at the Courthouse could be adapted for use as a Council Chamber. The area of the largest room available was 26' 6" by 14' with a ceiling height of 9' 6". The present Council Chamber, excluding the portion behind the barrier, measured 24½ x 21½ with a ceiling height of 14' 6". He felt that the room in the Caretaker's apartments would scarcely be large enough for Council

meetings. The County Engineer suggested that a Council Chamber might be built in the yard adjoining the Council offices with entrance from the Council offices, and estimated the cost at about £3,000. There would in addition be the cost of furniture, etc., and the total cost might be substantially more. Councillor Hammond asked whether the Caretaker's apartments might be used as accommodation for the Committee of Agriculture. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to appoint a Committee to inspect the Caretaker's apartments. The following members were appointed to constitute the Committee: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson and J. J. McCrea.

ITEM No. 17—RE-ORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was submitted:

11/29/38.

Dublin.

14 Samhain, 1957.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 16th October and previous correspondence about the local authority Veterinary Service in County Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, having regard to the statutory position indicated in this Department's letter of the 8th October as to your Council's obligation to appoint permanent Veterinary Inspectors on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners in place of the present temporary arrangements in the county, it is not understood why the Council have deferred for a further six months the making of the required permanent appointments for the five revised districts in the county (excluding Bray Urban District). The matter has already been under consideration for an unduly prolonged period since 1955, and it is not clear why the Council are not prepared to consider without further delay the question of the remuneration to be attached to the permanent posts with a view to expediting the making of the appointments.

I am accordingly to request that you will furnish your further observations in the matter as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: J. Wallis,

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The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Members of the Council expressed the view that the existing Veterinary Services were quite satisfactory and that the Council was satisfied with the services provided by the present temporary Veterinary Inspectors. On a point of explanation the County Manager stated that it was provided by statute that these posts should be permanently filled on recommendations from the Local Appointments Commission. The Council's proposal at a previous meeting to defer the matter for six months could not be given effect to. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That this Council, recognising the statutory requirements applying in relation to the permanent filling of posts as Veterinary Inspectors and having noted the terms of the letters of the 14th November and 8th October from the Department of Agriculture, approves of the following rates of remuneration for the posts of Veterinary Inspectors for the revised Arklow, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Baltinglass and Rathdown Districts and approve of proceeding with the making of recommendations by the Local Appointments Commission of suitable persons for permanent appointments to the posts:

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| 1. Rathdown No. 2 Former Rural District and Newcastle Dispensary District | £216 |
| 2. Baltinglass No. 1 Former Rural District | £327 |
| 3. Wicklow and Annamoe Dispensary District (including Wicklow Urban District) | £262 |
| 4. Arklow, Avoca and Dunganstown Dispensary Districts (including Arklow Urban District) | £216 |
| 5. Rathdrum and Aughrim Dispensary Districts and Shillelagh Former Rural District | £309 |

Passed; Councillor Dr. Donnelly and C. W. Hudson dissenting.

ITEM No. 18—MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO FORMER OFFICER OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that the Vocational Education Committee had approved of payment of a Marriage Gratuity of £270 under the provisions of Section 22 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, to Mrs. M. P. O'Byrne, formerly Miss M. P. Mullan, in respect of six completed years of service with the Committee. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of payment of Marriage Gratuity of £270 to Mrs. M. P. O'Byrne, formerly Miss M. P. Mullan, in respect of her service as a teacher with the Vocation Education Committee and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this gratuity."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 19—OFFICE PREMISES BILL, 1957.

The County Secretary gave particulars of the Office Premises Bill, 1957, which was before the Dail. The sanitary authority was the enforcing authority except in the case of offices occupied by the State and offices and places to which the Factories Act applied, other than Section 13 of that Act which related to ventilation and was enforceable by the Council. The act applies to any premises, room, suite of rooms, or part of premises in which persons were employed on clerical work, but did not apply to offices where the number of persons employed did not exceed 5. The Act provided for regulations being made by the Minister in regard to cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation, lighting, sanitary conveniences, unsuitable rooms, means of escape in case of fire, washing facilities, facilities for sitting, first aid, welfare regulations, etc., and these provisions would be enforceable by the County Council in the County Health District. The Council noted the provisions of the Bill and the extra duties which would be imposed on the local authority.

ITEM No. 19—EXAMINATION FOR CLERK TYPISTS.

The County Secretary submitted the results of the examination for Clerk-Typists held on 6th November, 1957. 18 candidates competed, of which number 14 passed. The Council's Examiner stated that the type of candidate was good and that the performance of the first five candidates was very creditable. The Council noted the results of the Examination which were as follows:

Result of Examination for Clerk-Typists, November 6th, 1957.

Order of Merit	Name and Address	Total Marks
1.	Anastasia B. Doyle, Railway Road, Gorey	1,570
2.	Brigid A. Bolger, Slieve-na-Vode, Avoca	1,547
3.	Jean Mary Kilcoyne, 3 St. Laurence Park, Wicklow	1,499
4.	Milfred A. Cox, 23 Knockanpierce, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	1,482
5.	Mary H. Nally, Lanesboro' St., Roscommon	1,478
6.	Winifred M. Ryan, Silvermines, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	1,248
7.	Mary R. Dunne, Summerhill, Enniskerry	1,234
8.	Julia M. Doyle, Summerhill, Wicklow	1,220
9.	Jane M. Doyle, 81 North Main St., Wexford	1,192
10.	Margaret C. Kehoe, Carrinstackle, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	1,134
11.	Mary B. O'Connor, 11 Sarsfield St., Nenagh	1,041
12.	Pauline A. Behan, Cross Chapel Road, Blessington	1,018
13.	Eliz. Haughton, 4 Gilbert's Row, Rathdrum	915
14.	Eliz. A. Sheerin, "Failte," Rathdown Rd., Greystones	893

Employment of Men.

Councillor McCrea and Councillor Quigley submitted names of men who were seeking employment and asked if some employment could be provided for them.

Footpath at Shillelagh.

Councillor Hammond referred to complaint he had made in regard to the need for repairs to the footpath at Shillelagh and stated that this section of pathway had not been repaired. The County Engineer stated that he would arrange for repairs to this footpath.

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