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## 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, 13th January, 1958, 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. M. 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, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. Hickey and P. McGuinness, were present.

### AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of December, 1957.
2. Blessington Housing Scheme: letter from Department of Local Government in regard to proposal to provide rere access to six houses at Blessington.
3. Applications under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Repairs carried out during the month of December, 1957.
6. Estimates of repairs to cottages.
7. Application from Greystones and District Civic Association for reception of deputation.

### Resolution of Sympathy:

On the proposal of Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, County Engineer, and his family on the death of his mother.

### ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT

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

The Chairman and Members,  
Wicklow County Council.

#### 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 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 December, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

#### Housing Scheme at Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that the latest date for the receipt of tenders for the housing scheme at Avoca was 18th January, 1958, and that the tenders received would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

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

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of the 5th December, 1957, in regard to the Council's proposals for the provision of rere access to the 6 houses in course of erection at Blessington, had

stated that it was considered that the access from front to rere via hall and scullery provided in the house plan was adequate to meet the needs of the tenants in the scheme. The sand/gravel surfacing proposed, while economic in the first instance, would not last unless it had constant attention, and the cost of maintaining it would, therefore, have to be allowed for in the estimate of cost of the proposal. As the cost of erecting the houses was already high, the Department considered that the additional expenditure was not justified and that the original scheme, without rere access, should be adhered to by the Council.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer's estimate of cost was made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Fencing, 35 lin. yds. at 6/- per yard	10	10	0
Sand/Gravel Road, 70 lin. yds. x 3 yds. wide	42	0	0
Gates, 5 wooden at £6 each	30	0	0

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There would be a credit of £20 in respect of the substitution of a tarmacadam footpath for a concrete footpath, making the net cost £62 10s. 0d., or approximately £10 per house. Councillor Miley expressed disagreement with the Department's opinion on the matter and felt that it was most desirable that rere access be provided while the houses were in course of erection. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that it would be necessary to obtain the cost of providing iron gates instead of wooden gates. The Council deferred the matter for the purpose of the submission of an estimate of the cost of iron gates instead of wooden gates, and also of the cost of maintaining the rere access road in the sand/gravel method of construction. It was pointed out by the County Manager that the houses being provided at Blessington were of an urban type and that it was not usual to provide separate rere access to houses erected in a town. The additional cost of providing rere access would have to be met by an increase in rent, and such increase would probably be about 6d. per week or maybe more dependant upon the revised estimate of the County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 3—APPLICATIONS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council considered application of Mr. William Murphy for the transfer to him of a loan granted to Mr. McGarry for the erection of a house at Cliff House, Windgates, Bray. The Council agreed to the transfer of the loan provided that Mr. Murphy undertook to reside in the house and agreed also to carry out planting so as to screen the house from view from the public road. The Council considered also an application of Mr. Laurence Cummins, Blessington, for a loan of £300 in respect of the erection of a new house. The Council noted that Mr. Cummins was 82 years of age and, consequently, a loan could not be made to him. The Council noted also that plans and specification for the house had not been submitted.

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

The County Secretary stated that permission had been granted by the Council under the Town and Regional Planning Acts for the erection of filling station by Mr. Thomas Gregory, at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy. It had now been ascertained that the site of the filling station was on a plot attached to a Council cottage which was vested in Mr. Gregory. It had been pointed out to Mr. Gregory that under the conditions of the purchase scheme neither cottage nor plot could be used for business purposes. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter pending the obtaining of the advice of the Council's Solicitor. In regard to the permission granted to Mr. Thomas Ellis, Newtownmountkennedy, for the erection of a filling station at Newtownmountkennedy, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the filling station had not been erected in accordance with the plans and was unfinished, and was most unsatisfactory in appearance. A letter had been addressed to Mr. Ellis informing him that the filling station should be completed immediately and strictly in accordance with the plans approved. The Company which had pre-

pared the plans for the filling station for Mr. Ellis had also been informed to this effect. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### Proposed New National School at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that in agreeing to the site for the new National School at Kilcoole, the Council had asked that the boundary walls be set back at the corner and alongside the main road so as to allow for easing of the corner. The Office of Public Works and the Parish Priest were agreeable to this proposal, but it would be necessary for the Council to level portion of the plot which was being ceded to the Council for the purpose of easing the corner. The Council agreed that the plot be acquired by the Council and the fence set back.

#### Proposed New National School at Kilmacanogue.

The County Secretary stated that there had been discussions between the Council's Engineers and representatives of the Office of Public Works and the local clergy in regard to the entrance to the proposed new National School at Kilmacanogue. The Office of Public Works had agreed to consider the proposed road improvements to be carried out on the road adjoining and to submit revised details of the entrance to the school, but these had not yet been received. The Council agreed that an enquiry be addressed to the Office of Public Works on the matter.

Having noted the recommendation of the Assistant County Engineer, the Council agreed that permission be given to Mr. William Doran, Blessington, for the erection of a milk stand outside his premises at Main Street, Blessington, subject to his undertaking to remove the milk stand, if required to do so by the Council, at any time.

The Council considered an application submitted by Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect on behalf of Miss T. Lawler, for the erection of a dwelling house and shop at Kilmurray North. The report of the Assistant County Engineer on the proposal, in which he gave as his opinion that the proposal lent itself to a type of development which would be highly undesirable in the locality, having regard to the rural and scenic amenities afforded by the environment, was submitted. The Assistant County Engineer pointed out that if the proposal was approved it would render it very difficult to prevent further development on similar lines which would not be desirable in the district. The Council noted the report of the County Engineer on the matter, in which he stated that he considered the proposal would be an amenity to the district, and there was no objection to the use of the site in view of easy access being provided and recommending that permission might be granted. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that permission be refused, with Councillor Edward Byrne dissenting.

#### ITEM No. 5—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT TO COTTAGES DURING DECEMBER, 1957.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of December, 1957, as submitted by the County Engineer.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCarthy regarding repairs to a cottage occupied by a Mr. McDonald at Arklow, the Assistant County Engineer stated that these repairs were not yet carried out as he had not staff available at present.

#### ITEM No. 6—ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES.

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

#### ITEM No. 7—GREYSTONES AND DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 7th January, 1958, from Greystones and District Civic Association in which it was requested that the Committee of the Association be received in deputation by the Council for the purpose of submitting various matters for the Council's attention. The County Secretary also submitted letter of the 7th January, 1958, from the Association in regard to estimates of cost of works at Greystones Harbour. The Council agreed that a deputation from the Association be received by the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area at the next local meeting to be held at the Town Hall, Bray. The Council deferred consideration of the letter from the Association in regard to report on Greystones Harbour.

#### Felling of Trees at Devil's Glen, Ashford.

The Council noted letter of the 4th January, 1958, from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, indicating that the Minister proposed to issue a

general felling licence to Captain C. B. Tottenham, Cappagh Cottage, Ashford, in respect of the clearing of scrub oak from the area known as the Devil's Glen, retaining a minimum of from 50 to 100 stems per acre. The Council agreed that the Forestry Division be informed that the Council had no objection to the felling from an amenity point of view provided that the usual replanting conditions were imposed.

#### Malicious Injury Claim.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received a claim for compensation in respect of criminal injury to property in the sum of £1,500 arising from a fire on the 5th January, 1958, at the premises of Mrs. Doyle, Beechmount, Carnew. The Council noted that the claim would be opposed. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that it would be desirable to instal a siren for the purpose of calling out the fire brigade at Carnew.

#### Tenders for Light Fire Engine.

The following tenders received in response to public advertisement for a light fire engine for the Greystones fire brigade were opened in the presence of the members of the Council:

	£	s.	d.
Grange Garage Ltd., Dean's Grange, Dublin	1,442	13	2
W. G. Wilkinson Ltd., Dublin	1,481	12	6
Lincoln and Nolan Ltd., Dublin	1,317	13	2

The Council referred the tenders for examination and report by the Chief Fire Officer.

#### Employment of Men on Road Works.

Councillor J. J. McCrea referred to the big reduction in the numbers employed on road works and handed in the following Notice of Motion, which was accepted by the Chairman:

"In view of the wholesale dismissal of road workers, I would ask the County Secretary to report for Monday's meeting of the County Council the following particulars:

- (1) Number of men at present employed in the various engineering districts;
- (2) Amount of money raised from rates and Government Grants under the Road Works Schemes for the years 1954/55, 1955/56, 1956/57 and 1957/58;
- (3) The total amounts of moneys spent from 1st April, 1957, up to 31st December, 1957, on the hiring of machinery and all other machinery charged against the road work scheme.

Signed: J. J. McCrea,  
James Everett.

Councillor I. Everett, T.D., supporting Councillor McCrea in regard to the Notice of Motion asked also that a report be submitted on the condition of the Main Road at Kilmacanogue. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that if it were essential to reduce the number of men in employment that the employment be rotated on the basis of men being a fortnight on and a fortnight off. Councillor McCarthy also asked that regard be had to length of service when it became necessary to reduce the number of men employed.

#### Dumping of Refuse at Rathdrum.

Councillor Haughton complained of the dumping of refuse from streets at Rathdrum alongside the public road and asked if arrangements were being made to have this refuse removed. He referred also to a man with a wheel barrow being employed for the purpose of clearing refuse from the streets and stated that a carter previously employed was now engaged only as a road worker.

Councillor Kehoe referred to complaint he had received from Mr. Michael O'Neill, Tuckmill, in regard to sewerage stated to be discharging near his residence. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be examined and a reply sent to Councillor Kehoe.

#### Caretaker's Apartments at Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Council noted that a report on this matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

#### Plot at Glenealy Cottages.

Councillor Haughton asked if the ditch in front of the cottages at Glenealy could be levelled and a playground provided for children in the cottages and repairs also carried out to the approach road. The County Engineer was asked to report on the matter.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th January, 1958, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, J. Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, 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.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

### AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd and 9th December, 1957.
2. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958—to consider applications to compete under Council's Scheme.
3. Road from Glenmalure to Glen Imaal—to consider taking over road as a public road and letter from Department of Defence.
4. Use of roads between Avoca and Arklow for haulage of ore from mines at Avoca.
5. Proposed reconstruction of bridges:—
  - (a) St. Valerie Bridge, near Kilcroe.
  - (b) Arklow Bridge.
6. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949; letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Council's resolution.
7. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. J. McCrea, as follows:—
 

"In view of the wholesale dismissal of road workers, I would ask the County Secretary to report for Monday's meeting of the County Council the following particulars:

  - (a) Number of men at present employed in the various engineering districts.
  - (b) The amount of money raised from rates and Government Grants under the Road Works Scheme for the years 1954/55, 1955/56, 1956/57 and 1957/58.
  - (c) The total amount of money spent from 1st April, 1957, up to 31st December, 1957, on the hiring of machinery and all other machinery charged against the roads works scheme."
8. Water supply for Corrig, Blessington.
9. Caretaker's apartments at Courthouse, Wicklow; report on inspection by Committee appointed by Council.
10. Application of Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for increased subsidy from Council.
11. Public Lighting at the Bridge, Baltinglass.
12. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 2nd and 9th December, 1957."

Passed unanimously.

### ITEM No. 2—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1958.

The County Secretary stated that 83 applications had been received to compete under the Scheme. The candidates consisted of 42 boys and 41 girls. Details of each of the applications were submitted to the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved:—

"That having considered 83 applications to compete under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958, we approve of the applications received, with the following exceptions:

The following applications are rejected as not coming within Clause 4 of the Scheme:—

Donal Sylvester Carroll, 8 Wolfe Tone Square E., Bray.  
Peter Oliver Garvey, 12 Upper Main Street, Arklow.  
Robert Oliver Hickson, 18 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.  
Carmel Mary Kelly, Seaview House, Killincarrig.  
Eamon Patrick Ledwidge, 12 Newcourt Villas, Putland Road, Bray.  
Aidan Thomas Murtagh, The Hospital, Newcastle.  
Catherine Imelda O'Connor, Valleymount.  
Daniel Michael O'Lehane, Roundwood, Bray.

The following applications are deferred for further examination:—

George A. M. Glynn, Rathdown Road, Greystones.  
Philomena Mercer, 3 Oldcourt Terrace, Bray.  
Ignatius Wm. J. O'Donnell, 1 Sidminton Park, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

In the case of the application of Brendan Eamonn McCann, 63 Beech Road, Bray, the Council accepted the application, although the total income exceeded by £52 the maximum for the scheme, in view of the fact that the father of the applicant had been working in England.

#### ITEM No. 3—ROAD FROM GLENMALURE TO GLEN IMAAL.

In connection with the proposal to take over as a public road the road from Baravore Ford, Glenmalure, via Camenbologe to Glen Imaal, the County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Department of Defence:—

Department of Defence,  
Parkgate, Dublin.  
18th January, 1958.

#### Road from Glenmalure to Glen Imaal.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 15th January, 1958, and previous correspondence regarding your Council's intention to take over and maintain as a public road the road from Baravore Ford, Glenmalure, via Camenbologe to Glen Imaal, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that this Department has no observations to offer on the proposed taking over by the Council of the road owned by the Department of Lands. As regards the portion of the road lying within this Department's property, I am to furnish the following observations:

1. Any alteration of the firing ranges in the Glen of Imaal area would be impossible.
2. Several parts of the road lie within danger areas.
3. If the road were opened, traffic on it would require to be stopped under Section 274 of the Defence Act, 1954, whenever firing is in progress. There were 155 such occasions in the past year. (Firing generally takes place during the summer).
4. As part of the road lies in the target area it would be liable to damage during firing practices.
5. There is a danger in the area arising from the possible presence of unexploded shells, some possibly being there from the time of the British occupation.

In the circumstances, it is presumed that the Council will agree that the opening of a public road through the area should not be considered further.

Mise, le meas,  
Runai.

An Runai,  
Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain,  
Cill Manntain.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Department of Defence, we defer the proposal to take over the road from Glenmalure to Glen Imaal as a public road, and that a copy of letter from Department of Defence be sent to Department of Lands for their observations."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 4—USE OF ROADS BETWEEN AVOCA AND ARKLOW FOR HAULAGE OF ORE FROM ST. PATRICK'S COPPER MINES, AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated that St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Avoca proposed to transport a heavy quantity of ore from the mines to the harbour at Arklow by lorries. The County Engineer stated that there were two routes by which lorries might travel from Avoca to Arklow, i.e., via Avoca Village, Kilmagig, Ballinaheasa, Templeraíne and Ferrybank, or via the main road through Woodenbridge. In the opinion of the County Engineer the road between Avoca and Templeraíne was unsuitable both from the point of view of strength of its construction and width and the number of dangerous bends and corners. The alternative route, via Woodenbridge, would be more suitable for heavy trucks, but even this route had dangerous corners and would involve the lorry traffic having to pass through the main street in Arklow. The traffic proposed would be approximately 550 tons per day over a 16 hour period, with approximately 4 trucks per hour, using trucks of 10 ton capacity. St. Patrick's Copper Mines pointed out that in view of present copper prices it was essential that their expenditure on transport be kept to a minimum. The County Secretary stated that the matter has been reported to the Department of Local Government and the Department had been asked if a special Grant could be made available towards the cost of reconstruction of the road via Avoca Village and Templeraíne, and the improvement of this route by the removal of bad corners, etc. Members of the Council agreed that it would be very desirable to improve this county road, and pointed out that the route via the main road, through Woodenbridge, was not entirely suitable in view of the number of corners on the route and of the congestion which might be caused in the main street at Arklow. The Council approved of the application made to the Department for a special Grant for the improvement of the county road.

#### ITEM No. 5—PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES:—

- (a) St. Valerie Bridge, near Kilcrouney.
- (b) Arklow Bridge.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government in regard to St. Valerie Bridge was submitted:—

R.27/6/9.  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Roads, Custom House,  
Dublin.  
6th January, 1958.

#### St. Valerie Bridge.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 11th December, 1957, and to state that, as already intimated, the grant in question is being made available from the special Road Fund allocation for bridge works, and there is no question of its diversion to alternative road improvement works if the Council decide not to proceed with the construction of the new bridge. The question of carrying out the road improvement works mentioned in your letter under reply with the aid of this grant does not accordingly arise.

The Department would be glad to be informed as soon as possible whether the Council are prepared to accept the grant.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer. *Mise, le meas.*

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the reconstruction of the bridge and approach roads, together with the cost of acquisition of land, amounted to £30,000. The Department had indicated that a Grant of 75% of the total cost would be made available, which meant that the Council would have to meet the sum of £7,500. The Loan Charges on a loan of this amount for the first year, repayable over a period of 15 years, from the Council's Treasurer at 5½% would amount to £925 approximately. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 6th January, 1958, from Department of Local Government and revised estimate in the sum of £30,000 for the construction of new bridge at St. Valerie, Bray, including construction of approach roads, etc., we approve of the borrowing of a sum of £7,500 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 15 years, to defray the Council's share of the cost of the work, subject to a grant of 75% of the total cost being made available by the Department from the Road Fund."

Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which members of the Council suggested that Arklow Bridge should receive priority and that the improvement of St. Valerie Bridge could not be regarded as urgent, it was proposed as an amendment by Councillor J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That we defer consideration of the proposal to reconstruct St. Valerie Bridge and ask that the Minister receive a deputation from the Council to discuss the matter of the reconstruction of both St. Valerie Bridge and Arklow Bridge."

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that a Grant had been definitely allocated by the Department for the reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge, but that no definite amount of grant had been allocated for Arklow Bridge. He suggested that the Council should agree to proceed with the reconstruction of St. Valerie Bridge and that the proposed deputation to the Minister discuss only the matter of the reconstruction of Arklow Bridge. As a further amendment, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That a deputation visit the Minister for Local Government to discuss the matter of reconstruction of Arklow Bridge only."

Following a further discussion on the matter, Councillor J. J. McCrea and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed to withdraw their amendments and the original Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., was submitted to the meeting. A vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

**In Favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Kehoe, James Miley, James O'Toole, T.D., and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge ... 5

**Against:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; W. Hammond, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, Dr. B. Donnelly, J. Everett, T.D.; John Smyth, Charles W. Hudson, James D. Haughton ... 11

The Motion was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 5 votes in favour.

In relation to Arklow Bridge, the County Secretary submitted the following resolution received from Arklow Urban District Council:

Proposed by Councillor W. Geoghegan,  
Seconded by Councillor J. McElheron,

and unanimously resolved:—

"That we, the members of Arklow Urban District Council, wish to impress on Wicklow County Council that the improvement of Arklow Road Bridge by suitable widening is a matter of urgency, as the bridge is altogether too narrow

for present-day traffic, and from recent happenings it is evident that it is very dangerous. This Council is also of the opinion that a temporary measure, such as the raising of the foot-path level would not be of any avail."

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Consulting Engineer estimated the cost of widening the bridge on the upstream side at £16,500, and for the widening on the downstream site at £9,500. He pointed out, however, that if the bridge were to be widened on the upstream side only, the figure of £16,500 should be increased to approximately £18,000 due to the difficult conditions under which the work would have to be carried out. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we request the Department of Local Government to allocate a Grant towards the cost of improvement of Arklow Bridge."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 6—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.

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

W.202/1/9a.  
Roads, Custom House  
Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Dublin.  
Courthouse, Wicklow. 9th January, 1958.

#### Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer further to your letter of the 11th ultimo regarding a resolution adopted by the Council at their meeting on the 9th ultimo in relation to the above subject, and in this connection to refer to the Department's Circular Letter of 28th June, last, in which the position in connection with Local Authorities (Works) Act Grants in the current financial year was outlined.

I am to add that the financial provision (if any) to be made in respect of grants for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, in any future year could not be anticipated at this stage.

*Mise, le meas.*

The County Secretary stated that in the letter of 28th June, 1957, from the Department it had been stated that as announced by the Minister for Local Government when introducing the Department's Estimate in An Dail, it had been decided that no Grants would be available for the current year for new schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., AND COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA IN REGARD TO NUMBERS OF MEN EMPLOYED AND MONEYS RAISED FROM RATES AND GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND COST OF HIRE OF MACHINERY.

As requested in the Notice of Motion, the County Secretary submitted the following information:—

1. Number of men at present employed in the various Engineering Districts was as follows:—

North-east	77
South-east	82
South	45
West	77

TOTAL 281

2. The amount of moneys raised from Rates and Government Grants for the years 1954/55, 1955/56, 1956/57 and 1957/58, were as follows:—

	Rates	Grants	Total
	£	£	£
1954/55	117,124	194,494	311,618
1955/56	117,624	172,294	289,918
1956/57	125,892	155,361	281,253
1957/58	125,892	133,361	259,253

The County Secretary also submitted the following figures in regard to Grants received for Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act:—

	£
1954/55	21,000
1955/56	26,000
1956/57	22,000
1957/58	—

3. The total amount charged in respect of machinery for the period 1st April, 1957, to 31st December, 1957, was £88,446. Of this amount the charges in respect of County Council plant was £60,539 and the charge for hired machinery was £27,907. Of the amount of £60,539 in respect of County Council Plant, the sum of £21,827 represented wages.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the reduction in the numbers of men employed and to the fact that men with long service with the Council had to become disemployed. He felt that there was an excessive use of machinery and that greater employment could have been provided. Councillor Miley suggested that when the new Engineer was appointed that he should have special qualifications in regard to machinery and should be assigned duties to supervise the operation of machinery and keep control of costs. The County Manager stated that as regards the employment position, the members would have seen that there was a substantial reduction in the Grants available to the Council in the present year. No Grants for Local Authorities (Works) Act had been received, although in the previous year grants amounting to £22,000 had been available. This reduction in funds was clearly the cause for the reduction in the volume of employment. The County Manager pointed out that it was the primary duty of the Council to construct and maintain roads, and he referred to many representations which the Council had received for the improvement of roads from farmers, operators of milk lorries, shopkeepers, etc. The roads were now maintained to a very much higher standard than pre-war. The quantity of materials used was enormous as compared with the volume used in 1938/39, and the extent of the work done nowadays was very much greater than that done previously. This volume of work could not be carried out without machinery for the production of materials in quarries and the transport to distribute these materials. The Councils were being looked to nowadays as the only bodies in the counties to provide employment. He pointed out, however, that Grants used for the road improvement works did not lead to a continued increase in employment.

Following a further discussion on the matter, Councillor McCrea handed in Notice of Motion, as follows, which was accepted by the Chairman:

"I would ask the County Secretary to furnish to the members of the Council the amount of hireage charges against the Road Fund for the various types of machinery, giving the daily or hourly charge under all headings."

#### ITEM No. 11—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE BRIDGE, BALTINGLASS.

In reply to Councillor Kehoe, the County Secretary stated that the Engineer's report on this matter was not yet available. The Council decided to defer this item to the next meeting.

The Council decided to defer the remaining items on the Agenda to the meeting of the Council to be held on 3rd February.

#### Tenders for Housing Scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca.

The following tenders received in response to public advertisement for the erection of 6 houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, were opened in the presence of the members:

William O'Brien and Sons, Bray	9,145	16	0
Edward Lee, Arklow	11,444	12	6
Finlayson Bros., Wicklow	10,936	0	0
William Clarke, Wicklow	8,078	3	6
County Engineer—D.L. Unit	7,920	0	0

#### Turf Production.

Councillor J. Miley asked that particulars of the cost of the production of turf in the current year be submitted to the next meeting of the Council and also proposals for production of turf in the coming season.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillor J. Quigley:

"I will move, or someone for me, that the County Council take over and maintain as a county road the Killacoran Old Road adjoining Aughrim-Woodenbridge Road as far as Kenny-Sheridan's farmhouse."

"I or someone for me will move that a pump be erected for cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim, near Fort Faulkner."

By Councillors J. Quigley and J. D. Haughton:

"We or someone for us will move at the next meeting of County Council that three public lights be erected at Greenane."



# 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 February, 1958, at 3 p.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, M. Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, 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, P. McGuinness, attended.

## AGENDA.

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of January, 1958.
2. Housing Scheme at Kilmagig; report of County Engineer on tenders received.
3. Erection of cottages at Kirikee; letter from Council's Solicitor.
4. Enniskerry Housing Scheme: to affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage for Supplementary Loan of £1,800 from Commissioners of Public Works.
5. Disposal of sewage effluent at Avondale Park.
6. Blessington Housing Scheme—proposed provision of rere access.
7. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
8. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Repairs carried out during month of January, 1958, and authorisation of repairs.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley in regard to water supply for Carrig, Blessington.
11. Report of Committee in regard to use of Caretaker's Apartments at Courthouse, Wicklow, and proposed arrangements for caretaking.
12. Application of Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for increased Grant from Council.
13. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders made during the month of December, 1957.
14. University Scholarship Scheme, 1958.

## Resolutions of Sympathy:

On the proposal of Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor M. Deering on the death of his mother.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Deputy P. Beegan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance.

The Council noted acknowledgment received from Deputy P. O'Donnell expressing thanks for the Council's resolution of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his wife.

## ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT.

The following report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of January, 1958, was submitted:—

The Chairman and Members,  
Wicklow County Council.

### Housing Progress Report.

Gentlemen,

The present position of housing schemes is as follows:—

**1952 Housing Scheme.**

Completed: 26 houses

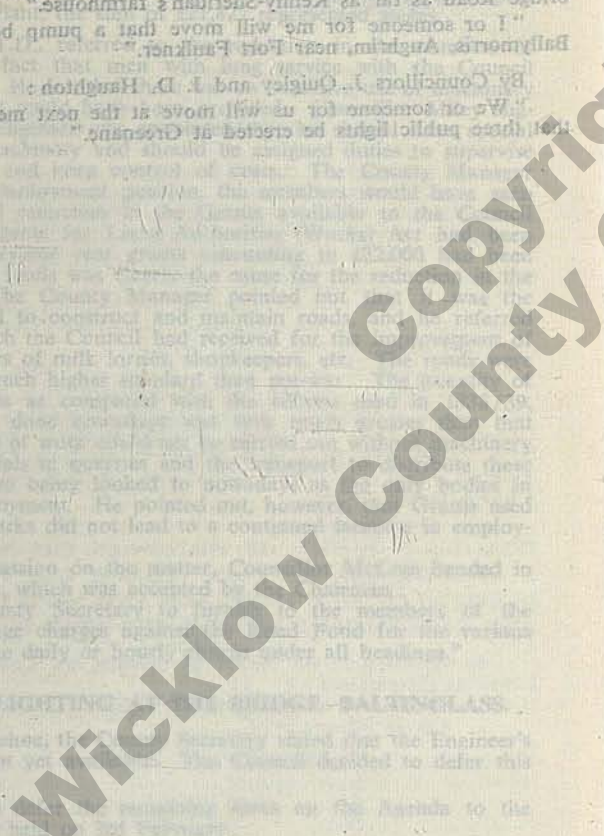
In Progress: 1 house (Kilmacoo, Site, No. 1028).

0	2,142	16	...	William O'Brien and Sons, Bray
0	11,444	12	...	Edward Lee, Arklow
0	16,936	0	...	Finlayson Bros., Wicklow
0	8,078	3	...	William Clarke, Wicklow
0	7,950	0	...	County Engineer—D.L. Unit

Turf Production.  
Councillor J. Miley asked that particulars of the cost of the production of turf in the current year be submitted to the next meeting of the Council and also proposals for production of turf in the coming season.

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

By Councillor J. Quigley:  
"I will move or someone for me that the County Council take over and maintain as a county road the Kilmagig Old Road adjoining Aughrim-Woodenbridge Road as far as Kenny-Sheridan's farmhouse."  
"I or someone for me will move that a pump be erected for cottages at Ballymore, Aughrim, near Fort Parkner."  
By Councillors J. Quigley and J. D. Harrington:  
"We or someone for us will move at the next meeting of County Council that three public lights be erected at Greenagh."



**Blessington:** 6 houses in progress (by contract).  
**Kilmagig:** Tenders received in respect of 6 houses.

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 January, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILMAGIG.**

Report of the County Engineer on his examination of tenders received for the construction of 6 houses at Kilmagig was submitted. The Council noted that the tender of the County Engineer for the erection of the houses by direct labour amounted to £7,920 and that the next lowest tender was that of Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow, in the sum of £8,078-3-6. The Council also noted that Messrs. Clarke had provided a sum of £150 in their tender to meet the cost of an Insurance Bond, and the Council considered that personal sureties would be acceptable in lieu of an Insurance Bond, and that, consequently, the tender could be reduced to a figure of £7,928-3-6, which exceeded the tender submitted on behalf of the direct labour organisation by £8-3-6. In view of the small difference involved, and since the members felt that the County Engineer was not in a position to guarantee that his figure for the cost of erection would not be exceeded, whereas the contractor could be held to the amount of his tender, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
 Seconded by Councillor J. Smyth,

Resolved:—  
 "That having considered report of the County Engineer on tenders received for the construction of 6 houses at Kilmagig, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow, in the sum of £7,928-3-6 on the basis of sureties being accepted in lieu of an Insurance Bond, and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

"We hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £7,928 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 50 years, to defray the cost of the erection of these 6 houses."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE.**

The County Secretary submitted letter dated 21st January, 1958, from the Council's Solicitor in which he stated that he had written to Messrs. W. P. Forde and Sons on two occasions requesting particulars to enable him to prepare the contract for the erection of the three cottages at Kirikee and also asking the firm to arrange for the issue of a Bond with their Insurance Company, but had not received any reply. The Council agreed that a further letter be addressed to Messrs. Forde and Sons, indicating to them that if no reply was received before Monday, 10th February, 1958, the Council would take it that they did not intend to proceed with the contract. In such event, the Council agreed that fresh tenders be invited for the erection of the three cottages.

**ITEM No. 4—ENNISKERRY HOUSING SCHEME: SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN.**

It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
 Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

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 £1,800 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1956."

Passed unanimously.  
 It was Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
 Seconded by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Resolved:—  
 "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as that of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE EFFLUENT AT AVONDALE PARK, BRAY.**

The Council considered report of 13th January, 1958, from the County Engineer in regard to the disposal of sewage effluent at Avondale Park, Bray. The Council noted that it was proposed to convey sewage from the Council's Housing Scheme at Avondale Park by pipe to the Dargle River at an estimated cost of £1,000, and to allow sewage from the septic tank on the property of the Ardmore Film Studios to discharge into this pipe subject to the Company paying half the cost of the work, up to a maximum of £500. Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to defer consideration of it to the following meeting in order that members of the Council might be supplied by the County Engineer with further particulars in regard to the type of septic tank to be used by the Film Studio Company.

**ITEM No. 6—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME.**

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by the Department of Local Government that it was considered that the access from front to rere via hall and scullery in respect of the six houses at Blessington was adequate to meet the needs of the tenants. The Council had at the previous meeting deferred the matter for particulars of the cost of providing iron gates instead of wooden gates and of the cost of maintaining the sand-gravel surface proposed for the rere access. The County Engineer reported that the cost of providing iron gates instead of wooden gates would result in an extra of £15. An expenditure of £25 within a four year period should cover the cost of maintenance of the sand-gravel surfacing, depending on the usage of the roadway. The provision of the rere access road had been estimated at £82-10-0, to which would be added a sum of £15 for the provision of iron gates, making a total of £97-10-0. In addition, there would be an average expenditure of £6-5-0 per annum on the maintenance of the sand/gravel surfacing. The cost would, therefore, involve an increase in rent of about 10d. per week. The Council decided that rere access should be provided and the cost defrayed from Revenue.

**ITEM No. 7—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.**

The County Secretary stated that a Mr. S. O'Meadhra, Ossory Lodge, Beech Road, Sandymount, Dublin, proposed to build a new bungalow at Redford to replace Bridge Bungalow. He asked if a loan or grant could be made available

towards the cost of the work. The Council noted that since the applicant had a permanent residence in Dublin and would not be residing permanently in the bungalow at Redford that no loan could be made to him. The Council noted also that Mr. O'Meadhra was not eligible for a supplementary grant.

**ITEM No. 8—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from P. C. L. Halpenny, Solicitor, for approval to the use of site on lands owned by Mr. R. J. Devereux, at Killickabawn, for the purpose of a new dwellinghouse. It had been indicated to the applicant that the site was not regarded as suitable for the purpose of a dwellinghouse, as it was felt that housing development should not be permitted along this important section of the Main Road which had recently been improved by the Council and which carries heavy and fast traffic. The Council agreed with the decision given.

**ITEM No. 9—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF JANUARY AND AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of January, 1958, and approved of the repairs to cottages in accordance with the list submitted by the County Engineer, it being noted that these were urgent repairs.

**ITEM No. 10—CORRIG WATER SUPPLY.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved:—

“That we ask the Electricity Supply Board to arrange for the provision of a water supply for the district of Corrig, Blessington, the former supply having been affected by the Liffey Hydro Electric Scheme.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—USE OF CARETAKER'S APARTMENTS AT COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARETAKING.**

The County Secretary stated that a Committee appointed by the Council had inspected the apartments formerly used by the Caretaker at the Courthouse, Wicklow, and were of opinion that none of them would be suitable for use as a Council Chamber. The room at the rear which was the largest room available would not be suitable unless it were possible to remove the wall dividing this room from the adjoining room. The County Engineer, however, reported that this wall was a main wall of the Courthouse and carried two chimney stacks and that it would not be possible to remove it. The County Secretary suggested that the front room might be suitable for use as a Motor Taxation Office and stated that many complaints had been received from members of the public regarding the unsuitable location of the Motor Taxation Office and the difficulty of finding it. He suggested also that the room at the rear might be suitable for use as a Rates Office. The Council agreed that the front room be used as a Motor Taxation Office and that the Committee of Agriculture be asked to examine the other rooms to consider whether they would be suitable for use as offices for the Committee.

The Council agreed that a man be employed for the cleaning of the offices, and that he be paid the rate of pay appropriate for Urban District Council Road Workers, and that no resident Caretaker was required.

**ITEM No. 12—APPLICATION OF IRISH SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN FOR INCREASED GRANT FROM THE COUNCIL.**

The Council deferred consideration of this application to the Estimates Meeting.

**ITEM No. 14—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1958.**

The County Secretary stated that the Registrar, Trinity College, Dublin, had indicated that Applied Mathematics was accepted by that College as an approved subject for the purpose of the Matriculation. The College still had under consideration the question of including Botany and Agricultural Science as approved subjects. The County Secretary suggested that it would be desirable for the Council to specify in the present Scholarship Scheme the approved subjects for the purpose of the scholarships and that such subjects be those which were approved by both University College, Dublin, and Trinity College, Dublin.

The Council approved of the following subjects being included in the Scheme as Approved Subjects for the purposes of the Scholarship Scheme:

Irish, English, History, Geography, Mathematics, Greek, Latin, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Physics, Chemistry and Applied Mathematics.

**Deputation from National Farmers' Association.**

The County Secretary submitted letter from the National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive, for the reception of a deputation to discuss the Estimates and Rates for 1958. The Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Association at the meeting to be held on the 10th February, 1958.

**Date for Estimates Meeting.**

The Council decided that the meeting of the Council to consider the Estimates for the year 1958/59 be held on Wednesday, 26th February, 1958, at 11 a.m., at the Courthouse, Wicklow.

**Medical Cards.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to certain cases where Medical Cards had been refused and suggested that the local members of the Council be consulted by the County Manager periodically in regard to applications for the issue of Medical Cards. Councillor P. McCarthy also referred to cases in connection with Medical Cards and asked that an item be included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council on the 10th February in regard to the matter. The County Manager pointed out that 36% of the population of the county were on the General Medical Services Register. Any substantial increase in the numbers of those registered would result in further increase in the cost of the Health Services which now cost over a quarter of a million pounds each year. The Council agreed that an item be included on the Agenda for the next meeting in regard to Medical Cards.

**Vacant Cottages.**

Councillor Hammond referred to the number of cottages in remote districts for which the Council had found it impossible to obtain tenants and suggested

that the Council should obtain authority to sell such cottages subject to a condition that they not be sub-let. He suggested that the Minister be asked for his views on the matter.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

"That we recommend the County Council to carry their risk in Workmen's Compensation including Common Law, thereby save the rates at least 1/- in the f."

By Councillor J. J. McCrea:

"Take note that I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that in preparation of the annual Road Estimates by the County Surveyor a sum not exceeding £2,000 be allocated to each Engineering District for the purpose of reconstructing cul-de-sac roads to be selected by the Local Councillors for each Electoral area."

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th February, 1958, 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.; 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 and P. McGuinness, were present.

#### AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th and 20th January, 1958.
2. To receive Deputation from National Farmers' Association, County Wicklow Executive, in regard to Estimates and Rates for 1958.
3. Turf Production; report on cost of production for season 1957, and proposed arrangements for turf production in 1958.
4. To adopt Scheme under Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Acts for 1958.
5. Proposed provision of Car Park at Brittas Bay—report of the County Engineer.
6. To make water rates for towns of Balinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnew, Shillelagh, Tinahely, Coolboy and Enniskerry.
7. Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme—cost of maintenance of scheme.
8. Disposal of sewage effluent at Avondale Park, Bray.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea for provision in annual estimates for roads of sum not exceeding £2,000 for each Engineering District for the purpose of reconstruction of cul-de-sac roads to be selected by the local Councillors for each Electoral area.
10. Machinery Hire Charges—details of rates of charge as requested by Councillor J. J. McCrea.
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that we recommend that the County Council carry the risk of workmen's compensation, including common law insurances, thereby saving the rates 1/- in the £.
12. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor J. Quigley and J. Haughton for provision of three public lights at Greenane.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that the Council take over and maintain as a County Road the Killacloran Old Road adjoining the Aughrim/Woodenbridge road as far as Kenny/Sheridan farmhouse.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that a pump be erected for cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim, near Fort Faulkner.
15. Letter from County Councils' General Council in regard to appointment of Sub-Committee to investigate proposal that certain University faculties be transferred to centres outside the Capital.
16. Issue of Medical Cards under Health Act, 1953.
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Vote of Sympathy.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the members of the Manchester United Football Team killed in the air crash at Munich.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th and 20th January, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—DEPUTATION FROM NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.**

The Council received a deputation from the National Farmers' Association in regard to the Estimates and Rates for the year 1958/59. Mr. W. Meredith addressed the members on behalf of the Association and appealed to the Council to keep the rates as low as possible for the coming year. He pointed out that the incomes of farmers were going down, and drew attention to the reduction in the price of wheat and the fall in the price of pigs. He referred to the problem of reducing costs of production and stated that rates represented one of the biggest items in the cost of production in relation to farms.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, assured the members of the Association that the Estimates would be examined in detail as was the usual practice of the Council, and that the members of the Council were all concerned to keep the rates as low as was economically possible. He pointed out, however, that the Council was obliged under Statutes to provide certain services, and it was necessary that a rate adequate to meet the cost of the Council's Services was provided.

**ITEM No. 3—TURF PRODUCTION.**

The County Secretary stated that the cost of production of turf in the Season 1957, including delivery to the Council's Institutions, amounted to £3-10-0 per ton approximately. 1,001 tons of turf was cut on Sallygap Bog, 288 tons on Farbreaga Bog, and 557 tons on Ballinagee Bog. Of the amount cut, all except 89 tons had been delivered to the Council's Institutions. The total requirements of turf for the year 1958/59 was estimated at 3,550 tons, of which 3,000 was required for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. The County Engineer had reported that he could guarantee production by Direct Labour of not more than 1,800 tons, being 1,000 from Sallygap, 600 tons from Ballinagee, and 200 tons from Farbreaga. The remainder of the turf would have to be procured from Bord na Mona.

The members of the Council felt that an effort should be made to produce as much turf as possible by Direct Labour, and it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of proceeding with the production of 3,550 tons of turf during the season 1958, if possible, for use in the Council's Institutions as recommended in the County Engineer's report of the 28th January, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY ACTS—SCHEME FOR 1958.**

The County Secretary submitted a draft Scheme under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Acts for the year 1958. The Scheme was similar to that operated by the Council during the previous year, the provision for interest, however, being increased to 5½%, that being the rate now payable by the Council.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby adopt Scheme under Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Acts for the year 1958 in accordance with the draft submitted to this meeting, the scheme being in similar terms to that operated by the Council during the year 1957."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—CAR PARK AT BRITTAS BAY.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had interviewed Mr. Justice Martin Maguire, the owner of lands at Brittas Bay, in regard to the acquisition of land for the purpose of providing a car park and access to the sea at Brittas. The County Engineer reported that the area of ground required for the road and car park was approximately 4 acres 1 rood 24 perches, and that the owner was prepared to sell this land to the Council at £100 per acre. There was also a portion of the beech which amounted to 1 acre 3 roods 38 perches, and this could be acquired at the rate of £50 per acre. The County Engineer stated it would be necessary to have this portion so as to gain access to the sea foreshore. The County Engineer estimated the cost of the work, acquisition of land and fencing at £2,358. The County Manager pointed out that this matter has arisen from complaints from the Garda Síochána regarding the congestion of roads at Brittas Bay during the summer and also complaints received by the Council of the lack of access to the sea and from persons who complained of having to pay charges for the parking of cars. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that enquiries be made from the Department of Local Government as to whether a grant could be made available from the Road Fund towards the cost of providing the road and car park, and also an enquiry be made from An Bord Fáilte as to whether a grant could be made available towards the cost of these works. The Council considered that the cost of provision of the car park and access road to the sea at Brittas should be met from State Funds and that the Department of Local Government and Justice be informed to this effect, and that in the view of the Council no grave difficulty arose in connection with congestion of the roads.

**ITEM No. 6—WATER RATES.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That the Water Rate Book as submitted by the Secretary be signed, and the Water Rates in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1958, made for towns of Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Stratford, Roundwood, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Avoca, Carnew, Shillelagh, Tinahely, Coolboy and Enniskerry as follows:—"

**Baltinglass:** 3s. 0d. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Dunlavin:** 3s. 0d. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Rathnew:** 3s. 0d. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Stratford:** 3s. 0d. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Roundwood:** 3s. 0d. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Kilcoole:** 3s. 0d. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Newcastle:** 3s. 0d. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Avoca:** 3s. 0d. in the Pound (Three Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Carnew:** 1s. 9d. in the Pound (One shilling and ninepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Shillelagh:** 1s. 9d. in the Pound (One Shilling and ninepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Tinahely:** 1s. 9d. in the Pound (One Shilling and ninepence) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Coolboy:** 6s. 0d. in the Pound (Six Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

**Enniskerry:** 6s. 0d. in the Pound (Six Shillings) on the rateable valuation of premises connected with the public water supply.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 7—ENNISKERRY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of maintenance of Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme for the year amounted to £1,100, as compared with the amount of £300 provided in the Estimates. The extra cost arose mainly from the additional expenditure on the purchase of chemicals required for the treatment of the water. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

“That having considered report in regard to cost of maintenance of Enniskerry Water Supply, we hereby authorise expenditure of £800 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the additional maintenance costs arising in the current financial year.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 8—DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE EFFLUENT AT AVONDALE PARK, BRAY.

The County Engineer had reported that he had consulted the Chairman of the Council and had pointed out to him that the Architect for the Ardmore Film Studios had been requested to ensure that waste water from the baths and sinks, etc., would be bypassed from the septic tank and a separate settlement tank provided prior to delivery into the main on the downstream side of the septic tank. The County Engineer had also consulted with the County Medical Officer of Health who expressed himself as being satisfied with the proposed arrangement.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

“That having considered report of the Assistant County Engineer dated 13th January, 1957, we approve of his recommendation for the extension of effluent outfall for sewage at Avondale Park, Bray, to the Dargle River at estimated cost of £1,000, subject to one-half of the cost being met by the Film Studio Company in respect of grant of permission by the Council for the discharge through the Council's pipe of effluent from the Company's septic tank to the river.

“We hereby authorise expenditure of £1,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for housing services to meet the cost of this work.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MCCREA RE CUL-DE-SAC ROADS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor McCrea that in the preparation of the Annual Road Estimates by the County Surveyor a sum not exceeding £2,000 be allocated to each Engineering District for the purpose of reconstructing cul-de-sac roads to be selected by the local Councillors for each Electoral area. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which it was noted by members that it would not be desirable to allocate any specified amount for such roads, Councillor McCrea agreed to an amendment in the terms of his Motion. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

“That in the annual Estimates for Roads Services for the year 1958/59, a sum of money be provided in each Engineering District for the purpose of reconstructing cul-de-sac and other roads leading to farms, such roads to be selected by the Councillors for each Electoral area.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 10—MACHINERY HIRE CHARGES.

In accordance with the request of Councillor J. J. McCrea, the County Secretary submitted details of the Rates of Charge for the various items of machinery owned by the Council. The Council asked that particulars of rates of charge be circulated to members of the Council together with particulars of the charges made in respect of the hire of plant from Contractors.

#### ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., REGARDING WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., urged that the Council consider carrying their own insurance in respect of workmen's compensation, including common law, and suggested that this would effect a substantial saving in the total cost. The County Manager stated that the Council's Contract for Workmen's Compensation Insurance would expire on 31st March, 1959. The present rate was 45/6d. plus 20%, or about 55/-, as compared with a rate of 105/- some ten years ago. The rate was, of course, related to the claims experienced. The matter of carrying one's own insurances was one which would require very careful examination as the risk was a substantial one. The Council agreed that the matter be examined by the County Manager and a report submitted to the Council at a later date.

#### ITEM No. 12—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT GREENANE.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Quigley and J. Haughton, the County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that in Greenane there was only a public house, a shop and the Catholic Church and that these were widely separated and on three different roads, and that, consequently, the matter of public lighting in Greenane was a matter of policy. In the opinion of the Assistant County Engineer it would not be necessary, as the three parties concerned could easily provide lighting for such of the public as used their premises. The Council agreed that the provision of public lighting would not be justified in this case.

#### ITEM No. 13—PROPOSED TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT KILLACLORAN.

The Council deferred for consideration at the Estimates Meeting the proposal that a road at Killacloran be taken over as a public road and maintained by the Council.

**ITEM No. 14—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT BALLYMORRIS, AUGHHRIM.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,  
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy,

Resolved:—

“That having considered report of the Assistant County Engineer and Health Inspector, we approve of the sinking of a well and provision of a pump to serve cottages at Ballymorris, Aughhrim, the work to be included on the Priority List and cost defrayed from loan.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 15—PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CERTAIN UNIVERSITY FACULTIES.**

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

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,  
Dublin.  
18 Nollaig, 1957.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 12th instant, the recommendation of the Emergency Committee “That a Sub-Committee be set up to consider the following motion from your Council was approved” :—

“That we request the Government to consider the desirability of transferring certain University faculties to centres outside of the capital with a view to decentralising education. We consider that the proposal to erect new university buildings in the city of Dublin is open to objection.”

The Sub-Committee consists of the following:—

Councillor Fitzgerald (Chairman), Senator Teehan and Deputy Brennan (from the Emergency Committee) and Councillors Breen, Cronin, McCrea and Mr. Sean Dunne (from the representatives on the Governing Body, U.C.D.).

Your Council's motion re Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, was passed and a deputation appointed to interview the Minister in connection therewith.

Mise, le meas,

Enri Mac Daibheid

Rúnai.

**ITEM No. 16—ISSUE OF MEDICAL CARDS.**

Councillor McCarthy urged that the limits of family income in the scale adopted by the County Manager for the purposes of registration for medical cards be raised in view of increases in rates of wages. The County Manager pointed out that at present 36% of the population were covered by Medical Cards. He agreed that there might be a difficulty in cases of men who are temporarily unemployed but did not hold a medical card and suggested that this matter be considered at the next meeting of the Consultative Health Committee with a view to seeing if the difficulty could be overcome. The County Manager replied to several enquires from members in regard to individual cases.

**Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.**

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee had reported that Rev. Fr. Menton, C.C., Kilmacanogue, had been transferred to a Dublin parish and that the committee recommended the appointment of Rev. Fr. Cullinan, C.C., Kilmacanogue, to fill the vacancy. It was

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

Resolved:—

“That we hereby appoint Rev. Fr. Cullinan, C.C., Kilmacanogue, as a member of the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill vacancy caused by the transfer of Rev. Fr. Menton, C.C., Kilmacanogue.”

Passed unanimously.

**Balance of Retiring Gratuity to Pre-1950 Retired National Teachers.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That the Wicklow County Council calls on the Government to make provision in the coming budget for the payment to the Pre-1950 retired National Teachers of the Balance of the retiring gratuity without delay.”

Passed unanimously.

**Disposal of Waste Water at Churchlands, Tinahely.**

The County Secretary stated that the Mortgage had now been received from the National Bank for the loan of £450 to meet the cost of disposal of waste water at Churchlands, Tinahely. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

“That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 11th January, 1958, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £450 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of financing the cost of disposal of waste water from housing scheme at Churchlands, Tinahely, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates, and the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Limited.”

Passed unanimously.

**University Scholarship Scheme.**

The County Secretary stated that in letter dated 7th February, 1958, from University of Dublin (Trinity College) it was stated that the College was prepared for the purpose of County Council scholarships to accept Botany and Agricultural Science as qualifying subjects for Matriculation, Agricultural Science to be as an equivalent to Physics or Chemistry. It was

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

Resolved:—

“That having considered letter of the 7th February, 1958, from University of Dublin (Trinity College), we agree that Botany and Agricultural Science be included as approved subjects in the Council's Scheme for University Scholarships for the year 1958, and note that for the purpose of Matriculation of the University of Dublin, Botany may be taken in place of Biology and Agricultural Science as an equivalent to Physics or Chemistry.”

Passed unanimously.

**Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958.**

The Council considered further applications to compete under the Council's Scheme for 1958. The Council agreed that a plain clothes allowance in the case of a member of the Garda Síochána should not be reckoned as income for the purposes of the Scheme and accordingly approved of the acceptance of the application of Donal Michael O'Lehane. The Council noted also that the income in the case of parent of Ignatius William Joseph O'Donnell had now been verified and was within the limits of the Scheme. The Council noted that the income of the parent of George Anthony Mary Glynn exceeded by more than £150 the limit provided under the Scheme and, consequently, the application could not be accepted. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That having considered further applications to compete under the Council's Scheme, we hereby accept the following applications :—

Donal Michael O'Lehane, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.

Ignatius William Joseph O'Donnell, 1 Sidmonton Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

The following application is rejected as not complying with the terms of the Scheme :—

George Anthony Mary Glynn, Rathdown Road, Greystones."

Passed unanimously.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 26th February, 1958, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager and County Secretary were present.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The following letter received from Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, was submitted :—

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

5 Main Street,

Bray,

Co. Wicklow.

25th February, 1958.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

Will you please convey to the County Manager and members of the Council my apologies for not being present at the Estimates Meeting. Unfortunately, I am in bed under Dr. Donnelly's care, and he says I am not to get up to-day or to-morrow. I regret my inability to be present because I consider this meeting of paramount importance in view of the serious depression in Agricultural trade in the country. I would, therefore, appeal to the members of the Council not to increase the rates by even one penny. I understand that the farmers are very worried about their position due to the fact that their pigs are unsaleable, the cut in the price of wheat and barley, and the possible effect of the European Free Market which appears to be well under way at the moment. If and when things improve, then we can see about spending more money.

In conclusion, I would remind the members of the words of the Bishop of Cork when he said "that the day for dying for Ireland had passed and that the day for living and working had arrived." It is unfortunate that everyone including myself will have to do with less until the economic position of the country rights itself.

Yours sincerely,

Signed : H. J. Byrne.

The members of the Council expressed regret at learning of the Chairman's illness and asked that their best wishes for his speedy recovery be conveyed to him.

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

Department of Local Government,  
Custom House, Dublin.  
21st February, 1958.

G.276/1.

Circular Letter No. G.1/58.

**Economy in Local Administration.**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the need, particularly in prevailing financial conditions, for securing the utmost economy in local expenditure and to request the members of rating authorities and the officers concerned in the preparation and consideration of current estimates to give the closest scrutiny to all proposals for expenditure in the coming financial year.

It will be recalled that in his Budget Speech last May, the Minister for Finance stated that the public capital programme could not be carried out if current expenditure remained at its existing level, and he emphasised his intention to search out and eliminate all wasteful and unnecessary expenditure. The efforts to secure economics in public expenditure cannot succeed without the whole-



hearted co-operation of local authorities, since a substantial portion of revenue expenditure of local authorities must be met by State subventions, and particularly since certain of these subventions increase proportionately with local expenditure. Also, as local authorities depend almost entirely on the State for their capital requirements, it is of close concern to them that the policy pursued by the State with the object of making capital available from current savings for work of national development should succeed.

The net revenue expenditure of local authorities has been increasing continuously in recent years, and in the current year is estimated at approximately £50 million. While the Minister realises that forces outside the control of local authorities are responsible for portion of this increase, he feels that it is within the power of local authorities to effect economies in current expenditure without impairing the efficiency of the services rendered. Capital requirements also should be examined with the greatest care and schemes which are not absolutely essential should not be undertaken until financial circumstances are more favourable.

The Minister trusts that the members of local authorities and the officers concerned will co-operate fully in achieving economies on the lines suggested. By so doing they will help to solve current financial difficulties and assist the national development programme.

To each/

City Manager,  
County Secretary,  
Town Clerk.

#### Road Workers Wages.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor McCarthy regarding an application for an increase in wages of roadworkers and the making for provision therefor in the Estimates, the County Manager stated that an application had been received from Employees' Unions for an increase in wages of roadworkers as had already been mentioned to the Council. A reply had been sent to the applications in which it was indicated that it was not considered an opportune time to grant increases in wages. The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Labour Court that morning asking if the Council would be agreeable to be represented at a Conciliation Conference with the Employees' Unions. An application had also been received from a Union for a Sick Pay Scheme for roadworkers, especially for overseers. The County Manager stated that no decision had been made by the Council in regard to the granting of any increase in wages and that no provision for any such increase had been made in the Estimates.

Following a discussion in regard to the procedure in examining the Estimates, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That we hold a special Committee Meeting of the Council, together with the County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer, to examine the Estimates in detail with a view to effecting such reduction in expenditure as may be possible to allow for a rate of the same level as in 1957/58."

Councillor Dr. Donnelly expressed disagreement with the proposal to examine the Estimates in Committee, and following a further discussion on the matter Councillor McCrea agreed to withdraw his proposal and the Council decided to proceed with the examination of the Estimates in detail.

#### ROAD SERVICES.

**Loan Charges.** In regard to the provision for loan charges, the County Manager stated that provision has been made for one half-year's loan charges in respect of a loan to meet the Council's share of the cost of repairs to Arklow Bridge. The Council asked that a request be made to the Department of Local

Government for a grant sufficient to cover the full cost of works at Arklow Bridge.

**Salaries of Assistant County Engineers:** Councillor Miley raised the matter of the retirement of the Assistant County Engineer for West Wicklow and suggested that no new appointment be made and that the Engineering Districts be re-allocated among three engineers. The Council asked that the advice of the Law Agent be obtained on the matter.

**Travelling Expenses of Assistant County Engineers:** Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor O'Toole, proposed that the Assistant Engineers attend only the monthly meeting of the Council. Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed to the withdrawal of the proposal and stated he would hand in Notice of Motion in relation to the matter.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we reduce the provision for travelling expenses of Assistant County Engineers by £300."

Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., moved that the amount for travelling expenses remain. On a vote being taken as to whether or not the travelling expenses be reduced it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

**In favour:** Councillors W. Hammond, M. Deering, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, C. W. Hudson—5.

**Against:** P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. Miley, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth—11.

The Motion was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 5 votes in favour.

**Salary and Travelling Expenses of Temporary Engineer:** The Council decided to omit provision proposed in the Estimates of £800 for salary and travelling expenses of a temporary Engineer.

The Council decided to proceed with the examination of the Estimates for other services and to re-examine the roads Estimates on completion of the Estimates for such other services.

#### HEALTH SERVICES.

Following a detailed examination with the County Manager of the Estimates for the Health Services, the Council made the following reductions in the Estimates:—

Maternity Hospitals	£1,400
Tuberculosis Hospitals	£600
Fever Hospitals	£500
Ambulance and Transport of Patients	£500

The County Manager stated that an application had been received from the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for a grant of £100. The previous annual payment to the Society amounted to £5. The Council decided not to recommend the increase in the grant requested.

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL.

The Council approved of the provision in the Estimates in respect of Mental Hospitals.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates for Public Assistance.

The Council adjourned further consideration of the Estimates to a special meeting to be held on Monday, 3rd March, 1958, at 11 a.m.

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd March, 1958, 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, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager and County Secretary were present.

The Council proceeded with the examination of the Estimates.

#### SANITARY SERVICES.

**Maintenance of Water Supplies:** The County Manager referred again to the high cost of water supplies for Enniskerry and Coolboy. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to reduce the provision for the maintenance of water supplies by a sum of £300.

In regard to amenity schemes, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for any repairs to the harbour at Greystones.

#### HOUSING SERVICES.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Hudson, the Council decided to reduce the provision for cottage repairs by £8,600. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., urged that the system of cottage repairs by contract be put into operation.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES.

**Public Libraries:** The County Manager referred to the recommendation of the County Librarian and the Library Committee for the employment of a Junior Assistant, and said that before considering an increase in the staff it would be necessary to have the matter examined carefully. He would arrange for such an examination to be made.

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates for General Purposes.

#### SEPARATE CHARGES.

The Council approved of the provisions made in the Estimates in respect of Separate Charges.

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that the reductions effected by the Council in the Estimates would represent a rate of about 10½d. in the £1. A further reduction equivalent to a rate of about 7½d. in the £1 would be necessary if it were desired to keep the rate at the same level as in the present year.

On the proposal of Councillor McCrea, seconded by Councillor Hudson, the Council decided to hold a special meeting in Committee on Wednesday, 5th March, 1958, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of re-examining the Road Estimates and the Estimates in general with a view to making such reductions in the Estimates as might be possible to allow of a rate being struck of the same amount as in the present year.

The further Adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on 5th March, 1958.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor W. Hammond on the death of his wife. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

The Council proceeded to examine further the Estimates for Road Services.

The members discussed at some length the use of road machinery, with special reference to the use of a Blade Grader and Loading Shovels and the employment of the sand/gravel method of road construction. Councillor McCrea suggested that Loading Shovels be not used to the same extent as formerly, thereby providing greater employment for men. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., considered that where the Blade Grader was used to reshape a road it should be surfaced immediately, as otherwise the road tended to deteriorate into a worse condition than at first. The County Manager stated that he had discussions with the County Engineer in regard to the most economical use of machinery. Mr. N. J. Byrne who had been trained in organisation and methods work had been engaged on an examination of the costs of plant. It was the primary aim to avoid, if possible, the hiring of plant and, in particular the hiring of lorries from C.I.E. It was stated that certain economies had already been achieved, as, for example, in stationing lorries at the works where possible and so saving on petrol. By improvement in planning in advance it was hoped to make better use of machinery. The County Manager pointed out that with the increasing mileage of roads to be maintained there was a greater volume of materials to be produced and transported. In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in regard to the condition of the Main Road at Kilmacanogue, the County Manager explained that the sand/gravel method of construction had been used in this case. The use of this method of construction effected a very considerable saving in cost as compared to the former method of constructing roads. Due mainly to very unsuitable weather conditions in the course of carrying out the work, the surface had not proved satisfactory, but this was now being remedied. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the sand/gravel method might not be entirely suitable for main roads which carried very heavy traffic.

**Road Grants:** The County Manager stated that no information had yet been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Road Grants for the coming year. Provision had been made in the Estimates for similar amounts of grants as in the current year. He pointed out that it was a condition to qualify for the grants that the Council make provision for a similar expenditure from rates as in the previous year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

“That we reduce the provision for County Road Maintenance and Reconstruction by £7,628 and urge that every economy be exercised in the use of machinery with a view to maintaining the level of employment on roads.”

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that if the numbers in employment had to be reduced at any time during the year, this be done during the summer when alternative work would be available on lands.

#### Appointment of Assistant Engineer.

Councillor Miley suggested again that no new appointment of an Assistant County Engineer be made following the retirement of the Assistant County Engineer for West Wicklow. The County Manager pointed out that the Council

had only four Assistant County Engineers, which was less than the number in most other counties, and that it would not be possible to reduce this number and effectively supervise road works and other engineering services. He drew attention to the extent of supervision now required in respect of roads as compared with what was necessary in former years. When roads were being maintained by the contract system, only limited supervision was necessary, but detailed supervision was required nowadays in view of the extent of the works being carried out and the higher standards to which the roads were being maintained. The County Manager stated that the Council had received a letter from the Department, dated 28th February, 1958, in connection with one of the Road Works Schemes in which attention was directed by the Department "to the obvious need for the appointment of a Technical Assistant Engineer to prepare plans for Main Road Improvement Works." As the Department had urged the appointment of an additional Technical Assistant, it could scarcely be expected that the Minister would agree to reduce the number of permanent Assistant County Engineers.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates 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 £1 levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial year ending on 31st March, 1959:—

	s.	d.
Roads	9	10.79
Health	8	0.50
Mental Hospital	2	7.55
Public Assistance	1	3.22
Sanitary	2	11.96
Housing	3	1.34
General Purposes	5	2.64
Separate Charges:—		
Vocational Education		12.481d.
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board		1d.
Criminal Injuries:		
Kilmacanogue E.D.		0.25d.
Baltinglass and Tuckmill E.D.		2.115d.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1959, as follows:—

	Arklow		Bray		Wicklow	
Roads	£2,081	3 6	£8,787	16 10	£1,746	19 9
Health	£4,855	0 0	£20,500	0 0	£4,075	0 0
Mental Hospitals	£1,587	8 11	£6,703	1 3	£1,332	10 10
Public Assistance	£961	6 5	£4,059	4 3	£806	19 1
General Purposes	£681	3 0	£2,876	3 7	£571	15 5
Separate Charges	£627	18 0			£527	1 7

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to consider at the meeting of the Council to be held on 10th March, 1958, the matter of the allocation of monies for roads as between different areas.

The following Statement and Table Explanatory of the Estimates had been circulated to the members of the Council:—

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

14th February, 1958.

#### Estimates for Financial Year, 1958/59.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending on 31st March, 1959, 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 £913,421. Receipts are estimated at £424,042. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £489,379.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were:—  
Gross Expenditure, £878,131; Receipts, £414,503; Net amount to be met from Rates, £463,628.

The total rate required for the coming year if these Estimates were approved would be 34/8 in the £ which would be an increase of 1/6 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	1958/59	1957/58	Inc./Dec.
Roads	10/6.99	10/6.15	0.84 inc.
Health	8/1.63	7/11.48	2.15 inc.
Mental Hospital	2/7.55	2/7.41	0.14 inc.
Public Assistance	1/3.22	10.24	4.98 inc.
Sanitary	3/0.26	2/9.25	3.01 inc.
Housing	3/9.71	3/4.27	5.44 inc.
General Purposes	5/2.64	5/1.20	1.44 inc.

As mentioned the Estimates now submitted would involve an increase of 1/6 over the rate in the present year, and this rise, briefly, is accounted for as follows: Roads, 1d.; Health Services, 2d.; Public Assistance, 5d.; Sanitary Services, 3d.; Housing, 5½d.; General Purposes, 1½d. The demand for the maintenance of patients in Grangeorman Mental Hospital actually showed a rise in cost for the current year equivalent to a rate of 3d. in the £, and this also would have been reflected in the Rate now submitted for your consideration but for the fact that it had been necessary last year to provide also for the liquidation of a debit balance in this account—an item which does not recur this year.

The increase of 1d. for Roads Services is due to the cost of superannuation allowances to road workers and provision for acquisition of premises at Castle Street, Bray, for road improvements.

The additional provision required for the Health Service is in the main due to the cost of hospital treatment. Some months ago it was agreed to increase the allowance to Home Assistance recipients, and in order to meet the costs arising in the present year and the full cost for the coming year a rate of 5d. would be necessary. The rate for Sanitary Services has to be increased by 3d. because of the provision necessary for loan charges on new schemes and also to meet the maintenance costs of such schemes. The Housing rate shows a rise of 5½d. due to additional provision for repairs and maintenance. In General Purposes the increase of 1½d. results mainly from the necessity to provide more for the costs of Overdraft Accommodation.

It should here be mentioned that the Estimates now submitted to you do not include any provision in respect of increases in remuneration for those in the employment of the Council. Some time ago applications from Unions seeking such increases were received, and in the past few days it has been indicated by the Unions which represent the workmen that they have appealed to the Labour Court in connection with their application. Any decision to revise rates of remuneration would add considerably to the cost of the various services included in the Estimates. In the provisional agreement entered into some time ago between the Federated Union of Employers and the Trades Unions, it was contemplated that any increased costs, which would result from alterations in remuneration would be offset by a rise in productivity. Whilst this is a very desirable and essential aim it may not be very easy to secure it, and in the case of a local authority, whilst increase in output is in fact being secured, one cannot see how reductions in costs can be achieved without a serious curtailment of services. The Council's Services are continually under review with a view to administering them at a minimum cost, and of late one officer of the Council after special training has been assisting in this matter. The careful review of services which so far has been undertaken has resulted in some modest savings, but having regard to the care generally which is being exercised and the controls over expenditure which have been in operation for some years past, it is rather unlikely that any spectacular results will be achieved. At the same time one would like to assure the Council that every effort is being made to provide at the minimum outlay the services which the Council are obliged by various Statutes to operate.

#### ROADS.

For the coming year the Rate Estimate for Roads is 10/6.99, which is an increase of .84d. over that for the present year in which the Rate was 10/6.15. It is intended that the Scheme of Road Works for the coming year would correspond in volume to that carried out in the present year. In road construction and maintenance in the past few years the output has risen to a marked extent if one measures it by reference to unit of cost. With the monies made available by the Council from Rates and by the State from the Road Fund a much greater mileage of roads has been done in recent times than would have been possible 10 to 20 years ago. This has been achieved because of the adoption of new techniques and the use of modern plant. Whereas some years ago a County Road 16' in width which had the usual unrolled stone and clay surface would have cost up to £3,000 per mile to reconstruct by means of grouting with stone and tar; such a road nowadays is being reconstructed at a cost of about £1,000 per mile. Indeed, in many instances roads are being reconstructed at a cost below £1,000 per mile. This is now possible because as already mentioned new techniques, such as the sand/gravel method of construction, are being used; there is a higher output of road material in quarries, and it can be transported rapidly to where required.

At the same time every effort is being made to provide employment for the same number of men as it had been the practice to employ in the past, but the total number to be employed is always affected by the amount of State Grants available, and since 1949 the numbers employed in the period January to March in each year has been influenced by the amount available from State Funds for Drainage Works.

The programme for improving County Roads was started in 1949, and it can truly be said that in the intervening years much progress has been made. So far 323 miles of such roads have been improved. This represents about 36% of the total County Road mileage. In the present year 73 miles of County Roads have been reconstructed and once more this is much above the yearly average which obtained after the programme was first started in 1949. At this date it is found that 46% of County Roads have modern dust-free surfaces. Prior to 1949 the proportion was only 10%. It will be evident that with the monies provided from rates and the special allocations from the Road Fund rather considerable progress has up to the present been made.

In addition to the reconstruction of County Roads work on the improvement of Main Roads was continued in the present year. Apart from the normal programme of tar surfacing a number of major alignments so as to remove difficult corners and secure ease of travel and a greater measure of safety—especially for long-distance travelling—were carried out. Some of the works at present in hands will not be completed by the end of the present financial year and provision for continuing with them is included under the heading of Main Road Improvements. These works usually are costly and there has been some criticism of them on this score, but in carrying out of them it is necessary to comply with the modern standards for Main Roads carrying heavy traffic which have been prescribed by the Central Authority. The places at which improvements are being carried out are those at which accident statistics showed there were special dangers and the extent of traffic has been borne out by a census of traffic taken from time to time. The Main Roads on which these works are being undertaken not only provide facilities for local residents but are main routes for long-distance passenger and heavy goods traffic, and consequently much higher standards are prescribed for them than for County Roads or for Main Roads which are of a secondary character.

Thus far, information as to the Grants which will be available from the Road Fund in the coming year has not been furnished to the Council; this, however, is not an unusual experience and the details are not always available when the Estimates are being prepared. In the Estimates there have been included for Main and County Road Grants sums corresponding to those receivable in the present year.

Provision has been made in the Estimates under the heading of Contingencies for the acquisition of property at Castle Street, Bray, which is required for essential road improvements at this place. Half of the cost is being borne by Bray Urban District Council. The amount to be met by the County Council is £1,450.

The cost of Superannuation of employees is up by £1,775 and is due to the fact that the Superannuation Scheme only quite recently came into operation and for a period the number of employees retiring because of age must be expected to be above average experience. This increase in cost, however, is partly offset by a reduction in the cost of retiring allowances to officials.

The Scheme for the improvement of special tourist roads was continued in the present year and a Special Grant towards the cost was once more received. With the aid of this Grant the old Military Road between the Vale of Glenmalur and Aughavannagh was improved. The completion of this work results in a road of first-class surface being available over the entire length from Glencree and from Dublin City, through the centre of the county and through some of the most striking mountain scenery in this country. This road should in the years to come be a popular route and one which will materially add to the tourist attractions of County Wicklow.

#### HEALTH SERVICES.

The cost of the Health Services, apart from Mental Hospitals, for the coming year is estimated at £276,035. Taking account of receipts from Government Grants of £129,781 and from other sources of £16,196 the net requirement will be £130,058. This represents a rate of 8/1.63 as compared with 7/11.48d. in the present year, or an increase of over 2d. The rise in cost is almost altogether due to the outlay on Hospital Treatment.

The Health Services which the Council is now administering make provision for all types of treatment—in dispensaries, at home and in institutions—for persons in the low income group, i.e., those who from their own resources could not be expected to meet any part of the cost. A wide range of services is also available for persons in the middle income group, this group being those persons and their dependants whose yearly means do not exceed £600, or farmers whose valuation does not exceed £50. For the persons in this latter group medical care

is provided for mothers and infants, free Specialist Services are available and Hospital Treatment can be had at a charge not exceeding 10/- per day—a charge which is much less than the normal daily cost. In practice, however, many of the persons in this latter group do not even contribute this charge of 10/- per day towards the cost of hospital treatment. Children from National Schools are provided with treatment in respect of defects found in School Medical Inspections, and in addition B.C.G. Vaccination and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough are arranged for them.

The treatment of infectious diseases is altogether free of charge. The disease normally provided for under this heading is Tuberculosis, as there has been a very marked decline in recent years in the incidence of other infectious diseases. In addition to providing treatment free of charge for cases of Tuberculosis, maintenance allowances to patients and their dependants are paid in many instances.

A service provided in the past few years is that for the payment of allowances to disabled persons, and it is one in which the cost has been progressively rising. However, it is thought that the number of recipients may now be approaching the maximum.

The number of medical cards issued which entitle persons and their dependants to all services, free of cost, covers 36% of the population. There has been criticism of the refusal to issue medical cards in some cases, but it is considered that a close examination of the circumstances of the families which were not regarded as being eligible for medical cards would show that the income was such as to permit them to meet the cost involved in casual treatment in the home or at a dispensary. Moreover, these persons notwithstanding that they had not been accepted as eligible for medical cards would have many services still available to them, such as hospital treatment, medical care for mothers and infants with choice of doctor, and all classes of specialist services.

Maternity Cash Grants were paid in the year ended 31st December, 1957, in respect of 575 births, which would represent 48% of the number recorded for the county.

**General Medical Services:** The amount required under this heading shows practically no change from the present year. The total cost of General Medical Services is £27,641 and is intended to meet the outlay on the health services which are provided through the local dispensary and clinics by the District Medical Officers (formerly they were known as Dispensary Doctors). In addition to the remuneration of these Medical Officers, the cost includes medicines, medical and surgical appliances for patients, the upkeep of dispensaries and clinics and loan charges on the capital cost of providing them. In recent years new dispensaries were provided at six places, viz., Aughrim, Carnew, Rathdrum, Baltinglass, Kilcoole and Avoca. A number of existing dispensaries were also improved.

**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.

The total cost of providing treatment in hospitals and other institutions for the coming year is estimated at £160,978. In the present year it was estimated at £151,185, so that there is an increase of £9,793. The rise in cost for the coming year is due to: Extern General Hospitals (£4,500), Homes for Mental Defectives and Deaf and Dumb cases, etc. (£1,650); County Hospitals (£760) and St. Colman's Hospital (£2,883).

**County Institutions:** The cost of the District Hospital at Baltinglass shows no change from the present year, but the County Hospital, Wicklow, shows an increase of £760. It is expected that the former Fever Hospital at Wicklow will be taken over shortly for use as a County Hospital. This building should provide better accommodation for patients than has been available in the existing County Hospital.

The Council's own Tuberculosis Hospital, known as St. Kevin's Sanatorium, Rathdrum, was discontinued as such during the present year and all the patients were transferred to Newcastle Sanatorium. The sanatorium building was then taken over for the accommodation of cases from St. Colman's Hospital. This

decision was taken after a special Committee of the Council had examined the matter and inspected the buildings at Rathdrum. In addition to overcrowding and lack of adequate sanitary facilities, it was felt that the use of the cramped and rather inaccessible attic apartments in St. Colman's Hospital for old and infirm persons was very undesirable and might be attended with grave risk in the event of a fire outbreak. The Council perpetually was being urged by relatives to arrange for the transfer of patients from the Sanatorium at Rathdrum to Newcastle Sanatorium, and it had been found necessary to insist that full use be made of St. Kevin's Sanatorium as heavy overhead costs would be involved if the institution was not used to capacity. Relatives will no longer have reason to make representations of this character nor will members have to attend to them. Furthermore, much better accommodation will be available for the old persons maintained in St. Colman's Hospital.

The number of persons in St. Colman's Hospital has not varied considerably in the past few years and normally is about 200. The increase in cost for the coming year is due to the taking over of the sanatorium premises as the overhead costs (heating, lighting and maintenance) formerly chargeable to the treatment of tuberculosis now becomes part of the cost of St. Colman's Hospital.

**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; Homes for Deaf and Dumb Persons and other Institutions which provide special services.

The expenditure on treatment in extern general hospitals once more shows a marked rise, and at £50,000 is £4,500 more than in the present year. It is found that the tendency for an increasing resort to hospital treatment is still evident. In the case of General Hospitals the trend seems to be towards a somewhat shorter stay but with a considerable rise in numbers.

The maintenance and treatment of persons in special homes for Mental Defectives and Deaf and Dumb Persons shows an increase of £1,650. It has been found that there has been a tendency in the past few years for parents to seek admission to special institutions for children suffering from mental and other defects, and in all these instances it seems they are being recommended to do so by Medical Practitioners. The cost at present is almost £6,000, but if the existing trend continues it may soon be very much more. Whilst in some instances there may be a prospect of cure with a possibility of the children returning home to the parents, it seems that in most instances the cases are being admitted because of the special difficulty which they present to the household. Moreover, the cost of maintenance in some of these special institutions can be very high, apart from the fact that it may be one continuing from year to year.

Generally the cost of treatment of tuberculosis continues to show a downward trend, but whilst there has been a falling off in the incidence of the disease, the reduction is in the main ascribable to earlier diagnosis, with the result that patients require much shorter terms in Institutions. It is regrettable, however, that greater use has not been made by the public of the special facilities provided for the detection of disease, especially the Mass-Radiography Service. There has been a very disappointing response when Units of this Service visited the county in recent times. It is noted that the cost of institutional treatment for tuberculosis has fallen by about £20,000 over the past 7 or 8 years—a reduction which has, however, been much more than offset by the rising costs of other forms of hospital treatment.

**Maternity and Child Health Services:** The aim of this service is to provide medical care and hospital treatment for (a) mothers and infants (up to 6 weeks); (b) children until they reach school going age (i.e., 5 or 6 years) through clinics, dispensaries and domiciliary visits from nurses and doctors, and (c) children attending National Schools by periodic inspections in the schools by the Council's

Medical, Nursing and Dental Staff, and the subsequent provision of any necessary treatment.

Mothers in the Lower and Middle Income Groups can obtain medical care with choice of doctor, and the fees to Medical Practitioners for this type of service in the coming year is estimated at £5,000. This is a reduction of £1,000 on that for the present year. The midwifery and nursing services are estimated to cost £5,750, which is a reduction of about £400 on the present year. Other services, such as, milk specially provided by the Council for Mothers and Children (£3,350), Maternity Cash Grants paid at the rate of £4 per birth to mothers in the Lower Income Group (£3,000) and General Child Welfare Services (£1,334) do not show any change. The School Health Services, i.e., the cost of inspections and treatment for children attending National Schools, at a cost of £2,750 show a reduction of about £800. The total cost of Maternity and Child Health Services for the coming year is estimated at £21,971.

**Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases:** Included under this heading are such items as Dispensary and Clinical Services for Tuberculosis, special domiciliary visits to tuberculosis patients, Mass-Radiography Examinations, B.C.G. Vaccination Services and Maintenance Allowances. The total cost is estimated at £13,532; last year it was £15,773. The reduction is mainly attributable to a falling off in the number of persons receiving Maintenance Allowances.

**Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:** The total cost is estimated at £3,196, which is a reduction of about £700 on that for the present year. The Council employs one whole-time Dentist who is altogether engaged on work in the schools; there are, in addition, four part-time Dentists who are employed on a sessional basis at various centres throughout the county. In addition, the Council engages the services of Specialists for Ophthalmic work on a sessional basis.

**Specialists' Services:** The total cost is estimated at £5,350. In addition to persons in the so-called Low Income Group, persons who fall within the Middle Income Group are also entitled to specialist services, and the District Medical Officer or any Medical Practitioner can requisition them whenever he feels they are needed on behalf of a patient. One service which is very frequently availed of to-day in connection with all types of treatment is X-ray examination. In addition to X-rays, orthopaedic, physiotherapy and numerous other specialist services are arranged for by the Council, mainly in Dublin City Hospitals. The total cost is estimated at £5,350.

**Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:** Last year this estimate showed a marked increase; for the coming year the estimate is £12,250, being £200 more than in the present year. The allowances are paid to persons who are regarded as being, as a result of illness, completely incapacitated and unable to provide for their own livelihood. The number of persons in receipt of such allowance at the present time is 244.

**Boarding-out, etc., of Children:** The cost at £6,094 is the same as in the present year. There is included here the payment of allowances in respect of children for whom the Council has made boarding-out arrangements and also a sum (£450) for the maintenance of a few children in approved schools. The normal policy of the Council for many years past has been to arrange for the boarding-out of children with foster parents rather than to send them to institutions.

**Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients:** This includes both the cost of operating the Council's own ambulance services (the Council has 4 ambulances) and the expense of hiring ambulances, cars for special cases, and transport by public conveyances. The cost at £5,500 is £500 up on that for the current year. The increasing resort to hospital treatment is reflected in the trend of this cost.

**Supervision of Food and Drink:** Under this heading is included the remuneration of Health Inspectors and Sanitary Sub-Officers. The cost is estimated at £2,920.

**Contributions to Societies:** For this purpose £1,350 is included. It covers mainly the subsidy payments each year by the County Council to the various Nursing Associations throughout the county who, in return, through their nurses, provide a service of domiciliary nursing.

An application recently was received from the new "Irish Society for the Protection of Children" seeking a yearly contribution of £100 from the Council. Formerly the Council only paid a yearly amount of £5 to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. A decision on the request for this new subsidy has been deferred as it would be necessary that there should be an indication from the Department of Health if they will recoup half the cost. But, in addition, the policy of this Society in recent times requires careful consideration, and the Council could not regard as acceptable the tendency towards seeking Orders of the Courts for the committal of children to institutions which is being followed. Institutions, no matter how well administered, cannot be regarded as being capable of replacing the atmosphere of a home, and the committal of children to them should only be resorted to in very exceptional circumstances. Of late there has been a disturbing increase in the number of cases in which parents in a position to do so have failed to maintain their children, and relieving them of the obligation by committing the children to institutions would only accentuate this problem.

**General Administration:** The cost of general administration is estimated at £9,722, which is approximately £100 more than in the present year. The cost is made up roughly of £3,000 for Medical Staff, £3,000 for General Office Staff and the balance for stationery, printing, advertising, postage, telephones, heating, lighting, insurances, etc.

**Receipts:** Of the total receipts of £145,977, the State Health Grant amounts to £129,781.

The cost of the Health Services for the coming year is estimated at £276,000, of which £130,000 would be recoupable by the State. The recoupment by State Grant is on the basis of 50% of approved expenditure, and in the present instance the approved expenditure would be £260,000, so that it will be noted that there is a balance of £16,000 which is not admitted by the Department of Health for recoupment purposes. This is almost altogether made up of Loan Charges; they are not accepted as recoupable expenditure.

**Treatment in Hospitals and Other Institutions:** The figures showing the number of persons admitted to various Institutions in the year ended 31st March, 1957, should be of interest. They are :—

Council's own County Institutions	2,096
General Hospitals (Extern)	1,906
Special Homes	4
Tuberculosis Hospitals	84
Maternity Hospitals (Extern)	628
<b>Total for all institutions :</b>	<b>4,718</b>

Members possibly will be surprised to find that the total number of persons admitted to Institutions for treatment in a period of 12 months came to 4,718.

Whilst the average number of births in the county is roughly about 1,200 per year, it will be noted that in the 12 months in question 628 maternity cases were admitted to extern Maternity Hospitals, and it is found that 176 were admitted to the Maternity Unit in the District Hospital, Baltinglass—a total of 804. The experience in the nine months ended 31st December, 1957, is that 4,032 persons were admitted to various hospitals and institutions, and it is expected that the number for the full year may reach about 5,000.

From time to time one hears the comment that the public is getting very little value for the money being spent on Health Services. But surely, the surprising total now given of the numbers admitted to institutions is adequate evidence as to the extent of the service which is nowadays being provided by the County Council; it shows that about 1 person in every 13 was provided with institutional treatment within the period of 12 months to 31/3/57 and that the proportion may be 1 in 12 in the present year. It should be remembered that the cost of the treatment given in all these cases was borne completely by the County Council. The amount paid by patients is almost a negligible fraction of the total cost.

Furthermore, the figures given above relate only to Institutional treatment which is merely a part of the extensive health services the Council is obliged to provide nowadays. In addition, very large numbers availed of the services provided by the Council through dispensaries and clinics and the specialist services which are available in Dublin City Hospitals, whilst a considerable number were visited in their homes by doctors or nurses.

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL.

The Demand from Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the coming year is £72,467; this is an increase of £5,757 on that for the present year.

The Demand would have led to a substantial increase in the rate for 1958/59 if it were not for recoupment from the Health Grant and the fact that last year a debit balance derived from the experience of the previous accounting

year had to be brought into account. The Rate for Mental Hospital Charges for the coming year will be 2/7.55d.

The total rate for the Health Services in the coming year when Mental Hospital Charges are included would be over 10/9d.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

It should once more be indicated that the services which are nowadays being provided by way of Public Assistance are of a welfare character, i.e., they are social benefits not necessarily associated with health conditions. The amount provided for the coming year for public assistance is estimated at £26,698, and the rate for the service would be 1/3d., as compared with 10d. in the present year.

The increase of 5d. in the £ arises from the decision taken some months ago to increase Home Assistance Allowances. In the present year the augmented allowances will cost £1,073, and for a full year they represent an additional expenditure of £2,788. It is necessary to make provision in the Estimates for 1958/59 for the excess expenditure arising in the present year in addition to covering the expenditure entailed by the allowances last year. In addition to Home Assistance, this service included footwear scheme, cost of burials, registration expenses, remuneration of Assistance Officers and fuel schemes under which fuel is provided free of charge to families in urban areas who may be receiving Home Assistance. The net cost of Public Assistance for the coming year after deducting certain receipts is £25,456.

#### SANITARY SERVICES

The total expenditure is estimated at £41,120, and the Receipts at £7,878, leaving the amount to be met by Rates £33,242, which would require a Rate of 3/0.26d. in the £, an increase of 3.01d. over the present year.

The actual increase in the expenditure over the present year is £3,127. It is accounted for by the following additional costs: Loan Charges, £2,600; and Maintenance of Water Supplies, £800. These are offset by a rise in receipts of about £300.

In the present year it will be necessary to meet loan charges on the new Regional Water Supply which is intended to supply Ashford, Ballinalea and Rathnew in the County Health District and also to augment the supply to the town of Wicklow. The cost of the scheme is being apportioned between the County Council and the Wicklow Urban Council. It will, in addition, be necessary in the present year to meet the full loan charges on Enniskerry and Coolboy Water Supplies and Aughrim Sewerage Scheme, and also to meet some additional charges in respect of the sinking of wells and pumps carried out some time ago and for which only part loan charges had to be met in the present year.

**Public Lighting:** The Estimate for this service shows no change, but it should be mentioned that in last year's Estimates provision had to be made for additional charges, resulting from the installation of new lighting.

At the present time public lighting is being provided by the County Council in 48 towns, villages and hamlets.

**Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes:** The expenditure on maintenance shows a rise of £850, and the total outlay for this purpose in the coming year is estimated at £7,800. The increase is due to the maintenance charges arising from new Schemes, especially Enniskerry and Coolboy. The Enniskerry Scheme is a particularly costly one to maintain, as the water, being derived from a stream which is rather acid in character, has to be treated with chemicals, and the prices for these chemicals are very high.

As mentioned earlier additional loan charges have to be met in the coming year. The gross amount is £5,272, but these are offset to the extent of £2,624 by a State Grant, so that the net increase to be borne by rates is £2,648.

New Schemes entailing heavy capital outlay, such as Aughrim Sewerage Scheme, Enniskerry Water Supply, the Regional Water Supply for Rathnew, Ashford, etc., and Coolboy Water Supply, inevitably result in a considerable addition to loan charges. In the past 6 or 7 years, in addition to improving and extending existing services the Council has undertaken the following major Schemes:—

Enniskerry Water Supply	£26,400
Coolboy Water Supply	£9,000
Regional Water Supply for Ashford, Rathnew and Wicklow (part cost)	£60,500
Glenealy Water Supply	£9,350
Baltinglass Water Supply (Improvements)	£4,800
Roundwood Water Supply (Improvements)	£1,980
Redford Water Supply (Improvements)	£1,150
Three Trout Bridge, Kilcoole—Water Main Extension	£850
Kilquade and Kilcoole—New Supply	£3,800
Newtownmountkennedy Watermain — Extension to Sanatorium, etc.	£4,420

Up to the present 38 towns and villages in the County Health District have been provided with piped water supplies, and sewerage disposal systems have been provided in 22 towns and villages.

In rural areas the Council so far has provided 117 pumps and wells at a total capital cost of £31,000. These have all been provided in the past 7 or 8 years, and notwithstanding the programme which has already been completed, it is found that there is still a waiting list of 46 pumps. It has not been found possible to borrow further monies for proceeding with this Scheme.

It is felt that in any future housing programme the availability of an adequate water supply should be a major consideration in determining the siting of houses. There seems to be no doubt but that a fair part of the capital expenditure which has had to be incurred in recent years in the sinking of wells and pumps could have been avoided if cottages had been sited in groups.

**Amenity Schemes:** From An Bord Failte, the Council has in recent years received much assistance towards the provision of amenities for tourists.

In the present year a Grant was received towards the cost of improving the Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones. The work has been completed except

for one very short section and it is most unfortunate that this small part of the Scheme cannot be completed because of unexpected legal difficulties. The Council has made every effort to solve this problem, and it is unfortunate that there should have been such abnormal delay over what should normally be quite a simple issue.

Recently the Council submitted a Scheme to An Bord Failte for improvements to the pier at Greystones and asked that a Grant might be given for this purpose. It has been urged that if the pier were repaired it would provide a valuable amenity, especially for deep-sea angling which is becoming more popular each year with visitors from abroad.

**Dumping Grounds and Refuse Collection Service:** In recent years it has been urged that the Council might provide Household Refuse Collection Services for some of the built-up areas in the county. On a number of occasions representations have been received from Greystones District and they have also been received from Residents' Associations in Baltinglass and Blessington.

If the Council were at any time to provide such services, then it is felt that the cost should be defrayed by way of a Separate Charge on the area which would benefit; it would scarcely seem reasonable to expect rural ratepayers as a whole to contribute towards the cost of special services of this character which are sought only for very limited areas. Normally a County Council does not provide services of this character in a rural area.

Again, if these services were to be given it is quite evident that in some instances they would be very costly having regard to the very low density of building in some of the districts. Whereas in the normal Urban District, where the local Urban Council would provide such a service, the density of building is anything from 6 to 12 houses per acre, it is found that in one area in County Wicklow which is seeking such a service the building density does not even reach one house per acre. The provision of urban services in any area which is to a great extent rural in character must entail costs much above the average as is evident already in connection with public lighting and water supplies.

**Cost of Sanitary Services:** Mention has just been made of the cost of providing amenity services in rural areas. A few of the recent water supply schemes have involved high capital costs relative to the population served by them. It is found for example that the capital cost per household in the case of the Enniskerry Water Supply works out at about £268. Even the annual maintenance charges, quite apart from the loan charges, amount to £11 per house served by the supply. If loan charges be included, the annual cost of the Enniskerry Water Supply would be £33 per household. The charge met by means of a special water rate will, of course, only meet a small fraction of this cost and the balance has to be met from the General Rates. In Coolboy the number of households served by the new water supply, which cost £9,230, is only 12. The Capital Cost, consequently, works out at £769 per household and the annual charge, it is found, represents a cost of £73 for each premises connected to the supply.



## HOUSING

The total estimate for this service is £118,004, and after deducting the Receipts which are estimated at £72,050, the net requirement is £45,954. In the present year the amount allowed by the Council for housing was £37,314. The increase over last year is due to the additional provision being made for Housing Repairs.

**Loan Charges:** The loan charges at £66,022 show an increase of £500 on the present year but this is in the main offset by additional receipts.

**Repairs:** In the Estimates submitted to the Council last year the provision included for repairs was £18,067, which was made up of £2,800, being the loan charges on the special 10-year loan of £20,000 raised for meeting the cost of repairs to houses for which applications to purchase under the Cottage Purchase Scheme had been received from tenants; the balance of £15,267 was for normal housing repairs and maintenance. The Council, however, decided to reduce this to £10,067, so that after meeting loan charges, the amount available for actual repair work was only £7,267. The Council did not find it possible during the past year to raise an additional loan for repairs which might be carried out to houses being purchased under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. It should be borne in mind that if such a loan had been negotiated, the resulting additional loan charges would have meant that an even smaller balance would have been available for normal repairs. The number of Council houses which, thus far, have been purchased by tenants under the Cottage Purchase Scheme and in respect of which Orders vesting them in the tenants have been made is 674. It is found that the average cost per cottage for repairs in respect of the Purchase Scheme cottages was £59. Representations regarding the necessity for repairs to particular houses are perpetually being received by the Council, and on a number of occasions special reports in connection with this problem have been submitted. As stressed on previous occasions, the rents determined many years ago bear no relationship to maintenance costs which would have to be met to-day and having regard to the changes in money values, in incomes and in maintenance costs which have occurred in the past 20 to 40 years, it can scarcely be expected that the Council can carry out a comprehensive programme of repairs unless either there be additional charges on rates or a radical revision of rents.

**Housing Reconstruction Grants:** The Scheme under which grants are being made available by the Council to persons for the reconstruction of their own houses in addition to State Grants which are also available has been proceeding satisfactorily in the past year.

The total number of grants which have been allocated up to the present is 212, while a number of new applications are under examination. To meet the cost the Council has borrowed loans amounting to £13,000, and the charge for the coming year is £613. The Grants are available to persons living in rural areas whose income does not exceed £520 per year or who derive their living from agricultural holdings, the valuation of which does not exceed £35.

**Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:** For the coming year the loan charges are estimated at £6,700, which is an increase of £100 over 1957/58, but the rise will be met in full by repayments from borrowers. The total number of loans which have been made up to the present is 98, and the total indebtedness at present is £95,538. The amount originally borrowed was over £108,000.

**Housing Programme:** Since 1st April last 6 new houses were completed at Aughrim and let to tenants. This was a Scheme, Urban in character, in which all services were provided. At present a similar type of Urban Scheme is approaching completion at Blessington; the number of houses is 6. Tenders have been received for 6 new houses at Avoca and it is expected that work on their construction will start in the near future. There has been unavoidable delay in connection with the starting of the scheme at Kirikee, Glenmalure, and it now seems that it may be necessary to seek new tenders. In addition to the schemes already mentioned, 2 houses on isolated sites were also completed in the past year.

The total number of houses provided up to date by the Council is 3,297, and it seems that for the present the greater part of the demand for new housing has been met. Some months ago, however, the Council decided to consider the building of some further houses on isolated sites throughout the county. Having regard to the difficulty being at present experienced in letting quite a number of houses in remote parts of the county and bearing in mind the heavy additional costs which the Council has had to meet in recent years in providing special services, such as water supplies, for such houses, it is felt that when settling any new programme of building it is desirable to ensure that the houses will be likely always to attract tenants and will be adjacent to public services, especially water supplies.

## 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.), Courthouses 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, £18,037; Chargeable to County Health District, £51,530. The corresponding charges in the Estimates for the present year were £18,072 and £48,843. The rate required would be 5/2.64 as compared with 5/1.20 in the current year. The increased rate is almost altogether attributable to the necessity to make further provision for Overdraft interest on the Revenue Account of the Council. The cost of Secondary Schools Scholarships is up by £215. This is not due, however, to additional scholarships being provided; the cost of this

item varies according to the number availing of scholarships in boarding schools. The number of scholarships being provided at present is: Secondary School Scholarships, 67; University Scholarships, 14.

**Local Authorities (Works) Act: Drainage Schemes:** Provision has been included for expenditure on drainage schemes but the amount is completely offset by corresponding receipts. In the present year no State Grant, however, was received for this purpose.

**Rate Collection Costs:** The cost of the Rate Collection this year is shown under two headings: Remuneration of Collectors and Assessment of Rates, £11,110; Superannuation to retired Collectors, £1,699. The cost of remuneration and assessment of rates in the present year was £11,500; the reduction of about £400 is due to the fact that a reduced remuneration is being provided for No. 9 District, in the event of the Council deciding to fill this vacancy. If the vacancy be not filled, there would be a further saving of £400. There is an increase in the amount for superannuation consequent on the retirement of a Collector in the coming year.

**Fire Brigades:** This service shows an increase from £8,610 to £9,002. The increase of £392 is due to the proposal to instal fire sirens in Carnew and Tinahely.

**Overdraft Interest:** It is estimated that the amount necessary to meet interest charges on Overdraft in the coming year would be £7,000, as compared with £6,000 in the current year. This cost has shown an upward trend for a number of years past and arises from the absence of any credits on Revenue Account which might help to meet the heavy commitments of the Council during parts of the year when the first and second moieties of rates come in very slowly. It would be necessary, too, for the Council, if they were to avoid interest charges, to have in hands sufficient funds to maintain services before the rates are struck and become collectible, i.e., say for the first three or four months of the financial year. Any possibility there might have been in establishing such credits and thereby avoiding an interest charge which is now equivalent to a rate of 7d. in the £ was exhausted when some years ago rates which were much less than requirements were struck.

**SEPARATE CHARGES**

**Vocational Education Committee:** The cost of Vocational Education is levied by means of a Separate Charge, as Bray U.D.C. has its own Scheme. The Demand for the coming year is £12,647 and shows no change from that for the present year. The rate required for Vocational Education in the coming year will be 1/0.48d. in the £.

**Public Services and the Rate Levy:** It is to be hoped that the details given in submitting these Estimates may serve towards an appreciation of the scope and varied character of the public services which the Council is providing. The cost of them always is affected not only by their extent but also by the general price level. The latter again is bound to be reflected in the cost of living which nowadays is used as a guide in determining rates of remuneration. In endeavouring to settle a rate for the coming year, regard must be had to the effect of

decisions already taken, such as those relating to Home Assistance or the new capital schemes, such as water supplies with their resultant loan charges. In brief, the other items which materially affect the Estimates are the suggested provision for Housing Maintenance and the liability for hospital treatment.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked and any further information required will be furnished when they are being considered at the Estimates Meeting on 26th February, 1958.

Once more, I wish to convey to you, Mr. Chairman, and the Members of the Council my sincere appreciation of the consideration and valued assistance given to me in the past year.

Yours faithfully,  
M. FLANNERY,  
Wicklow County Manager.

Purpose of Expenditure	Estimated	Approved	Estimated	Approved
	1957-58	1957-58	1958-59	1958-59
Ordinary Road Works:				
Maintenance and repairs	78,404	78,404	78,404	78,404
Loan Charges	2,281	2,281	2,281	2,281
Contingencies	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	26,700	26,700	26,700	26,700
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc. of Council	3,132	3,132	3,132	3,132
Engineers and Assistants	930	930	930	930
Travelling Expenses of Council	800	800	800	800
Engineers and Assistants	237	237	237	237
Salaries and Travelling Expenses of Temporary Employees	1,821	1,821	1,821	1,821
Salaries of Temporary Employees	400	400	400	400
Grants - General Staff, Co. Wick	100	100	100	100
Engineers' Office	100	100	100	100
Rating Allowances	100	100	100	100
County Surveyor	100	100	100	100
Superannuation - Employees	100	100	100	100
Publicans and Allotment	100	100	100	100
Postage and Telephone	100	100	100	100
Stamp Duty - Rating Office	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Rating	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	100	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>£116,697</b>	<b>£116,697</b>	<b>£120,671</b>	<b>£120,671</b>

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1959.

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
<b>Ordinary Road Works :</b>				
Maintenance and reconstruction ... ..	78,404	78,404	77,349	69,721
Loan Charges ... ..	2,381	2,381	3,966	3,966
Contingencies ... ..	1,450	1,450	750	750
<b>Special Grant Works :</b>				
Road Fund ... ..	26,700	26,700	55,300	55,300
<b>Other Purposes :</b>				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	3,152	3,152	4,110	4,110
Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistants	950	950	1,800	1,800
Salary and Travelling Expenses of Temporary Engineer			800	
Salaries—Clerical Staff, Co. Engineer's Office ... ..			1,972	1,972
Retiring Allowance—Ex County Surveyor ... ..	537	537	513	513
Superannuation—Employees	2,643	2,643	1,851	1,851
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ... ..	50	50	400	400
Postage and Telephone ... ..	130	130	160	160
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Rein-statements ... ..	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous ... ..	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£116,697	£116,697	£150,671	£142,243

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 £
<b>Road Fund :</b>				
Maintenance Grant ... ..	31,361	31,361		
Special Grant ... ..	26,700	26,700	55,300	55,300
<b>Other Receipts :</b>				
Estate Duty Grant ... ..			1,200	1,200
Road Openings and Other Refunds ... ..	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims) ... ..	100	100	1,500	1,500
Proportion of salaries and Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services ... ..	2,051	2,051	2,955	2,955
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	160	160
Weighbridge Receipts ... ..	60	60		
Railway Overbridges ... ..	75	75		
Contribution from Established Servants (Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948) ... ..	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
	£61,587	£61,587	£62,715	£62,715

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Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<b>General Medical Services :</b>		
Salaries—District Medical Officers	16,930	16,930
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
	(£27,641)	(£27,641)
<b>Institutional Services :</b>		
County Hospital	11,750	11,750
District Hospital, Baltinglass	20,378	20,378
Old County Hospital	500	500
Home for the Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's, Rathdrum	32,000	32,000
	(£64,628)	(£64,628)
<b>Extern Institutions :</b>		
General Hospitals	50,000	50,000
Maternity Hospitals	9,400	8,000
Tuberculosis	26,000	25,400
Fever Hospitals	4,000	3,500
Homes for Mental Defectives, Deaf and Dumb, etc.	5,900	5,900
Homes for Other Persons	1,050	1,050
	(£96,350)	(£93,850)
<b>Maternity and Child Health Services :</b>		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants :		
Fees to Medical Practitioners	5,000	5,000
Fees for Professional Assistance	50	50
Midwifery and Nursing Services	5,750	5,750
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	2,750	2,750
	(£21,971)	(£21,971)
Carried forward	£210,590	£208,090

HEALTH—Continued

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Brought forward	210,590	208,090
<b>Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases :</b>		
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	824	824
B.C.G. Service	1,200	1,200
Provision of Extra Rooms (Chalets)	50	50
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	200	200
Notification and Prevention of Disease	150	150
Maintenance Allowances to Persons Suffering from Infectious Diseases	5,500	5,500
	(£13,532)	(£13,532)
<b>Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services :</b>		
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	385	385
Fees for Professional Services	1,241	1,241
Dental, Optical and Aural Appliances	1,000	1,000
Extern Institutions—Out Patients' Services	400	400
Furniture and Equipment	20	20
Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	100	100
	50	50
	(£3,196)	(£3,196)
<b>Specialists Services :</b>		
Salaries and Fees	400	400
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	3,500	3,500
X-ray Services	750	750
Other Expenses :		
Analysis of Specimens	700	700
	(£5,350)	(£5,350)
<b>Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons :</b>		
Cash Grants and Other Expenses	12,250	12,250
	(£12,250)	(£12,250)
<b>Boarding Out, etc., of Children :</b>		
Maintenance, Clothing and Education	5,644	5,644
Approved Schools	450	450
	(£6,094)	(£6,094)
<b>Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients</b>		
	5,500	5,000
	(£5,500)	(£5,000)
Carried forward	£256,512	£253,512

## HEALTH—Continued

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Brought forward ...	£ 256,512	£ 253,512
<b>Supervision of Food and Drink</b> ...	2,920	2,920
	(£2,920)	(£2,920)
<b>Contributions to Societies:</b> (District Nursing Associations ...)	1,350	1,350
	(£1,350)	(£1,350)
<b>General Administration:</b>		
Salaries—County Medical Officer and Staff ...	3,249	3,249
Salaries—General Office Staff ...	3,163	3,163
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
	(£9,722)	(£9,722)
<b>Assessment—Nurses' Act, 1950</b> ...	10	10
	(£10)	(£10)
<b>Retiring Allowances and Gratuities</b> ...	4,006	4,006
	(£4,006)	(£4,006)
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Fees and Travelling Expenses: Mental Treatment Act	100	100
Proportion of Salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst ...	1,265	1,265
<b>Loan Charges</b> ...	150	150
	(£1,515)	(£1,515)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> ...	£276,035	£273,035

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grants—Health Grant ...	£ 129,781	£ 128,281
Contributions from Patients for Institutional Services	7,500	7,500
Extern Institutions ...	1,500	1,500
<b>Other Receipts:</b>		
Hire of Ambulances ...	100	100
Sale of Farm Produce ...	1,500	1,500
Sales of Offal and Old Stores ...	50	50
Rents and Insurance Refunds, etc. ...	272	272
Officers Emoluments ...	3,750	3,750
Contributions to Superannuation ...	1,124	1,124
Miscellaneous ...	400	400
	£145,977	£144,477

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## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance ...	17,360	17,360
Footwear Scheme ...	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials ...	450	450
Registration Expenses ...	825	825
Salaries ...	4,574	4,574
Retiring Allowances ...	239	239
Fuel Schemes and Other Expenses ...	1,700	1,700
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	£26,698	£26,698

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme ...	775	775
<b>Other Receipts:</b>		
Repayments of Home Assistance ...	100	100
Repayments of Burial Expenses ...	10	10
Refund of Fees ...	300	300
Superannuation Contributions ...	57	57
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	£1,242	£1,242

## MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money Supplied to Joint Committee ...	£ 72,467	£ 72,467

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Grant under Health Act, 1947 ...	£ 30,431	£ 30,431

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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	2,101	2,101
Shops Acts—Inspectors	16	16
Analyst—Proportion of Salary	40	40
Superannuation	10	10
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	7,800	7,500
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
<b>Loan Charges:</b>		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	20,450	20,450
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
	£41,120	£40,820

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	5,018	5,018
Water Undertakings	2,100	2,100
Burial Fees	550	550
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuation	30	30
	£7,878	£7,878

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## HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<b>Labourers' Acts:</b>		
Salaries	1,474	1,474
Retiring Allowances	246	246
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (Portion)	3,664	3,664
Rent Collectors' Poudage	3,920	3,920
Cottage Repairs	18,660	10,060
Loan Charges	66,022	66,022
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Cottages	13,550	13,550
Other Labourers' Acts Expenses	305	305
Travelling Expenses of Rent Collectors	550	550
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	300	300
Office Expenses	500	500
<b>Loan Charges:</b>		
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants	613	613
<b>TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES</b>	<b>£118,004</b>	<b>£109,404</b>

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<b>Labourers' Acts:</b>		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	38,000	38,000
Housing Subsidy	26,550	26,550
Other Receipts	400	400
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	200	200
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	200	200
<b>TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£72,050</b>	<b>£72,050</b>

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GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture			7,217	7,217
Public Libraries			6,463	6,463
Town and Regional Planning Acts			20	20
Tourist Development	500	500		
Scholarships:				
Secondary	2,315	2,315		
University	1,650	1,650		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes			25,000	25,000
<b>Other Purposes:</b>				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	4,057	4,057	8,452	8,452
Cost of Rate Collection—Commission and Assessment			11,110	11,110
Cost of Rate Collection—Superannuation			1,699	1,699
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,000	1,000
Tramway Employees Pension			700	700
Pensions:				
Late Union Officers	580	580		
Late R.D. Council's Officers			124	124
Co. Officers and Servants	115	115	1,246	1,246
Franchise and Jurors' Lists	2,000	2,000		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			200	200
Coroners and Inquests	300	300		
Postage and Telephones	350	350	750	750
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	75	75	800	800
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	416	416		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	295	295		
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>£12,828</b>	<b>£12,828</b>	<b>£64,781</b>	<b>£64,781</b>

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
	£	£	£	£
<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>12,828</b>	<b>12,828</b>	<b>64,781</b>	<b>64,781</b>
Fire Brigades			9,002	9,002
Drainage of Land	50	50		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,700	1,700		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
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 Act			584	584
Road Fund Expenses	367	367		
Blind Persons Act	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts			300	300
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	746	746		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,340	1,340		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	340	340		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	500	500		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses	400	400	400	400
Courtkeepers and Office Attendant	250	250	300	300
Loan Charges			694	694
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			1,750	1,750
Travelling Expenses: County Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft: General Account			7,000	7,000
Miscellaneous	30	30	300	300
Materials Expense (Balance)				
Machinery Expense (Balance)				
<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,843</b>	<b>£25,843</b>	<b>£85,886</b>	<b>£85,886</b>

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 — Local Authorities (Works) Act — Drainage Schemes ... ..			25,000	25,000
Contribution to Retiring Allowances ... ..	54	54	279	279
Licence Fees :				
Poison ... ..	6	6	7	7
Cinematograph ... ..				
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts ... ..	50	50		
Public Libraries ... ..			180	180
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme—Repayments ...	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments :				
Franchise and Jurors' Expenses ... ..	379	379		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ... ..	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts			188	188
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			2,250	2,250
Diseases of Animals :				
(a) General ... ..	373	373		
(b) Sheep Dipping ... ..	670	670		
(c) Compensation — Bovine T.B. Order ... ..	500	500		
Milk and Dairies Acts—Contributions from Urban District Councils ... ..			81	81
Fees Refunded by Co. Secretary :				
(i) Franchise and Jurors	250	250		
(ii) Motor Registration ...	1,805	1,805		
(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 ... ..			4,500	4,500
Rents from County Property Contribution to Harbour Guarantees ... ..	140	140	30	30
Guarantees ... ..	94	94		
Contribution to Superannuation	900	900	800	800
Miscellaneous ... ..	200	200	400	400
	£7,806	£7,806	£34,356	£34,356

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Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1959.

Expenditure	SEPARATE CHARGES			
	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 ... ..	2,432	2,432		
Retiring Allowances ... ..	800	800		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board ... ..			436	436
Criminal Injuries :				
Kilmacanogue E.D. ... ..			11	11
Baltinglass and Tuckmill E.D. ... ..			66	66
Total for Separate Charges ...	£15,879	£15,879	£513	£513

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
	£	£	£	£
Recoupment from Department of Education—One half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools ...	1,216	1,216		
Recoupment Proportion of Pensions :				
Department ... ..			£400	
Leitrim ... ..			£11	
Sligo ... ..			£7	
Kildare ... ..			£53	
	471	471		
	£1,687	£1,687		



A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering the proposed rates for the year 1928-29 was held at the Council Chamber, Wicklow, on the 21st day of March, 1928.

Table explaining of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1928.

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

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 ...	116,697	142,243	61,587	62,715	55,110	79,528
HEALTH ...	273,035		144,477		128,558	
MENTAL HOSPITAL ...	72,467		30,431		42,036	
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	26,698		1,242		25,456	
SANITARY ...		40,820		7,878		32,942
HOUSING ...		109,404		72,050		37,354
GENERAL PURPOSES ...	25,843	85,886	7,806	34,356	18,037	51,530
	£514,740	£378,353	£245,543	£176,999	£269,197	£201,354

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the £238,278 17s. Od.

Net Amounts Chargeable to Districts			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Calculation of Net Sum Required to be Raised			
URBAN AREAS				Estimated BALANCE (if any) in favour of COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at close of Financial Year	Estimated BALANCE (if any) Against COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT 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	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	£	£	£	£	
2,081	8,788	1,747	122,022			122,022	9/10.79
4,855	20,500	4,075	99,128			99,128	8/0.50
1,587	6,703	1,333	32,413			32,413	2/7.55
961	4,059	807	19,629	4,000		15,629	1/3.22
			32,942		4,000	36,942	2/11.96
			37,354		1,000	38,354	3/1.34
681	2,876	572	65,438	1,094		64,344	5/2.64
£10,165	£42,926	£8,534	£408,926	£5,094	£5,000	£408,832	33/2.00

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

Proposed by Councillor Dr. Donnelly, Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, J.D.



Resolved:—

"That we approve of report of the County Engineer on progress of housing schemes during the month of February, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

#### Housing Scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow, dated 28th February, 1958, in which it was stated that the firm's tender in the sum of £8,078 3s. 6d. did not include provision of £150 for a Fidelity Bond with an approved Insurance Company. It was stated also that there had been an error in the addition of the items on the tender form which altered the tender to £8,038 3s. 6d. The County Secretary stated that it had been assumed that the lump sum figure submitted by the firm had included the provision of £150 for the Fidelity Guarantee Bond and that if personal sureties instead were accepted by the Council, the tender figure could be reduced by £150 leaving it only £8 3s. 6d. in excess of the figure for the erection of the cottages by Direct Labour as submitted by the County Engineer. It was clear from the letter now submitted that there was a difference of £118 3s. 6d. between the price for the erection of the houses by Direct Labour and the lowest other tender, that of Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 28th February, 1958, from Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow, we approve of the erection of 6 houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, by Direct Labour in accordance with the tender submitted by the County Engineer in the sum of £7,920, and rescind resolution of 3rd February, 1958, in regard to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow."

Passed unanimously.

#### Erection of Houses at Kirikee, Glenmalur.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had now indicated that there was no objection to the Council's inviting new tenders for the erection of 3 houses at Kirikee. The Council agreed that tenders be invited and that the County Engineer submit a tender for the erection of the houses by Direct Labour.

#### Cottage Purchase Scheme—1952 Scheme.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that a Purchase Scheme be prepared for the houses included in the 1952 Scheme immediately the Scheme was completed. The Council agreed that this should be done.

#### ITEM No. 2—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that there were no applications to be considered by the Council.

#### ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

Having examined the proposal submitted by Mr. B. Sheehan, Delgany, for the conversion of an outhouse at Willow Grove into a dwelling house and having considered report of the Assistant County Engineer, the Council agreed that permission for the work be refused. The Council approved of the granting of permission for the erection of a pumphouse for St. Patrick Copper Mines Ltd. in accordance with plans submitted.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Very Reverend J. Nolan, P.P., Enniskerry, enclosing a plan for an alternative entrance to the

proposed new school at Kilmacanogue. The Council noted that the new entrance would be via the road passing the Burial Ground and that there would be no entrance from the Main Kilmacanogue/Roundwood road. The Council approved of the alternative entrance proposed.

#### ITEM No. 4—PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PLOT AT GLENEALY.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to acquire a plot of ground consisting of approximately 68½ perches at Glenealy from Mr. James Healy for the purpose of road improvements at Glenealy. The plot of ground adjoins the existing Burial Ground and portion of it could be utilised for a future extension of the Burial Ground, if such were necessary. The County Engineer had suggested that he be authorised to offer a sum of £60 for the plot. The Council considered the price proposed excessive, and decided that the acquisition of the plot be not proceeded with.

#### ITEM No. 5—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1958.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of February, 1958. The Council asked that a report be obtained in regard to the carrying out of repairs to a henhouse which had been described on the report as very urgent. Members of the Council referred to the need for repairs to the cottage of Mr. McDonald near Arklow, for which repairs had been authorised some months previously. The Council agreed that these repairs should be carried out at once.

#### ITEM No. 6—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.

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

#### Application for Extension of Kilcoole Water Supply.

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

L.205/9.  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Custom House,  
Dublin.  
27th February, 1958.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has received representations regarding the extension of the Kilcoole Water Supply to the site of a new National School near the village.

The Minister understands that it is proposed to provide a water-flushed system of sanitation in this school and that the site is about a quarter of a mile from the existing watermain. It is represented to him that the cost of the extension would be about £300, but that this expense would add considerably to the burden on the parochial funds, since the Reverend Manager already has to meet the cost of the site and the local contribution towards the cost of the new school.

The new school is estimated to cost £5,300 and will accommodate 80 pupils. The importance of providing water-flushed sanitation in this school does not need to be stressed, and the Minister trusts that in all the circumstances the sanitary authority will find it possible to carry out the extension to the site without cost to the School Manager. No grant can be made available by the Department of Education for work outside the actual site, and unless the sanitary authority agrees to defray all or the major part of the cost of the extension, it appears that water-flushed sanitation can not be provided. The matter is referred, accordingly, for the most sympathetic consideration possible, and I am to state that the Minister would be glad to be informed of the sanitary authority's decision in due course.

Mise, le meas,  
Signed: D. Walsh.

The County Manager stated that when approval to the plans had been given by the Council it had been indicated that it would be necessary for the School authorities to arrange for the connection to the watermain, which was about a quarter of a mile from the site. The Council noted that no provision had been made in the Estimates for an extension of the watermain which would serve the site in question.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Mary Ledwidge:

“That I or someone for me shall move at the next meeting of the County Council that a light be provided at Dargle Vale, Dargle Road, Bray.”

In the name of Councillor J. O’Toole, T.D.:

“That I or some member on my behalf shall move at the next monthly meeting of the County Council that a Public Phone Kiosk be erected at or in the town of Newtownmountkennedy.”

In the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

“That I or someone for me will move that in future the Council will meet bi-monthly to deal with housing matters.”

In the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

“That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that the District Engineers attend one monthly meeting of the Council in future.”

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow on Monday, 10th March, 1958, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, Wm. Cleary, M. Deering, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Smyth.

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

The County Secretary stated that due to the snow the County Manager was unable to reach Wicklow in time for the meeting but would attend later.

#### AGENDA.

- Minutes of Meetings of Wicklow County Council held on 3rd and 10th February, 1958.
- Overdraft on General Account and Capital Account.
- Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958—Correspondence in regard to applications to compete for scholarships.
- To appoint a representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.
- Road Works Scheme, 1958/59—To approve of allocation of monies for local areas.
- Statement and Memorandum from Department of Health on Tobacco Smoking and Cancer of the Lung.
- To authorise borrowing of £1,317-13-2 to defray cost of purchase of fire engine.
- Fire Brigade Service—To consider provision of additional self-propelled unit.
- Baltinglass Water Supply Improvement Scheme—To authorise Supplementary loan to defray balance of cost of the Scheme.
- To affix seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank Ltd. for sum of £2,249-8-0 in respect of balance of cost of Alterations and Extensions to Fever Hospital.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge for provision of light at Dargle Vale, Dargle Road Bray.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O’Toole, T.D., that a public phone kiosk be erected at or in the town of Newtownmountkennedy.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that in future the Council meet bi-monthly to deal with housing matters.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the District Engineers attend one monthly meeting of the Council in future.
- Use of site at Rathnew.
- Letter from County Councils’ General Council in regard to reception of deputation by the Minister for Local Government in regard to Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.
- Letter from County Councils’ General Council in regard to University Education.
- Enquires arising from County Manager’s Orders.

#### Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. Charles Byrne, Staff Officer, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Kavanagh. The County Secretary stated that letters had been received from Councillor M. Deering and Councillor W. Hammond thanking the members for their expression of sympathy in their recent bereavements. A card in the following terms had been received from the Lord Mayor of Manchester:—

"The Lord Mayor of Manchester (Alderman Leslie Lever) tenders heartfelt thanks for the message of sympathy addressed to him and the citizens of Manchester on the very sad occasion of the tragic air disaster at Munich, and will, as far as possible, give effect to the wishes expressed in the message."

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Wicklow County Council held on 3rd and 10th February, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFT ON GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

It was

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

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 June, 1958, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

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 June, 1958, shall not exceed £23,750."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1958.

The County Secretary referred to the application of Philomena Mercer, 3 Oldcourt Terrace, Bray, to compete under the Council's Scheme and stated that the amount of income of parent as shown on the application form was £500 and the limit under the Scheme was also £500. Several Applications had been made for submission of confirmation of the father's earnings, but the necessary details had not been received from the firm by which he was employed.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That having noted that confirmation has not been received as to the income of the parent, we refuse the application of Philomena Mercer to compete in the scholarship scheme for 1958."

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the application of George Anthony Glynn which had been refused by the Council, the County Secretary stated a letter had been received from Mrs. Glynn stating that her husband's salary had since been reduced by £1-9-0 per week and would be further reduced in the near future. She asked that in view of this the application of her son to compete under the Scheme might be reconsidered. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Glynn's earnings for the year to 31st December, 1957, amounted to £704-11-6, as compared with a maximum under the Scheme of £525. Allowing for a margin of £150 in view of Mr. Glynn's working in England, the income still exceeded the maximum which the Council could allow. The Council agreed that the application of George Anthony Glynn could not be accepted.

#### ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Cleary,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Smyth,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council at meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 5—ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1958/59.

As three of the members from Baltinglass Electoral area and four members from Arklow Electoral area were unable to reach Wicklow owing to the snow, the Council decided to adjourn this matter to a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, 19th March, 1958, at 11 a.m.

#### ITEM No. 6—STATEMENT AND MEMORANDUM FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON TOBACCO SMOKING AND CANCER OF THE LUNG.

The County Secretary submitted circular 6/58 of 22nd February, 1958, from the Department of Health with which had been enclosed a copy of statement issued by the Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Department of Health on 11th February and a Memorandum in relation to Tobacco Smoking and Cancer of the Lung. The Council directed that a copy of the Statement and Memorandum be circulated to the members and noted that copies had already been issued to the medical staff.

#### ITEM No. 7—PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE ENGINE.

The County Secretary stated that the National Bank Ltd. had indicated that they were prepared to make a loan available to the Council for the purchase of a new fire engine. The sanction of the Minister to the purchase of the fire engine had been received.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the borrowing of a sum of £1,317-13-2 from the National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 10 years, with interest at the usual rate, for the purpose of defraying the cost of a new light fire engine for Greystones Fire Station, subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—FIRE BRIGADE SERVICE.**

The Council adjourned to the meeting to be held on 19th March the consideration of the matter of providing an additional self-propelled unit.

**ITEM No. 9—BALTINGLASS WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.**

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter to the meeting to be held on 19th March.

**ITEM No. 10—ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS TO FEVER HOSPITAL.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved :—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 25th January, 1958, of the Minister for Health, the sum of £2,249-8-0 be borrowed from The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying the balance of the Council's expenditure on the alterations and extensions to Wicklow Fever Hospital, to be repaid within Fifteen Years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates AND that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Ltd."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MRS. LEDWIDGE FOR PROVISION OF LIGHT AT DARGLE VALE, DARGLE ROAD, BRAY.**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that she was not proceeding with the Notice of Motion in view of the fact that no provision had been made in the Estimates for the coming year for the provision of additional lights.

**ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE, T.D., FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC PHONE KIOSK AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.**

The Council adjourned this item to the meeting to be held on 19th March.

**ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., THAT THE COUNCIL MEET BI-MONTHLY TO DEAL WITH HOUSING MATTERS.**

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter to the meeting to be held on 19th March.

**ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., THAT THE DISTRICT ENGINEERS ATTEND ONE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN FUTURE.**

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter to the meeting to be held on 19th March.

**ITEM No. 15—USE OF SITE AT RATHNEW.**

The County Secretary stated that the site at Rathnew which had been acquired for the purposes of the proposed new County Hospital had been let each year on the 11 months system at a rent of about £120. The present letting expired on 31st March, 1958. The County Secretary suggested that the Council might consider offering the site for sale by public auction. Details of the cost of acquisition of the site were submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Cleary,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of arrangements being made for the sale by public auction of the site at Rathnew purchased for the purposes of a County Hospital, subject to a reserve figure to be determined by the County Manager."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 16—LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL RE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949.**

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

County Councils' General Council,

National Bank Chambers,

1/2 Cavendish Row,

Dublin.

3 Marta, 1958.

To/County Secretary.

Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

A Chara,

At the meeting of my Council held on 12th December last, there were five motions calling for the restoration of the Grants under the above Act, and it was decided to appoint a deputation to press on the Minister their restoration.

The deputation consisted of the following: Councillor John Fitzgerald (Meath), Chairman; Senator P. J. Teehan (Kilkenny); Deputy Tierney (Tipperary N.R.); Ald. Thomas Byrne (Wexford); Councillors P. Maguire (Limerick); Martin Quinn (Galway); Robert Connolly (Longford); J. J. McCrea (Wicklow).

The Minister for Local Government, Mr. Blaney, who was accompanied by the Secretary, Mr. Garvin, received the deputation at the Custom House on the 23rd January, 1958.

The main arguments advanced by the deputation were the great benefits conferred by these grants in reduction of unemployment and emigration through their high labour content and the improvement of lands through minor drainage.

The Minister was impressed by the unanimity and sincerity of the deputation. While sympathetic, he could make no promise because of the still continuing difficult capital money position, but undertook to put the arguments advanced before the Government when the next budgetary proposals would be under discussion.

The deputation came away with the feeling that there was a fair chance these grants might be restored in the incoming financial year.

Mise, le meas,

Enri Mac Daibheid,

Runai.

The Council noted the report of the reception of the deputation by the Minister.

**ITEM No. 17—LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL IN REGARD TO UNIVERSITY EDUCATION.**

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

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

County Councils' General Council,  
1 and 2 Cavendish Row,  
Dublin.

3 Marta, 1958.

**University Education.**

A Chara,

"That we request the Government to consider the desirability of transferring certain university faculties to centres outside of the capital with a view to decentralising education. We consider that the proposal to erect new university buildings in the city of Dublin is open to objection."

Two meetings of the sub-Committee appointed to consider the above motion which was submitted by your Council have already been held.

At the meeting on the 27th of February, 1958, it was decided, having thoroughly considered all aspects of the question, to recommend to the General Council the following motion in lieu of the motion from your Council:—

"While many arguments may be advanced in support of decentralisation of university faculties, the sub-Committee is forced to the opinion that the existing institutions are more than capable of catering for the entire needs of the State, provided due regard is had for such matters as accommodation, equipment, endowment, etc. Any attempt to transfer an existing faculty, or section thereof, can only result in vastly increased expenditure, less efficient educational services and an almost complete absence of facilities for the Research essential for all students seeking specialised attainments."

It is the wish of the sub-Committee that there should be no publicity of any discussion at your Council meeting of the above, i.e., press not to report, until it has been brought before my Council at its next meeting in May.

Mise, le meas,

Enri Mac Daibheid,

Runai.

The Council noted that the report of the sub-Committee would be submitted to the General Council at their meeting to be held in May.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 19th March, 1958, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of dealing with items adjourned from the meeting held on the 10th March, 1958.

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, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Smyth.

The County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. Hickey and P. McGuinness, were present.

The County Secretary conveyed the County Manager's apologies for his inability to attend as he was engaged on the Estimates for Bray Urban District Council.

### AGENDA.

1. Road Works Scheme, 1958/59—To approve of allocation of monies for local areas.
2. Fire Brigade Service—To consider provision of additional self-propelled unit.
3. Baltinglass Water Supply Improvement Scheme—To authorise Supplementary loan to defray balance of cost of the Scheme.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., that a public 'phone kiosk be erected at or in the town of Newtownmountkennedy.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that in future the Council meet bi-monthly to deal with housing matters.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the District Engineers attend one monthly meeting of the Council in future.

### ITEM No. 1—ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1958/59.

Particulars of the County Engineer's proposals for the allocation of the monies available for road works as between the four Engineering Districts were circulated to the members. Councillor Miley pointed out that of the sum of £7,628 by which the Council had reduced the provision for County Roads in the Estimates, a sum of £2,732 had been taken off the amount previously allocated for the western area. He pointed out that only a sum of £532 had been taken off the northern area and contended that the reduction in the monies available should have been apportioned between the four Engineering Districts on the basis of the figures originally allocated by the County Engineer to each district. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Engineer pointed out that it was necessary to provide for essential tar surface dressing of County Roads in the northern area and that, consequently, he could not reduce the amount of the provision for County Roads in that district by more than the amount shown. Following a discussion on the matter, the Chairman suggested that the reduction of £7,628 in the total figure for County Roads be divided equally as between the four Engineering Districts. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the allocation of monies for road works for the year 1958/59 as follows:—

Northern area, £74,142; South-eastern area, £55,263; Southern area, £45,323; Western area, £55,397."

Passed unanimously.

**Employment of Men.**

In reply to enquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that he had obtained reports in regard to enquiries concerning the employment of men in the Roundwood area and in the Shillelagh district. The County Secretary submitted report of the 13th March of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to Joseph Taylor, Morgan Kavanagh, John Windsor and James Lawless, and also report of the Assistant County Engineer, P. McGuinness, of 14th March, 1958, in regard to employment of John O'Neill, Knockananna, and John Condren. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that copies of the reports be sent to him.

**ITEM No. 2—PROPOSED PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SELF-PROPELLED UNIT.**

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer was of opinion that a more efficient fire service could be provided in the south of the county if a self-propelled unit were purchased to be stationed at Carnew and the Tinahely fire brigade disbanded. The Loan Charges on a new self-propelled vehicle would amount to £205-12-9 for the first year and the annual cost of the Tinahely brigade, excluding attendances at fires, amounted to £264-2-4. The Chief Fire Officer had also recommended that the Blessington fire brigade be disbanded and the district served by the Naas fire brigade by arrangement with Kildare County Council, subject to a retaining fee of £100 per annum. The cost of the Blessington fire brigade for the year to 31st December, 1957, was £192-6-0. The brigade did not attend any fires during the year. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the purchase of a self-propelled light fire engine to be stationed at Carnew and of the termination of the Tinahely fire brigade immediately the self-propelled fire engine becomes available for use."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—BALTINGLASS WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME.**

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the total all-in cost of the improvement scheme for Baltinglass Water Supply. The total cost amounted to £5,545-2-0 and the original loan raised was £4,800. It would be necessary to raise a supplementary loan of £745-2-0 to defray the balance of the cost of the scheme. It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the borrowing of a sum of £745-2-0 from the National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the appropriate rate, for the purpose of defraying the balance of the cost of Baltinglass Water Supply Improvements Scheme, subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE, T.D., THAT A PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK BE ERRECTED AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.**

Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., withdrew his Notice of Motion, and stated that in the meantime he had been informed by the Minister for Post and Telegraphs that it was intended to provide a public telephone kiosk at Newtownmount-kennedy.

**ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., THAT THE COUNCIL MEET BI-MONTHLY TO DEAL WITH HOUSING MATTERS.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that at recent meetings of the Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters it had been found possible to dispose of the business in a short time, and, consequently, he considered that it would be sufficient if the Council met bi-monthly in future to deal with housing matters. Councillor W. Hammond supporting the Motion suggested that no separate meeting need be held to deal with housing matters and that items relating to housing could be dealt with at the ordinary Council meetings. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That in future this Council meet bi-monthly to deal with housing matters."

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

**In favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James O'Toole, T.D.; H. J. Byrne—6.

**Against:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; P. Kehoe, James Miley, Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, James Everett, T.D.; John Smyth—9.

The Motion was declared defeated by 9 Votes against to 6 Votes in favour.

**ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., THAT DISTRICT ENGINEERS ATTEND ONE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN FUTURE.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

"That the Assistant County Engineers attend one monthly meeting of the Council in future."

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

**In favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, James O'Toole, T.D.; Dr. Brendan Donnelly, John Smyth and H. J. Byrne—6.

**Against:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, James Everett, T.D.—9.

The Motion was declared defeated by 9 Votes against to 6 Votes in favour.

**Supplementary Reconstruction Grants.**

Councillor J. J. McCrea referred to persons who had applied for reconstruction grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, and had completed the works and had received payment of State Grants. Some of these persons had applied to the County Council for supplementary grants and had embarked on work in the expectation that a Supplementary Grant from the Council would also be available. As the Council had been unable to obtain sanction to the borrowing of a further loan from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making supplementary grants, it had not been possible to pay supplementary grants in these cases. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

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

Resolved:—

"That we request the Minister to sanction the raising of a loan from the Local Loans Fund to enable the Council to give supplementary grants under Section 12 to persons who have completed works and received State Grants



and who had applied to the Council for Supplementary Grants prior to the Council's application for sanction to a second loan for the purpose of making such grants."

Passed unanimously.

#### Quarterly Return of Monies Available for Road Works.

Councillor Miley asked that a quarterly report be submitted in future at the meeting in the first month of each quarter giving particulars of monies still available for road works in each Engineering District.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

By Councillor J. J. McCrea:

1. "With a view to providing more employment and as agreed to in the reduced Roads Estimate, I or someone for me will move at the April Meeting of the County Council that in future:

- No outside machinery be hired for Road Reconstruction Work without the prior approval of the County Council.
- That the County Secretary supply a detailed list of all County Council machinery with a view to the disposal of any unwanted lots."

2. "Take notice that I or someone for me will move at the April Meeting of the Council that the Council take steps to fill the vacant Rate Collection District No. 9 and that consideration be given to the division of this Collecting District with a view to the appointment of two Rate Collectors."

By Councillor J. Quigley:

"I or someone for me will move that the County Council take over and maintain as a County Road the road leading from Mullins to Whiterock, Tinahely. This road is known locally as Cooper's Lane and connects one County Road with another.

## 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 Tuesday, 8th April, 1958, 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, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, 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, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, attended.

#### AGENDA.

- Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of March, 1958.
- Proposed erection of 6 houses at Kilmagig—letter from Department of Local Government.
- Blessington Housing Scheme—letter from Department of Local Government in regard to proposal to charge an additional sum of 10d. per week in rent to defray cost of provision of rere access to 6 houses at Blessington.
- Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
- Repairs carried out during month of March, 1958.
- 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, 1958, was submitted:—

The Chairman and Members,  
Wicklow County Council.

4th April, 1958.

#### 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 J. J. McCrea,

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 March, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILMAGIG.**

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

N.27/2/11.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

Custom House,  
Dublin.

25th March, 1958.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 11th instant regarding the discussion at the Council meeting on the 10th instant on the proposal to erect 6 houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, and to enquire whether it is the intention of the Council that the proposal to proceed with the erection of the houses by direct labour as set out in the Manager's Order of the 3rd instant and submitted to the Department with your letter of the 5th instant should be amended.

I am at the same time to request you to furnish particulars of the final costs of the most recent housing schemes completed by direct labour in the county, indicating the amount of any excess over estimate in each case and the explanations therefor. It should also be stated whether any provision has been made in the County Engineer's estimate for the Kilmagig houses for overhead expenses in accordance with the last paragraph of page 2 of this Department's Circular letter N.67/49 of the 15th November, 1949.

With regard to the tender furnished by Messrs William Clarke (Builder) Limited, I am to point out that the sum quoted by the firm for the erection of the houses inclusive of Bond was £8,078-3-6. A mistake, however, had been made in the addition of the items on the tender form and the correct amount of the tender was, therefore, £8,038-3-6. It will be seen from the tender form that the contractor clearly indicated that a sum of £150 had been included in the total sum to cover the cost of a bond with an approved Insurance Company. It would not, therefore, be in order for the Council to allow the contractor to revise his price at this stage.

The tenders are returned herewith.

Mise, le meas.

The following letter from Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Limited, Wicklow, was submitted:

K. Brangan, Esq.,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

27th March, 1958.

**Housing Scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca.**

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant and wish to state that I included in my estimate the sum of £122 to cover the increase in wages which is to apply from the 28th February, 1958. Negotiations were going on at the time of my tender for increase in wages, so I thought it better to anticipate the increase and include a figure to cover this item so as to avoid any possible misunderstanding.

I would like to know as soon as possible if I will be getting this contract as I have almost completed a contract for the Arklow U.D.C. and it would be a considerable saving to bring the plant direct to Avoca.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

William Clarke (Builder) Limited,

Signed: William Clarke, Director.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had not included in his estimate provision to meet any increase in wages, and the effect of the increased wages, applying from 28th February, 1958, was estimated to cost about £150. The Council noted that having made allowance for an addition of £150 in respect of increases in wages on the County Engineer's estimate, the tender from Messrs. William Carke (Builder) Limited was less than the estimate for direct labour. It was

Proposed by Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of the 25th March, 1958, from the Department of Local Government and having noted that the sum for overhead expenses, for which provision was not made in the County Engineer's Estimate, would amount to £594 on the basis of 7½% of the estimate, and having noted also letter of the 27th March from Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Limited, Wicklow, that he had made provision in his estimate for a sum of £122 to cover an increase in wages applying from 28th February, 1958, whereas this increase in wages would involve an additional expenditure of approximately £150 to the Council, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Limited, Wicklow, for the erection of 6 houses at Kilmagig for the sum of £8,038-3-6, which sum includes provision for Fidelity Guarantee Bond to be obtained by the Contractor and also includes for increase in wages of building workers applying from 28th February, 1958. We note also that Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Limited has undertaken to complete the erection of the houses within 4 months from the date of the contract."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME.**

The Council noted letter of 18th March, 1958, from Department of Local Government in regard to the proposal to provide rere access to the six houses in course of erection at Blessington and stating that it was noted that it was proposed to charge an additional sum of 10d. per week in rent to defray the cost of the proposal and that in these circumstances the Minister would raise no further objection to the proposal.

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

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Mr. Holt, Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, for permission to erect a kiosk at the Meeting of the Waters. No details of the proposal, however, had yet been received and he had been requested to furnish details.

**ITEM No. 5—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF MARCH, 1958.**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of March, 1958.

**ITEM No. 6—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS.**

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

The Council drew attention to the number of W.C. pans damaged and recommended that a circular be sent to tenants warning them that if such damage was caused wilfully, the cost of repairs would be recovered from tenants.

**Contract System for Repairs.**

The Council asked that the County Engineer submit for the housing meeting in May a report and recommendation in regard to system for carrying out repairs by contract.

**Fire Brigade at Tinahely.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 3rd April, 1958, from Mr. H. B. Weir, Hon. Secretary to a Protest Meeting which had been held in Tinahely on the 26th March in regard to the proposed removal of the fire fighting unit from Tinahely. It was requested in the letter that the County Council receive a deputation from Tinahely at the earliest possible date in regard to the matter. Councillor J. J. McCrea and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., protested at this Protest Meeting having been held without their having been invited to attend, although other members of the Council had been asked to attend. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided that it be suggested to Mr. Weir that a further meeting be held in Tinahely to which all the members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral area would be invited. The Council agreed that the Chief Fire Officer should also attend, if required, and the Chairman of the County Council stated that he would be prepared to attend, if requested.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th April, 1958, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, E. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth and J. D. Haughton.

The Council having met at 11 a.m. decided to adjourn until 2 p.m. to enable the members to attend the funeral of the late Councillor C. M. Byrne, former Chairman of the County Council. On resuming at 2 p.m. the County Secretary informed the members that the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, was unable to attend as he had been injured in an accident in his home. The Council asked that the best wishes of the members be conveyed to Councillor H. J. Byrne for his speedy recovery. On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. Quigley, Councillor J. J. McCrea took the Chair.

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. T. Hickey, attended the meeting.

**AGENDA.**

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March and Estimates Meetings held on 26th February, 3rd and 5th March, 1958.
2. Application for renewal of University Scholarship.
3. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to proposals for road improvement schemes involving realignment or substantial widening.
4. Five Year County Road Improvement Plan—to approve of amended Five Year Plan as agreed with local Committees.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to road between Avoca and Arklow used for haulage of ore.
6. St. Valerie Bridge—letter from Department of Local Government.
7. Arklow Bridge—letter from Department of Local Government notifying Grant towards cost of widening bridge.
8. Application for closing of road at Enniskerry.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley as follows: "That we postpone that portion of the County Manager's Order dated 12/11/57 requesting the Appointments Commission to select a suitable person as Assistant County Engineer and that a Committee be appointed to consider the re-organisation of the Engineering Districts in the county and report to the Council if it is necessary to spend over £1,000 a year on this appointment."
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea as follows: "With a view to providing more employment and as agreed to in the reduced road estimate, I or someone for me will move at the April meeting of the Council that in future (a) no outside machinery be hired for road reconstruction work without the prior approval of the County Council, and (b) that the County Secretary supply a detailed list of all County Council machinery with a view to the disposal of any unwanted lots."
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley as follows: "That I or someone for me will move that the County Council take over and maintain as a County Road the road leading from Mullins to Whiterock, Tinahely; this road is known locally as Cooper Lane and connects one county road with another."
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley as follows: "That I or someone for me will move that the Council take over and maintain as a County Road the road known as Killacloran Old Road, adjoining Arklow-Woodenbridge road, as far as Sheridan-Kenny's farm via County Council cottages."

13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea as follows: "That I or someone for me will move at the April meeting of the County Council that the Council take steps to fill the vacant post of rate collector in the No. 9 Collecting District and that consideration be given to the question of a division of this collecting district with a view to the appointment of two rate collectors."
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea as follows: "That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council, with a view to providing some employment for economic reasons, that turf for the District Hospital, Baltinglass, be provided from the Knockananna turf bogs."
15. Report on fire at Wicklow Courthouse on 19th March, 1958.
16. Proposed disposal of old Reservoir at Aughrim.
17. Rathdrum Water Supply—proposed relaying of watermain.
18. Report on condition of Council's Ambulances.
19. Children's (Amendment) Act, 1957—letter from Department of Health.
20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Councillor C. M. Byrne who had been Chairman of the Council for a number of years and who had played a prominent part in public life in the county for many years. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the Staff be associated with the Council's Resolution.

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March and Minutes of Meetings held on 26th February, 3rd and 5th March, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Lawless enquired if there had been any developments in connection with the proposed new school at Kilcoole. The County Secretary stated that there had been no further correspondence in the matter. Councillor Lawless stated that it should not be necessary to extend the watermain to the site of the school as he understood that funds were available to the Manager of the school to meet the cost of such work.

#### ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Patrick J. Cox, Garda Barracks, Dunlavin, for the renewal of his University Scholarship to enable him to complete his courses for the B.A. Degree. In letter of 9th April, 1958, from University College, Dublin, it was stated that Mr. Cox had registered for lectures in the last term of the session and that this would give him full attendance for the course before entering for the examination. Application was made for the unexpended balance of the scholarship amounting to £40-13-4. The County Secretary stated that the Council at the meeting held on the 11th June, 1956, had agreed that the final instalment of Mr. Cox's scholarship be suspended until he had recovered from illness and was able to attend lectures. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That having considered application of Patrick J. Cox, Garda Barracks, Dunlavin for renewal of University Scholarship and recommendation from

Registrar, University College, Dublin, we approve of the renewal of the scholarship for the balance of the current year and of the payment of £40-13-4, being the unexpended balance of the scholarship, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this payment."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES.

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

R201/4/6B.

Roads,

Custom House,  
Dublin.

28th March, 1958

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he thinks it well to advise County Council of his attitude towards proposals for road improvement schemes involving realignment or substantial widening. The Minister is satisfied of the desirability of planning for the ultimate improvement of the main road system to standards suitable for the traffic and uniform throughout the country as far as possible. He considers, however, that in present circumstances proposals for realignment or substantial widening should be undertaken only where they are urgent and essential; the case for any such proposal should be fully established by the County Engineer. Examples of the case in which the Minister would be prepared to approve of such works are:

- (1) Where the road is dangerous to traffic and this fact has been established by a bad accident record and substantial improvement is the only proper solution.
- (2) Where the section of road affected is worn out and requires immediate reconstruction, then the reconstruction may be carried out on the new alignment to avoid reconstructing the old section of road which would ultimately be abandoned.

Copies are enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the schemes proposed to be carried out by the Council in 1958/9 would not in his opinion be disapproved by the Minister under the conditions set out in the circular. The Council noted the terms of the Department's Circular and agreed that the matters referred to had been taken into account when determining schemes for the current year.

#### ITEM No. 4—FIVE YEAR COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the proposed amended Five Year Plan had been circulated to the members and had been considered by the members for the various areas at the local Roads Meetings. Formal approval of the Council was required in order that the amended plan could be submitted to the Department. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the amended Five Year County Road Improvement Plan as submitted by the County Engineer and approved at meetings of the members of the Council for the respective electoral areas."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—ROAD BETWEEN AVOCA AND ARKLOW.**

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

R.27/18/5.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Roads,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.  
20th March, 1958.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 23rd January last regarding the road between Avoca and Arklow which is used for the haulage of ore from the St. Patrick's Copper Mines and to state that he has no funds at his disposal whereby a special grant could be allocated for the reconstruction and improvement of this road. The Minister would, however, be prepared to consider any suitable scheme submitted for execution out of any county road improvement grant allocation available to the Council in future years. In this connection I am to point out that if it is proposed to improve County Road 180 to a standard adequate for two-way mine traffic (i.e., to and from Arklow Port), then it is considered that the road would require to be widened for about two-thirds of its length and widened, strengthened and generally improved, where necessary, for about one-third of its length. If, on the other hand, it is proposed to use the county road only for a temporary period, or as a one-way route back from the Port, then a more limited amount of work would appear to be sufficient. For the most part the road is at least 16' wide and has a rolled black surface dressing. There are, however, a few sections less than 16' wide of bad alignment and these would require to be widened slightly to uniform width. I am to add that it is understood that the road will be surfaced dressed this year.

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

Mise, le meas,

The Council noted the Department's views on the matter.

**ITEM No. 6—ST. VALERIE BRIDGE.**

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

R.27/6/9.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Roads,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.  
19th March, 1958.

St. Valerie Bridge.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd January, 1958, on the above subject and to state that the views of the Wicklow County Council as communicated in that letter are noted. In the circumstances, the Road Fund Grant of £21,000 notified in the Department's letter of 5th July, 1957, has been withdrawn.

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

Mise, le meas,

Signed E T. Sheehy.

**ITEM No. 7—ARKLOW BRIDGE.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 19th March, 1958, from the Department of Local Government in which it was stated that a road fund grant of £19,500 or 75% of the cost of the work, whichever is the lesser, would be made available to the Council, towards the cost of the work of widening on both sides of Arklow Bridge. The grant was subject to the usual conditions. The County Secretary stated that the plans were in course of preparation by

the Consulting Engineer, and it was hoped that they would be ready shortly. The Council noted the position in the matter and that tenders for the work would be invited when plans had been approved by the Department.

**ITEM No. 8—CLOSING OF ROADS AT ENNISKERRY.**

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the Irish Motor Racing Club for the closing of the Main Road at Enniskerry from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 3rd May, 1958, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., for the purpose of holding a Motor Hill Climb Competition. The necessary public notices had been given and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. 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 3rd, 1958, 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 J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. 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 on the 3rd May, 1958, 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. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY RE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

"That we postpone that portion of the County Manager's Order, dated 12/11/1957, requesting the Appointments Commission to select suitable person as Assistant County Engineer, and that a Committee be appointed to consider the re-organisation of the Engineering Districts in the county and report to the Council if it is necessary to spend over £1,000 a year on this appointment."

Councillor P. McCarthy enquired as to the legal position regarding the appointment of the Assistant County Engineer. The County Manager, in replying, stated that any proposal to vary the number of permanent officers would require the sanction of the Minister. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that there was no proposal to reduce the number of staff but merely to defer the filling of the vacancy and to appoint a Committee to consider the re-organisation of the Engineering Districts. The County Manager pointed out that opportunities would occur in the future if it were thought necessary to reconsider the number of the engineering staff, as officers retired or resigned on transfer to other posts. He pointed out that there was a need for an Assistant County Engineer in the West Wicklow area and gave particulars of the number of miles of roads in the district, the number of cottages, water supplies, sewerage systems, etc. The County Manager pointed out that at present the Council's Engineering Staff consisted of the County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and four Assistant County Engineers. Prior to the re-organisation of the Engineering Services in 1940 the permanent staff consisted of the County Engineer and three Assistant

County Engineers, but, in addition, a number of temporary engineers were employed. For instances, in 1933 there were 6 Clerks of Works employed and in 1934 there were 5 Clerks of Works. At that time, much of the time of the permanent engineers was devoted to design work instead of supervision. Councillor J. Miley agreed to withdraw the Notice of Motion.

**ITEM No. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. McCREA REGARDING HIRING OF MACHINERY AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED LOTS OF MACHINERY.**

The County Secretary stated that particulars had been circulated to the members of the machinery at present owned by the Council and also the County Engineer's proposals for machinery which could be disposed of. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that he considered that the use of the blade grader should be limited as he felt that a considerable amount of additional employment could be provided instead of making use of this machine. He suggested also that additional employment could be made available without an undue increase in cost by limiting the use of loading equipment and possibly some of this plant might be disposed of. Following a discussion on the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the disposal of worn and scrap machinery by public auction in accordance with the list submitted to this meeting, and that the County Engineer submit a further report indicating items of plant which would not be absolutely essential for Road Works and the discontinuing of which would give scope for greater employment."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY FOR TAKING OVER AS A PUBLIC ROAD OF ROAD FROM MULLINS, TO WHITEROCK, TINAHELY.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,

"That the Council take over and maintain as a public road the road leading from Mullins to Whiterock, Tinahely, which road is known locally as Cooper's Lane."

The Council decided that a proposal to take over this road be considered at a special Committee Meeting of the Members for the Arklow Electoral area, at which the question of the expenditure of moneys provided for repairs to cul-de-sac roads, etc., would be discussed.

**ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY FOR TAKING OVER AND MAINTAINING AS A COUNTY ROAD THE ROAD KNOWN AS KILLACLORAN OLD ROAD.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley,

"That the Council take over and maintain as a public road the road known as Killacloran Old Road, adjoining Arklow-Woodenbridge Road as far as Sheridan-Kenny's farm via County Council cottages."

The Council decided that this proposal be considered by the members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral area at the local meeting to be held in connection with such roads.

**ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. McCREA FOR TAKING OF STEPS TO FILL VACANT POST OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR No. 9 DISTRICT AND TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF DIVIDING DISTRICT WITH A VIEW TO APPOINTING TWO COLLECTORS.**

In reply to enquiries from members the County Secretary submitted details of the collection of rates from the office in respect of No. 9 Collection District for the year to 31st March, 1958. The total Warrant amounted to £38,974-0-11 and the amount outstanding at 31st March, 1958, was £841-11-4. The percentage collected represented 97.84% as compared with 94.93% for the year to 31st March, 1957, and 98.87% for the year to 31st March, 1956. The average collection for the entire county for the year to 31st March, 1957, was 98.42%, and for the year to 31st March, 1956, was 99.046%. The cost incurred in collecting the rates from the office amounted to £65-0-5. Details of the cost which covered postage, clerical work on issue of demand notes, overtime on issue of reminders and rate receipts, stationery and travelling expenses of the County Checker were submitted. The County Secretary stated that no additional staff had been engaged on the collection of rates in the district. In reply to Councillor Lawless, the County Secretary stated that the preparation of the Register of Electors for the area had been assigned to one of the Council's Staff Officers who had received the appropriate fees for the work which otherwise would have been payable to the collector for the area. Poundage at 7d. in the £ on the amount of rates collected through the offices would have amounted to £1,088. In connection with the proposal that the district be divided and two Collectors appointed, the County Manager informed the Council that this would involve increasing the number of permanent offices and was a matter which would have to be initiated by the Manager. He did not consider that two collectors would be necessary for the area. In the Statement on the Estimates for the current year circulated to the members, it had been indicated that a sum of £700 only had been provided for the remuneration of a rate collector for the district if the Council decided to make such an appointment. It had been indicated also in the Statement that should it be decided to continue the collection of rates through the office this sum could be reduced by £400. The County Manager did not consider that the sum of £700 would be adequate for remuneration of two collectors, if appointed. The Council decided to consider the question of the appointment of a Collector or the continuance of the collection of rates through the office. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

Resolved:—

"That applications be invited by public advertisement for the post of Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District."

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond,

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the continued collection of rates for No. 9 Collection District through the Council Offices at Wicklow, for the year 1958/9."

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

**In favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, James Miley, James O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge—7.

**Against:** Councillors James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; G. Timmins, W. Lawless, James Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, J. D. Haughton—8.

The amendment was declared defeated by 8 votes against to 7 votes in favour and the motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea was declared passed on the same voting.

Following a discussion on the question of the appointment of two rate collectors, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

Resolved :—

“That we recommend the division of No. 9 Rate Collection District into two separate districts to be described as 9 and 9a, and that two collectors be appointed for such districts.”

Passed; Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

The County Manager informed the Council that the resolution was not in order. The Council agreed that the County Manager would submit legal opinion on the matter to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. McCREA FOR PROVIDING OF TURF FROM KNOCKANANNA TURF BOGS FOR THE DISTRICT HOSPITAL, BALTINGLASS.**

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted :  
County Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

14th April, 1958.

**Turf Production, 1958—Knockananna Bog.**

Dear Sir,

I regret I cannot advise the Council to cut turf on this bog, the result will not be economical and the suitable material for the purpose required is not available. The Bogs in that area are principally the Red Bog, Knockananna and Knocknaskeagh Bogs.

Most of the Red Bog is being taken over by the Forestry Department for planting. Knocknaskeagh Bog is virtually cut away except for few private banks. In the case of Knockananna Bog all the banks are in depth up to 6 ft. and the quality of the turf is very poor and for a depth of about 4 ft., because the scraw would scarcely be worth taking away. Even the bottom turf in this bog is unusually light and open textured.

In any event, the best of the turf available at Knockananna would not be suitable in the Institutions and the cost of the turf on a tonnage basis would be unreasonable.

Yours faithfully,

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

Councillor McCrea expressed disagreement with the terms of the County Engineer's report and it was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer make a further inspection of the bog and report again to the next meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 15—REPORT ON FIRE AT COUNCIL OFFICES, WICKLOW, ON 19th MARCH, 1958.**

The following report of the Chief Fire Officer in regard to the fire which occurred at the Council Offices on the 19th March, 1958, was submitted :

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse,  
Bray.

31st March, 1958.

re/Fire at Wicklow Courthouse—19/3/58.

Dear Sir,

The Wicklow Fire Brigade received a call out at 11.45 p.m. on the 19th instant to a fire at the Wicklow Courthouse. The brigade arrived at the scene

of the fire at mid-night and found both the house repairs office and the rates office well alight. The fire was confined to these two offices and the damage consisted of almost the total destruction of the house repairs office and major damage to the rates office, some of the contents of the latter office were salvaged.

I was notified of the fire at 12.30 a.m. and arrived at the Courthouse at 1 a.m., by which time the fire had been brought under control.

From my investigation of the outbreak I established the following information :

1. A turf fire had been burning in the house repairs during office hours.
2. The Staff of the house repairs office left at approximately 5 p.m.
3. The Caretaker cleaned out the office at approximately 5.30 p.m. and noted that the fire in the grate had burned down to ashes and that the fire guard was in position and that there was no smell or evidence of anything unusual.
4. The Caretaker went through the corridor at approximately 6.40 p.m. but did not enter the offices; he did not notice anything amiss.
5. The electric fire was not in use when the fire started.
6. The office staff do not smoke and the general public do not usually use the office.
7. I am satisfied that the fire started in this office between the door and the fireplace.
8. I am of the opinion that the fire was burning for some hours before it was observed, because of the fact that there was evidence of a slow heat build up to a high temperature in the drawing office—the door to this office was left partly open. The heat was at first confined to these offices, as the doors to the corridor were closed and so were the windows; the door from the drawing office to the County Engineer's office was also closed.
9. The electric wiring appeared to be in order and was in good condition.
10. The fireplace was found to be correctly constructed.

I cannot state what was the exact cause of the fire, but I am of the opinion that it was most likely caused by a spark from the fire or a lump of burning soot, both of which could get through the fireguard, landing on the Tintawn floor covering which was laid up to the hearth. The Tintawn was not set on fire directly or it would have been observed by the Caretaker when cleaning the office; however, if the floor covering was only smouldering he might not have noticed it, especially as the fumes would be drawn up the chimney by the natural draught.

Yours faithfully,

Signed H. R. H. Sharpe,  
Chief Fire Officer.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of repairing the damage, replacing furniture, etc., destroyed in the fire amounted to £1,615 approximately. The County Secretary stated that a report had been obtained in regard to electricity supply serving the Courthouse Building, and it appears that it would be very desirable to provide a new electric switch board and to re-distribute loads on the three phases serving the premises, as these loads were at present unbalanced and at least one of these phases was over-loaded and could be a fire risk. The estimated cost of the new switch board was £285-13-6. The Council noted the report on the fire and the estimated cost of the repairs and that this cost would be covered by insurance. The Council agreed that a special report in regard to the electric wiring be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 16—PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF OLD RESERVOIR AT AUGHIRM.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from John Pringle, Killacloran, Aughrim, to purchase the reservoir which served the old

water supply, as he wished to use it as a source of water for his premises. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the old reservoir was of no further use to the Council and recommended that it be sold at a nominal figure of £1. Councillor Quigley stated that some people in the locality availed of this old reservoir as a source of water and that if it were sold to Mr. Pringle for his own use they would be deprived of a supply. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for a report in regard to the use of this source as a water supply by other persons.

#### ITEM No. 17—RATHDRUM WATER SUPPLY—PROPOSED RELAYING OF WATERMAIN.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had investigated complaints of unsatisfactory supply of water in Rathdrum and had found that the water being supplied to certain houses was of bad quality. This had been caused by corrosion in the watermain. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the watermain was the original main left over from the Old Ballygannon Wood supply and had been opened and cleaned in sections in 1941 but was now obviously badly corroded again. There were only 235 lin. yds. of pipe and he recommended that this section be taken up and that 3" asbestos cement watermain be laid at a cost of £205. It would cost more than half this amount to clean the old pipe and there would be considerable wastage of water if the Council tried to keep it clean. The County Engineer agreed with the recommendation of the Assistant County Engineer. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Haughton,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, J. P. Caffrey, dated 5th February, 1958, we approve of the re-laying of watermain on Glendalough Road, Rathdrum, at estimated cost of £205 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this work."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 18—REPORT ON CONDITION OF COUNCIL AMBULANCES.

The following report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer in regard to the Council's Ambulances was submitted:  
County Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
2nd April, 1958.

re/Machinery — Ambulances.

Dear Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice the present position of the Council's Ambulances. In all we have five Ambulances, and, except for the Volkswagen, all are old and have done considerable mileage, and hereunder is set out their present condition:

**Wicklow—Volkswagen NI 8365:** Reasonable condition; has completed 90,000 miles. At present under repair for burnt out dynamo. Generally it has proved unsatisfactory for county work. First registered 31st May, 1955.

**Rathdrum—Dodge NI 5288:** This is in a very poor condition, difficult to obtain spares for it owing to its age and is very expensive to maintain. A major breakdown in this vehicle will put it out of commission altogether. First registered 18th June, 1949.

**Dodge NI 5929:** A reconditioned engine has just been put into this vehicle. It is generally in a fair condition and should prove satisfactory for next twelve months. First registered 30th October, 1950.

**West Wicklow—Morris, 10 h.p., NI 7107:** The vehicle wants a general overhaul, including reconditioned engine, new set of tyres and breaking system completely overhauled. First registered 28th January, 1953.

**Ford NI 4861:** This vehicle is completely worn out and would be completely uneconomical to repair and maintain. First registered 28th March, 1948.

All these vehicles are being continuously repaired, and the position has now arrived when it is very difficult to keep all the ambulances in a roadworthy condition, and at any time it might be found that insufficient ambulances were available.

I would, therefore, suggest that a new ambulance be purchased this year to replace the Ford NI 4861 and a new one purchased in each succeeding year until these old vehicles are replaced.

Yours faithfully,

Signed R. L. Farrell,

Chief Assistant County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for the purchase of a new ambulance which was estimated to cost £1,200. The purchase of a new ambulance would rank for recoupment from Health Grant to the extent of 50%. The Council noticed that it would be necessary shortly to replace at least one of the ambulances and agreed that if this became essential the Council would approve of the necessary expenditure to replace it. If possible, however, an effort should be made to continue with these ambulances for the present financial year, in view of no provision having been made in the Estimates for the purchase of a new ambulance.

#### ITEM No. 19—CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1957.

Details of letter of the 3rd April, 1958, from the Department of Health in regard to the Children (Amendment) Act, 1957, were submitted to the Council. Particulars of the important changes effected by the Act were given to the Council and the Council noted that it was intended to give public notice of these provisions in local papers. The Council noted that the age limit of children subject to local authority supervision had been raised from 9 years to 16 years.

#### Sewage Disposal at Avondale Park, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the Ardmore Film Studios did not intend to proceed with the proposed joint scheme in connection with the drainage of their premises and the Council's housing scheme at Avondale Park and that the Solicitors for the Co-operative Holidays Association had asked the Council to proceed immediately with the scheme for the drainage of the Council houses in accordance with the agreement with the Association.

It was proposed, therefore, to proceed with the original work at an estimated cost of £400, as recommended by the County Engineer. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Solicitors for Co-operative Holidays Association and having noted that Messrs Ardmore Film Studios do not intend to proceed with a joint scheme in connection with the drainage of their premises and the Council's Housing Scheme at Avondale Park., we approve of proceeding with the original work proposed by the County Engineer at an estimated cost of £400 and authorise the necessary expenditure to defray the cost of this work."

Passed unanimously.



**Tinahely Fire Brigade : Proposed Meeting at Tinahely.**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. H. B. Weir, Hon. Secretary to the Protest Committee had written to state that he would be glad to hold another meeting in Tinahely in connection with the matter and would be pleased to have as many as possible of the members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral area attending and also the Chairman of the County Council and the Chief Fire Officer. He wished to know what would be the most suitable night for a meeting and suggested Monday, April 21st. The Council agreed that Monday night, April 21st would be suitable for the proposed meeting.

**ITEM No. 20—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.****Caretaker of Courthouse, Wicklow.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he understood that the County Registrar was obliged to have a resident Caretaker for the Courthouse at Wicklow and asked that legal opinion be obtained on the matter.

**Public Lighting at Newtownmountkennedy.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that some public lights at Newtownmountkennedy were not lighting recently. He stated also that water from a pump on the roadside was flowing on to the road and asked that these matters be attended to.

**Water Supply—Whaley Abbey.**

Councillor J. Haughton asked that the County Engineer report on the matter of water supply for Council cottages near Whaley Abbey.

**Contract for Supply of Meat to St. Colman's Hospital and County Hospital.**

Councillor Haughton drew attention to the low price for the supply of meat to these institutions and suggested that meat of satisfactory quality could scarcely be supplied at the price mentioned. The County Manager stated that supplies of meat to the institutions were inspected regularly by the Medical Officers and also by the Veterinary Inspector.

**Hire of Bulldozer.**

Councillor Lawless referred to an application of St. Patrick's Club, Wicklow, for the hire of bulldozer and to the requirement that payment of the hire charges be made in advance. He stated that the club was in a position to meet the cost involved but did not feel that they should be required to pay the full costs in advance, and that the account would be paid immediately on presentation when the work was completed. He asked that the bulldozer be hired to the Club on these terms. The County Manager explained that difficulties had arisen in collecting accounts for the hire of the plant, but agreed in the circumstances to allow the hireage in this instance.

**Notice of Motion.**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., was handed in and accepted by the Chairman :

"That I or someone for me will move at the May meeting of the Council that a pump be erected at Grove Cottages, Blacklion, 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, 5th May, 1958, 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, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Dr. B. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, 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. Hickey and P. McGuinness, were present.

The members of the Council welcomed the Chairman on his return after his accident.

**AGENDA.**

1. Report of the County Engineer on the progress of housing schemes during the month of April, 1958.
2. Housing Scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca.
3. Proposed housing scheme for Kilcoole.
4. Application for Supplementary Grant towards erection of new house.
5. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
6. Applications under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. Report of the County Engineer on proposed system of repair of cottages by contract.
8. Report of County Engineer on cottages repaired during the month of April, 1958.
9. Authorisation of repairs to cottages.
10. Application for reception of Deputation in regard to Tinahely fire fighting service.
11. Applications under University Scholarship Scheme, 1958.

**ITEM No. 1—PROGRESS REPORT :**

The Council noted the following report on the progress of housing schemes during the month of April, 1958, as submitted by the County Engineer :

**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.

The Chairman suggested that in view of the reduction in housing activity by the Council the issue of this report might be discontinued. Councillor McCrea asked that a monthly report instead be submitted in relation to roads, giving particulars of works in progress, moneys expended and number of men employed. Following a discussion on the matter, the County Manager stated that a report would be submitted to the meeting of the Council on the following Monday in regard to road works.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILMAGIG, AVOCA.**

The County Secretary stated that Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow, had submitted a letter stating that they were prepared to proceed with the contract for the erection of six cottages at Kilmagig at a figure of £8,038-3-6 provided personal sureties were accepted in lieu of Fidelity Guarantee policy. The County Secretary stated that he had interviewed Mr. Clarke and had explained to him that it would be necessary to deduct the sum of £150 in

respect of the amount provided for a Fidelity Guarantee Bond and that he understood Mr. Clarke intended to withdraw his tender. The Council decided to defer the matter to the meeting on the following Monday, pending a reply from Mr. Clarke. Councillor McCarthy asked that the County Manager and County Secretary meet Mr. Clarke to discuss the matter prior to the next meeting.

#### ITEM No. 3—PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT KILCOOLE.

The County Secretary stated that the applications for houses in Kilcoole had been re-checked and it was found that one of the applicants had been appointed tenant of a Council house and another had been recommended for the tenancy of a vacant cottage. Two of the applicants were now resident in England and the remaining two applicants were not considered in need of re-housing. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the Scheme be deferred.

#### ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TOWARDS ERECTION OF NEW HOUSE.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Denis Ward, Trooperstown, Moneystown, for a supplementary grant in respect of the erection of a new house. Mr. Ward was a farmer with a valuation of £20-5-0. He had received a State Grant of £125 and would be eligible for a supplementary grant of £62-10-0. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the house was satisfactorily constructed. It was

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

Resolved:—

“That we approve of the making of supplementary grant of £62-10-0 to Mr. Denis Ward, Trooperstown, Moneystown, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new house at Ballard, Moneystown.”

Passed unanimously.

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

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for approval to extensions to Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs. The Chief Fire Officer had recommended that three new vents from the boilerhouse to a room to be used as a workshop, situated directly below the bedrooms, should be built up and that the boilerhouse be provided with vents direct to the open air. He had also recommended the construction of a retaining bund directly below the 600 gallon fuel oil tank, the bund to be oil proof and to have a capacity of one and one eighth times that of the tank. The County Medical Officer had reported that there was no objection to the proposal but suggested that junctions of the walls of the wash-up with the ceilings and floors be covered to facilitate ready cleansing. The Council agreed that permission for the work be granted, subject to the conditions indicated by the Chief Fire Officer and County Medical Officer.

#### ITEM No. 6—APPLICATIONS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. John Lawrence for a loan in respect of the erection of a new house. It had been noted, however, that Mr. Lawrence already owned a house and proposed to build an additional house. In the circumstances Mr. Lawrence had been informed that he would not be eligible for a loan from the Council.

#### ITEM No. 7—PROPOSED SYSTEM OF REPAIR OF COTTAGES BY CONTRACT.

The County Secretary submitted report of County Engineer of 2nd May, 1958, in regard to proposed system of repairs of cottages by contract. In the system proposed it was suggested that the county be divided into a number of areas, each containing not more than 500 cottages, and that tenders be invited from suitable contractors for the carrying out of repairs in a particular district on the basis of a schedule of prices prepared by the County Engineer, with either additions or deductions from a standard schedule price. Members of the Council disagreed with the areas suggested by the County Engineer and the Council decided that copies of the report be circulated to the members and that the matter be considered by the Council at the meeting to be held on the following Monday. Councillor Miley and other members for Balinglass Electoral Area asked that particulars be available for the meeting of costs of repairs to cottages in each engineering district and contended that the cost of repairs in West Wicklow area was less than in other areas and urged that the present system of direct labour repairs be continued in West Wicklow. The Council asked also that particulars of the number of tenants who had applied for repairs to their cottages, both those who had applied for purchase of their cottages and others, be submitted.

**Cottage at Springfield, Arklow:** Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., stated he had received a letter from Mr. Charles McDonald, tenant of cottage at Springfield, Arklow, complaining of the manner in which repairs were carried out to the cottage and complaining that a number of items which should have been attended to had not been done. Councillor McCarthy also referred to the matter and pointed out that the County Medical Officer had been asked to report on the condition of this cottage on a previous occasion. He suggested that a Committee of the members of the Council should inspect the cottage. Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that a report from the County Medical Officer and from the Assistant County Engineer be submitted to the Council at the meeting on the following Monday.

#### ITEM No. 8—COTTAGES REPAIRED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1958.

The Council noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during the month of April, 1958.

#### ITEM No. 9—AUTHORISATION OF REPAIRS TO COTTAGES.

The Council approved of the carrying out of repairs to cottages as submitted by the County Engineer, but suggested that repairs, except urgent repairs, be deferred until a decision had been reached regarding the question of the carrying out of repairs by contract.

The Council noted report of the County Engineer of the 1st May, 1958, in regard to a cottage at Kilpipe (tenant Murphy) in connection with which representations had been made by Councillor Quigley. The Council approved of the carrying out of repairs to this cottage immediately as a matter of urgency.

#### ITEM No. 10—TINAHELY FIRE FIGHTING SERVICE.

The County Secretary stated that members of the Council for the Electoral area, the Chief Fire Officer and County Secretary had attended a public meeting in Tinahely on Monday, 28th April, 1958, in connection with the fire fighting service. The meeting had asked that a deputation be received by the Council at the meeting to be held on the 12th May. The Council agreed to receive a deputation at the meeting to be held on the 12th May, 1958, and at the request of Councillor Hammond agreed that more than one member of the deputation would be allowed to address the Council.

**ITEM No. 11—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1958.**

Five applications to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1958, were submitted and examined by the Council. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the following applications to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1958 :

Paul McMahon, Rutli, Newcourt Road, Bray.  
Michael P. Grant, 32 Main Street, Rathdrum.  
Mary Jane Whelan, Carrignamweel, Aughrim.  
Jean Mary Moran, 27 Blacklion, Greystones.  
John Joseph Kenny, 30 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

**Application for Approval to Erection of Kiosks at The Meetings, Avoca.**

In reply to enquiries from members, particulars of the application submitted by Mr. Liam Holt, Riverside, Avoca, for approval to the erection of kiosks at The Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, were submitted. The County Manager stated that permission for the erection of the kiosks had been refused, as it was considered that the proposal would injuriously affect the amenities of the district. The Council noted the County Manager's report on the matter.

**Application for Provision of Petrol Pump at Newtownmountkennedy.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., raised the question of an application of Mr. Timothy O'Byrne, Newtownmountkennedy, for permission to erect a second petrol pump at Newtownmountkennedy. He urged that permission might be given in view of the fact that there was already one petrol pump erected at this place. The County Manager pointed out that normally approval was not given to the erection of petrol pumps unless they were sited off the public road and in such a way that cars would not obstruct traffic when stopping for petrol. In view of the representations made by the members the application would be reconsidered.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th May, 1958, 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, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, M. Deering, James Miley, 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, J. P. Caffrey, P. J. Foley, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, attended.

**AGENDA.**

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th and 19th March and 8th April, 1958.
2. Fire Fighting Service at Tinahely—to receive deputation.
3. Loan for purchase of light fire engine for Greystones—to affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage.
4. Vacancy on County Council.
5. Recommendations of the Labour Court in relation to
  - (a) Wages of Road Workers;
  - (b) Wages of Motor Truck Drivers, and
  - (c) Sick Pay Scheme for Road Workers.
6. Turf Production—report of County Engineer in regard to proposed cutting of turf on Knockananna Bog.
7. Road Works—report of County Engineer on progress of road works.
8. Use of machinery—report of County Engineer in regard to economy in use of machinery.
9. Repairs to Cottages by Contract—report of County Engineer. (Copy circulated to each member).
10. Housing Scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca.
11. Cottage at Springfield, Arklow—reports of County Medical Officer and Assistant County Engineer.
12. Collection of Rates in No. 9 Collection District—proposed appointment of two Collectors.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., for provision of pump at Grove Cottages, Blacklion, Greystones.
14. Electric wiring at Courthouse, Wicklow—report and recommendation of County Engineer.
15. National Monuments—letter from Commissioners of Public Works in regard to preservation of National Monument at Tournant Upper, Dunlavin.
16. Minutes of Meeting of County Council's General Council held on 12th December, 1957.
17. 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 10th and 19th March and 8th April, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

**Rate Collection—No. 9 District.**

The Chairman stated that he was handing in the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting :

"Take notice that I, or someone on my behalf, will move at the June meeting of the County Council that Standing Orders be suspended with a view to reconsidering the recent decision of the County Council to fill the vacancy in the Rate Collectorship for 9th District."

#### ITEM No. 2—FIRE FIGHTING SERVICE AT TINAHELY.

The Council received a deputation from Tinahely District in regard to the fire fighting arrangements in the area. Mr. Weir, Secretary to the Protest Committee; Mr. Foley, representing Knockananna; Mr. H. Boyd, representing Ballinglen, and Mr. Hadden, representing the Ballyrahan area addressed the Council in regard to the siting of the proposed new fire engine for the district and urged that it be sited at Tinahely. It was contended that Tinahely was geographically more central to serve the area generally, that there was a fire station available and an alarm system, and in addition telephone communications passed through Tinahely. Members of the deputation referred also to the fact that the trailer pump when provided in 1942 was sited in Tinahely and pointed out that in 1932 the people of Tinahely had provided themselves stand, pipes, hose and axes for fire fighting purposes in the town. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the members to the deputation for the reasonable manner in which their proposals were submitted and stated that they would receive full consideration. The deputation then withdrew having thanked the Council for receiving them.

Councillor J. J. McCrea handed in a Memorial from the Carnew Development Association asking that a deputation be received by the Council as to the necessity and importance of having a modern fire fighting service in Carnew. The Council agreed to receive the deputation at the next meeting. The Council deferred obtaining any further report from the Chief Fire Officer on the matters put forward by the deputation from Tinahely until following the reception of the deputation from Carnew.

#### ITEM No. 3—LIGHT FIRE ENGINE FOR GREYSTONES—TO AFFIX SEAL OF COUNCIL TO NEW MORTGAGE.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 21st March, 1958, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,318 be borrowed from The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of financing the cost of defraying expenditure on the purchase of light fire engine, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates AND that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 4—VACANCY ON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the death of Councillor C. M. Byrne a vacancy existed on the Council. Although the vacancy was created automatically in the case of death of a member, it was the practice of the Council to give one month's notice of intention to fill the vacancy. The Council agreed that the vacancy be filled at the next meeting of the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that Councillor Dr. Donnelly had left on that day for Trinidad. He proposed that the Council extend their good wishes to Dr. Donnelly for his prosperity and future happiness in his new life abroad. The members present associated themselves with the Chairman's expression of regret for Dr. Donnelly leaving and extended good wishes for his future prosperity.

#### ITEM No. 5—RECOMMENDATIONS OF LABOUR COURT.

##### (a) Wages of Road Workers.

The following recommendation of the Labour Court was submitted to the Council:—

D.476

1065

THE LABOUR COURT.  
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACTS, 1946 AND 1955.  
RECOMMENDATION No. 1065.

##### Wicklow County Council—Wages of Road Workers.

1. The Labour Court has investigated a dispute between the Federation of Rural Workers and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union on the one hand and Wicklow County Council on the other hand concerning an increase in wages to road workers in the Council's employment.

2. The claim of the workers for an increase of 10/- per week is based on an increase in the cost of living since the last adjustment of the workers' wages. It is submitted on their behalf that the wage of £5-8-6 now being paid is insufficient to enable them to have a reasonable standard of living. It is also submitted that the wages of road workers in several other counties have already been increased to meet the higher cost of living.

3. For the County Council it is stated that the present wage is a reasonable one for a rural area and that in any event it has been increased since 1939 by an amount in excess of the change in the Consumer Price Index. It is stated also that the Council does not agree that the wage rates in County Wicklow should necessarily be altered in line with changes in the remuneration of road workers in other counties. The Council submits that as Wicklow is a predominantly agricultural county the wages of road workers should be related to those of agricultural labourers, which are at present only £5 per week. The Council points out that the granting of an increase of 10/- per week would cost £10,210 per annum, the equivalent of 10d. in the £ on the rates. It is of opinion that the general rate in the £ for the current year should not exceed that levied for 1957-58 and has made no provision in its Estimates to meet an increase in wages of road workers.

4. The Court has considered the submissions of the parties and is of opinion that the workers have a fair claim to an increase of wages. The Court recommends the Council to increase the wages of its road workers by 6/- per week as from the beginning of the first full pay period following the 1st April, 1958.

By Order of the Labour Court.  
(Signed) E. de Burca,  
Officer of the Court.

22 Aibreán, 1958.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered Recommendation No. 1065, dated 22nd April, 1958, from the Labour Court, we approve of the payment of road workers at the rate of £5-14-6 per week with effect from 11th April, 1958, and authorise such necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates as may be necessary to meet the cost of the increase in wages."

Passed: Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

##### (b) Wages of Motor Truck Drivers.

The following recommendation of the Labour Court was submitted to the Council:—

D.476

1067

THE LABOUR COURT.  
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACTS, 1946 AND 1955.  
RECOMMENDATION No. 1067.

##### Wicklow County Council—Wages of Motor Truck Drivers.

1. The Labour Court has investigated a dispute between the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union and Wicklow County Council concerning an increase in wages to four motor truck drivers in the Council's employment.

2. The Union claims that the wages of the drivers should be increased by 15/- per week and bases its claim on the increased cost of living and on the relatively low rate now being paid by the Council to workers of this class. It points out that in Bray the drivers of small vans are paid £7-10-0 per week as against £6-16-0 paid to the Council's truck drivers.

3. For the Council it is submitted that any comparison should not be with the wages paid in the town of Bray but with those paid to lorry drivers generally throughout the county. As far as the Council was aware the rates it paid compared reasonably with those paid locally for employment of a comparable nature. The cost of granting an increase of 15/- per week to the Council's lorry drivers and drivers of other plant and machinery would amount to £2,350 per annum and would affect the volume of employment to be given by the Council. The Council, in order to meet the increased cost of Health and Sanitary Services without involving an increase in the general rate, had found it necessary to reduce the amount provided for road services to an extent of £7,600.

4. The Court has considered the submissions of the parties and is of opinion that the workers have a fair claim to an increase of wages. The Court recommends the Council to increase the wages of the motor truck drivers concerned by the same amount as recommended in the case of the road workers, e.g., by 6/- per week as from the beginning of the first full pay period following the 1st April, 1958.

By Order of the Labour Court.  
(Signed) E. de Burca,  
Officer of the Court.

22 Aibreán, 1958.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That having considered Recommendation No. 1067, dated 22nd April, 1958, from the Labour Court, we approve of an increase of 6/- per week in wages of lorry drivers, roller drivers and machinery attendants, with effect from 11th April, 1958, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the increase in wages."

Passed: Councillor W. Hammond dissenting.

(c) **Sick Pay Scheme for Road Workers.**

The following recommendation of the Labour Court was submitted to the Council:—

D.476

1066  
THE LABOUR COURT.  
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACTS, 1946 AND 1955.  
RECOMMENDATION No. 1066

**Wicklow County Council—Sick Pay Scheme for Road Workers.**

1. The Labour Court has investigated a dispute between the Federation of Rural Workers and Wicklow County Council concerning the introduction of a sick pay scheme for all sections of the Council's road staff.

2. The submissions of the parties to this dispute are closely similar to those made to the Court in its recent investigation of the dispute concerning the introduction of a sick pay scheme for overseers and assistant overseers on the Council's staff. The Court is of opinion that the considerations which influenced it in making its recommendation No. 948 of the 10th April, 1957, apply equally in the present case. The Court does not recommend the Wicklow County Council to concede the Federation's claim.

By Order of the Labour Court.  
(Signed) E. de Burca,  
Officer of the Court.

22 Aibreán, 1958.

The Council noted that the Labour Court did not recommend the Council to concede the Federation's claim in regard to the introduction of a Sick Pay Scheme.

**ITEM No. 6—TURF PRODUCTION.**

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

County Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
28th April, 1958.

re/Knockananna Bog.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith copy of report dated 24th instant received from P. McGuinness, Esq., B.E., Assistant County Engineer, Tinahely, in connection with the possibility of cutting turf on Knockananna Bog.

I agree with Mr. McGuinness' report, and I examined, personally, this bog and other bogs thoroughly some years ago.

I would not recommend cutting.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E.,

County Engineer,

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

24th April, 1958.

re/Knockananna Bog.

Dear Sir,

I wish to refer to your letter of 23rd instant re the possibility of cutting turf on Knockananna Bog.

There are a few banks available mostly owned by Mr. Simon Kehoe, Knockananna, whom I interviewed in this connection. Accessibility to the banks is not altogether too good but this could be overcome at slight extra cost. The depth of turf is fairly reasonable for this area, up to six feet in places. Underneath the scraw to a depth of about two feet the turf is white and light. Below that depth for about two feet the turf is dark but not up to the quality available elsewhere in the county. Even when cut and dried the dark turf is unusually light in weight and the moisture content is high. A good deal of drainage would have to be done by us to get at the best of the dark turf, and even so we would have to save two whites sods for each black sod.

In regard to cost of production and transport to institutions I would expect that the turf would cost about £1 per ton more than reasonable turf similarly obtained. This would arise from accessibility, drainage and the larger number of sods, i.e., the larger bulk, required to make up a ton.

I examined turf cut and saved by private individuals last year and I have already given you two samples, one of the white turf and one of black. I feel that similar turf would be of very little use in the institutions and the effect of mixing it might even prejudice your turf production from other sources in the county.

Having regard to all the above facts I would be very reluctant to save turf from Knockananna until I was sure that the Council fully understood in advance these important facts regarding cost and quality.

Turf had been cut in this area a number of years ago by the Council but this was done at a time of National emergency when we could afford to ignore the cost and quality of material obtained.

Yours faithfully,

P. McGuinness,

Assistant County Engineer.

The Council noted the terms of the reports and the County Engineer's recommendation.

**ITEM No. 7—ROAD WORKS.**

The County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer dated 10th May, 1958, giving particulars of the expenditure in each area on road works during the current financial year to date, together with particulars of work completed and of work in progress and of works proposed for the month of May, 1958, and also giving particulars of the numbers of men employed. The Council noted the details given in the report.

**Road Works at Kilmacanogue.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., requested particulars of the cost of the road works at Kilmacanogue and asked the name of the Department's Engineer who had approved the work. The County Manager in reply stated that particulars of the cost would be given to the Deputy but that the name of the Engineer concerned was not available. He pointed out that works of the type carried out at Kilmacanogue were necessarily costly because they involved the improvement and alignment of a Main Road. It had been the practice in the past to concentrate road works in a few months in the summer of each year, but in recent years an effort had been made to spread the work more evenly over the year and so provide more regular employment. In the case of the road works at Kilmacanogue the weather had deteriorated as the works were in progress and this had affected the condition of the surface. He pointed out that it had never been intended to leave the surface as it was in the present year and that provision had been made in the current year for applying the finishing coat to this road. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Hammond, the County Manager stated that the cost of the work was defrayed from State Grants, except for a small sum for compensation for lands acquired. In view of the heavy traffic on this main trunk road it had been considered necessary to provide a stretch of road where cars could pass out in safety.

**ITEM No. 8—USE OF MACHINERY.**

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:

County Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow,  
10th May, 1958.

**Machinery and Plant.**

Dear Sir,

The position in regard to economy in the use of machinery in the carrying out of the completion of the Road Works Scheme is being examined very carefully and in accordance with the wishes of the Council to see what arrangements are possible to ensure the maximum employment of labour in regard to the engineering works involved.

My estimates for the various schemes approved under the roads programme have been based on the use of machinery, but I feel that the Council is unduly alarmed that this will seriously affect the employment situation; this is not so. Machines should be regarded merely as most efficient tools in the hands of our workers, to enable them to do the work efficiently, expeditiously and, thus, ease the onerous labourer tasks on them, whilst at the same time giving ratepayers the result in improvement on roads which they need.

The position is, as I say, being examined and new methods of construction have been brought into existence in the last few years, resulting in the rapid overtaking of road reconstruction, and there is no doubt that very many roads have been efficiently dealt with even in the last few months in remote areas, where under the "older" method it would have been many years before they would have been improved.

The programme which is being examined at present would visualize the use of a Blade Grader Machine, which would be employed in rooting out and excavating the sides of old roads here and there which have become so narrow with accumulation of material: the machine merely cuts out this accumulation and many Councillors will have seen, I am sure, that it is followed up immediately by a gang of 6 or 7 men doing the trimming work and cleaning and draining behind this type of plant. The result is that a very much increased mileage of road is completed at a small cost; the labour content is in fact increased and the analysis of costing already presented to you indicates this.

I feel that one large Blade Grader, possibly, will be able to meet the requirements of most of the county work this year in the Southern, South-Eastern and Northern Districts and even in the West for part of the time, but I feel that in the Western area, which is more remote to the county, an additional small size Blade Grader would be necessary and the work already carried out in this respect is evidence of its usefulness.

The operation of spreading sand/gravel material and other macadam can be done by hand. Now, with regard to the use of Loading Shovels in Quarries or stone depots, it is obvious that this type of plant relieves the very hard work on our men involved in such operations, and, indeed, our recognised Road Workers are not at all displeased with this relief to them. The type of plant will have to be continued, otherwise the increase in cost in providing materials to the roads will seriously effect the Estimates which have already been submitted to the Council and, thus, will have to be modified in the proposed amount of work to be done.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne,

County Engineer.

The Council noted the terms of the County Engineer's report. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., was of opinion that the use of the Blade Grader Machine should be limited in view of its cost. Councillor Hammond commented favourably on work which he had seen being carried out with the machine and felt that its use was justified in certain cases. Councillor McCrea disagreed with the County Engineer's opinion in regard to the use of loading shovels in quarries and was of opinion that this work could be done as efficiently and as cheaply by the employment of men instead of by using the loader.

**ITEM No. 9—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES BY CONTRACT.**

The following report of the County Engineer had been circulated to the members:

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.****Proposed Maintenance—Cottage Repairs by Contract.**

I have examined the proposal to carry out repairs to cottages by contract and report as follows:—

There are altogether in the county 2,830 cottages (excluding vested cottages) distributed in the Engineers' areas as follows: North Eastern, 1,405; South Eastern, 533; South, 344; West, 548.

In order to encourage "small" contractors who would undertake necessary repairs, it is proposed to divide each Engineer's District into Areas, each Area to contain not more than 500 cottages as a unit, and where possible each Area within reasonable distance of a town. The areas proposed are approximately as follows :—

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT :

- No. 1. **Bray Area**—which will include all cottages down as far as a line from Killincarrig, Downs and west to Ballyramon Commons.
- No. 2. **Newtownmountkennedy Area**—South from above line to a line including Blackditch, Kiltimon, Ballyduff Cross, Roundwood.
- No. 3. **Wicklow Area**—South of Newtown to a line from Wicklow, Coolbeg, Glenealy, Aghowle, Moneystown, Glendalough.

#### SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT :

- No. 4. **Arklow Area**—East of a line from Arklow, Woodenbridge, Rathdrum, Glendalough.
- No. 5. **Aughrim Area**—Aughrim, Rednagh, Aughavanagh, Glendalough, Rathdrum, Woodenbridge, Arklow.
- No. 6. **Southern District**—As the number of cottages in this district is small, it is intended to take the whole District as one Area.

#### WEST DISTRICT :

- No. 7. **Blessington Area**—From Dublin County Bounds south to a line from Dunlavin, Donard, Knockeen.
- No. 8. **Baltinglass Area**—South from Blessington Area to junction with Southern Area at Rathdangan, Borkill to County Carlow Bounds.

The county would be, thus, divided into 8 Areas and each Area has at least one principal town in it.

In order to invite tenders a List of Unit Price Rates has been prepared, and this List describes the work to be done under each unit item, and each item will be numbered.

The suggested procedure, therefore, will be that tenders will be invited from contractors generally regarded as competent and reliable who would carry out repairs to cottages in one or more areas, and he will be requested to state in his tender whether he proposed to carry out the work at the prices set out in the List of Unit Rates, which are regarded by the County Engineer as reasonable, or at a percentage increase or decrease on those rates.

On receiving tenders and after careful examination, a recommendation of the most suitable contractor will be made to the County Manager.

The contractors being approved, the Engineers will inspect the cottages to be repaired and noting the repairs necessary will then call upon the approved contractor to carry out such items as required at the rates already agreed upon under sealed contract with this County Council and with the time limit specified. When the contractor will have completed the work, the contractor having furnished his account to the County Engineer, the Assistant Engineer or Clerk of Works will inspect the work and certify for payment accordingly.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

"That having considered report of the County Engineer dated 2nd May, 1958, we approve of scheme for carrying out repairs to cottages by contract and of the invitation of tenders from contractors in the various areas as recommended by the County Engineer."

Passed; Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and J. D. Haughton dissenting.

It was agreed that tenders be invited and opened in the presence of the Chairman in order to have a report available on the tenders for the next Council meeting.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the cost of carrying out various items of repairs in the different engineering districts and the Council noted that there was not any great difference in the cost of the work in the various areas.

#### ITEM No. 10—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILMAGIG, AVOCA.

The following letter received from Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow, was submitted :

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Church Street,  
Wicklow.  
12th May, 1958.

#### Housing Scheme at Kilmagig.

Dear Sir,

In order to avoid any further confusion or misunderstanding I consider it in the best interests to withdraw my tender for the above housing scheme.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

William Clarke (Builder) Ltd.,  
Signed, William Clarke,  
Director.

The Council directed that tenders be invited again for the erection of the six houses at Kilmagig. It was agreed that the appropriate percentage would be added to the direct labour price to cover the cost of administration, etc.

#### ITEM No. 11—COTTAGE AT SPRINGFIELD, ARKLOW.

The following reports of the County Medical Officer and Assistant County Engineer were submitted :

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

Public Health Department,  
Rathdrum.  
9th May, 1958.

re/Cottage of Charles McDonald, Springfield, Arklow.

A Chara,

In company with Mr. Caffrey I re-inspected the above. It is an old cottage, obviously well built and in sound structural condition. There are some minor

defects, but it is in no way unfit for habitation. Three of the sash windows are loose, by that I mean there has been some inevitable shrinkage, but this is not excessive. In one window the inside lining to the sill is defective. In two rooms there are minor plaster defects and one or two of the skirting boards are a small fraction out from the walls. The defective ceilings have not been dealt with; this would be an easy matter, but Mr. Caffrey informs me that the tenant would not permit repairs as he wanted completely new ceilings. The tenant states that the chimney smokes, but I was unable to confirm this. Speaking generally, the tenant and his wife, who were very aggressive, exaggerated every minor defect and appeared to have the idea that the house should be restored to the condition it was in when first built; this is manifestly absurd. Regard must be had to the overall sum available for cottage repairs, and no tenant of a privately owned house could possibly expect such treatment from his landlord, and certainly he would not get it. As I have stated, the house is perfectly habitable and with the minor repairs to which I have referred, plus the repair of the defective ceilings, it should be quite satisfactory to a less exigent tenant. On both my visits I formed the impression that no matter what was done more would be required.

Mise, le meas,

Signed, D. F. McCarthy,

County Medical Officer.

Courthouse,

Arklow.

9th May, 1958.

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

re/Cottage of Charles McDonald, Springfield, Arklow.

Dear Sir,

Amongst the repairs authorised to be carried out to the above cottage were repairs to the ceilings and walls and the tenant refused to let this work be done, stating that the ceilings and walls were coming down and would have to be re-plastered. In my opinion this was not necessary and I withdrew the plasterer. The carpenter repaired the windows, re-set the eave gutters and re-hung the front door, putting on new slips. The tenant is still not satisfied and is now asking for a new gate and a new lock, and I am sure if all this were done he would still be demanding repairs. Both the tenant and his wife always adopt a bullying and insulting manner.

Yours faithfully,

Signed, J. P. Caffrey,

Assistant County Engineer.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCarthy, the Chairman stated that if the tenant allowed the work to be done as recommended by the County Engineer, the work would be carried out. Councillor McCarthy asked that a copy of the report of the County Medical Officer in regard to the cottage be supplied to him.

#### ITEM No. 12—COLLECTION OF RATES IN No. 9 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The Chairman suggested that in view of the Notice of Motion which he had handed in that this matter be deferred. Councillor McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Quigley, proposed that the matter be proceeded with, and it was

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

Seconded by Councillor W. Hammond,

Resolved:—

“That we defer consideration of the arrangements for the collection of

rates in No. 9 Collection District to the next meeting.

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

**In favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, J. Miley, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Charles W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne—6

**Against:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, M. Deering, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, J. D. Haughton—9.

The amendment was declared defeated by 9 votes against to 6 votes in favour, and the motion was declared carried on the same voting.

The County Manager informed the Council that he had given the matter careful consideration and he could not agree that two collectors were necessary. Having regard to the character of the work to be performed, the appointment of two collectors would scarcely be justified. The County Manager drew attention also to the qualifications for the post, the extent of duties and responsibilities attaching to it as compared with the qualifications required for other offices and duties and responsibilities of such other offices and felt that one collector should readily be able to carry out the duties. As regards the remuneration for the post, the previous collector had been in receipt of £1,088 per annum, but in view of the points he had referred to he considered that the previous cost of collection of rates in the district was altogether excessive and the remuneration for the collection of rates in the district should not exceed £700. He could not accept that the appointment of two collectors would be a desirable way to provide employment. The County Manager stated that he would submit the Council's views in regard to the matter as well as his own opinions to the Department. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 13—PROPOSED PROVISION OF PUMP AT GROVE COTTAGES, BLACKLION, GREYSTONES.

In the absence of Councillor J. O'Toole, the Council decided to defer this matter to the next meeting.

#### ITEM No 14—ELECTRIC WIRING AT COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that the wiring of the Courthouse at Wicklow had been examined and a report had been submitted by the County Engineer in which he recommended that a new main electricity board be installed in order that the electricity phases serving the Courthouse could be connected to it and the load on the different phases distributed equally. The cost of the work would be £285-13-6. The County Engineer considered that the work was necessary, as at present the supplies to the building were unbalanced and certain phases were over-loaded. At the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council agreed that a Consultant be engaged to advise in regard to the wiring of the Courthouse and to submit a recommendation on the matter. The Council agreed that the Consulting Engineer who had been engaged for the provision of electrical services to the former Fever Hospital, Wicklow, might be employed for this work.

#### ITEM No. 15—NATIONAL MONUMENTS.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Commissioners of Public Works indicating that a Preservation Order under Section 3 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1954, had been made in respect of the National



Monument situated on the holding of Mr. Joseph Norton, at Tournant Upper, Dunlavin. The Council noted the terms of the Order.

**ITEM No. 16—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS'  
GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON 12th DECEMBER, 1957.**

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the Minutes of Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on the 12th December, 1957, and the Council noted the items dealt with.

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

The County Manager replied to inquiries from members in regard to items in the County Manager's Orders for the month of April, 1958.

## 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 June, 1958, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everet, 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. McGuinness and P. Hickey, were present.

### AGENDA.

1. Proposed Housing Scheme at Laragh; report on applications.
2. Supplementary Grants for repair and improvement of houses, etc.; correspondence in connection with raising of further loan.
3. Disposal of Cottages on isolated sites.
4. Application for purchase of cottage plot at Ballinamona, Woodenbridge.
5. Application for transfer of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. Report on repairs carried out during the month of May, 1958.

### Resolution of Sympathy.

Councillor P. McCarthy informed the members that Councillor Cleary's father had died in New York. On the proposal of Councillor McCarthy, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor Cleary in his bereavement. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the Staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

### ITEM No. 1—PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT LARAGH.

The County Secretary reported that a re-check had been made by the Health Inspector of the applications received for the provision of houses at Laragh. It appeared that only two of the original applicants were now available; these being, Michael Barrett, Laragh, who resided in an unsanitary dwelling, and John Duffy, Glendalough, who also resided in an unfit house. Of the remaining 10 original applicants, one had been re-housed, one was dead, five were in England, one was now employed at Avoca and resided in a flat between Rathdrum and Avoca, and in two cases the houses of the applicants were not unfit. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the scheme could not be proceeded with at present. The Council asked that when the site had been acquired the possibility of demolishing unfit houses on the site and clearing the site be examined. The Council noted the report of the County Engineer that the building of two cottages only would not be an economical proposition if they were built on the western side of the cross roads.

**ITEM No. 2—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES.**

The County Secretary stated that applications had been made to two Insurance Companies, The Irish Assurance Co. Ltd. and the Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd., for loans for the purpose of making supplementary grants, but in neither case was the Company in a position to make the loan available. The Council's Treasurer had now, however, indicated that a loan of £5,000 could be made available, repayable by instalments over 15 years on the usual terms and subject to the sanction of the Minister. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 31st May, 1958, from the Manager, National Bank Limited, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,000 from The National Bank Ltd. repayable in instalments over a period of 15 years at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank for such advances to meet the cost of making supplementary grants for the repair and improvement of houses and for the provision of private water supplies and sewerage facilities.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—DISPOSAL OF COTTAGES ON ISOLATED SITES.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council could with the sanction of the Department sell cottages erected or acquired by them for housing purposes, with the land attached, and which had ceased to be required for such purposes subject to conditions as set out in Section 7 of the Labourers' (Ireland) Act, 1896. The Council would have to determine a reserve price which would be not less than the amount of the costs and expenses paid by the Council in respect of the cottage, and the cottage and land would be offered first for sale at that price to the owner or successor in Title of the owner from whom the land was originally purchased or taken on lease. If the owner or successor in Title declined within a reasonable time to purchase the cottage, the cottage and land could be offered for sale at that reserve price to the occupier of the holding from which the land had been taken. If the occupier failed to purchase, the cottage and land could be offered for sale by public auction at a price not less than the reserve price. The Council noted the provisions of the section and agreed that if it were found impossible to obtain tenants for cottages on isolated sites, that arrangements might be made for their disposal in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Councillor Hammond suggested that it would be desirable for the Council to acquire a small area of land adjoining each cottage in order that the cottage and land might form a more attractive holding when offered for sale. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the Irish Land Commission might be interested in acquiring certain of the cottages in the event of the division of lands in the vicinity of such cottages. It was agreed that the Irish Land Commission be approached in the matter.

**ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF COTTAGE PLOT AT BALLINAMONA, WOODENBRIDGE.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. D. C. Gallagher, Dublin, on behalf of a firm which acquired properties in Woodenbridge in connection with an industry, for the purchase of plot of ground at Ballinamona, Woodenbridge. A Council cottage had been erected on this plot but the site had become undermined by the river, and about 1936 the tenant had been rehoused and the cottage demolished by the then Board of Health. The plot had not been in use since that date. If the Council were

agreeable to dispose of the plot it would be necessary to offer it first to the original owner and if he did not require it, then it could be disposed of. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the plot be offered to the original owner, and if not required by him, be disposed of.

**ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Thomas Kilbride, Grattan Park, Greystones, who had obtained a loan of £1,350 from the Council in 1955 for the purpose of erecting a house and shop at Grattan Park had applied for permission to dispose of his interest in the house and shop. The proposed purchaser was Mr. Christopher Dunne, Sallins Rd., Naas, Co. Kildare, who had submitted particulars of his circumstances. The Council agreed that if the County Manager were satisfied as to the ability of Mr. Dunne to meet the repayments on the loan and other charges arising, permission be given to Mr. Kilbride to dispose of his interest in the shop and house and to transfer the loan to Mr. Dunne.

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

The County Secretary stated that Mr. John Bohan, Main Street, Blessington, had amended his application for a loan from £1,400 to £1,100. Mr. Bohan's application had been considered by the Council at a previous meeting, and the Council felt that he might find difficulty in meeting the charges arising from a loan of £1,400 in view of his income. Councillor J. Miley, Blessington, recommended the applicant and stated that he was satisfied that he would meet his responsibilities on the loan. The Council recommended that a loan of £1,100 be made to Mr. Bohan.

The County Secretary stated that a further application had been made by Mr. Frederick J. Stafford for a loan of £1,500 in respect of the erection of a house at Ballintekin, Wicklow. Mr. Stafford's Solicitor, stated that his client had now opened a shop in Wicklow, where he had been in business since December, 1957. The Council deferred consideration of the application pending the obtaining of information as to the manner in which Mr. Stafford held the shop premises in Wicklow.

**Application for Use of Land for Caravans.**

The County Secretary submitted application of Mr. John Brady, Pretoria Road, Greystones, for the use of site off the New Road, Greystones, for from 4 to 6 trailer caravans. The County Medical Officer in his report of the 29th May, 1958, referred to his previous report of the 8th August, 1956, and stated that as the granting of a licence in this instance would be prejudicial to amenities, he would recommend refusal. In the report of the 8th August, 1956, the County Medical Officer stated that he was in full agreement with the Health Inspector's report, and that any attempt to establish a bidonville in an area such as Greystones should be strongly opposed. The Health Inspector had reported that the plot of ground was approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre in area and was located at the rear of the cinema in Greystones. It was in direct view of the bungalows and houses at La Touche Road and a bungalow at the side of Mr. Brady's property. There was an outdoor water closet and an outdoor tap at the rear of Mr. Brady's dwelling. The Health Inspector did not consider the facilities readily accessible to the site and as the site was in a built-up area recommended that permission be refused. The County Secretary stated that the application for the licence in 1957 had been refused by the Council, but subsequently had been granted by the Minister on appeal by Mr. Brady. The Council decided to refuse the application for a licence, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.

**ITEM No. 7—COTTAGE REPAIRS.**

The Council noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during the month of May, 1958, as submitted by the County Engineer.

**Fencing of Cottage Plots.**

Councillor Hudson asked that the Council arrange for the replacement of fence between cottage plot and field of Mr. Austin Smith, Blackditch. The County Manager indicated that the Council had no liability in regard to this fence. When a fence had been erected around a cottage plot by the Council it was the responsibility of the tenant to maintain such fence. It was the responsibility of the landowner to provide or maintain such fences as were necessary to prevent his stock from trespassing on adjoining lands.

**Employment of Lorry.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to a lorry owner who had been engaged by the Council in previous years for work with his lorry and asked if he could be employed again in the present year. The County Manager pointed out that in accordance with the decision of the Council every effort was being made to economise in the use of machinery and to avoid the hiring of plant from contractors. It was the Council's endeavour to utilise their own machinery to the maximum and to avoid, if at all possible, the hiring of outside plant.

**Proposed Housing Scheme.**

In reply to Councillor McCrea, who asked that local meetings to consider applications for the provision of cottages be held as soon as possible, the County Manager stated that a report in regard to the applications would be submitted to the next housing meeting of the Council.

On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, the Council agreed that the Council's congratulations be conveyed to the Wicklow representatives who had been successful in the Sheep Shearing Competition held in County Kerry.

The Council also agreed that their congratulations be conveyed to the two ladies from the Tinahely area who had been successful in a Poultry Judging Competition at Belfast.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th June, 1958, 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, W. Hammond, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; 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 confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th April, 5th and 12th May, 1958.
2. To authorise the raising of temporary overdrafts on the Council's General and Capital Accounts.
3. To fix date for Annual Meeting of Council to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1958.
4. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools.
5. To fill vacancy on County Council.
6. To receive deputation from Carnew Development Association regarding fire fighting service in Carnew.
7. Report of Chief Fire Officer regarding fire at Glen Heste Hotel on 6th May, 1958.
8. To allow and make County Rate for services of financial year ending on 31st March, 1959, sign and seal Rate Books, and authorise affixing of Seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants and sign and seal Demands on Urban District Councils.
9. To take over as a public road the road at La Touche Place, Greystones.
10. Memorial from ratepayers regarding improvements required to road from Clone Cross Roads to terminus at Moneyteigue.
11. Letter from Bord Failte Eireann regarding proposed car park and access to the sea at Brittas Bay and notifying grant towards cost of land purchase.
12. Greystones Harbour—letter from Bord Failte Eireann notifying grant towards cost of repairs to Greystones Pier.
13. Letter from Irish Automobile Drivers and Automobile Mechanics Union regarding proposed increase of 6/- per week in wages of motor truck drivers and machinery attendants.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne: "That Standing Orders be suspended with a view to reconsidering recent decision of County Council to fill vacancy in the rate collectorship for 9th district."
15. To receive tenders for repairs to cottages by contract.
16. To receive tenders for erection of cottages at Kiriikee.
17. To receive tenders for erection of six houses at Kilmagig.
18. Litter on beaches—letter dated 3rd May from Department of Local Government regarding making of bye-laws, etc.
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole: "That a pump be erected at Grove Cottages, Blacklion, Greystones."
20. Electric wiring at Courthouse, Wicklow—report of Consulting Engineer.
21. Letter from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in regard to site for Vocational School at Blessington.
22. To consider proposed amendment of Scheme of Polling Places and Polling Districts in regard to Bray Urban District consequent on alteration of boundary.
23. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy: "That Wicklow County Council avail of the services of Arklow Memorial Hospital for the treatment of patients who can be treated in the hospital."
24. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley: "That the tinkers parked around the lake at Blessington not be allowed or that the Gardai be asked to stop camping around the lake where people tour."

25. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding resolution submitted by the Council in relation to decentralisation of University facilities.  
26. 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 14th April, 5th and 12th May, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, 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, 1958, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, 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, 1958, shall not exceed £24,050."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The Council decided to hold the Annual Meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 1st July, 1958, and to hold the Housing Committee Meeting immediately following the termination of the Annual Meeting.

#### ITEM No. 4—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS.

The County Secretary stated that reports had been received from the Superiors of the various schools in regard to the conduct and progress of various scholarship holders and the renewal of the scholarships was recommended:—

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months, subject to general compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme and to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the scholarships awarded to the following candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1954. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils

to be received from the Superiors of their schools:

Mary Jane Whelan, Presentation College, Mountmellick, Co. Leix.  
Anne Cahill, Scoil Caitriona, i gColaiste San Doimnic, 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, Co. Kildare.  
Anne Brigid Kelly, St. Joseph's Convent, 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, Wicklow.  
James F. Whiston, Presentation College, Bray.  
Florence M. O'Sullivan, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.  
Anne Byrne, Loreto Abbey, Gorey, Co. Wexford.  
Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months, subject to general compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme and to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the scholarships awarded to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1955. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from the Superiors of their schools:

Anne Dagg, Brigidine Convent, Tullow, Co. Carlow.  
Mary C. Davis, St. David's Convent Secondary School, Greystones.  
Eileen McNulty, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.  
Prionnias Mac an Baird, C.B.S., Carriglea, Dun Laoghaire.  
Sean S. O'Cathain, C.B.S., Synge St., Dublin.  
Diarmuid O'Coiglig, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.  
Abraham F. Jacob, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Labhras P. O'Talun, Good Counsel College, New Ross.  
Labhras O'Dubhtaig, C.B.S., Gorey, Co. Wexford.  
Marie Theresa O'Toole, Loreto Convent, Bray.  
Philomena Crinnion, Loreto College, North Great George's St., Dublin.  
Mary Ann O'Dea, Loreto Convent, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.  
Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months, subject to general compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme and to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the scholarships awarded to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1956. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from the Superiors of their schools:

Henry Byrne, St. Mary's College, Knockbeg, Co. Carlow.  
Mary Ferguson, Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin.  
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, St. Joseph's, Wicklow.  
Mary E. Doyle, St. Ann's Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Bernadette A. Byrne, St. Ann's Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Catherine Timmons, St. Ann's Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Michael Hollingsworth, De La Salle College, St. Joseph's, Wicklow.  
Mary F. O'Sullivan, Holy Faith Convent, Secondary School, Greystones.  
Mary C. Conroy, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further 12 months, subject to general compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme and to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the scholarships awarded to the following successful candidates under Wicklow County Council's Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1957. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from the Superiors of their schools:

Raymond Moran, C.B.S., Secondary School, Mount Merrion, Dublin.  
Michael Joseph Tuite, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Patrick Finbar Whelan, Patrician Bros., Boarding School, Ballyfin, Mountrath.  
Catherine P. Olohan, St. Ann's Day School, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Patrick G. O'Reilly, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Annie Mary Byrne, St. David's Secondary School, Greystones.  
Mary O'Byrne, Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin.  
Patrick J. Jones, C.B.S., St. Brendan's, Bray.  
Winifred N. Lambert, Dominican Convent Day School, Wicklow.  
James P. Anderson, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Anthony J. Lang, C.B.S., St. Brendan's, Bray.  
Charles A. O'Toole, Holy Ghost College, Blackrock.  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 5—TO FILL VACANCY ON COUNTY COUNCIL.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Mr. Seamus Macken of Ballykeane, Redcross, as a member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor C. M. Byrne."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 6—FIRE FIGHTING SERVICE IN CARNEW.

The Council received a deputation from Carnew Development Association in connection with the fire fighting service in Carnew. The deputation included Mr. P. R. Garland, Mr. Whitty, Geraty Ltd.; Mr. G. Sheane, Carnew Tannery; Mr. Dowse, Messrs. Dowse and Son; Mrs. Spicer, Carnew Castle, and others. Mr. Garland addressed the Council and put forward reasons why the new fire engine should be stationed at Carnew. He drew attention to the higher valuations in Carnew and surrounding area and stated that Carnew was a progressive town with several large businesses. He referred to the volume of wheat and barley, etc., stored in Carnew, and pointed out that grain drying represented a dangerous fire risk. A new church had recently been built, a new school was being erected, and Carnew also had a Vocational School. He agreed that as regards geographical position a strong case could be made for placing the fire engine at Tinahely. Having regard, however, to the higher value of property at risk in the Carnew District, he urged that the fire engine be stationed at Carnew. Mr. Garland also referred to the fire which had occurred at Messrs. Geraty's, and pointed out that but for the prompt action of the brigade serious loss would have been occasioned. The Chairman thanked the members of the deputation for the manner in which their views had been put forward and the deputation then withdrew. The Council asked that the Chief Fire Officer submit a further report having considered the views put forward by the deputations from Tinahely and Carnew.

#### ITEM No. 7—FIRE AT GLEN HESTE HOTEL.

The County Secretary submitted report of 10th May, 1958, of the Chief Fire Officer in regard to the fire which occurred at Glen Heste Hotel on the 6th May, 1958. The Council noted that the Chief Fire Officer had pointed out that both the Blessington Pump and the Dunlavin Pump had broken down while working at the fire, and that this emphasised the need for replacing these old fire appliances which were no longer reliable. The Council noted also that the Dublin Fire Brigade had attended and, in the circumstances, approved of the Chief Fire Officer's recommendation that the cost of attendance of the Dublin Fire Brigade be met by the Council.

#### ITEM No. 8—MAKING OF COUNTY RATE, ETC.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1959, 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, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1959, as follows:—

Arklow	...	...	£10,421 14 6
Bray	...	...	£41,442 13 6
Wicklow	...	...	£9,028 10 6

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 9—PROPOSED TAKING OVER OF ROAD AS A PUBLIC ROAD.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported in regard to the short cul-de-sac accommodation road leading off La Touche Place, Greystones, on which there were 12 houses and had stated that the surface was part concrete and part tarmacadam and that there were footpaths on either side for most of its length. He pointed out that turning facilities at the end of the cul-de-sac were very limited. The Council's Engineer agreed that the road might be taken over. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of public notice being given of our intention to take over as a public road the road known as New Road, off La Touche Place, Greystones."  
Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 10—ROAD FROM CLONE CROSS ROADS TO TERMINUS AT MONEYTEIGUE.

The County Secretary submitted Memorial received from ratepayers at Moneyteigue, Auhgrim, asking that improvements be carried out on the road from Clone Cross Roads to the terminus at Moneyteigue. It was stated in the Memorial that the road was scarcely 8 ft. wide but was capable of being widened to 10' or 12' at a very low cost by the removal of grass margin which was on either side, and that if this work were done, it would only be found necessary to put back existing fence at two or three places for a short distance. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the road was only a narrow lane and was much as described in the Memorial. It was not included in the Road Works Scheme for the present year, but he anticipated that it could be done in the

following year as most of the other roads in the district would by then have been repaired. The work of widening by removing the sod margins could be done by a traxcavator and a couple of lorries and would cost about £240. The Council noted that no provision had been made for the work in the present year and that it could possibly be included in the Road Estimates for the following financial year.

#### ITEM No. 11—CAR PARK AND ACCESS TO SEA AT BRITTAS BAY.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 20th May, 1958, from Bord Failte stating that the Board had noted that the cost of the structural work for the Car Park and access at Brittas Bay was estimated at £2,358, and the cost of land acquisition would amount to £490. The Board indicated that it had been decided to make a grant not exceeding £500 available from current funds to meet the cost of the land purchase and asked that the work might be put in hands. The County Secretary stated that provision had not been made in the current Road Works Scheme for the cost of the Car Park. A further letter had been sent to the Department of Local Government asking if, in view of the Grant now allocated by An Bord Failte, the Department might allocate a grant towards the cost of constructing the Car Park. The Council noted the position in the matter and decided to await a reply from the Department of Local Government.

#### ITEM No. 12—GREYSTONES HARBOUR.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 20th May, 1958, from Bord Failte Eireann stating that the cost of proposed works as set out in letter of 27th November, 1956, from the County Engineer was estimated at £1,974-5-0 and that it had been decided to make available a grant not exceeding £1,000 from current finances for the project. The County Secretary stated that no special provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for any contribution by the Council towards work at Greystones Harbour. The following letter from Greystones and District Civic Association was also submitted:

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Grand Hotel,  
Greystones.  
17th May, 1958.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, in which you state "no provision was made in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of any work at Greystones Harbour."

My Committee has received this information with surprise and disappointment. Also, it is noted with regret that up to the date of your letter you had not received any indication of a grant being made available for works at the harbour.

In a communication received from the County Manager dated 30th January last special reference was made to improvements at the harbour and a sum of £3,000 was then considered by the County Engineer to be sufficient to cover essential work in this connection. It was also stated that the Council would request the "Tourist Board" to provide a grant towards meeting the cost of the repairs to the pier.

It was hoped and indeed expected a grant would have been made available, and the work on the pier would by now have commenced. It is generally agreed that the present state of the pier is a danger to life and limb and the harbour a source of grave danger to the many boatmen using same. My Committee expressed the hope that the County Council is sparing no effort in bringing influence to bear on Bord Failte for the necessary grant.

I would be grateful if you would inform me as soon as possible what further action you have taken, as we feel this matter should not be allowed to remain in abeyance.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: D. Fitzgerald,

Hon. Joint Secretary.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,000 from the National Bank, repayable over a period of 10 years, to meet part of the cost of repairs to Greystones Harbour, subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 13—INCREASE OF WAGES OF MOTOR TRUCK DRIVERS AND MACHINERY ATTENDANTS.

The following letter from The Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union was submitted:

Mr. K. J. Brangan,  
County Secretary.

22 North Frederick Street,  
Dublin, C.16.  
30th May, 1958.

re/Wage Claim—Labour Court. Recommendation No. 1067.

A Chara,

Further to ours of the 15th instant, I am to advise you that our members having given due consideration to the above have now informed us that they are not satisfied with the small amount of 6/- per week.

My Executive Committee, having regard to the general amount conceded to thousands of other workers throughout the country who are actually in receipt of much higher wages than is being paid to our members by your Council, hold that the matter should be reconsidered by your Council in the light set out in our previous letter, as they cannot condone the acceptance of an increase that is now rejected by our members and is neither consonant with the National Agreement reached last September between the Federated Union of Employers and Provisional United Trade Union Organisation or adequate to offset the further increase in the cost of living since then.

In the circumstances, we feel your Council will see with us in the matter and recommend a more reasonable adjustment in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: Christopher McGee,  
General Secretary.

The Council noted that this matter had been considered by the Labour Court and that the Council had adopted the recommendation of the Labour Court for an increase of 6/- per week.

#### ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR H. J. BYRNE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO RECONSIDER DECISION REGARDING FILLING OF VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTORSHIP IN No. 9 DISTRICT.

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

Resolved:—

"That Standing Orders be suspended with a view to reconsidering the decision of the Council to fill the vacancy for Rate Collector for No. 9 District."

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

In favour: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D. W. Hammond, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, James Miley, James O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and H. J. Byrne—8  
Against: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, William Lawless, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; John Smyth and C. W. Hudson—9

The motion was declared defeated by 9 votes against to 8 votes in favour. The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government:

E.L.27/16/9.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
A Chara,

Custom House,  
Dublin.  
5th June, 1958.

With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo regarding the collection of rates in the No. 9 collection district, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has considered the various aspects of the matter and the several points discussed at the Council's meeting of the 14th April, 1958.

It is noted that the percentage collection for No. 9 district during the year 1957/58, when the rates were collected through the office, was 97.84%, as compared with 94.93% in the year 1956/7 and 98.87% in 1955/56, and that the total outlay on collection was £65. It is also noted that even with the employment of temporary staff, if required, it is estimated that the total cost of collection through the office should not exceed £300 per annum, as against the remuneration of £1,088 paid to the previous collector. The figures quoted show that while maintaining a good standard of collection, the office system of collection shows a considerable saving in the actual cost of collection.

In all the circumstances, and particularly if it is anticipated that the 1957/58 standard of collection will be maintained or improved during the current year, it is considered that a proposal which would have the effect of adding to the cost of collection, and so reducing the Council's net revenue from rates, could not be justified. The proposed appointment of a Rate Collector with maximum remuneration of £700, while it would show a saving on the remuneration previously paid, would represent more than double the estimated maximum cost of office collection. Accordingly, the Minister cannot see how he could properly accept a proposal to increase the cost of rate collection by at least £400 unless it could be clearly demonstrated that the extra expenditure would result in an improved collection and increased revenue to the Council. Unless increased revenue would result, such a proposal would be contrary to the general policy that collection costs should be kept to the minimum, consistent with the attainment of the highest possible collection.

It is suggested, therefore, that at their meeting on the 9th instant, the Council might reconsider their decision in the light of the foregoing. The local authority's proposals following discussion of the matter by the Council at that meeting will be awaited.

Mise, le meas.

The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That applications be invited by public advertisement for the post of Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District and that the post be filled at the July meeting."

As an Amendment, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That the appointment of Rate Collector be considered at the August monthly meeting of the Council to be held on 11th August, 1958."

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

**In favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; W. Hammond, P. Kehoe, James Miley, James O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge—6.

**Against:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, G. Timmins, M. Deering, William Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; John Smyth, C. W. Hudson and H. J. Byrne—11.

The amendment was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 6 votes in favour and the motion was declared passed on the same voting.

#### ITEM No. 15—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES BY CONTRACT.

In response to public advertisement 9 tenders for repairs to cottages by contract were received and were opened in the presence of the members. The Council was informed that two tenders had been received late and could not be opened. The tenders received were as follows:

##### NORTHERN DISTRICT.

<b>No. 1 Area:</b>	Messrs. C. O'Toole and G. Vickers, Wicklow	+10%
	Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones	- 5%
<b>No. 2 Area:</b>	Messrs. O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon, Newcastle	S.R.
	Messrs. C. O'Toole and G. Vickers, Wicklow	+10%
	Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones	-2½%
<b>No. 3 Area:</b>	Messrs. O'Toole and Vickers, Wicklow	+10%
	Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones	-2½%

##### SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

<b>No. 4 Area:</b>	David Lee Arklow	+20%
	Myles Richards, Coolflake, Rathdrum	+50%
	Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca	S.R.
	Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones	+10%
<b>No. 5 Area:</b>	Myles Richards, Coolflake, Rathdrum	+50%
	James Thompson, Aughrim	S.R.
	Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca	S.R.
	Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones	+10%
<b>No. 6 Area:</b>	L. J. Byrne, Deerpark, Shillelagh	+25%
	Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones	+10%

##### WESTERN DISTRICT.

<b>No. 7 Area:</b>	Edward Flynn, Jnr., Donard	S.R.
	Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones	+12½%
<b>No. 8 Area:</b>	Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones	+12½%
	S.R. = Standard Rate.	

The Council referred the tenders for examination by the County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 16—TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE.

Only one tender had been received in response to public advertisement for the erection of cottages at Kirikee, in addition to the tender submitted by the County Engineer. The tenders were opened in the presence of the Council. The tender received was from Messrs. William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow, and was in the sum of £4,269-10-0. The County Engineer's tender amounted to £3,837-0-0, to which was added 7½% in respect of proportion of cost of administrative, clerical, accounting and engineering services, etc., making a total of £4,142-15-6. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister, we decide to carry out the erection of 3 cottages at Kirikee by direct labour."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 17—TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF SIX HOUSES AT KILMAGIG.

In response to public advertisement, five tenders, including that from the County Engineer, were opened in the presence of the members of the Council. The tenders were as follows:

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Messrs. William Clarke Ltd., Wicklow ... ..	8,564 10 0
Messrs. Finlayson Bros., Wicklow ... ..	10,936 0 0
William O'Brien and Sons, Bray ... ..	9,345 16 0
Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones ... ..	8,100 0 0
County Engineer ... ..	8,675 5 0

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

#### ITEM No. 18—LITTER ON BEACHES.

Circular Letter of 3rd May, 1958, from Department of Local Government in regard to the desirability of making effective arrangements for dealing with litter on beaches and on bathing places generally was submitted to the Council. The Council agreed that Bye-Laws be made for beaches under the control of the Council based on the model clauses received from the Department of Local Government and that copy of proposed Bye-Laws and of the circular from the Department be circulated to the members and that the matter be submitted to the next meeting. It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered Circular of 3rd May from Department of Local Government regarding litter on beaches, we approve of the adoption of a code of bye-laws in accordance with the draft Bye-Laws to apply in respect of all beaches and bathing places under the control of Wicklow County Council."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 19—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE, T.D., FOR ERECTION OF PUMP AT GROVE COTTAGES, BLACKLION, GREYSTONES.

The Council deferred Notice of Motion pending receipt of report from the Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 20—ELECTRIC WIRING AT COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

Report received from Consulting Engineer, J. C. Costello, was submitted to the Council. The Council noted the advice of the Consulting Engineer and agreed that he be asked to make the necessary survey of the building and to submit an estimate of the total cost of the works recommended.

#### ITEM No. 21—SITE FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT BLESSINGTON.

The following letter from the Vocational Education Committee was submitted:

Secretary, Wicklow County Council. Technical School, Wicklow.  
re/Site for Vocation School at Blessington.

A Chara,

I was instructed by my Committee at its meeting on 27th instant to ascertain whether your Council would be prepared to sell to my Committee the plot of land owned by your Council opposite the Catholic Church at Blessington for the erection thereon of a vocational school.

My Committee has experienced difficulty in securing a suitable site for its proposed new school at Blessington and would be most grateful if your Council could agree to make available the site in question.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: A. O'Crotaigh,  
Príomh Oifigeach Feidhmiúchain.

Councillor Miley and Councillor McCrea referred to negotiations which were proceeding in regard to the site at Blessington, and the Council decided to defer consideration of the matter.

#### ITEM No. 22—PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SCHEME OF POLLING PLACES AND POLLING DISTRICTS IN REGARD TO BRAY URBAN DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to avail of The Cripples' Home, Sunbeam House, Bray, as a Polling Place for voters in Bray No. 1 District and to use St. Peter's Schools as a Polling Place for the new No. 4 District. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that he understood there was a possibility of Sunbeam House being acquired for other purposes and suggested that the matter might be deferred and the further views of Bray Urban District Council obtained, and it was decided to defer the matter accordingly.

#### ITEM No. 23—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY REGARDING ARKLOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor McCarthy proposed that the Council avail of the services of Arklow Memorial Hospital for treatment of patients who can be treated in the hospital. He referred to the present serious position in relation to the hospital and suggested that it could be used for patients requiring rest or long-term treatment. He referred also to the cost involved for persons visiting patients from Arklow in Baltinglass Hospital, and pointed out that such visits required the hire of a car. Councillor M. Deering seconded Councillor McCarthy's proposal, which was supported also by Councillors Quigley and McCrea. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not avail of the Arklow Memorial Hospital for patients who could be accommodated in the Council's own institutions. The Arklow Hospital had been availed of for treatment of non-pulmonary T.B. for many years, as previously there had been a scarcity of beds for this type of case, but now there was no such scarcity. The problem was to find a new use for the hospital. The modern hospital had to have accommodation and equipment of a costly nature, and there was no easy solution to the matter. The County Manager suggested that the matter might be discussed by the Consultative Health Committee. The Council agreed that the matter be referred to the Consultative Health Committee.

#### ITEM No. 24—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY: "THAT THE TINKERS PARKED AROUND THE LAKE AT BLESSINGTON NOT BE ALLOWED OR THAT THE GARDAI BE ASKED TO STOP CAMPING AROUND THE LAKE WHERE PEOPLE TOUR."

Councillor Miley and other members of the Council referred to the annoyance caused by the number of itinerants who camped along roadsides throughout the county. The County Manager pointed out that neither the Council nor the Gardai had adequate powers to deal with this problem. The Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Department of Justice on the matter with a request that the Minister introduce the necessary legislation to give adequate powers to the Gardai to deal with the problem. The Council agreed also that the Department of Local Government be informed of the Council's views.



**ITEM No. 25—LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL REGARDING DECENTRALISATION OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES.**

The Council noted the following letter received from the County Councils' General Council:

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

1/2 Cavendish Row,  
Dublin.  
20th May, 1958.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held in Dublin on the 8th instant, the following motion on the recommendation of the Emergency Committee was adopted unanimously.

"That while many arguments may be advanced in support of decentralisation of University facilities, the Sub-Committee is forced to the opinion that the existing institutions are more than capable of catering for the entire needs of the State, provided due regard is had for such matters as Accommodation, Equipment, Endowment, etc. Any attempt to transfer an existing faculty, or section thereof, can only result in vastly increased expenditure, less efficient educational services and an almost complete absence of facilities for the research essential for all students seeking specialised attainments."

This motion was in substitution for the following motion from your Council: "That we request the Government to consider the desirability of transferring certain University faculties to centres outside of the capital with a view to decentralising education. We consider that the proposal to erect new University buildings in the city of Dublin is open to objection."

Mise, le meas,

Signed Enri Mac Daibheid,  
Runai.

**Housing Scheme at Kilcoole.**

Councillor Lawless referred to the recent decision of the Council to defer proceedings with any housing scheme at Kilcoole, but stated that he was of opinion that if some cottages were built, there would be applicants available, and asked that the applications be re-examined.

**Water Supply at Ashford.**

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Lawless the County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the plans for the Wicklow Regional Scheme to cover extensions to serve cottages at Nun's Cross and other places.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

In the name of Councillor P. Kehoe:

"That I or someone for me will propose that four better type class of houses be erected at Belan Street, Baltinglass."

In the name of Councillor John Smyth:

"That I or someone for me shall move that the road from Annamoe to the Laragh-Lough Dan Road be put in order."

In the name of Councillor John Smyth:

"That I or someone for me shall move that a piped water supply be provided to Annamoe."

In the names of Councillors P. McCarthy and J. Quigley:

"That we amend the Notice of Motion regarding Aughrim's new cottages and that the Council name them 'Lourdes Crescent'."

# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, 1st July, 1958.

The following members attended:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus Macken, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager and County Secretary were present.

Councillor Seamus Macken, Ballykeane, Redcross, attended and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## 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.
7. To fill vacancy on County Committee of Agriculture consequent on death of Councillor C. M. Byrne.
8. To fill vacancy on Vocational Education Committee consequent on death of Councillor C. M. Byrne.

## ITEM No. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Smyth,

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.

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the members for his re-election.

## ITEM No. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was

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

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, Vice-Chairman, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the members for his re-election.

**ITEM No. 3—APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That the following members be appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board: Councillors E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy.”  
Passed unanimously.

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

It was

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

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.; E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. D. Haughton, C. W. Hudson, W. Lawless, S. Macken.  
Passed unanimously.

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

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils: Councillors G. Timmins, J. J. McCrea and P. Brennan, T.D.”  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.**

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association.”  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—TO FILL VACANCY ON COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE CONSEQUENT ON DEATH OF COUNCILLOR C. M. BYRNE.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Councillor Seamus Macken, Ballykeane, Redcross, to fill vacancy on County Committee of Agriculture consequent on the death of Councillor C. M. Byrne.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—TO FILL VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE CONSEQUENT ON DEATH OF COUNCILLOR C. M. BYRNE.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Councillor J. Miley to fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee consequent on death of Councillor C. M. Byrne.”

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 1st July, 1958, following the termination of the Annual Meeting.

The following members attended:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;  
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; S. O'Maicin, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

### AGENDA.

1. Housing Scheme at Kilmagig; report of County Engineer on tenders for erection of six houses.
2. Repairs to cottages by contract; report of the County Engineer on tenders received.
3. Applications for supplementary grants towards erection of new dwelling houses.
4. Town and Regional Planning Acts.
  - (a) Application for approval to erection of slaughter house;
  - (b) Determination of Appeal regarding erection of house and shop at Kilmurray North, Glen of the Downs.
  - (c) Use of site at Glen of the Downs for building.
5. Dangerous building at Tinahely.
6. Application for re-housing of family returning to county from England.
7. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors P. McCarthy and J. Quigley for naming of new cottages at Aughrim.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley for building of additional room to cottage at Burgage.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe for provision of four better class type of houses at Belan Street, Baltinglass.

### Resolution of Sympathy:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Quigley, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Rev. Mr. Phillips and with the congregation of his church on his death as a result of an accident.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Councillor Kehoe and Mrs. Kehoe on the death of her father. The County Manager asked that he be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

Councillor H. J. Byrne and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the illness of Councillor Hammond, and the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to him for his speedy recovery.

### ITEM No. 1—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILMAGIG.

The Council considered the report of the County Engineer of the 19th June, 1958, on his examination of tenders received for the erection of six houses at Kilmagig and in which he recommended the acceptance of the tender submitted by Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones, in the sum of £8,100. The County Engineer stated that he understood that the firm had carried out building works over several years, including schools for the Board of Works, and would appear to be competent contractors. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones, in the sum of £8,100 for the erection of 6 houses at Kilmagig."

Passed unanimously.

### ITEM No. 2—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES BY CONTRACT.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in reports of 17th and 23rd June had submitted his recommendations in regard to tenders received for repairs to cottages and had recommended the acceptance of tenders as follows:—

**Northern District.**

- No. 1 Area : Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones—Standard Rate -5%.  
 No. 2 Area : Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones—Standard Rate -2½%.  
 No. 3 Area : Messrs. O'Toole and Vickers, Wicklow—Standard Rate +10%.

**South-Eastern District.**

- No. 4 Area : Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca—Standard Rate.  
 No. 5 Area : Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca—Standard Rate.  
 No. 6 Area : Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones—Standard Rate +10%.

**Western District.**

- No. 7 Area : Edward Flynn, Jnr., Donard—Standard Rate.  
 No. 8 Area : Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones—Standard Rate +12½%.  
 It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of tenders for repairs to cottages by contract as follows :

- No. 1 Area : Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones—Standard Rate -5%.  
 No. 2 Area : Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones—Standard Rate -2½%.  
 No. 3 Area : Messrs. O'Toole and Vickers, Wicklow—Standard Rate +10%.  
 No. 4 Area : Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca—Standard Rate.  
 No. 5 Area : Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca—Standard Rate.  
 No. 6 Area : Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones—Standard Rate +10%.  
 No. 7 Area : Edward Flynn, Jnr., Donard—Standard Rate.  
 No. 8 Area : Messrs. McNulty and Gaughan, Greystones—Standard Rate +12½%.  
 Passed : Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and P. Kehoe dissenting.

**ITEM No. 3—APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS  
 TOWARDS ERECTION OF NEW DWELLING HOUSES.**

The Council considered two applications for supplementary grants in respect of the erection of new dwelling houses from (1) William Rochford, Rathdown Road, Greystones, and (2) Robert Jones, Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass. Having heard the views of the County Manager in regard to the applications, the Council decided to defer a decision on the matter to a meeting to be held on the 14th July, 1958.

**ITEM No. 4—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.**

**(a) Application for Approval to Erection of Slaughter House :**

The Council considered an application from Messrs. Behan Bros., Vevay Road, Bray, for the erection of new slaughter house at Boghall Road. The Council noted that the slaughter house was within 100 ft. of the nearest dwelling which is owned by Mr. Behan and that this was contrary to the regulations. The Council considered also that the siting of a slaughter house in this position might be open to objection in view of the proposed drainage to the stream at Boghall and decided to defer the matter for further examination.

**(b) Determination of Appeal Regarding Erection of House and Shop at Kilmurray North, Glen of the Downs :**

The Council noted letter of the 13th June, 1958, from Department of Local Government enclosing copy of Order made by the Minister determining the appeal submitted by Miss Teresa Lawler in regard to proposed house and shop at Kilmurray North and granting special permission for the work.

**(c) Use of Site at Glen of the Downs for Building :**

The Council considered the application of Mr. W. A. Elliott, 19 Chestnut Road, Mount Merrion, Dublin, for approval to the use of site at Glen of the Downs for the purpose of erection of house thereon. The County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer dated 1st July, 1958, with which he submitted plan showing the extent of future road widening and re-alignment at this position and stating that the erection of a dwelling between the main road and this line could not be approved. Any entrance to the site would require to be from the side road leading to the Downs village, and he suggested that the applicant might obtain an extra plot of ground to enable him to set back the

house and make the necessary access to the side road. The Council agreed that permission might be given for the use of the site subject to the conditions indicated by the County Engineer.

**(d) Proposed Petrol Filling Station at Meeting of the Waters :**

The Council considered an application from Patrick Fagan, Meeting of the Waters Bar, Avoca, for approval to the erection of petrol filling station and kiosk at Meeting of the Waters. The Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer as approved by the County Engineer that the erection of petrol pumps at this point would adversely affect the amenities of the district which was a well-known beauty spot. The Council agreed that permission for the work be refused.

**ITEM No. 5—DANGEROUS BUILDING AT TINAHELY.**

The Council considered reports of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to a dangerous building at Main Street, Tinahely, of which the owner was Mr. J. E. Maguire who resided in England. The Council noted that no reply had been received from the owner to letters addressed to him and that a Building Society who had an interest in the premises did not accept any liability for the condition of the building. In view of the Assistant County Engineer's report that it would not be possible to fence off the building as a means of protection for the public, it was decided that the Council might arrange to carry out the minimum repairs necessary to render the building safe from causing any damage or injury to the public.

**ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR RE-HOUSING OF FAMILY RETURNED  
 TO COUNTY FROM ENGLAND.**

The County Manager submitted particulars regarding a family who had been resident in the Newtownmountkennedy District and had gone to England and in respect of whom the Council had received a letter from a Social Welfare Bureau and from Nottinghamshire County Authority. Having regard to the circumstances of the case, the Council agreed that the family might be repatriated as suggested and that they be offered the tenancy of a vacant cottage in the Roundwood District. The Council recommended also that the N.S.P.C.C. be notified.

**ITEM No. 7—NAMING OF NEW COTTAGES AT AUGHIRM.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors P. McCarthy and J. Quigley, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,  
 Seconded by Councillors P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That new scheme of cottages at Aughrim be named "Lourdes Crescent."  
 Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J.  
 MILEY FOR BUILDING OF ADDITIONAL ROOM TO COTTAGE AT  
 BURGAGE.**

Councillor Miley stated that the cottage in question was very much overcrowded as it only contained three rooms and asked if the Council could provide an additional room. The County Secretary stated that the Council had not arranged for the provision of additional rooms to cottages in any instance, and it was suggested that the tenant might arrange for the vesting of the cottage in himself, and he could then obtain a grant towards the cost of erection of an additional room; alternatively, the tenant might seek a transfer to a larger cottage in the area when such became vacant.

**ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P.  
 KEHOE FOR THE PROVISION OF BETTER CLASS TYPE OF HOUSES  
 AT BELAN STREET, BALTINGLASS.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor Kehoe, supported by Councillor Miley, urged that four better class houses be erected at Belan Street, Baltinglass, and stated that there was a need for houses of this type in the town. Following a discussion on the matter, the County Manager indicated that it would be necessary for particulars to be supplied as to the names of persons

who might be requiring such houses in order that the proposal might be examined. Councillor Kehoe stated that he would arrange for the submission of these particulars.

#### New Cottage Scheme.

Councillor J. J. McCrea inquired as to the position regarding applications for the erection of cottages under the proposed new scheme. The County Manager stated that a number of the applicants had already been absorbed and had obtained tenancies of existing cottages. In some other cases inquiries had been addressed to applicants as to why they had not applied for vacant cottages convenient to them. The Council decided that reports in regard to the applicants be submitted to meetings of the members of the Council for the various areas and decided to hold these meetings as follows:—

Arklow Electoral Area : At Shillelagh on Tuesday, 8th July, at 12 noon.  
Baltinglass Electoral Area : At Baltinglass on Thursday, 10th July, at 3 p.m.  
Bray Electoral Area : At Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 7th July, at 7 p.m.  
Wicklow Electoral Area : At Courthouse Wicklow, on 7th July, at 3.30 p.m.

#### Cottage Repairs.

In regard to the carrying out of repairs to cottages, Councillor McCarthy asked that repairs be carried out to the cottages of George Barnes, at Moneylands, Arklow, and Myles Kelly, Springfield, Arklow, who had applied to purchase their cottages.

#### Site at Laragh.

The County Manager referred to the discussions at the previous meeting regarding the proposed housing scheme at Laragh at which the Council had agreed that as soon as the site was acquired arrangements might be made for the demolition of the ruinous buildings on the site. He stated that since that meeting he had received a letter from Bord Failte drawing attention to the condition of the site which was on an important tourist road, and he had informed the Board of the difficulties the Council had experienced in completing the acquisition and that the Council was not in any way responsible for this delay. He had informed the Board also that as soon as the Council had acquired the property arrangements would be made for the removal of the unsightly ruins. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

- In the name of Councillor W. Lawless :  
"That this Council raise sufficient moneys by way of loan or otherwise to cover cost of providing water and sewerage to our cottages at Ashford, Nun's Cross and Ballinalea."
- In the name of Councillor John Smyth :  
"That I, or someone for me, shall move that the water course and bridge under the road at Kilmacanogue be cleaned up so as to prevent flooding at the Post Office at Kilmacanogue."
- In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea :  
"That steps be taken by the Council to control the surface water on main road, Carnew/Shillelagh, at Rickerby's forge and dwelling house at Croneyhorn."
- In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea :  
"That the water supply for three cottages at Deerpark, Shillelagh, be approved."
- In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe :  
(a) "That access roads to cottages at Parkmore, Baltinglass be tarred and drainage carried out where necessary."  
(b) "That public lighting be provided on these roads."  
(c) "Having regard to the distance of Baltinglass from a modern fire fighting service, that a self-propelled unit be stationed there."

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th July, 1958, 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, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwith, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, J. D. Haughton, C. W. Hudson 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, attended.

#### AGENDA.

- To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd and 9th June, 1958.
- To take over as a public road accommodation road off La Touche Place, Greystones.
- Application for closing of roads at Wicklow in connection with Annual Regatta.
- Application for closing of roads at Bray in connection with Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on 7th September, 1958.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth that water course and bridge over road at Kilmacanogue be cleaned up so as to prevent flooding at Kilmacanogue Post Office.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea that steps be taken by the Council to control the surface water on main road, Carnew/Shillelagh, at Rickerby's Forge and Dwelling House at Croneyhorn.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth that road from Annamoe to Laragh-Lough Dan road be put in order.
- Report on progress of road works.
- Statement giving details of rate collection for year to 31st March, 1958.
- Appointment of Rate Collector No. 9 Collection District.
- Request for extension of Kilcoole Water Supply to serve new National School.
- Proposed works at Carnew Sewerage Scheme.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., that a pump be erected at Grove Cottages, Blacklion.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth that piped water supply be provided at Annamoe.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea that water supply for three cottages at Deerpark, Shillelagh, be improved.
- Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless "That this Council raise sufficient moneys (by way of loan or otherwise) to cover cost of providing water and sewerage to their cottages at Ashford, Nun's Cross and Ballinalea."
- Litter on Beaches—to make Bye-Laws.
- Fire Services at Tinahely and Carnew—report of Chief Fire Officer.
- Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe "That having regard to the distance of Baltinglass from a modern fire fighting service, a self-propelled unit be stationed there."
- Application for Supplementary Grants for erection of new dwelling houses.
- Circular from Department of Agriculture in regard to present high incidence of Sheep Scab.
- Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe :  
(a) "That access roads to cottages at Parkmore, Baltinglass be tarred and drainage carried out where necessary," and (b) "That public lighting be provided on these roads."
- Polling Place for Bray No. 1 District—letter from Matron, Sunbeam House, Bray.
- Resignation of member of National Monuments Advisory Committee.
- Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the

members with the relatives of the late Councillor Hammond. The County Manager asked that he be associated with the terms of the Council's resolution.

The Council adjourned for a short period as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Councillor Hammond.

#### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 2nd and 9th June, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—TO TAKE OVER AS A PUBLIC ROAD ACCOMMODATION ROAD OFF LA TOUCHE PLACE, GREYSTONES.

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 off La Touche Place, Greystones. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby declare that the road described hereunder be a public road : Road in townland of Greystones from junction with La Touche Place to end of road, a distance of 189 yards."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT WICKLOW IN CONNECTION WITH ANNUAL REGATTA.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objection had been received. The Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, had indicated that the Gardai had no objection to the proposal to close the roads. It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby close to public traffic portion of Road L.29B across the bridge known as the Stone Bridge over the Leitrim River in the Urban District of Wicklow and from the said bridge to the north end of Leitrim Place in the said Urban District on Monday, 4th August, 1958, from 12 noon to 5 p.m."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by Bray Amusements Committee for the closing of roads at Bray on Sunday, 7th September, 1958, between 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. in connection with the holding of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race. The necessary public notice had been given and no objection had been received. Members of the Council pointed out that the All-Ireland Hurling Final at Croke Park would take place on the first Sunday in September and that in consequence that date might not be the most suitable for the Cycle Race. It was suggested that a diversion notice should be placed at Hollybrook Cross Roads during the period when the roads were closed. The Secretary was asked to convey these views to the Bray Amusements Committee.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby close to public traffic the roads at Bray as described hereunder on Sunday, 7th September, 1958, 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 Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That having considered application from 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, 7th September, 1958, between 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m., adequate provision to be made for stewarding on the occasion of the race, and insurance."

Passed unanimously.

#### Application for Closing of Road from Kilbride Church towards Bray.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club for the closing of the road for a distance of 1,000 yards in the direction of Bray, from Kilbride Church near Kileroney, for the purpose of running a Motor Car Hill Climb on the 30th August. The County Engineer had reported that he saw no objection to the proposal, but if any undue surface damage were caused to the road, the applicants would be responsible for defraying the cost of repairs, together with remedying any damage that might be caused to fences, ditches or adjoining property. The County Secretary also pointed out that the question of adequate provision for car parking arose. The Council adjourned the matter for further information from the promoters in regard to the points mentioned.

#### ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SMYTH RE WATER COURSE AND BRIDGE OVER ROAD AT KILMACANOGUE.

With reference to the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Smyth, the County Engineer reported that as a result of the recent floods considerable sand, gravel, debris, etc., had accumulated under the bridge at Kilmacanogue. It was undoubtedly necessary that the water course under the bridge be cleared apart from any potential flooding along the road adjoining the Post Office at Kilmacanogue. He estimated the cost of remedying the position at £100. No special provision had been made to defray the cost of such work. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council could not undertake work of cleaning rivers except by way of a Grant under the Local Authorities (Works) Act. The Council agreed that an inquiry be addressed to the Department of Local Government as to whether grants could be made available for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act in the present year.

#### ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA RE SURFACE WATER ON MAIN ROAD, CARNEW-SHILLELAGH.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor McCrea, the Assistant County Engineer had reported that surface water from the road left by a water outlet flowing into a grove, the property of a local farmer. The water outlet had been in existence for more than 35 years, but complaints had been received in connection with it from Mrs. Rickerby in recent times. It was alleged that water from the grove which was outside the Council's property had been seeping into her premises causing considerable inconvenience. It was stated also by Mrs. Rickerby that the water passing through the outlet into the grove had been increased in recent times, and it had been alleged that a farmer living further uphill had interfered with an existing water course and turned at

least part of it on to the main road, thus increasing the flow in wet weather. The Assistant County Engineer stated that he had never actually seen this flow to the road, though he inspected it on several rainy days, but thought he recognised the track left by water on the grass margin. He could not state that any actual harm had been caused to the road. The Council noted that no damage had been caused to the road, and that the Council could not take any action in regard to the complaint of Mrs. Rickerby.

**ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. SMYTH THAT ROAD FROM ANNAMOE TO LARAGH-LOUGH DAN ROAD BE PUT IN ORDER.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Smyth, the County Engineer reported on the road extending through the village of Laragh towards Lough Dan, Road No. 59, which was 4½ miles in length and very narrow. He stated that during the present year the Council was completing the Roundwood-Lough Dan (Oldbridge) Road but that the road referred to by Councillor Smyth would cost a considerable sum under the heading of widening, the probable cost being in the region of £6,000 to £7,000 for which no provision had been made in the current year. The County Engineer suggested that the matter might be considered by the Council when framing the road programme for the following year. Councillor Smyth pointed out that the road in respect of which he inquired was that from Annamoe to join the Laragh-Lough Dan road. The Council deferred the matter for a report from the County Engineer in regard to that road.

**ITEM No. 8—REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ROAD WORKS.**

The County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer of the 14th July, 1958, giving particulars of the programme of road works for the quarter to 30th September for each area and details of the expenditure on road works to 30th June, 1958, on Main and County Roads in each district, together with particulars of the mileage of surfacing and reconstruction carried out and realignment completed. Particulars of the numbers of men employed in each Engineering District were also submitted. The County Engineer stated in his report that the programme for the quarter to 30th September would be concentrated on surface dressing which had been seriously retarded due to inclement weather. The Council noted the terms of the report and asked that in future copies of the report be circulated to the members before the meeting at which it was submitted. Councillor Quigley raised the question of the carrying out of works on cul-de-sac roads in the southern district for which provision had been made in the estimates and asked when a meeting of the local Councillors could be arranged. Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to arrange the date of the meeting at the next meeting of the County Council.

**Cutting Weeds on Roads:**

Councillor Lawless referred to the necessity for proceeding with the cutting of weeds on roads and stated that at present there were few men engaged on this work which he considered very necessary.

**ITEM No. 9—RATE COLLECTION FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1958.**

The following report on the rate collection for the year to 31st March, 1958, was submitted to the Council. The Council noted the satisfactory collection as shown by the details submitted:

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.  
FINAL STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF 1957/58 RATE COLLECTION**

District	Collector	Warrant	Lodged	Credit Note	Discount	Over-lodged	Under-lodged	Irrecoverable	C/w/d. to 1958/59 warrant	Percentage Collected	Comparative Statement in respect of uncollected rates as on 31/3/57	C/w/d. to 1957/58
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1.	L. McDonnell	18,244 3 6	18,125 14 0	24 1 7	4 3 3	4 8	5 2 11	94 5 3	99.48	3 16 10	66 16 10	
2.	M. Byrne	12,503 11 11	12,390 8 11	7 12 11	4 3 3	4 8	5 2 11	104 10 5	99.13	60 8 10	139 10 10	
3.	John Doyle	7,529 16 1	7,429 18 6	9 17 9	1 4 8	17 1	6 18 5	82 4 4	98.9	16 4 4	16 8 6	
4/5.	Patk. Burke	16,992 11 0	16,491 15 8	12 11 4	1 4 8	11	47 9 9	440 13 4	97.41	8 15 5	489 4 9	
6.	M. Keenan	13,881 2 7	12,972 14 5	5 6 9	1 18 0	9 7	383 12 0	512 19 10	97.73	16 10 9	100 5 10	
7.	J. Sheehan	51,724 12 2	51,087 5 6	15 13 5	3 10 2	10	142 19 4	478 3 8	98.49	45 13 2	764 0 4	
8.	P. J. O'Byrne	22,912 16 11	22,099 16 1	46 6 3	11 7	3	96 17 8	649 7 1	97.15	114 3 0	353 11 5	
9.	Vacant	38,974 0 11	37,955 4 3	7 5 4	8 10	6	13 1 2	829 1 9	97.87	17 15 4	1,867 7 8	
10.	Ed. Curley	16,387 2 9	15,910 5 5	5 19 0	1 18 0	1	44 2 3	366 14 2	97.75	5 2 7	1,507 7 1	
11.	J. J. McCall	21,340 18 6	20,981 17 0	85 0 0	8 10	6	102 5 8	224 14 4	98.95	51 8 4	1,400 0 10	
12.	Wm. C. Byrne	26,819 13 7	26,404 1 8	2 10 4	27 3 11	11	2 9 9	345 0 8	98.72	6 8 2	1,100 0 5	
13.												
14.	M. Murray	23,713 10 1	23,620 10 11	17 0 0	15 5 6	6	40 12 9	42 2 1	99.76	48 0 11	35 2 4	
15.	E. Lynch	18,844 16 6	18,278 7 9	8 9 10	5 6	11	28 1 0	452 10 0	97.6	1 17 7	169 17 10	
16.	D. J. Kinella	13,639 18 0	13,347 14 3	34 19 8	1 11	11	1 1 0	252 9 5	98.15	2 14 8	190 11 1	
17.	R. V. McCrea	9,798 4 0	9,655 4 2	22 14 4	4 8	8	56 11 5	135 3 11	98.61	57 10 4	217 10 9	
18.	M. O'Neill	12,469 13 1	12,335 14 2	11 0 7	1 18 0	0	56 11 5	46 17 1	99.16	57 10 4	72 16 0	
19.		305,776 11 7	299,084 12 8	654 10 11	27 3 11	11	960 4 1	4,854 15 4		456 10 3	4,747 12 6	
		Less—	299,063 13 8	243 7 7	6 4 11	6 4 11	314%	1,5877%				
			97,804%	2141%	0796							

**ITEM No. 10—APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR No. 9 COLLECTION DISTRICT.**

The County Secretary stated that fifteen applications for the post of Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District had been received but that in two cases the applicants were over the age limit of 45 years and had been informed that they were not qualified. In another case the applicant had withdrawn the application. The remaining 12 applications were submitted to the Council. As regards the qualification in relation to age the County Secretary stated that 9 of the candidates had submitted birth certificates as proof of age, and subject to the submission of certificates by the remaining three candidates, all 12 candidates were qualified in this respect. In regard to the qualification in relation to education, the educational standard claimed by each applicant in his application form would be adequate to comply with the qualifications, subject to the submission of the necessary certificates in proof of the standard claimed. All the candidates had submitted the names of two persons who were prepared to testify as to the applicant's character, and each candidate would appear to possess the necessary qualification in this respect, subject to confirmation from the persons whose names were submitted. The County Secretary stated it would be necessary for the Council to determine the method by which they would make a selection.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That this Council consider that having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector, the knowledge and experience necessary to the efficient performance of these duties and the qualifications for that office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and we decide that the persons be selected following an examination of the applications received."

Passed unanimously.

Particulars of the candidates as given in the application forms were submitted to the Council. The Council decided to accept all candidates as having been proposed and seconded and that the members would indicate by vote the person they consider most suitable. The members present voted as follows:

For Mr. F. J. Clarke: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Smyth ... 3

For Mr. M. Cullen: Councillors P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; S. Macken ... 4

For Mr. W. H. Jordan: Councillor P. McCarthy ... 1

For Mr. P. W. Kavanagh: Councillors J. J. McCrea, J. Quigley, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton ... 7

For Mr. D. C. Urell: Councillors G. Timmins, M. Deering, H. J. Byrne ... 3

Mr. Jordan having received only one vote was eliminated and the next vote resulted as follows:

For Mr. F. J. Clarke: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Smyth ... 3

For Mr. M. Cullen: Councillors P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; S. Macken ... 4

For Mr. P. W. Kavanagh: Councillors J. J. McCrea, J. Quigley, P. McCarthy, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton ... 8

For Mr. D. C. Urell: Councillor G. Timmins, M. Deering, H. J. Byrne ... 3

A vote was then called to determine whether Mr. Clarke or Mr. Urell would be eliminated and it was found that the vote resulted as follows:

For retention of Mr. Clarke: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. Quigley, P.C.; J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Macken, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson ... 10

For retention of Mr. Urell: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, G. Timmins, M. Deering, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. D. Haughton, H. J. Byrne ... 8

Mr. Urell was accordingly eliminated.

The next vote resulted as follows:

For Mr. F. J. Clarke: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Smyth ... 3

For Mr. M. Cullen: Councillors P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; S. Macken ... 4

For Mr. P. W. Kavanagh: Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, M. Deering, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, H. J. Byrne ... 11

Mr. Kavanagh having received the votes of the majority of the members present was selected for the appointment. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That having considered and examined the applications received for the post of Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Patrick W. Kavanagh to the post in accordance with the Qualifications and Particulars of Office approved by the Minister on the 30th July, 1947."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF KILCOOLE WATER SUPPLY.**

The County Secretary stated that it had been represented again to the Council that the question of the extension of Kilcoole Water Supply to serve the proposed National School should receive further consideration. It had been pointed out that there were good grounds for viewing the provision of services to schools in a different light than extensions to private dwellings and that schools were themselves a community service and somewhat akin to those provided by local authorities. From the viewpoint of health of school children and the inculcation at an early age of the habit of cleanliness at schools and in the home, it was suggested that it was important that the best available means of sanitation should be provided. It had been stated also that the parochial funds would be unable to bear the additional burden of providing an extension to the water supply. The cost of the extension would be about £300. It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the extension of the watermain at Kilcoole to serve the National School at Kilcoole, and authorise the borrowing of the necessary funds to defray the cost of the work."

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that an application would be made to the Department of Local Government for a grant towards the cost of extending the watermain.

**ITEM No. 12—PROPOSED WORKS AT CARNEW SEWERAGE SCHEME.**

The Council considered report of the County Engineer of the 4th June, 1958, in regard to works recommended at Carnew Sewerage Scheme. The Council noted that the County Engineer recommended the provision of new rotary distributors which together with ancillary works would cost £567-10-0. Councillor McCrea stated that the plant was not situated in the best position to serve the houses in the area and asked that the question of relocating the sewerage works at a different point be considered. The Council adjourned the matter and asked that the County Engineer investigate the suggestion that the plant be transferred to a more suitable site and submit an estimate of the cost involved.

**ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE, T.D., FOR ERECTION OF PUMP AT GROVE COTTAGES, BLACKLION.**

In regard to Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., the Council considered a report of the County Engineer of 10th July, 1958, in which he stated that the existing fountain was placed in such a position that it was very close to four cottages along the lane but that the tenants of six cottages



situated towards the railway had to walk a distance of about 140 yards to the fountain. The cost of erecting an additional fountain and extending the pipeline was £47. The County Engineer considered that the persons in the cottages had no serious grievance. Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., stated that the tenants were at present contributing 8d. per week in respect of E.S.B. charges which would terminate very soon and that they would be prepared to contribute this amount in their rent towards the cost of providing another fountain. The Council adjourned the matter for confirmation from the tenants of the amount of contribution they would be prepared to make.

**ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. SMYTH THAT PIPED WATER SUPPLY BE PROVIDED AT ANNAMOE.**

The County Engineer in report of the 11th July, 1958, stated that the present position was that water was piped from a pond near Laragh House across the fields and discharged from an open pipe near the Doctor's residence at Annamoe. The number of houses which could reasonably be served by piped water supply would be approximately 15, and in his opinion the cost of an adequate piped water supply would hardly be justified. He suggested that the position might be more fully examined and considered by the Council at their next Annual Estimates Meeting. The County Secretary stated that an estimate of the cost of providing a piped water supply was submitted to the Council in 1947 and at that time amounted to £1,100. The question of improving the existing water supply had been examined in 1952, but due to the inadequate supply available at the intake no improvements could be made to the existing system. Further consideration of the provision of water supply had been deferred in consequence of the E.S.B. proposals for the development of the Hydro Electric Scheme in the area. The E.S.B. had informed the County Engineer in letter of the 27th June, 1958, that the question of proceeding with the Hydro Electric Scheme at Annamoe River had been postponed indefinitely. The Council directed that the County Engineer examine the proposal to provide an adequate piped water supply for the district and submit an estimate of the cost.

**ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA FOR IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THREE COTTAGES AT DEERPARK, SHILLELAGH.**

The Assistant County Engineer reported that the cottages were situated on the main Shillelagh/Carnew Road, about 900 yards from the nearest Council pump. They were at present obtaining water from a spring well in a field belonging to one of them, but access to the well was through damp soft ground and there was no protection against pollution. The cost of protecting the well, including erection of stile and path from the road and drainage operations on the stream, would cost about £40. The Council would need to obtain a right-of-way and also permission from Mr. Coleman through whose land the stream flowed. It would be necessary to have an analysis taken of the water. As the well was the only source of water nearer than the Council pump to serve about 10 people, the Assistant County Engineer recommended favourable consideration if moneys were available. The Council agreed that an analysis of the water be obtained and if found satisfactory that the necessary right-of-way and permission be sought and arrangements made for protection of the well.

**ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS FOR PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES TO COTTAGES AT ASHFORD, NUN'S CROSS AND BALLINALEA.**

Report of the County Engineer of 1st July, 1958, was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the cost of an extension of the main towards Mount Alto House to serve 4 cottages would be £900 and that an extension to Croneroe Lane would cost £1,800. The extension to Nun's Cross Housing Scheme would cost £160, and 3" loop main to serve 18 cottages between the main road at Tighe's Avenue and village of Ballinalea would cost £285. The County Engineer estimated the cost of making connections to the cottages at £9 per cottage. Councillor Lawless stated that the extension to Croneroe could hardly

be justified in view of the cost involved and the limited number of houses to be served. He asked that provision also be made for connections to the cottages at Milltown. He stated that the tenants would be prepared to make connections to the mains themselves if the mains were extended along the road to the cottages. It was agreed that detailed estimates of the cost of providing extensions to serve the cottages at Nun's Cross, Ballinalea, cottages on road towards Mount Alto House and cottages at Milltown be obtained with a view to obtaining sanction of the Minister to a loan to defray the cost of the extensions.

**ITEM No. 17—LITTER ON BEACHES.**

A copy of the Department's letter of the 3rd May, 1958, in regard to litter on beaches and a copy of the Model Clauses to be incorporated in Bye-Laws had been circulated to the members. It had been indicated that it was proposed to apply the Bye-Laws to all coastal townlands in the County Health District and to the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, and the districts of Glendalough and Avoca. The draft Bye-Laws were submitted to the Council for approval. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby adopt Anti-Litter Bye-Laws pursuant to Sections 125-127 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, and Section 16 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, in accordance with draft submitted to this meeting and determine that the Bye-Laws shall apply to the parts of the County Administrative Area as set out therein and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to such Bye-Laws."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 18—FIRE STATION AT TINAHELY AND CARNEW.**

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter and asked that the report of the Chief Fire Officer be circulated to the members and the item included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 19—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS G. TIMMINS AND P. KEHOE FOR PROVISION OF MODERN FIRE FIGHTING SERVICE AT BALTINGLASS.**

The Council decided to adjourn this matter to the next meeting for consideration in connection with the previous item on the Agenda.

**ITEM No. 20—APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the making of Supplementary Grants for the erection of new dwelling houses in the following cases :

William Rochford, Rathdown Road, Greystones.  
Robert Jones, Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 21—CIRCULAR FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN REGARD TO PRESENT HIGH INCIDENCE OF SHEEP SCAB.**

The Council noted that a copy of the circular from the Department of Agriculture had been sent to the Committee of Agriculture for consideration by

the Committee and that the Council would be operating the Sheep Dipping Scheme in the current year as in former years.

**ITEM No. 22—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR G. TIMMINS AND COUNCILLOR P. KEHOE FOR TARRING OF ACCESS ROADS TO COTTAGES AT PARKMORE, TOGETHER WITH DRAINAGE WHERE NECESSARY AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.**

The Assistant County Engineer in report of the 10th July, 1958, stated that the cost of surface dressing the road leading to the cottages at Parkmore would amount to approximately £180 if done to a width of 12 ft., or £135 if done to a width of 9 ft. There would also be some repairs required which were estimated to cost £10 or £12. Drainage work required would cost £25, or alternatively, a soak pit and two gully traps could be put on the road at a cost of £10 in all. The Council noted that no provision had been made in the current year's Road Estimates for surface dressing of the roads and decided that this matter be deferred to the following year. The Council agreed that gully trap and soak pit be provided at total cost of £10.

As regards the provision of special lighting, the County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. in 1954 and it was found that the cost would be £202-10-0. In view of the high cost the Council had not proceeded with the proposal. Councillor G. Timmins stated that since the previous estimate had been received the E.S.B. had extended their service to serve the pumping plant for Baltinglass Hospital and that possibly the public lighting could now be provided at a lower cost. It was agreed that the E.S.B. be asked to submit a new quotation for the provision of public lighting on the roads.

**ITEM No. 23—POLLING PLACE FOR BRAY No. 1 DISTRICT.**

The County Secretary stated that in a letter from the Matron, Sunbeam House, Bray, it had been stated that the Governors of the Institution were agreeable to make two rooms available to the Council for use for election purposes, if required. The County Secretary stated that irrespective of whether or not the particular buildings were used for the purposes of election it would be necessary to amend the scheme of polling districts and polling places, as there was now an additional registration unit for a new polling district of Bray No. 4. It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby approve of the provisional amendment of the Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places adopted on 28th January, 1943, and determine that the Section of the Scheme relating to Bray Urban District, in the County Electoral Area of Bray, shall read as follows :—

Distinguishing Letter	Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Unit
Bt : Bu : Bv :	Bray Nos. 1, 2, 3	Bray	Bray Urban District
Cy :	Bray No. 4	Bray	Rathmichael (Bray)

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 24—RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Mr. Donncadh M. O'Dubhghail, Ballymic Siomon, Gleann Fhaidhle, submitting his resignation from the National Monuments Advisory Committee owing to the state of his health. Mr. O'Dubhghail had put forward the name of Mr. P. J. Murray, Head Master, Arklow Technical School and Honorary Secretary of Arklow Historical Society, as a suitable member. It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That having noted resignation of Mr. D. M. O'Dubhghail, from the National Monuments Advisory Committee, we hereby appoint in his place Mr. P. J. Murray, Head Master, Arklow Technical School, as a member of the Committee."  
Passed unanimously.

**Loan for Supplementary Grants.**

The County Secretary stated that the Mortgage for the Loan of £5,000 being borrowed from The National Bank Ltd. for the purpose of financing the cost of making supplementary grants for the repair and improvement of houses was available for sealing by the Council. It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved :—

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction, dated 17th June, 1958, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £5,000 be borrowed from The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose of financing the cost of making Supplementary Grants under the Housing Acts to be repaid within fifteen years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Ltd."  
Passed unanimously.

**Slaughter House at Boghall Road.**

The County Secretary referred to the proposal for the erection of a slaughter house by Messrs. Behan Bros. at Boghall Road which had been adjourned from the meeting at the previous week. The County Medical Officer had reported that the slaughter house would be within 100 ft. of a dwelling which is not permissible and also that the proposed method of disposal of trade effluent into the stream at Boghall would be unsatisfactory. He recommended that permission for the proposal, as submitted, be refused. The Council agreed that permission be refused for the erection of the slaughter house.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea :

"That the whole sewerage system at Shillelagh be inspected and a report submitted to the Council."

In the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D. :

"That public lighting be erected on La Touche Close, 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, 11th August, 1958, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present :

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin.

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. Housing Scheme at Kilmagig, Avoca; to authorise raising of loan to defray cost of erection of 6 houses.
2. Erection of cottages on Agreed Sites; report of meetings of Local Committees.
3. Repairs to cottages by contract.
4. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958; to consider results of examination and approve of awards of scholarships.
6. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959.
7. Disposal of site for Hospital at Rathnew.
8. Authorisation of repairs.

### ITEM No. 1—HOUSING SCHEME AT KILMAGIG.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to authorise the necessary borrowing to defray the cost of erection of six houses at Kilmagig, Avoca. The amount of the contract was £8,100, and cost of supervision, etc., would amount to a further £100. A Loan of £8,200 would be required. The County Secretary pointed out that the new Housing Act provided for a change in the method of subsidy to County Councils in respect of the erection of houses. Formerly a subsidy of 60% of the Loan Charges was allowed, but under the new Act the subsidy for County Council housing was brought into line with that for Urban Council housing, and a subsidy of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the Loan Charges was payable, provided that the houses were for the accommodation of persons displaced by the collapse or destruction of their former dwellings or by any of the operations of the Council under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts or of persons in need of re-housing on medical, compassionate or other similar grounds whose circumstances would not permit them to be so rehoused otherwise. Where houses were provided for persons not coming within these classes, the subsidy would be at the rate of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the Loan Charges. In reply to inquiry from the Chairman, the County Secretary stated that in the case of houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, it was expected that the persons who would be rehoused would comply with the requirements to justify the subsidy at 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %. The cost per house was £1,366-13-4, and the net amount to be met from rent and rates after allowing for a subsidy of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % would be 16/1 approximately. If subsidy at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % only were given, the amount to be met from rent and rates would be 27/7 per week. The County Manager stated that it was proposed to apply Graded Rents Scale in respect of these houses similar to that applied in respect of houses at Aughrim, i.e., from 12/- to the economic rent. In regard to the cost of the houses, Coun-

cillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that houses in County Wexford were being built in rural areas at a cost not exceeding £900. The County Manager stated that a comparison of the cost of the houses in Co. Wexford and Co. Wicklow would have to take into account any differences in the floor areas of the respective cottages and also differences in the specification and in the standard of finish. Councillor McCrea asked that the County Engineer investigate the differences in cost and the relative standards for cottages. In regard to the specification and standard of finish, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the use of cavity blocks might be considered and also a possible modification of the standard of finish in respect of future schemes. It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £8,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of scheme of erection of 6 houses at Kilmagig, Avoca.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—ERECTION OF COTTAGES ON AGREED SITES—REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.

Reports in regard to the meeting of the Local Housing Committee in Bray on the 7th July, and of the Local Housing Committee in Baltinglass on the 10th July, 1958, and of the Local Housing Committee at Shillelagh on the 8th July, 1958, were submitted. It was stated that the Wicklow Committee had yet to meet to consider the applications in that area.

The Council noted that in regard to the Bray area, the Committee had agreed that four applicants were in need of housing accommodation, but that since an average of 70 houses became vacant each year it had been decided that two of the applicants be given priority for the next vacant houses in the area and that inquiries be addressed to the other two applicants as to whether they would be prepared to accept tenancies of two new houses on the Council's site at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry. The Council noted that in regard to Baltinglass Area 17 applications had been received and that the Committee considered that only one applicant was in need of housing accommodation. As this applicant was employed in Baltinglass and since the Council had a vacant cottage at Raheen, Baltinglass, it was decided that he be offered the tenancy. Of the remaining applicants it was noted that four had already been provisionally selected for the Blessington Housing Scheme, three were single, three had not the necessary residential qualifications, two had already been provisionally approved for new houses in Glen Imaal and the remainder had satisfactory housing accommodation. The Committee recommended that a Repairs Notice be served on the owner of a dwelling occupied by one of the applicants at Blessington. Councillor Miley referred to the applications recently received for the cottages at Blessington and asked that it be confirmed that the four applicants referred to were receiving houses at Blessington.

The Council noted that the Local Committee for the Arklow Electoral area had reported that three applicants were considered to be in need of houses, one residing at Johnstown, Arklow, and the other two at Carnew. The Committee had asked that further reports regarding their housing accommodation be obtained in respect of four applicants at Carnew. In regard to another applicant who had refused the tenancy of a vacant cottage at Newry, the Committee had asked that a report be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the condition of the approach to the cottage as members considered that the applicant could not be expected to accept the tenancy in view of the state of the approach to it. Councillor McCrea stated that subsequent to the meeting further applications had been submitted in respect of persons in Carnew who required houses and asked that these also be examined and that a final decision be deferred pending their examination.

#### ITEM No. 3—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES BY CONTRACT.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Patrick Lennon, whose tender had been accepted for the carrying out of repairs to cottages by contract in Areas Nos. 4 and 5, had indicated that he was not prepared to proceed with the contract on the basis of his tender at the Standard Rate if the Council required the submission of sureties. It had been pointed out to Mr. Lennon that a Fidelity Guarantee Bond was not required but that personal sureties should be furnished. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which members put forward the view that sureties should not be sought for a contract of this type, it was agreed to defer the matter and to endeavour to reach agreement with Mr. Lennon. The County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to have personal sureties to some amount, but agreed to consider reducing the amount of security requested.

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

The Council considered an application from Mr. J. R. Naylor, Kiltillahane, Carnew, for permission to erect a garage and reconstruct a house at Schoolheight, Carnew. The County Manager pointed out that while there was no objection to the proposal generally, the Council could not approve of the use of corrugated asbestos for the roofing of a dwelling, although there was no objection to its being used for roofing of outoffices. It was agreed that permission might be given to Mr. Naylor provided that concrete tiles or asbestos slates were used for the roof of the dwelling portion.

#### Fire Precaution Notice.

The Council considered, in Committee, a report of the County Secretary in regard to the service of a Fire Precautions Notice in respect of a factory at Charleville, Enniskerry. The Council noted that the notice had not been complied with and it was intended to take proceedings against the Company concerned. The Council agreed with the action proposed by the County Manager in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 5—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1958.

The results of the examination in connection with the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958, was submitted to the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

“That having considered results of examination of candidates under Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1958, we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, of the award of scholarships as follows :—

#### Category 1 (a) :

Patrick O'Neill, Ballinaclare, Kilbride.  
Thomas Byrne, Annacurra Road, Aughrim.  
Winifred Hogan, Manor Avenue, Greystones.  
Catherine Harmon, Kindlestown.  
Francis Rossney, St. Michel, Enniskerry.  
Thomas Reid, Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

**Category 1 (b) :**

Myles C. McSwiney, Tullyra, Strand Road, Bray.  
 Brendan E. V. McCann, 63 Beech Road, Bray.  
 John Vance, 6 Ardee Street, Bray.  
 Phelim M. Maguire, 6 Florence Road, Bray.  
 Terence M. J. Hammond, 6 St. Kevin Tce., Bray.  
 John Shelton, 47 Connolly Street, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated there had been 84 approved applicants under the Scheme and 81 of these candidates had sat for the examination.

**ITEM No. 6—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1959.**

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 20th June, 1958, from Department of Education, it had been indicated that schemes of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959, should be submitted in duplicate for the approval of the Minister not later than 15th August, 1958. It was stated in the circular also that it would be necessary that application forms of candidates be received in the Department by Saturday, 24th January, 1959. The Department of Education also recommended an amendment in the wording of Schemes where provision was made for the reservation of scholarships for pupils of small schools. Attention was also drawn in the Circular to the provision in the Act of 1944 that Schemes should prescribe income limits for the purpose of limiting the receipt of scholarships to persons who need them. An amendment was also required in the Scheme in the section relating to the award of bonus marks for answering through Irish to the effect that no bonus marks would be awarded for the subjects Drawing and Needlework. The Department had been informed of the difficulties the Council had experienced in that application forms from candidates were received during the month of December, although the income year for the purpose of means of parents or guardians was the year ended 31st December, and the Department had been asked if instead the year to the previous 31st March might be taken. The Department, however, did not agree to this suggestion, but had agreed that application forms would be received in the Department up to 8th February. It was proposed in the Scheme for the coming year to have the latest date for the receipt of applications the 19th January, 1959. It was intended also when issuing application forms to applicants to ask that the applicants submit with the application forms or as soon as possible thereafter a certificate from their employers of their earnings during the year. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

"That having considered letters of the 20th June and 29th July from Department of Education, we approve of draft Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959, on similar terms to the Scheme adopted for the year 1958, but subject to the following amendments :

- (1) Section 1 shall be amended to provide that 2 of the 6 scholarships to be awarded under Category 1 (a) shall be reserved for pupils of National Schools in a rural area in which the number of teachers serving during not less than half of the calendar year ending 31st December, 1958, was less than 4.
- (2) The third paragraph of Section 1 shall be omitted.
- (3) The date 1949 shall be inserted in lieu of the date 1948 in Section 4 and the income to be taken into account shall be that for the year ending 31st December, 1958.

(4) The date 1958 in Sections 8 and 10 shall be amended to 1959.

(5) The latest date for receipt of completed application forms shall be 19th January, 1959.

(6) Section 14 of the Scheme shall be amended by the exclusion of the words "Needlework and Drawing" and the insertion of the following sentence : "No bonus marks will be awarded for subjects—Drawing and Needlework."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—DISPOSAL OF SITE FOR COUNTY HOSPITAL AT RATHNEW.**

The Council considered, in Committee, the report in regard to the proposed sale of site at Rathnew which had been acquired for the purpose of a County Hospital. The Council noted that the highest bid at the auction was £1,450 but that, subsequently, a bid of £1,750 had been made and that the Auctioneer thought that this was about what the property was worth at the present time. The Council noted, however, that the Department of Health had valued the site at £2150. The price paid by the Council originally was £2,200 in respect of the major part of the site and £225 for the site to form the entrance from the public road. In addition the Land Purchase Annuities have been redeemed and the total cost to the Council was £2,800 approximately. The lands are now held in Fee Simple. The Council noted that during the period from 1952/53 to date the receipts from lettings of the lands for grazing had been about equivalent to the interest paid by the Council on Overdraft for the purchase of the land. Following a discussion on the matter and suggestions received from the members, it was agreed that the question of dividing the site and offering it in smaller lots would be considered, and also the question as to whether any portion of the site should be reserved for a future bye-pass road.

**Application for Additional Room to Cottage.**

Councillor McCrea again raised the matter of the need for providing an additional room for a cottage for a family in Carnew and explained the special circumstances in the case. He stated that the family concerned were prepared to pay an economic rent in respect of the cost of providing an additional room. The County Manager explained the difficulties in the matter and expressed doubt as to the Council's powers to do so. It was agreed that the County Manager would investigate the matter further.

**Dump at Carnew.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that a report in regard to the matter of a dumping ground at Carnew be available for the meeting of the Council to be held in the following week.

**Proposed Closing of Road Near Kilcrouney, Bray.**

The County Secretary stated that an application for the closing of portion of Herbert Road from Kilbride Church towards Bray for the purpose of holding a Hill Climb Test would be submitted to the Council at the meeting on the following Monday. The Council had, however, received a letter from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in the course of which he indicated that for a number of reasons he did not favour the proposal. The Council agreed that the Secretary of the Motor Enthusiasts' Club be informed of the views of the Chief Superintendent.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

1. In the name of Councillor Seamus Macken:

"That the Council take over and maintain the road at Ballykeane, Redcross, commencing at Major Miville's Stud Farm, Ballykeane, ending at Mr. Thomas Wilkinson's, Ballinabarney South, and connecting with the County Road at each end."

2. In the name of Councillor P. Kehoe:

"That the Council take over the road leading to houses at Mungoduff."

3. In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:

"That the Council raise a loan of £1,000 for the repair of road leading from Askinagap to Aughrim/Aughavannagh Road at Ballymanus, which is virtually impassable."

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th August, 1958, 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, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, S. O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; S. O'Maicin, C. W. Hudson.

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

**AGENDA.**

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 1st July, 1958 (two meetings), and 14th July, 1958.
2. To fill vacancy on County Council consequent on death of Councillor W. Hammond.
3. To appoint additional representative on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
4. University Scholarships—report from University College, Dublin, in regard to results obtained by scholarship holders at summer examinations.
5. Application for closing of road near Kilcronoy.
6. Road Improvement Schemes; letter from Department of Local Government enclosing copy of extract from speech made by the Minister.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Macken: "That the County Council take over and maintain the road at Ballykeane, Redcross, commencing at Major Miville's Stud Farm, Ballykeane, and ending at Thomas Wilkinson's, Ballinabarney (Sth.), and connecting with a County Road at each end.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe that the Council take over the road leading to the houses at Mungoduff.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley "That the Council raise a loan of £1,000 for the repair of the road leading from Askinagap to Aughrim/Aughavannagh Road at Ballymanus, which is virtually impassable.
10. To arrange date for meeting of members of Council for Arklow Electoral area in connection with roads.
11. Abstract of Accounts of Council for year ended 13th March, 1958.
12. Applications from Irish Local Government Officials' Union and Workers' Union of Ireland for increase in temporary allowance of officers.
13. Fire Services at Carnew and Tinahely—report of Chief Fire Officer (copy circulated).
14. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe "That having regard to the distance of Baltinglass from a modern fire fighting service, a self-propelled unit be stationed there."
15. To adopt provisional scheme for amendment of Polling Scheme for Bray Urban District.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., for provision of public lighting at La Touche Close, Greystones.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea that the whole sewerage scheme at Shillelagh be inspected and a report submitted to the Council.
18. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 8th May, 1958.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Resolution of Sympathy.**

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Weadick, a former member of Arklow Urban District Council.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 1st July (two meetings) and 14th July, 1958.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—TO FILL VACANCY ON COUNTY COUNCIL CONSEQUENT ON DEATH OF COUNCILLOR W. HAMMOND.**

The Council decided to adjourn this matter to the September meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 3—TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD.**

The Council decided that no additional representative was required on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board and decided to take no action in the matter.

**ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS—REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, IN REGARD TO RESULTS OBTAINED BY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS AT SUMMER EXAMINATIONS.**

The following report from University College, Dublin, was received :

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Earlsfort Terrace,  
Dublin.  
25th July, 1958.

Dear Sir,

The following is a report on the results obtained by your Scholarship holders at the Summer Examinations :

Brennan, Kevin C. : 3rd Medical, Part 1—Pass Renewal of Scholarship recommended.

Reynolds, James O. : 3rd Electrical Engineering—Reject Mathematics and Mechanics of Machines; Thermodynamics, but exempt in all other subjects. May present again in Autumn when a report will be given.

Dempsey, David J. : 2nd Chemical Engineering—Reject, no exemptions. May present again in the Autumn when a report will be given.

The following students are not due to present for examination until Autumn when a report on their results will be given :

Woods, Michael J. 4th Agriculture.  
Brennan, Terence F. 3rd Science.  
Cox, Patrick G. 3rd Arts.

Yours faithfully,  
Registrar.

The Council noted that the Registrar of the University had recommended that the scholarship of Kevin C. Brennan be renewed for a further year. The County Manager informed the Council that this Scholarship holder had already been given an extension of his Scholarship and had been informed that there was no guarantee that the Scholarship would be renewed for a further period. The Council asked that the family circumstances of this student be investigated and if the circumstances warranted the renewal of the Scholarship, it was agreed that the Scholarship should be renewed.

**ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD NEAR KILCRONEY.**

The County Manager stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's intention to close the road near Kilcroney for the purpose of a Motor Hill Climb Competition on Saturday, 30th August, 1958. The following letter from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Sióchana, Bray, objecting to the closing of the road was submitted to the Council :

Chief Superintendent's Office,  
Garda Sióchana, Bray,  
Co. Wicklow.  
6th August, 1958.

Ref. No. DW. 2973/58.  
The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
A Chara,

**Proposed Closing of Road Near Kilcroney, Bray.**

I beg to refer to your letter of 2nd August, 1958, addressed to the Superintendent at Bray.

I beg to inform you that the several aspects in connection with the closing of the road between Kilbride Church in the direction of Herbert Road for purpose of hill climbing tests have been examined.

It is considered that the site selected for the hill climbing tests on a busy Saturday afternoon is open to objection. It would be impossible to close the roadway in question without creating problems relating to road safety on busy section of road between Kilcroney Junction and Hollybrook Junction.

It is not clear if there has been approval by St. John of God Brothers, Kilcroney, for car parking facilities in the grounds of Kilcroney, adjacent to the site of trials.

The roadway between Kilbride Church and Herbert Road east or west of Ardmore Studios is narrow, and so are the adjacent roads to junction with Main Wicklow Road, so that problems, not alone in connection with car parking, but with spectators would arise.

Is mise,  
le meas,  
(Signed): W. P. Quinn,  
Chief Superintendent.

The County Engineer had reported that he agreed with the points raised by the Superintendent and would not recommend the closing of the road in question. The Promoters of the Competition had been informed of the objections raised by the Garda Authorities and had submitted alternative routes for the race, which they proposed to hold on Saturday, 20th September, 1958.

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

Resolved :—  
“That having considered application from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, we hereby approve of the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb Competition on part of

the Willow Grove-Ballinastoe Road as shown on map submitted, and that it be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 20th September, 1958, between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. subject to the agreement of the County Engineer and Carda Siochana."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENCLOSING COPY OF EXTRACT FROM SPEECH MADE BY THE MINISTER.**

The Council noted the following extract from speech made by the Minister for Local Government in the Dail:

"Some time ago I had a Circular Letter issued to County Councils, advising them of my policy in regard to schemes of main road realignment. My Circular Letter on the matter was intended to be laid before the elected members of the Council, so that it would be of assistance to them in connection with their consideration of road work schemes for the present financial year. As my intention did not seem to be clearly understood in some local offices. I subsequently sent out a specific direction that the terms of that letter be brought to the notice of the members of each County Council.

"As far as may be practicable, in respect of this year's road works schemes and as a fixed practice for future years, my intention is that the elected members of County Councils will be given an opportunity of critically examining the more ambitious and expensive types of road improvement works proposed to be undertaken out of Road Fund Grants and of directing, where agreement is not reached with the County Engineer or the County Manager, that the views of the elected body as to the magnitude of particular works or the propriety of undertaking alternative schemes be referred to the Department for consideration by me before sanction issues to the schemes. My own views, as to the necessity for critical appraisal of schemes involving road diversion, have been embodied in the Circular Letter. I have informed the County Councils that while realignment works can be justified to eliminate definitely ascertained traffic hazards or where expenditure on substantial road improvements would be wasted if carried out on the old line of road, ambitious realignments not justified on such grounds are not warranted at the present time. The Circular Letter also advised that, in present circumstances, substantial road widening schemes should not be undertaken, save where they were shown to be essential and urgent."

Members of the Council suggested that proper paths should be provided for pedestrians instead of having roads from fence to fence.

**ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION, IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MACKEN, FOR THE TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT BALLYKEANE.**

The County Manager stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that the road in question was 1.3 miles in length. There are six farmers living on the road, and it is also used as a short-cut by the local people. The road was in bad condition, narrow and uneven. The Council's Engineer estimated the cost of widening and repairs, without tarring, at £1,200, and tarring would cost an additional £700.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Macken,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the necessary public notice being given of the Council's intention to take over and maintain as a public road the road at Ballykeane, Redcross, from Major Miville's Stud Farm, Ballykeane, to Thomas Wilkinson's, Ballinabarney (South), and connecting with two county roads."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION, IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. KEHOE, THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE OVER ROAD AT MUNGODUFF.**

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter pending the receipt of further details, as to number of houses served by the road, cost of repairs, etc., from the Council's Engineer.

**ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION, IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. O'NEALE, FOR THE RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,000 FOR THE REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING FROM ASKINAGAP TO AUGHMIM-AUGHAVANNAGH ROAD.**

The County Engineer reported that the improvement and reconstruction of the road was included in the Road Works Scheme for the current year, but that the Road Committee for the area had reduced the allocations for the road and that a portion of the road in Askinagap was being improved in the current year. He did not recommend the raising of the loan and stated that the remainder of the road would be improved next year. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for consideration by the Local Committee at their next meeting.

**ITEM No. 10—TO ARRANGE DATE FOR MEETING OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR ARKLOW ELECTORAL AREA.**

It was agreed that the meeting of members for Arklow Electoral Area would be held at Shillelagh on Monday, 25th August, 1958, at 8 p.m.

**ITEM No. 11—ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF COUNCIL FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1958.**

The County Manager submitted Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1958. Particulars of the Rate Collection and of the Rent Collection had already been reported to the Council. The total indebtedness on foot of loans now amounted to £1,369,180.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 12—APPLICATIONS FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION AND WORKERS' UNION OF IRELAND FOR INCREASE IN TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE OF OFFICERS.**

The Council considered applications from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union and the Workers' Union of Ireland for increase of 10/- per week to all officers of the Council with effect as from 1st April, 1958.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered applications from Irish Local Government Officials' Union and Workers' Union of Ireland, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the payment of increase in temporary Cost-of-Living Bonus of 10/- per week to all whole-time officers of the Council and pro-rata increases to part time officers and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such increases, with effect as from 1st April, 1958."



As an amendment, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

“That the increase in temporary Cost-of-Living Bonus be paid with effect from 1st August, 1958.

Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor Brennan agreed to withdraw the Amendment, and the original resolution was then put to the meeting and passed. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, dissenting.

**ITEM No. 13—FIRE SERVICES AT CARNEW AND TINAHELY—REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER.**

Councillor P. Brennan asked that this matter be deferred until September meeting pending the co-option of a member on the Council from the area.

**ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS G. TIMMINS AND P. KEHOE “THAT HAVING REGARD TO THE DISTANCE OF BALTINGLASS FROM A MODERN FIRE FIGHTING SERVICE, A SELF-PROPELLED UNIT BE STATIONED THERE.**

The following letter from the Chief Fire Officer was submitted to the Council :

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse, Bray.  
8th July, 1958.

re/Baltinglass Fire Brigade.

Dear Sir,

Re your letter of the 5th instant, I strongly recommend that the existing large trailer pump at Baltinglass should be replaced by a modern self-propelled fire appliance such as a Land Rover. The trailer pump is a vintage model of 1942 and can not be regarded as reliable; also means of towing the pump are only available during night hours when a County Council lorry is stationed in the town.

I agree that the self-propelled appliance stationed in Dunlavin is not reliable—it was manufactured in 1942 and was purchased secondhand by the County Council. It will, in due course, have to be replaced by a modern engine, but if only one new appliance is to be purchased for West Wicklow area, then I would recommend that it should be stationed in Baltinglass rather than in Dunlavin. I base this recommendation on the belief that a better repair service is available in Dunlavin than in Baltinglass, thus, the old Dunlavin engine can be kept in service for a longer period if allowed to remain in that town.

Yours faithfully,

Signed, H. R. H. Sharpe,  
Chief Fire Officer.

P.S.—The existing Baltinglass fire station is too small to house the Dunlavin engine, but it could accommodate a Land Rover with small alterations—estimated cost £25.

Having considered the report of the Chief Fire Officer, it was agreed that tenders be invited for a new self-propelled fire appliance.

**ITEM No. 15—TO ADOPT PROVISIONAL SCHEME FOR AMENDMENT OF POLLING SCHEME FOR BRAY URBAN DISTRICT.**

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby adopt the following Provisional Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for Bray Urban District Area :

Polling District	Polling Place
Bray No. 1.	Sunbeam House, Bray.
Bray No. 2.	Technical School, Bray.
Bray No. 3.	St. Cronan's N.S., Bray.
Bray No. 4.	St. Peter's N.S., Bray.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LA TOUCHE CLOSE, GREYSTONES.**

The County Manager stated that the Assistant County Engineer had recommended that one public light be provided at La Touche Close, Greystones. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

“That we approve of the E.S.B. being asked to submit an estimate of the cost of provision of one public light at La Touche Close, Greystones, at point recommended by Assistant County Engineer.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 17—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. McCREA THAT THE WHOLE SEWERAGE SCHEME AT SHILLELAGH BE INSPECTED AND A REPORT SUBMITTED.**

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter pending receipt of a report from the Assistant County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 18—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.**

The Council noted the Minutes of Meeting of the General Council of County Councils.

**Corner at Annacurra Cross Roads.**

Councillor P. Brennan and Councillor J. Quigley referred to the dangerous corner at Annacurra Cross Roads and asked that the owner of the land be interviewed with a view to acquiring portion of land for road widening at this place.

**Laneway at Ballingate.**

Councillor P. Brennan asked that a report be obtained in regard to the condition of the lane leading to cottage occupied by Mr. Tobin at Ballingate.

**Road at Kilbride.**

Councillor Macken referred to the condition of the back road from Kilbride Post Office, which he stated was due to heavy traffic. It was stated that if the road from Kilbride Bridge to road adjoining Hetherington's cottage be improved, the other road would not be required.

Councillor Macken also referred to the piping of water from Nolan's field to cottages at Kilbride. It was stated that four years ago this work was estimated at £60 but it has not been carried out.

**Flooding at Hempstown.**

Councillor Miley referred to the road at Hempstown being flooded and stated that the lands of John Hamilton were being flooded in consequence.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, supported by Councillor C. W. Hudson, urged that road workers be released by the Council to help saving of the harvest. It was agreed that workers would be released if they so desired.

**Notice of Motion.**

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

By Councillors J. Miley and M. Deering:

"That I or some member of the Council will propose that Friarhill Road, Dunlavin, be taken over by the 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 September, 1958, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus Maicin, J. Smyth.

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. Applications for Supplementary Reconstruction Grants under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1954.
2. Circular from Department of Local Government regarding Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958.
3. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Filling Station at Avoca.
4. Application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
5. Kiosks on public road at Glendalough.
6. Arrears of Rent—cottage at Killincarrig (Court Decree—Hilliard).
7. Letter of 25th August, 1958, from Department of Local Government regarding loan of £5,000 for provision of pumps.

**ITEM No. 1—APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the making of Supplementary Grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, as follows:

Mrs. Kate Timmins, Weaver Square, Baltinglass	...	...	£80
William Twyford, Main Street, Blessington	...	...	£62
Patrick J. Doyle, Cronehorn House, Carnew	...	...	£80
R. M. Connolly, 27 Oldcourt Park, Bray	...	...	£108
Mrs. Alice M. Byrne, Post Office, Aughrim	...	...	£80
Thomas Dunne, 5 Strand Cottages, Greystones	...	...	£83
Mrs. Jennie Rogers, Donard, Dunlavin	...	...	£100
Patrick Lennon, Kilmacoo, Avoca	...	...	£80
Mrs. Annie Mooney, Main Street, Baltinglass	...	...	£48

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1958.**

The County Secretary submitted details of the Circular of the 18th August, 1958, from Department of Local Government in regard to the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958. Members of the Council asked that a summary of the provisions of the Act be circulated to each member.

**ITEM No. 3—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: FILLING STATION AT AVOCA.**

Having considered report of Assistant County Engineer, the Council approved of permission being granted under Town and Regional Planning Acts for the erection of a filling station at Avoca in accordance with plans submitted by Messrs. Caltex (Ireland) Ltd. for Mr. W. Moran.

**ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.**

The Council considered the application of Mr. D. Kelly, Post Office, Abbey-leix for a loan of £1,300 in respect of a house at La Touche Place, Greystones. The Council indicated that they would not favour the making of a loan available in this case.

**ITEM No. 5—KIOSKS ON PUBLIC ROAD AT GLENDALOUGH.**

The Council considered, in Committee, the report in regard to kiosks at Glendalough, one being adjoining the entrance to the old Cathedral Cemetery and the other at the end of the road about 100 yards beyond the entrance to the new Car Park. The Council also considered the proposed provision of a museum and kiosk. Correspondence between Mr. J. B. Wynne, owner of lands at Glendalough, and with Bord Failte in regard to the proposed museum and kiosks was submitted to the Council. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that the Chairman of the County Council, Councillor Smyth and the County Manager would arrange a meeting with Mr. Wynne and endeavour to reach agreement on the matter.

**ITEM No. 6—ARREARS OF RENT—COTTAGE AT KILLINCARRIG (COURT DECREE—HILLIARD).**

The County Manager submitted to the Council, in Committee, a report in regard to proceedings taken against Mr. Hilliard for failure to maintain his family. The County Manager explained the delays which had occurred in the enforcement of a Court Order in the matter and gave particulars of the cost of maintenance of the family to the Council. The Council approved of the action taken by the County Manager in the matter. The Chairman suggested that new proceedings should be taken against Mr. Hilliard.

**ITEM No. 7—LOAN FOR PROVISION OF PUMPS AND WELLS.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of the 25th August, 1958, from Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's application for a loan of £5,000 for the continuation of the scheme for provision of pumps and wells. The Council noted that the resources of the Local Loans Fund were being reserved for major sanitation works and the suggestion of the Department that the Council endeavour to obtain the loan from the Treasurer or some other source. It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved :—

“That having considered letter of the 25th August, 1958, from Department of Local Government, we approve of the borrowing of a sum of £5,000 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 15 years with interest at the appropriate rate, for the purpose of provision of pumps and wells.”

Passed unanimously.

**Repairs to Greystones Pier.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

“That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 30th July, 1958, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,000 be borrowed from The National

Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying portion of the expenditure on repairs to Greystones Pier, to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates AND that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited.”

Passed unanimously.

**Contracts for Cottage Repairs.**

The Council noted letter from Mr. Edward Flynn, Jnr., Donard, indicating that he was unable to obtain the required Security to complete an agreement for Cottage Repairs. The Council agreed that tenders be invited again for the carrying out of repairs in West Wicklow area.

Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying portion of the expenditure on repairs to Greystones Park, to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the Rates AMND that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited.

Passed unanimously

#### Contract for Cottage Repairs

The Council noted letter from Mr. Edward Flynn, Jnr., Donard, indicating that he was unable to obtain the required security to complete an agreement for Cottage Repairs. The Council agreed that tenders be invited again for the carrying out of repairs in West Wicklow area.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th September, 1958, 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, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, J. Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

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

#### AGENDA.

1. To authorise overdraft accommodation on General Account and Capital Account for quarter to 31st December, 1958.
2. Filling of vacancy on Council.
3. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959—letter from Department of Education.
4. University Scholarship Scheme, 1958—results of Examination.
5. Application for closing of part of Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road for purpose of Motor Hill Climb.
6. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley and M. Deering for taking over of road at Friars' Hill, Dunlavin, as a public road.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe for the taking over of road at Mungoduff as a public road.
8. Road from Killoughter to the sea.
9. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Quigley and S. Macken "That the Council raise a loan or, alternatively, divert a sum of money from other roads in order to carry out urgent repairs to road leading from Avoca via Avoca Woollen Mills to Kilmacoo Cross roads, as there is a danger of the lorry conveying milk from the farmers resident along this road to Dublin Dairies being diverted off this road owing to its state of repair."
10. Proposal to take over as public roads certain cul-de-sac roads in southern district.
11. Fire Services at Carnew and Tinahely—report of Chief Fire Officer.
12. Provision of public lighting at La Touche Road, Greystones.
13. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts for erection of Saleyard at Holy Valley, Blessington.
14. Turf Production, 1958.
15. Abandonment of Family by parents.
16. Disposal of site at Rathnew.
17. Rathdrum Dispensary Residence.
18. Letter from County Councils' General Council regarding motion concerning Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1939.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### ITEM No. 1—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 Councils' Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 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 Councils' Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1958, shall not exceed £20,050.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No 2.—FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Mr. Alan Hadden as a member of Wicklow County Council to fill vacancy caused by the death of Councillor W. Hammond.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1959.

Letter dated 28th August, 1958, from Department of Education was submitted in which it was indicated that the Minister for Education had approved of the Scheme submitted by the Council subject to the conditions set out in the letter.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That having considered letter of the 28th August, 1958, from Department of Education in regard to Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959, we determine to carry into execution Scheme approved by the Minister for Education.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1958.

The County Secretary reported that five candidates had competed under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1958, and that four had obtained passes only in the Leaving Certificate Examination and the remaining candidate had received honours. The candidate who obtained honours, however, did not obtain honours in three approved subjects. In consequence none of the candidates were eligible for the award of scholarships. The Council noted that no award of a scholarship could be made.

The County Secretary submitted application from Miss M. C. Haughton for renewal of University Scholarship together with certificate from University College, Dublin. It was

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

Resolved :—

“That having considered Certificate issued by University College, Dublin, we approve of the renewal of the University Scholarship for Miss Mary Cecilia Haughton, St. Anne's, Seaview Road, Wicklow for a further year.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD FOR MOTOR HILL CLIMB.

The County Secretary stated that Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, had written in regard to the Council's proposal to close to public traffic portion of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road and to allow the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb Test on it and had stated that from inquiries made it appeared there was no serious objections to the limited closing of the road other than inconvenience to the local inhabitants. It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we approve of the closing to public traffic of road described hereunder on Saturday, 20th September, 1958, between 2 p.m. and 6.15 p.m., and approve of the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb Test on the road while so closed to public traffic :

Portion of County Road No. 39 between junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two roads at Carrigower, being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe road.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT FRIARS HILL, DUNLAVIN.

In reference to Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley and M. Deering, the County Secretary submitted report of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the road at Friars' Hill, Dunlavin. The Engineer reported that the road was a cul-de-sac road with 7'—9' roadway varying from 12'—18' between fences, and that its present condition was not good, but it had a fair foundation. It had been repaired/some years previously under a Minor Relief Scheme. The length of the road was approximately 1½ miles and the cost of repair would be about £300. There were three houses actually on the road and other houses served by it.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved :—

“That we approve of public notice being given of our intention to take over as a public road known as Friars' Hill, Dunlavin.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 7—PROPOSED TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT MUCKDUFF AS PUBLIC ROAD.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Secretary submitted report of the Assistant County Engineer in which it was stated that the lane at Muckduff was about 1,100 yds. in length and served a group of 6 houses. The average width of the lane was 9 ft. and it had been repaired a number of years previously under a Minor Relief Scheme. Its present condition was bad and it had been torn recently by floods. There was a good foundation on the lane and it would take about 150 cu. yds. of material to repair it and leave it in fairly good condition, and the cost of repair, opening drains, etc., would be approximately £100. It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we approve of public notice being given of our intention to take over as a public road lane at Muckduff”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—ROAD FROM KILLOUGHTER TO THE SEA.**

Councillor Hudson raised the question of the taking over of the road known as Ballybla Lane leading from Killoughter to the sea as a public road. The County Secretary stated that a difficulty arose in connection with the railway line, as persons who would use this road to go to the sea would have to cross the railway line, and it appeared that there was no caretaker available at the Station House to open or close the railway gates. The County Engineer in his report on the matter had advised that the Council should have clarified the position of access to the beach and the parking of cars adjacent thereto before considering any question of taking over the road. The Council agreed that C.I.E. be asked if they would provide a Gate-keeper so that if the Council took over the road there would be no danger to the public in seeking access to the sea.

**ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. QUIGLEY AND S. MACKEN RE REPAIRS TO ROAD FROM AVOCA TO KILMACOO CROSS ROADS.**

The Assistant County Engineer in report of the 5th September, 1958, stated that the road referred to was part of Road 171 and part of Road 167 and was about 2 miles 7 furlongs long. The road was unrolled and generally kept in fair order. It had been washed out in a few places recently, but the Council had repaired it again. The road was not on the Council's Scheme for road reconstruction and so not considered important enough to be on the present Five Year Programme. It would cost about £4,400 to reconstruct the road. The Assistant County Engineer stated that several times the milk lorries had threatened to stop using roads if they were not kept in order for them, and usually the Council carried out its own policy. In the case of this road, if the milk lorries did not travel the road, the local farmers would have the maximum journey of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the main road. Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed to adjourn the matter of repairs to this road to the Estimates Meeting.

**ITEM No. 10—PROPOSED TAKING OVER AS PUBLIC ROADS OF CERTAIN CUL-DE-SAC ROADS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

The County Secretary submitted report of the meeting of members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral area held on 25th August, 1958, in relation to the repair of cul-de-sac roads. The Committee had made the following recommendations:

1. That Boley Lane, Shillelagh be taken over as a public road and that a sum of £200 be expended on its repair in the current year.
2. That a lane at Whiterock for a distance of 800 yards eastwards and the lane at Mullins for a distance of 800 yards westwards be taken over as a public road and that £100 be expended on each of these sections of the road in the current year.
3. That the road from Killacloran branching from the Arklow/Coates Bridge main road as far as Sheridan's gate, a distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, be taken over as a public road and £200 expended on its repair in the present year.
4. That laneway from Main Road 242 at Cronelea North to Byrne's Cottage, a distance of approximately 1,700 yards, be taken over as a public road and £200 expended on its repair in the present year.
5. That Farnees Lane from Main Road 208 at Curravannish North, west to Crossbridge and thence to McDonnell's house, a distance of 1 mile, be taken over as a public road and £200 expended on its repair in the present year.

The County Secretary submitted to the Council report of Assistant County Engineer J. P. Caffrey of 6th September, 1958, in regard to the road at Killacloran, and report of Assistant County Engineer P. McGuinness of 6th September, 1958, in regard to the other roads proposed to be taken over. The County Secretary

pointed out that before the Council could take over the roads referred to as public roads, it would be necessary that the Council be satisfied that the roads were of general public utility and it would be necessary that the Council's Solicitor confirm that the information supplied by the Engineer's report was sufficient to enable the Council to decide that the roads were suitable for taking over. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That public notice be given of our intention to take over as public roads the following roads:

1. Boley Lane.
2. Lane at Whiterock.
3. Lane at Mullins.
4. Cronelea Lane.
5. Farnees Lane.
6. Killacloran Lane.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—FIRE SERVICES AT CARNEW AND TINAHELY.**

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter pending the attendance of Councillor Alan Hadden who had been co-opted as a member in place of the late Councillor Hammond.

**ITEM No. 12—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LA TOUCHE PLACE, GREYSTONES.**

The County Secretary submitted estimate from the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £18-10-0 for the provision of one public lamp at La Touche Place, Greystones. The Council agreed that the public lamp be provided, but asked that representations be made to the E.S.B. for a reduction in the charge.

**ITEM No. 13—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—ERECTION OF SALESYARD AT HOLY VALLEY, BLESSINGTON.**

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Messrs. J. P. and M. Doyle, Auctioneers and Livestock Salesmen, 138 Pearse Street, Dublin, for approval to the use of site at Holy Valley, Blessington, for the erection of salesyard which had been at Blessington. The Council's Engineer had reported that there appeared to be no objection to the use of the site and that ample space was provided for the parking of cars, lorries, etc. The County Engineer agreed that there was no objection in principle to the proposal but that details of the structures to be erected should be submitted and that the entrance should be put back 35 feet from the centre of the road boundary ditch. The Council agreed that it be indicated to the applicants that the Council had no objection to the use of the site for the purpose of a salesyard, subject to submission of detailed plans and specification of any buildings to be erected and particulars of water supply, etc.

**ITEM No. 14—TURF PRODUCTION, 1958.**

The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer had reported on the present condition of the Turf Production Programme. On Sally Gap Bog 1,200 tons had been cut and footed, but it was considered unlikely that any would be saved. On Farbreaga Bog 320 tons had been cut and footed, but again it was unlikely that any turf would be saved. On Ballinagee Bog 500 tons had been cut and 70 tons were in clamps on the bog. The Assistant County Engineer con-

sidered that if the weather improved 200 to 300 tons might be saved. The Deputy County Engineer, however, was of opinion that very little turf would be saved during the present year and that arrangements should be made to purchase the Council's requirements. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved :—

"That having noted report of the County Engineer in regard to Turf Production in season 1958, we approve of the purchase of such quantity of turf as may be required for the Council's Institutions and Offices, and authorise expenditure of £5,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the additional outlay involved."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 15—ABANDONMENT OF FAMILY BY PARENTS.

The County Manager reported to the Council that four children of William and Elizabeth Moorhouse who had been living at Maitland Street, Bray, had been deserted by their parents and had to be taken into the County Home on the 15th August, 1958. The father had removed three of the children from the County Home on the 30th August, but the fourth child, who is a baby, still remains in the County Home. It was understood that the father stated that he did not know the whereabouts of the mother and that he was unable to look after the youngest child. The County Manager explained the difficulty of tracing the parents in order to take proceedings against them for deserting their family. The County Manager suggested that in such cases the Department of Justice might arrange to make available services of the Garda Síochána to trace the whereabouts of parents. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we ask the Department of Justice to arrange to make available the services of the Garda Síochána to trace the whereabouts of parents who abandon their children."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that submissions be made to the Department of Justice on the matter following consultation with the Council's Solicitor.

#### ITEM No. 16—DISPOSAL OF SITE AT RATHNEW.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had indicated that the auctioneers had received an offer of £100 for portion of the plot at Rathnew which contained 1 acre 6 perches. The total cost of this plot to the Council was £255-14-11. The Council agreed that the offer be refused. Plan showing proposed bye-pass road which would cross part of the plot at Rathnew was submitted to the Council. Having examined the plan, the Council did not favour the proposal, but asked that the County Engineer submit proposals for improving the corner at the junction between the main road from Arklow via the Beehive and the main road from Rathdrum to Rathnew.

#### ITEM No. 17—RATHDRUM DISPENSARY RESIDENCE.

The Council considered, in Committee, report of the County Manager in regard to the proposed acquisition of the owner's interest in the premises at Rathdrum which had been used as a Dispensary Residence. The Council noted that the District Medical Officer had objected to residing in the premises in view of their state of repair and he had been given permission to reside instead on his farm adjoining Rathdrum. The Council approved of the proposed offer being made to the owners for the purchase of the premises on the basis of 10 years purchase of the rent. The Council suggested that if the premises were acquired it might be possible to utilise them for the purposes of Club Rooms or stores or otherwise.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the making of a provisional offer of £450 for the acquisition of the Landlord's interest in premises at Rathdrum which have been used for dispensary residence."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 18—LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL RE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT, 1939.

Having considered letter of 14th August, 1958, from County Councils' General Council in regard to a motion from Leitrim County Council urging that the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act be repealed, the Council agreed that it was undesirable that the Act be repealed in view of possible adverse effects on local industries.

#### Deferment of Collection of Rates.

Members of the Council referred to the discussion at the previous meeting in regard to the serious effect on the harvest of bad weather conditions in the current year and the desirability of deferring for a month the collection of the first moiety of Rates. It was

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

Resolved :—

"That in view of the very bad weather conditions in the present year and the serious effect on the harvest, we approve of the deferring of the collection of rates for one month and request the sanction of the Minister to the deferring for a period of one month of the qualifying date for the payment of bonus to Rate Collectors."

Passed unanimously.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

1. In the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson :

"That we take steps to purchase house in Market Square, Wicklow, the property of Colonel Vize, now used by Committee of Agriculture."

## 2. In the name of Councillor E. Byrne :

"That the short piece of road at Glencormac be taken over by the Council."

## 3. In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. :

"That the County Engineer submit to next housing meeting the date he received directions from Council Offices, Rathdrum, to inspect and report on condition of cottage occupied by Andrew Gaffney, Kilmurray, Kilbride, also copy of his report and date of his report to office and why no report was submitted to Council as to condition of cottage."

Councillor J. Quigley handed in Notice of Motion that the Workmen's Compensation Act be amended "so as to cover workers employed by an employer resident in the Republic of Ireland who may have employment for such workers in the Six Occupied Counties of Ireland." The Chairman indicated that the Motion did not appear to be a suitable one for the Council to discuss. The County Secretary stated that inquiries would be made in regard to the subject of the notice.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL ld

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 October, 1958, at 3 p.m.

Councillor Alan H. Hadden who had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor W. Hammond attended and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The following members attended :

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, John Smyth and J. D. Haughton.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman.

### AGENDA.

1. Applications for Supplementary Reconstruction Grants.
2. Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958—summary of provisions of Act circulated to members.
3. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
4. Application for loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
5. Retirement of Rent Collector—authorisation of excess expenditure.
6. Cottage Repairs Contracts.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in relation to application for repairs to cottage at Kilmurray, Kilbride.
8. Complaints from tourists regarding developments at Glendalough Burial Ground.

#### Welcome to New Member :

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, welcomed Councillor Alan Hadden as a member of the Council. Councillor Hadden replied suitably.

#### Resolution of Sympathy :

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. J. J. Williams who had been Editor-in-Chief of the "Wicklow People."

#### ITEM No. 1—APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the making of supplementary Reconstruction Grants as follows :

Mrs. Mary A. Toner, Kilcoole, Greystones ... .. £80



Myles Balfe, Main Street, Blessington	£78
Miss Katherine M. Bleakley, The Cottages, Blessington	£37
William Mannering, Main Street, Baltinglass	£38
The Superioress, Presentation Convent, George's Hill, Dublin, in respect of The Lodge, Uplands, Delgany	£96
Michael Miley, Graigues, Kiltegan	£57
Miss Gertrude Cuffe, "Westbrook," Rathnew	£58
Samuel Gray, Woodbine Cottage, Lower Windgates, Greystones	£80

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1958.

A summary of the provisions of the Act had been circulated to the members of the Council. The County Secretary explained the provisions of the Act in regard to Grants from the State and Supplementary Grants from the Local Authority for the provision of water supply and sewerage systems to houses and for repairs and improvements to houses. Examples of the method of calculation of the grants were submitted to the Council. On the suggestion of Councillor Haughton it was decided to defer a decision on details of Schemes for the making of Grants to the next meeting and to circulate to the members of the Council the examples of the calculation of the Grants.

#### ITEM No. 3—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

##### Filling Station at Avoca :

The County Secretary stated that permission had been given by the Council in accordance with plans submitted by Messrs. Caltex Ltd. on behalf of Mr. W. Moran for a service station at Avoca. It was found that the position of the proposed building and the type of building itself did not conform with the plans submitted, and it was pointed out to the applicant that he should not proceed with any further work which was not in accordance with the plans approved by the Council and that he should submit a revised plan if he proposed to erect something other than what had been approved. Plans were subsequently received from Mr. J. S. O'Gorman, Architect, for a shop with petrol pumps. The Deputy County Engineer reported that plans submitted were not accurate and the correct site plan had been indicated by him on the drawing. He recommended that no part of the building could be nearer the main road or the adjoining lane than 30 ft., but that it would be sufficient if the pumps were kept back 18 ft. from the edge of the main road or lane. In regard to the proposed structure itself, the Deputy County Engineer did not consider the design as suitable for Avoca and suggested that a building more in keeping with the locality should be designed. He recommended also that the architect be asked to submit details of the septic tank and the method used to dispose of the effluent, as he was not satisfied that the sub-soil was suitable for disposing of the effluent by soakage. Councillor McCarthy stated that the applicant was prepared to comply with the Council's requirements and suggested that he meet the Council's Engineer immediately with a view to reaching agreement. It was agreed that the Council's Engineer would meet the applicant to discuss the matter. The County Manager pointed out that permission for the work could not be granted until plans and specification showing proposals satisfactory to the Council had been submitted.

##### Petrol Pump at Parkbridge :

Having considered report of the Deputy County Engineer, the Council agreed that permission be given to Laurence Egan, Parkbridge, Clonegal, Ferns, for the erection of petrol pump at his premises at Parkbridge.

#### Slaughter House at Boghall, Bray :

The County Secretary stated that revised plans had been submitted for a slaughter house at Boghall, Bray, for Messrs. Behan Bros. The plans had been examined by the Deputy County Engineer and by the County Medical Officer and both were satisfied with them and recommended that permission be granted. The Council agreed that permission be granted for the slaughter house in accordance with revised plans.

#### ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS.

The Council considered, in Committee, the application of Michael Anderson, Glenealy, for a loan of £300 in respect of the erection of a house at Glenealy. The County Secretary stated that there appeared to be no objection to the making of the loan subject to Mr. Anderson's submitting evidence that his income did not exceed the prescribed limit of £832 per annum. In reply to inquiries from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Council could not borrow moneys from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making loans under the S.D.A. Acts except where the income of the applicant did not exceed £832 per annum, or in the case of a farmer, where the valuation did not exceed £50. The Council recommended that the loan be granted if Mr. Anderson submitted the necessary proof of income.

#### ITEM No. 5—RETIREMENT OF RENT COLLECTOR—AUTHORISATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Patrick Kinsella who had been Rent Collector for Nos. 1 and 3 Rent Collection Districts had retired and was entitled to a superannuation allowance of £215-19-11 per annum and to a gratuity of £647-19-8. As it had not been anticipated that Mr. Kinsella would retire during the year, provisions had not been made in the estimates to meet the cost of gratuity. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of payment of gratuity of £647-19-8 to Patrick Kinsella, former Rent Collector, on his retirement and to defray proportion of superannuation allowance payable to him for the period 1st August, 1958, to 31st March, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that the applicants for the vacant post of Rent Collector had been examined by a Selection Board, and subject to the provision of a satisfactory certificate as to health and to the obtaining of the necessary Fidelity Guarantee Bond, Mr. Patrick Doody would be appointed.

#### ITEM No. 6—COTTAGE REPAIRS CONTRACTS.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. L. J. Byrne, who was the remaining tenderer for the repairs to cottages in No. 6 District, Shillelagh Area, had stated that he was not prepared to complete contract documents. Tenders had been invited for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in Blessington and Baltinglass areas, and that while three inquiries had been received, no tenders had been

submitted. In the circumstances it would be necessary to arrange for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in these three areas by direct labour. It was

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

Resolved :—

“That having noted that none of the persons who submitted tenders for repairs to cottages in No. 6 District (Shillelagh Area) are prepared to proceed with the completion of contract documents, and having noted that no tenders have been received in response to advertisement inviting tenders for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in the Blessington and Baltinglass areas, we approve of repairs to cottages in these three districts being carried out by Direct Labour for the period to 31st March, 1959.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., IN RELATION TO APPLICATION FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES AT KILMURRAY, KILBRIDE.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he inspected the cottage of Andrew Gaffney, Kilmurray, on the 18th March, 1958. The matter was not urgent and as no contractor was available until the 16th September, 1958, it was not possible to have repairs carried out. The contractor had received an order to carry out repairs. Councillor Haughton referred to the need for repairs to the cottage occupied by Mr. Houlihan, Rathdrum, and stated that the Engineer had not called to inspect it. Councillor E. Byrne asked if the completion of arrangements for the vesting of cottages which did not require repairs could be expedited and mentioned a number of cottages in the northern area which could be vested at once. The County Manager stated that he would inquire into the matter. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., expressed appreciation of the way in which the contractors appointed for the Wicklow area were carrying out the work of repairs and stated that the tenants had expressed their satisfaction with the work to him. He submitted particulars of a complaint received by him from Laurence Neville, Kilmurray, Kilbride, in regard to the need for repairs to his cottage and asked that it be inspected.

**ITEM No. 8—COMPLAINTS FROM TOURISTS REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS AT GLENDALOUGH BURIAL GROUND.**

The County Secretary stated that An Bord Failte had received a complaint from a visitor to Glendalough that the area between the Cathedral and St. Kevin's Kitchen was being exploited and that a photographer was operating at the Wishing Cross and newsboys selling papers in the Burial Ground. The Council's Solicitor had been asked to advise in regard to the Council's powers to exclude persons from using the Burial Ground for trading purposes. An Bord Failte had also received a complaint from an American visitor in regard to what he described as “a shack” erected immediately adjoining the famous gateway for the sale of “tourist knick-knacks.” The Chairman pointed out that the Council was already endeavouring to arrange for the removal of this structure and the erection instead, with the assistance of An Bord Failte, of a museum.

**Well at Mill Lane, Carnew :**

The County Secretary gave particulars of a complaint received from Captain Spicer, Carnew Castle, Carnew, regarding a well on his lands which was overflowing and causing flooding. The well was piped to the roadside to a trough.

Captain Spicer had been informed that the well had been provided by the Coollattin Estate Co. and was not the responsibility of the Council and that the Council tenants did not use the well, as the Carnew Water Supply had been extended some while ago and a pump provided to serve the cottages. Captain Spicer contended that the well was in fact used by the tenants. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that he would discuss the matter with Captain Spicer.

**Rathdrum Dispensary Residence :**

The County Secretary stated that there did not appear to be any demand for the use of the Rathdrum Dispensary Residence for a store or other similar purpose, and it was proposed to let it subject to certain conditions to a member of the Gardai. The Council agreed that the premises might be let subject to suitable conditions in the letting Agreement.

**Dispute re Wages of Employees :**

Councillor McCarthy stated that the Amalgamated Engineering Union wished to have a deputation received by the County Manager or by the Council in regard to a disagreement concerning wages of certain employees of the Council. The County Manager stated that he would arrange to receive a deputation from the Union.

**Child Welfare Clinic at Bray :**

In reply to Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the County Manager stated that the Council had no intention of closing the Child Welfare Clinic at Bray.

**Jubilee Nurse at Blessington :**

Councillor Miley referred to the recent resignation of the Jubilee Nurse at Blessington and asked what arrangements were made for the discharge of mid-wifery duties in the area. The County Manager explained the efforts being made by the Council to arrange for such services. Councillor Miley suggested that it would be desirable that the District Nursing Association in the area be revived and it was agreed that a letter be addressed to the Association on the matter.

**Appointment of Assistant County Engineer :**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commission for the appointment of an Assistant County Engineer. Mr. Connell Boyle who had been recommended for the post would take up duty on the 13th October, and Mr. P. J. Foley's employment with the Council would terminate on the 20th October. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Notice of Motion :**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus Macken was handed in and accepted by the Chairman :

“That as the income from farming is at its lowest and expenditure at its very highest during the months of September and March, this Council permanently extend the latest dates for the payment of Rates.

“In the case of the first moiety to October 31st, and in the case of the second moiety to April 30th of each year, thus obviating the recurring and humiliating requests for such extensions annually.

“That should the Council not have the power to grant the extensions as envisaged above, that the foregoing proposal be forwarded to the relevant Minister with a recommendation from this Council for the introduction of appropriate legislation to allow of same being granted.”

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th October, 1958, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, Alan Hadden, G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. Miley, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus Maicín, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

### Resolution of Sympathy:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the sad occasion on which the Council was meeting on the recent death of his Holiness Pope Pius XII. He proposed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Council with His Grace The Archbishop of Dublin, the Hierarchy and Clergy, and suggested that the Council would adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Pontiff. Other members of the Council, having joined in the expression of sympathy, the resolution was passed and the Council adjourned until Monday, 27th October, 1958.

# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 27th October, 1958, 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, Alan Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, J. Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O Maicin, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, were present.

## AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 11th and 18th August, 1st and 8th September, 1958.
2. To fill vacancies on Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
3. To fill vacancy on Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
- 3a. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
- 3b. Renewal of University Scholarships.
4. Declaration of certain cul-de-sac roads in southern district as public roads.
5. Declaration of road known as Ballykeane Lane to be public road.
6. Road from Killoughter to the sea.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne that the Council take over short piece of road at Glencormac.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth for the taking over of Laragh-Lough Dan road as public road.
9. Circular letter from Department of Local Government, dated 4th October, 1958, in regard to the appointment of Rate and Rent Collectors.
10. Further consideration of Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, and Scheme for Grants for Improvement and Reconstruction of Dwellings.
11. To adopt Bye-Laws for the Prevention of Litter.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Macken in regard to extension of periods for payment of First and Second Moiety of Rates in each year.
- 12a. Resignation of Rate Collector.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. W. Hudson in regard to the purchase of premises occupied by Committee of Agriculture.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley in regard to the amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act.
15. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

## Absence of Member of Council.

The Council having learned of the illness of Councillor Kehoe asked that the good wishes of the members be conveyed to him for his speedy recovery.

## ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 11th and 18th August, 1958, and 1st and 8th September, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Secretary to His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland acknowledging the Council's Resolution of Sympathy on the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XII and expressing appreciation of the Council's dutiful message of sympathy. An acknowledgment received from the wife and family of the late James J. Williams expressing thanks for the Council's Resolution of Sympathy was also submitted.

## ITEM No. 2—VACANCIES ON SHILLELAGH OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Having considered report of Clerk to the Sub-Committee,  
It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we appoint the following persons to fill vacancies on Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the deaths of Mr. James O'Neill, Mr. Wallace Hammond and Mr. J. J. Bourne and by the absence of Mr. J. Scantlan: Councillor A. Hadden, P. Scantlan, Sean Kenny and Denis Kealy.

Passed unanimously.

## ITEM No. 3—VACANCY ON NEWCASTLE O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

Having considered report from Clerk to the Sub-Committee, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint John Kavanagh, Season Park, as a member of the Newcastle Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Rev. J. J. Loughheed."

Passed unanimously.

## ITEM No. 3a—VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee indicating that Councillor James D. Haughton had become disqualified from membership of the Committee on account of absence. Councillor Haughton explained the difficulty he had found in attending meetings of the Committee and indicated that he would prefer to be replaced on the Committee. It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Very Rev. Fr. Power, P.P., Rathdrum, as a member of the Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Councillor James D. Haughton."

Passed unanimously.

## ITEM No. 3b—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for the following students:—

David H. Herman, Westfield Park, Bray.  
Paul V. Spellman, Iona, Killincarrig Road, Greystones.  
Miss A. C. Scullion, Main Street, Bray.

Subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports from University College, Dublin, and applications from the students, we approve of the renewal of scholarships for Francis O. Kavanagh, Springmount, Wicklow, and P. J. O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Having considered letter of 8th October, 1958, from Mr. Patrick G. Cox, Garda Barracks, Dunlavin, and letter of 11th October from Dr. George O'Brien, Professor of Economics, University College, Dublin, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That having considered application from Patrick G. Cox, Garda Station, Dunlavin, and recommendation of Professor of Economics, University College, Dublin, we approve of an extension of the University Scholarship for Mr. Patrick G. Cox for a further year to enable him to proceed to an M.A. degree."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from Mr. Michael J. Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Bray:—

5 Seapoint Villas,  
Bray,

Co. Wicklow.  
5/10/58.

Dear Sir,

As you probably know by now, I have been awarded a second-class honours in my final examination for the degree B.Agr.Sc. (Horticulture), D.G. Please convey my sincere thanks to the Chairman and the members of the Wicklow County Council for both the three year scholarship and the one year extension which they granted to me.

I would like you to assure them that I will do everything in my power to see that "the seeds which they have sown will grow on Irish soil." For the moment it does not seem likely that I will be able to do an M.Sc and so I will apply for whatever vacancies arise.

Finally, I would like them to appreciate how difficult it is to express feelings of gratitude in words. However, for any moral, physical or intellectual development which you have made possible for me, I am deeply grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Michael J. Woods.

The Council expressed appreciation of the terms of Mr. Woods' letter and asked that their best wishes for his future success be conveyed to him.

#### ITEM No. 4—DECLARATION OF CERTAIN CUL-DE-SAC ROADS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT AS PUBLIC ROADS.

The County Secretary stated that the road at Friar's Hill, Dunlavin, the road at Muckduff, Rathdangan and the road at Killacloran which the Council proposed to take over as public roads would appear to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1953. As regards Boley Lane, Shillelagh, however, the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the branch to County Road No. 233 at Mungnacullen was unfenced for part of its length and also there was a gate across it. In these circumstances the branch road could not be regarded as a road of general public utility. The County Secretary submitted a report in regard to Farnees Lane in which the Assistant County Engineer stated that the lane was unfenced throughout the greater part of its length and that there were three gates across the lane. This lane could not be accepted as being suitable for taking over as a public road. There were two gates across Cronelea Lane also and the upper section was unfenced for a distance of 1,400 yards; in consequence this lane would not qualify either as a public road. In regard to the Mullins/Whiterock lane, it would appear that only the section from Mullins

a distance of 800 yards westward could be regarded as suitable for taking over as a public road. The central section of the lane was quite impassable and entirely unfenced and the section at Whiterock served only one house. The Council agreed to take over those lanes which were regarded as complying with the requirements of the Act and to refer the others for the advice of the Council's Solicitor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby declare the following roads to be public roads:

1. Road at Friars Hill, Dunlavin—approximately 1½ miles.
  2. Road at Muckduff, Rathdangan—approximately 1,100 yards.
  3. Road at Killacloran from junction with Aughrim/Coates Bridge Road—approximately 800 yards.
  4. Road at Boley Lane, Shillelagh from County Road 241 westwards to Kenny's House.
  5. Part of Mullans/Whiterock Lane from Main Road 208 at Whiterock east to County Road 209 at Mullans South, a distance of 800 yards westward from Mullans South only."
- Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 5—BALLYKEANE LANE.

The County Secretary stated that there appeared to be no objection to the taking over of Ballykeane Lane as a public road, but the County Manager pointed out that it was unlikely that any repairs could be carried out to the road in the present year. The cost of carrying out essential widening to the lane and reconstruction would amount to £1,200 and tarring would cost another £700. At the suggestion of Councillor H. J. Byrne, the proposal to take over the road was deferred pending the ascertaining from the landowners along the road if they were prepared to give the necessary land required by the Council for the purpose of widening the lane.

#### ITEM No. 6—ROAD FROM KILLOUGHTER TO THE SEA.

The County Secretary submitted letter from C.I.E. stating that the Board could not go to the expense of providing a gatekeeper at the level crossing at Killougher Lane as the public had no right to use the crossing. They stated that the gates were locked and that the two parties who had a right to use it both had keys. It was pointed out also in the letter that there was a crossing at Kilcoole Station which was frequently used by the public on foot and that there was no gatekeeper. The County Secretary submitted also letter of 20th September, 1958, from Mr. James J. Loughlin, Ballybla House, Ashford, in which he stated that he was owner of part of the road and that he objected to the Council's taking it over and making it a public road. In view of the terms of the letter from C.I.E. and the objection of Mr. Loughlin, the Council decided not to proceed with the matter.

#### ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR EDWARD BYRNE FOR TAKING OVER OF SHORT PIECE OF ROAD AT GLENCORMAC.

In relation to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne, the County Secretary submitted report of the Assistant County Engineer in which he stated that the road was about 100 yards in length and was abutted at either end by a County Road and that it was situated roughly half way along the Goat's Pass/Glencormac accommodation road. The Engineer stated that the con-

dition of the road was similar to that of the County Road in every respect and that he could see no reason why it should not be taken over and form part of the County Road. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, suggested that another section of road at Glencormac should also be taken over as a public road, and it was decided to defer the matter for a report in regard to the section of road referred to by the Chairman.

**ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. SMYTH FOR TAKING OVER OF LARAGH-LOUGH DAN ROAD AS A PUBLIC ROAD.**

The report of the Assistant County Engineer of 3rd October, 1958, was submitted. In his report the Engineer stated that the road was one mile long and ran from Annamoe Village to join Laragh-Lough Dan road. Its width was about 7' 6" carriageway, with a possible 16' or so between fences. There was no house on the road with the exception of one which closely adjoined Annamoe Village. As there was little of the road existing it would be a matter of construction rather than reconstruction and the cost would amount to about £2,500. The Assistant County Engineer did not think that it would be desirable to take over the road as a public road at the present time but that if roads 59 and 60 were reconstructed it might then be considered. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that it be deferred pending the Council's completing the reconstruction of the Lough Dan road.

**ITEM No. 9—CIRCULAR LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE APPOINTMENT OF RATE AND RENT COLLECTORS.**

A copy of the Circular letter of 4th October, 1958, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the educational qualification for the offices of Rate Collector and Rent Collector had been circulated to the members. The County Secretary stated that the educational qualification had now been amended and it now provided that each candidate possess a standard of education sufficient to enable him to keep efficiently the required books and accounts. As indicated in the circular letter the change in the educational qualification arose as a result of a High Court decision. The County Secretary stated that in future it would be necessary to arrange for a written test of all candidates to ascertain if they possessed the necessary standard of education. In the course of the discussion on the matter and as a result of questions asked by members, the County Secretary explained that the appointment of a collector would be made as before by the Council and in submitting the names of candidates to the Council it would be indicated whether or not they possessed the necessary educational qualification. The Council asked that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on the matter and in particular as to whether it would be necessary to hold a written test of candidates.

**ITEM No. 10—HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1958, AND SCHEMES FOR GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION OF DWELLINGS.**

Following a discussion in regard to the basis on which grants would be given and loans made available for repair and improvement of houses, the Council decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the next housing meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 11—TO ADOPT BYE-LAWS FOR THE PREVENTION OF LITTER.**

It was decided to adjourn this item to the next meeting of the County Council.

**ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR S. MACKEN REGARDING EXTENSION OF PERIODS FOR PAYMENT OF FIRST AND SECOND MOIETY OF RATES.**

It was decided to adjourn this item to the next meeting of the County Council.

**ITEM No. 12a—RESIGNATION OF RATE COLLECTOR.**

The County Secretary informed the Council that Mr. Luke McDonnell, Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District had retired having reached the age limit for the post. As it had been anticipated that Mr. McDonnell would continue in office until the end of the year, no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for the amount of gratuity payable to him or the Superannuation allowance to which he would be entitled.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we note the resignation of Mr. Luke McDonnell, Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District, upon reaching the age limit for the post and hereby authorise the expenditure of £863-17-6 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of a lump sum payable to him under the Superannuation Acts and also authorise the necessary expenditure to meet the amount of his Superannuation allowance from 1st November, 1958."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to make arrangements immediately for the temporary discharge of the duties of collection of rates in the district. He stated that Collector Byrne had applied to be assigned the duties temporarily. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the duties of Collector of Rates for No. 1 Collection District being assigned to Collector M. Byrne temporarily pending the making of permanent arrangements for the collection of the rates in the district."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That applications be invited by public advertisement for the post of Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District."

As an amendment:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That the motion to invite applications for the post of Rate Collector for No. 1 District be deferred pending discussion of the Notice of Motion on Rate Collection arrangements submitted by Councillor Miley."

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.; A. Hadden, M. Deering, J. Miley, J. Macken, H. J. Byrne—6.

**Against:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; G. Timmins, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth and I. D. Haughton—7.

The amendment was declared defeated by 7 votes against to 6 votes in favour and the Motion being put was declared passed on similar voting.

**ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR C. W. HUDSON REGARDING PURCHASE OF PREMISES OCCUPIED BY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Hudson, the County Secretary stated that the Agricultural (Amendment) Act, 1958, gave powers to a Committee of Agriculture to acquire lands and to borrow directly. The matter would not, therefore, be one for the County Council. Councillor Hudson and the members of the Council noted the position in the matter.

**Clerical Assistance for Assistant County Engineers :**

Councillor McCarthy raised the matter of the recent appointment of a Clerk for the Assistant County Engineer at Arklow. He contended that the Assistant County Engineer should have invited applications for the position and only made an appointment following interview of applicants. The Assistant County Engineer explained that he had followed the same arrangement as he had previously done and that the appointment was purely temporary. The County Manager stated that the arrangement under which clerical assistance was provided for the Assistant County Engineers had been introduced in only comparatively recent years. As the arrangement was not regarded as a satisfactory one it was proposed to terminate it and make permanent appointments of Clerk-Typists to the Assistant County Engineers' offices and to assign additional duties to them. The persons to be appointed then would be recruited from the panel formed following the last examination for Clerk-Typists. The County Manager stated that the arrangement would not involve any additional cost to the Council as it was proposed not to fill a vacancy for a Clerical Officer which was expected to arise in the Wicklow office in the coming year. As the Clerical Assistant in the offices at Blessington had been employed there for a considerable number of years and had previously been in the employment of the Council at Wicklow, it was proposed to appoint her permanently as a Clerk-Typist if the sanction of the Minister would be forthcoming. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Use of Well at Carnew :**

Councillor McCrea stated that he had discussed the matter of the use of a well on Captain Spicer's land at Carnew and that it appeared that the tenants of the Council houses did utilise the water from the well. He suggested that the Engineer be asked to inspect again and submit a report on the matter.

**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 November, 1958, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended :

Councillor C. W. Hudson, Presiding Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, J. Miley, Seamus O'Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; S. O'Maicin, John Smyth and J. D. Haughton.

Due to the absence of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

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

**AGENDA.**

1. Erection of 3 cottages at Kirikee—letter from Department of Local Government.
2. Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958—(a) To consider Scheme for making of Supplementary Grants for improvement and reconstruction of dwellinghouses and provision of water supply and sewerage facilities to private dwellings; (b) To consider Scheme for the making of loans towards applicants' share of the cost of the works of repair and improvement to houses.
3. Supplementary Reconstruction Grant—To approve of proposed grant.
4. Review of existing rents—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 11th October, 1958 (copy circulated).
5. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
6. Contract for Cottage Repairs—Enquiry regarding Southern Engineering District.

**ITEM No. 1—ERECTION OF THREE COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE.**

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

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Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
A Chara,

Department of Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.  
28th October, 1958.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence regarding the acceptance of tenders for the erection of 3 cottages at Kirikee and to state that the detailed estimate submitted with your letter of 12th August, 1958, is noted. The estimate is, however, regarded as excessive and the Minister would not be prepared to approve the erection of the cottages on the basis of it. The figures submitted have been discussed by the County Engineer and the Department's Inspector, and it has been agreed that a saving of approximately £104-10-0 per cottage could be effected by the re-siting of the houses; the use of asbestos slates with rafters at 18" centres; roofing the out-office with concrete and finishing the ceilings with wall-board; the omission of bedroom fireplaces; timber barge boards; soffits boarding and jamb-linings in architraves to windows. The County Engineer was also of the opinion that an addition of 7½% for overheads was too great as the figures for earlier schemes had indicated that 5% was sufficient. The Minister will, accordingly, defer his

decision in regard to the erection of the scheme by Direct Labour pending the further consideration of the Council on the matter and the submission by the Council's Engineer of a revised estimate incorporating the savings agreed to.

The tenders submitted with your letter of the 10th June, 1958, are returned herewith.

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The County Engineer in his report of 3rd November, 1958, confirmed that subject to certain amendments a saving of approximately £104-10-0 per house could be effected and also that a figure of 5% for overheads would be adequate. The proposed alterations in the specification and savings were as follows:—

1. Alteration of site originally proposed to new position ...	£25	0	0
2. Use of asbestos slates and rafters at 18" centres ...	£10	0	0
3. Flat roof to Outoffice (instead of A roof) ...	£12	0	0
4. Omission of 1 chimney and 2 fireplaces ...	£35	0	0
5. Use of wall board on ceiling instead of plaster slabs ...	£6	0	0
6. Omission of barge boards and soffit ...	£12	0	0
7. Omit plinth ...	£4	10	0

The revised estimate per house would, therefore, be £1,233-4-6. In the course of the discussion on the matter, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., indicated that he would not agree with the proposal to eliminate a fireplace. Councillor McCarthy did not agree with the proposed provision of a concrete floor instead of a timber floor. Councillor Hadden suggested that coloured concrete could be used for the concrete floor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of revised specification and reduced estimate as submitted by the County Engineer for three cottages at Kilmagig."

Passed; Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting in respect of the elimination of two fireplaces and Councillor P. McCarthy dissenting from the provision of a concrete floor.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1958. (a) SCHEME OF SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS, (b) SCHEME FOR MAKING OF LOANS TOWARDS APPLICANT'S SHARE OF COST OF WORKS OF REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT TO HOUSES.**

The County Manager for the assistance of the Council submitted particulars of the numbers of reconstruction grants made by the Council to date and the amounts expended. The total number of grants made was 212 at a total cost of £10,129. In addition, 10 grants had been made towards the cost of the erection of new houses amounting in all to £1,042. The gross total of grants paid to date was £11,171, and the total amount borrowed by the Council for the purpose was £14,000. From the experience to date it appeared that the average grant for reconstruction or repair or improvement of a house was about £50. Following a lengthy discussion on the subject and consideration of suggestion made by the members of the Council.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we direct that a Scheme be prepared for the making of Supplementary Grants for reconstruction and repair and improvement of dwellinghouses and for the provision of water supply and sewerage facilities to private dwellings, subject to the following conditions:—

1. The grants payable shall be equivalent to the relevant State Grant in each case.

2. Applicants shall be required to meet one-third of the total cost of the work in each case.

3. Grants will be paid only in respect of houses coming within the following classes:

- (i) A house occupied by the applicant.
- (ii) A house not occupied by the applicant but which is accepted by the Council as being suitable for occupation by members of the working classes.

The Scheme will apply to works completed not later than 31st March, 1960."

Passed unanimously.

Having considered at length the proposed scheme for the making of loans by the Council towards part of the cost of works of reconstruction or repair and improvement to dwellinghouses, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That we direct that a Scheme be prepared for the making of loans by the Council towards part of the cost of the works of reconstruction or repairs and improvement to dwellinghouses, the Scheme to be subject to the following conditions:—

1. Any loan made shall not exceed two-thirds of the estimated net cost of the work, i.e., the estimated cost less any grants, and shall be subject to a minimum personal contribution by the applicant of £20 in respect of each such dwelling forming part of the house after the execution of the works;

2. Loans will be repayable over a period not exceeding 15 years;

3. Applicants will satisfy the Council that any house in respect of which a loan is granted will be continuously occupied throughout the year, and the Council may require immediate repayment of the balance of the loan outstanding if this condition is not complied with;

4. No loan shall be made unless the Council has the first charge in respect of the property, including any existing interest in favour of the Council;

5. A loan shall not exceed in any case 75% of the market value of the house on the date on which the loan was authorised;

6. Loans may be paid by instalments during the course of the work, and the total amounts paid at any time must not exceed the cost of the work completed at that date;

7. Loans shall be made available at the discretion of the Council;

8. The interest payable by the applicant on the loan shall be at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ % in excess of the rate payable by the Council in respect of the loan to finance the Scheme;

9. That legal costs be borne by the borrower;

10. That the Scheme apply to works completed not later than 31st March, 1960."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANT.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant for a new house amounting to £75 to Andrew Harney, Sandyhills, Tober, Dunlavin, in respect of house at Sandyhills."

Passed unanimously.



**ITEM No. 4—REVIEW OF EXISTING RENTS.**

The Council considered letter of 11th October, 1958, Ref. H.15/58, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the review of existing rents, a copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council. The County Manager stated that the total number of cottages provided by the Council to date was 3,317, of which 729 were vested, leaving a total of 2,588 cottages let at weekly rents. 735 were let at graded rents varying from 4/- to 28/- and the remainder were let at fixed rents. Of those let at fixed rents 301 were let at rents not exceeding 1/- per week, 119 at rent exceeding 1/- but not exceeding 2/- and 253 at rents exceeding 2/- but not exceeding 3/-. Following a discussion, it was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting and in the meantime to circulate to the members particulars of the rents at which the cottages were at present let.

**ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.****Erection of Shop and Petrol Pumps at Avoca :**

In regard to the proposal for the erection of shop and petrol pumps at Avoca for Mr. W. Moran, the County Secretary stated that Mr. Moran's Architect had submitted a revised plan for the building which was acceptable. The County Engineer in a report on the matter had pointed out that it would be necessary that the Architect submit a new and accurate layout plan as the original plan had not been correct and, in addition, that he submit details of the septic tank and system of disposal of effluent and also particulars of the source and description of water supply. The County Engineer in the course of his report mentioned that there were in his opinion too many filling stations along the roadsides. The County Manager referred to the number of petrol filling stations which were being erected alongside roads and suggested that the Council should deal with such applications in the same way as they would applications for the erection of shops. He suggested that petrol filling stations should be located in small towns or villages or on the immediate outskirts of towns or villages. Where they were erected on isolated sites in the rural area they frequently had adverse effect on the amenities of the countryside. The Council noted that the plan for the building submitted on behalf of Mr. Moran was acceptable and agreed that the Architect be requested to submit the other information and documents required.

**Erection of Buildings at Ashford Livestock Mart. :**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Messrs. Clarke, Delahunt and Co., Wicklow, for approval to the erection of buildings at Ashford Livestock Mart. The Engineer's report on the matter was submitted to the Council and it was indicated to the Council that the proposals were not considered of a satisfactory standard. Members of the Council having asked that the firm be facilitated as much as possible in the matter, the County Manager agreed that the County Engineer would be prepared to meet the firm's Architect to discuss the proposals if desired. The Council agreed that Messrs. Clarke, Delahunt and Co. be so informed and also informed of the terms of the Engineer's report.

**Proposed National School at Curtlestown, Glencree :**

The County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer in regard to proposed National School at Curtlestown, Glencree. The County Engineer in his report stated that in general he saw no objection to the proposal but that it would be necessary to set back the front line of the new school premises to a distance of not less than 60' from the centre of the existing road boundary ditch. This was necessary in view of the likely improvement and widening of the adjoining road in the future. The County Engineer also recommended that the access to the school from the roadway be formed by a semi-circular approach of a diameter at least 40'. The Council agreed that permission be given subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer and provided that the County Medical Officer was satisfied with water supply and septic tank arrangements.

**Erection of New Dwellinghouse at Laragh :**

The County Secretary stated that a revised application had been received from Mr. Patrick McCoy, Laragh, for a new dwellinghouse at Laragh. The Engineer had pointed out that no details had been given as to water supply and that there did not appear to be provision made for thermal insulation of the walls. He pointed out that the roof of the existing shop was unsatisfactory. In refusing permission for the original plans submitted it had been suggested to the applicant that the possibility of integrating the existing shop and the new building be investigated in order to have a similar and continuous roof over both and also a similar wall finish. He had been asked also to endeavour to suit the design to the surroundings. The Engineer had reported also that the floor area of the proposed house was only 542 sq. feet. A house of this floor area would be smaller than the cottages provided by the Council. The existing shop is unsatisfactory and it is considered that this should be improved. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that the plans were prepared by an Engineer employed by a Local Authority in the County and that he should have ensured that they complied with the required standards. He stated that the application in respect of the house should be considered separately and without regard to any question of the adjoining shop. It was indicated by the County Manager that if permission was refused the applicant would have a right of appeal.

**Erection of Winch and Protective Cover at Greystones :**

Having considered application of the Knights of the Silver Hook, Sea Anglers' Club, Dublin, and recommendation of the County Engineer, the Council agreed that permission be given for the erection of a winch and protective cover at Greystones in accordance with plan submitted and subject to the conditions indicated by the County Engineer.

**Use of Yard Attached to Council's Clinic at Bray :**

Having considered reports on the matter and recommendation of the County Medical Officer, the Council agreed that permission be given to the Management of the Royal Hotel, Bray, to use part of the yard attached to the Council's Clinic at Bray temporarily in connection with the erection of an extension to the Hotel and subject to the conditions proposed.

**ITEM No. 6—CONTRACT FOR COTTAGE REPAIRS.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Michael Hunt, Barton St., Tinahely, stating that he would be interested in carrying out repairs to cottages in the Shillelagh Area by contract and that if desired he would submit a tender. The Council agreed that the Assistant County Engineer for the district interview Mr. Hunt on the matter.

**Remuneration of Machinery Attendants :**

The County Secretary stated that as requested at a previous meeting of the Council representatives of the Amalgamated Engineering Union had been received by the County Manager in connection with the matter of the remuneration of workers employed on repair and maintenance of Council's machinery. While agreement had not been reached with the representatives of the Union, it had been ascertained that a higher rate of wages was at present being paid in local garages than that paid to the Council employees and it was proposed subject to the agreement of the Council to pay the workers employed by the Council on such work at the rate of 3/8 per hour with effect from 4th April, 1958. On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. Smyth, the Council approved of the proposed increase in the remuneration of these employees.

**Provision of Private Water Supply at Manor Kilbride :**

Councillor Miley enquired whether Supplementary Grants could be made available by the Council to persons at Manor Kilbride who had combined to provide a private piped water supply to their houses. The County Manager stated that the Council had not made any Supplementary Grants towards the cost

of provision of private water supplies or sewerage systems and as the work had been completed some while ago grants could not be made available under the provisions of the 1958 Act. The question as to whether the Council might be in a position to make a contribution towards the cost of maintaining the supply was being examined.

**Notices of Motion :**

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

In the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden :

That I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the following Motion :

“That we rescind the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 19th March, 1958, approving of the purchase of a self-propelled light Fire Engine to be stationed at Carnew and of the terminating of the Tinahely Fire Brigade immediately the self-propelled Fire Engine becomes available for use.”

In the name of Councillor J. Miley :

That I or some member of this Council, will move for me at the next meeting that in future, where Rate Collectorships become vacant, the rates be collected from the Council office.

In the name of Councillor J. Smyth :

That I, or someone for me, shall move that the road through Castlekevin be taken over and put in order.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th November, 1958, 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, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin and J. Smyth.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, were present.

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

**AGENDA.**

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 6th October, 1958.
2. Filling of vacancies on County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture consequent on the deaths of Councillor W. Hammond and Mr. M. Patterson.
3. Adoption of Byelaws for prevention of litter.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Macken in regard to extension of periods in respect of 1st and 2nd Moieties of rates in each year.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley in regard to the amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Acts.
6. Letter from Department of Agriculture in regard to appointment of permanent part-time Veterinary Inspectors for revised districts in County Wicklow and conveying sanction to remuneration proposed.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth for taking over of road through Castlekevin as a public road.
- 7b. Report in regard to Arklow Bridge.
- 7c. Road Improvement through Kiltimon Glen.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that in future when Rate Collectorships become vacant the rates be collected from the Council office.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Alan H. Hadden for suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of considering the following Motion :—  
“That we rescind the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 19th March, 1958, approving of the purchase of a self-propelled light Fire Engine to be stationed at Carnew and of the terminating of the Tinahely Fire Brigade immediately the self-propelled Fire Engine becomes available for use.”
10. Report on expenditure on Health Services in present year.
11. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER, 1958.**

As the printed copies of the Minutes of the Meeting had been received on the day of the Meeting, it was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 2—FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.**

It was Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Councillor Alan Hadden and Mr. Andrew Keogh, Clough Castle, to fill the vacancies on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture resulting from the deaths of Councillor W. Hammond and Mr. M. Patterson.”

Passed unanimously.

**Filling of Vacancy on Naas No. 2 Sub-Committee :**

Having considered letter from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee, it was  
Proposed by Councillor Deering,  
Seconded by Councillor Miley,

Resolved :—

“ That we hereby appoint Very Rev. John Moynihan, P.P., Valleymount, as a member of Naas No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Fr. McCabe.”

Passed unanimously.

**Sealing of Mortgage re Loan of £8,200 for Erection of Cottages at Kilmagig :**

The County Secretary stated that the Deed of Mortgage had been received from the Commissioners of Public Works for the loan of £8,200 to defray the cost of the erection of 6 houses at Kilmagig.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“ That the Corporate Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage dated 10th November, 1958, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £8,200 proposed by them to be advanced to the Council under the provisions of the Local Government Acts, 1883-1958.

“ That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking that the instalments on 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, i.e., 1st November and 1st May in each year.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—ADOPTION OF BYELAWS.**

The County Secretary submitted the Byelaws for the Prevention of Litter for adoption by the Council. The wording of the Byelaws was read to the members. The County Secretary stated that the Byelaws would apply in the townlands along the coast and in Glendalough and Avoca areas and also in the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow. It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

“ That we hereby adopt Byelaws for the Prevention of Litter as submitted to this meeting, and authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to such Byelaws.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MACKEN IN REGARD TO EXTENSION OF PERIODS FOR PAYMENT OF FIRST AND SECOND MOIETIES OF RATES IN EACH YEAR.**

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Macken : “ That as the income from farming is at its lowest and expenditure at its very highest during the months of September and March, this Council permanently extend the latest dates for the payment of rates in the case of the First Moiety to October 31st and in the case of the Second Moiety to April 30th of each year, thus, obviating the recurring and humiliating requests for such extensions annually.

“ That should the Council not have the power to grant the extensions as envisaged above, that the foregoing proposal be forwarded to the relevant Minister with a recommendation from this Council for the introduction of appropriate legislation to allow of same being granted.”

The proposal was seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., to refer the matter to the General Council of County Councils.

**ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY RE AMENDMENT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACTS.**

In reference to the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Quigley for the amendment of Workmen's Compensation Acts so as to cover workers employed by an employer resident in the Republic of Ireland who may have employment for such workers in the Six Counties, the County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had written to say that a similar Motion had been passed by some other Councils following a recent decision of the Supreme Court that the Workmen's Compensation Acts did not apply to a man injured outside the Republic of Ireland. In the course of a discussion on the matter Councillor McCarthy pointed out that a similar code for Workmen's Compensation applied in the Six Counties and that it would seem that a worker employed in that area would be covered by the code of law applying in the area. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

**ITEM No. 6—REMUNERATION FOR PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS OF PERMANENT PART-TIME VETERINARY INSPECTORS.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 27th October, 1958, from Department of Agriculture in which it was indicated that in view of the desirability of having arrangements for the making of permanent appointments completed as early as possible the Minister would not press for the adoption of the apportionment of salaries which had been suggested and had agreed to sanction the remunerations for the posts as proposed by the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved :—

“ That we note letter of 27th October, 1958, from the Department of Agriculture conveying sanction to the remuneration for the posts of permanent part-time Veterinary Inspectors as proposed by this Council and approve of the proceeding with the appointment of persons to these posts.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. SMYTH FOR TAKING OVER OF ROAD THROUGH CASTLEKEVIN AS A PUBLIC ROAD.**

The County Secretary submitted the report of the Assistant County Engineer of 10th November, 1958, in which he stated that the total length of the road was slightly in excess of 1 mile and that it was in very poor repair. The width between fences for about five-sixths of its length was only the width of a car. The road was a cul-de-sac. The Assistant County Engineer stated that there were six houses located on the road but that he doubted that the road would be of much public utility, and the cost of repairing the major potholes and drainage without altering the width or surfacing would be about £200. The cost of surfacing and tarring again without altering the width would be about £1,000. He added also that the County Council road on which this road abutted was not itself surfaced. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration at the Roads Meeting for the Electoral Area to be held when the Roads Works Scheme for the coming year was being considered.

**ITEM No. 7b—REPORT IN REGARD TO ARKLOW BRIDGE.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in report of 31st October, 1958, had indicated the present position regarding the preparation of plans for the reconstruction of Arklow Bridge. In view of the difficulties of obtaining solid foundations at reasonable expense the Consultant felt that it would be necessary to prepare a Scheme involving piling. The County Engineer, while appreciating this point expressed concern with the ultimate appearance of the bridge and suggested that the appearance of the elevation might be improved by the construction of a false arch either in masonry or in light concrete to the

shape of the existing arches. It was noted, however, that this would involve expenditure of some thousands of pounds and it seems doubtful if the Department of Local Government could agree to such expenditure. The County Engineer agreed that the plans recently considered by the Department which involved piling appeared to be the most economical, but stated that the use of less heavy construction was being examined. The County Engineer also called attention to the watermain which is at present attached to the underside of the bridge path, and the Consultant noted that provision would have to be made for the laying of this main or a new main along the new bridge. The County Engineer also suggested that it would be desirable to have some type of solid wall parapet along the bridge as a protection against wind and weather for pedestrians crossing the bridge. The County Engineer reported that the Consultant was now preparing a drawing to show generally the final appearance of the bridge constructed to the methods which would appear acceptable to the Department of Local Government and that he would submit copies for submission to the Council and to Arklow Urban District Council when received. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 7c—ROAD IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH KILTIMON GLEN.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—  
County Secretary.

Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
8th November, 1958.

re: Road Works Scheme, 1959/60.

A Chara,

At the moment I am preparing details of the scheme for presentation to the County Council. For many years representations have been made regarding the very dangerous route through Kiltimon Glen, on the Ashford-Newtown Road, and I am submitting proposals this year to make a commencement on this job.

The danger along this part of road is evident, particularly in winter time, when several unfortunate accidents happen each year. The work will have to be designed in accordance with modern road standards and will necessitate realignment, improving by way of excavating fully, strengthening, etc., for a distance of about 1 mile.

To ascertain the exact extent of the work involved and the quantities of materials to be moved, it will be necessary to have a very close and detailed Engineering Survey made from end to end by tacheometric observations, and levelling.

Available funds will perhaps be sufficient only to allow the job to be completed in three seasons. At this stage it is impossible to say what the ultimate cost will be, but it would probably be not less than £30,000. This figure should not be taken as any way final; it indicates the extent and size of the proposal and the necessity for a detailed survey. A Temporary Engineer experienced in such survey work should be employed immediately. Furthermore, other works in this connection also call for details such as these, so as to get a close estimate of cost of similar major works, thereby ensuring effective and economic control.

There is also a proposal to reconstruct the roadway between the Village of Avoca and Templarney for purpose of accommodating increased heavy traffic along this route by the removal of corners, straightening of bends and strengthening and widening of carriageway. This opportunity should not be lost as it is almost certain that a Special Grant would be available towards this work.

Such Grant would not be forthcoming unless an immediately detailed survey is made to set out improvements in accordance with Local Government requirements.

Mise, le meas,  
J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Engineer.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, expressed his disagreement with proposals to carry out a major scheme of road realignment at this point to the extent indicated in the County Engineer's report. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that details of the cost of the work showing the amount which would be expended on materials, wages and on machinery should be available to the Council. Councillor P. McCarthy drew attention to the Woodenbridge-Arklow road which he pointed out was very much in need of improvement. The County Manager stated that this section of the road at Kiltimon Glen was the only major part of the road between Bray and Wicklow which remained unsatisfactory for modern traffic. Any scheme for improving this section of roadway would involve a considerable amount of excavation and of filling and it did not seem that a Scheme for merely the easing of corners would be satisfactory. The cost of the work would be defrayed from a Grant from the Road Fund, and it was understood that the cost of the remuneration of a Temporary Engineer to prepare the survey would also be met from Grant. As regards the Avoca-Templarney road, it was expected that there would be very heavy traffic from the Mines in the future, and the County Manager suggested that both the Main Road from Woodenbridge to Arklow and also the road via Templarney to Avoca should be used. Councillor J. J. McCrea stressed the need for having a survey made of the Woodenbridge-Arklow road with a view to its improvement. The Council at the suggestion of the Chairman agreed that the County Engineer be asked to submit an alternative Scheme for improvements at Kiltimon Glen to provide for limited extent of widening or easing of corners. The Council also asked that confirmation be obtained from the Department of Local Government that the remuneration of any Temporary Engineer who might be engaged would be met by Road Fund Grant. The County Engineer was also asked to submit proposals for the easing of the corner at the north of Newtownmountkennedy and for improvements to the road between Woodenbridge and Arklow.

The Council asked that the County Engineer's quarterly report on roads be submitted to the next meeting and circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

#### ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY THAT IN FUTURE WHEN RATE COLLECTORSHIPS BECOME VACANT THE RATES BE COLLECTED FROM THE COUNCIL OFFICE.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley that in future where Rate Collectorships become vacant the rates be collected from the Council Office. On the suggestion of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Councillor Miley agreed that the words "for a period of 1 year" be added to the Motion, and, accordingly, the following Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:—

"That in future, where Rate Collectorships become vacant, the rates be collected from the Council's office for a period of one year."

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

**In favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; A. Hadden, M. Deering, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Macken, H. J. Byrne—8.

**Against:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; G. Timmins, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth—8.

The Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, having given his casting vote in favour of the Motion, the Resolution was declared passed on the Chairman's casting vote.

**ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ALAN HADDEN FOR SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS RE PROVISION OF FIRE ENGINE AT CARNEW AND TERMINATION OF TINAHELY FIRE BRIGADE.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Hadden,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved :—

“That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the following Motion :—

“That we rescind the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 19th March, 1958, approving of the purchase of a self-propelled light Fire Engine to be stationed at Carnew and of the terminating of the Tinahely Fire Brigade immediately the self-propelled Fire Engine becomes available for use.”

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Hadden,  
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Resolved :—

“That we rescind the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 19th March, 1958, approving of the purchase of a self-propelled light Fire Engine to be stationed at Carnew and of the terminating of the Tinahely Fire Brigade immediately the self-propelled Fire Engine becomes available for use.”

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

**In favour :** Councillors P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; A. Hadden, M. Deering, J. O’Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Macken, H. J. Byrne—10.

**Against :** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, G. Timmins, J. Miley, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth—6.

The Resolution was declared passed by 10 votes in favour to 6 votes against.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Hadden,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

“That a new fire engine be purchased and stationed in Tinahely and the best of the present trailer pumps be placed in Carnew.”  
As an amendment,

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That the new fire engine be stationed at Carnew and the best available trailer pump at Tinahely, and we make the necessary provision in the Estimates for current expenditure for the expense involved.”

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.; J. J. McCrea, G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. Miley, W. Lawless, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Macken, J. Smyth—9.

**Against :** Councillors P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; A. Hadden, J. O’Toole, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne—7.

The amendment was declared passed by 9 votes in favour to 7 votes against, and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

**Supply of Copy of Abstract of Accounts :**

The County Secretary stated that the Greystones Urbanisation Committee, St. Killian’s Hall, Greystones, had asked to be supplied with a copy of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the last year. The County Secretary pointed out that copies of the Abstract of Accounts were not printed in view of the expense involved and the limited numbers required and that in consequence a copy would have to be prepared in the Council’s office. The Council noted the arrangements necessary to provide a copy of the Abstract.

**Resolution of Sympathy :**

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members of the Council with Mr. Neil Blaney, Minister for Local Government, on the recent death of his mother.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the report on expenditure on Health Services in the present year to the next meeting.

**Regional Water Supply :**

Councillor Lawless enquired when the Council would be in a position to proceed with extensions of the Regional Water Supply to serve groups of cottages at Ashford. The County Secretary stated that the Council’s Engineer had been asked to furnish a complete report on all the cottages to be served but that it would be necessary to complete the present Scheme before arranging for the extensions.

**Revised Rents—Vesting of Cottages :**

Councillor Lawless referring to the recent circular from the Department of Local Government regarding the revision of cottage rents asked that the completion of vesting of cottages be expedited.

**Part-time Veterinary Inspector :**

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., regarding Veterinary Inspector, the County Manager explained that the Department of Agriculture had indicated that the Veterinary Inspectors should reside in their District. As it was expected that the arrangements for permanent appointments would be completed at an early date, the temporary appointment of existing Veterinary Inspectors was being continued for a further period.

**Notice of Motion :**

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman : In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea—Take note that I or someone for me will ask the Council at the next meeting to consider the proposal to appoint a Clerk-Typist for the District Engineer’s Office in Tinahely.

## 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 December, 1958, 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, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, John Smyth, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, were present.

Prior to the arrival of the Chairman Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

### AGENDA.

1. Revision of Existing Rents—To consider further letter of 11th October, 1958, from Department of Local Government and details of rents of Council Cottages (particulars circulated).
2. Housing Scheme at Kirikee—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to proceeding with the Scheme.
3. Application for Grant in respect of erection of a new dwelling.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Repairs to cottages in Southern District—Recommendation of Assistant County Engineer.
6. Attempt to sell vested cottage—Bray Electoral Area.

### Road Works :

Councillor J. Everett T.D., enquired as to the number of men employed on roads and as to what arrangements were being made to provide additional work for men prior to Christmas. He stated that the County Engineer's report on Road Works for the previous quarter had not been submitted as arranged. Councillor Kehoe and Councillor McCrea and other members also raised the matter of starting additional works so as to provide further employment prior to Christmas. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer's report for the previous quarter was being submitted to the Council meeting that month. He stated that additional works which were financed from the Employments Schemes Vote were being started in Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Rathnew, Greystones and Kilcoole. Details of the works to be carried out with the aid of the Grant were submitted to the Council. In regard to ordinary road works the County Secretary pointed out that the amount available for road works in the present year was less by over £7,000 than the amount available in the previous year. In addition, there had been an increase in roadworkers' wages since the Estimates for the road works were prepared, and this involved a further £6,000. The County Engineer was endeavouring to arrange road works as far as possible over the year so as to obtain a steady level of employment. If any additional works were to be started prior to Christmas it would mean that there would be a falling off in employment in the early months of the coming year. Following considerable discussion on the matter, in the course of which proposals were put forward for allocating additional monies to provide further works prior to Christmas, the Council agreed that the Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 9th December, 1958, instead of Monday, 15th December, 1958 (the 8th December being a Church Holiday). The Council asked that particulars be available for the meeting of expenditure on road works to date, together with particulars of the numbers of men employed at present and throughout the year and during the previous year. The Council also asked that the County Engineer ascertain the extent of unemployment in the various areas and submit proposals as to the numbers of additional men who could be taken on for employment prior to Christmas.

**ITEM No. 1—REVISION OF EXISTING RENTS.**

The County Secretary stated that he had received a telegram from Councillor Lawless asking that the discussion on cottage rents be postponed to the next meeting. The Council decided to defer further consideration on this matter to the meeting to be held on 9th December, 1958.

**ITEM No. 2—HOUSING SCHEME AT KIRIKEE.**

Letter of 21st November, 1958, from Department of Local Government in regard to the Kirikee Housing Scheme was submitted to the Council. The Council noted that it was indicated in the letter that the revised estimate as now prepared for the Scheme was still considered high, but having regard to the isolated situation of the site and the small number of houses in the Scheme, the Minister would raise no further objection to the proposal to proceed with the building of the houses by Direct Labour at an estimated cost of £3,699-13-6. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Haughton, the County Engineer stated that it would not be possible to start work on the Scheme before Christmas as it would be necessary to arrange for the supply of materials and to organise the Scheme. The Council noted that the Scheme would be put in hands without delay.

**ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR GRANT IN RESPECT OF NEW DWELLING.**

The County Secretary submitted the application of Mr. Patrick Gorman, Oldtown, Tinoran, Baltinglass, for a Supplementary Grant towards the erection of a new dwelling house. The applicant was a farmer and would be entitled to a Supplementary Grant equal to 50% of the State Grant, which in this instance was £175. The amount of the Supplementary Grant from the Council was, therefore, £87-10-0.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved :—

“That we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grant of £87-10-0 to Patrick Gorman, Oldtown, Tinoran, Baltinglass, in respect of the erection of a new dwelling house.”

Passed unanimously.

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

The County Secretary stated that plans had been submitted for a Canteen and Bar to be erected at the new Cattle Mart, Blessington. The documents were being referred to the County Engineer and to the County Medical Officer for report. The Council noted the submission of the plans. In reply to enquiry regarding the Cattle Mart at Ashford, the County Secretary stated that revised plans were being prepared and it was expected that they would be available shortly.

**ITEM No. 5—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had had a discussion with Mr. Michael Hunt, Building Contractor, Tinahely, regarding cottage repairs and that Mr. Hunt was prepared to carry out repairs to cottages at the scheduled price plus 5%. Mr. Hunt had stated that he would prefer to deal with a limited number of cottages in the first instance. The Assistant County Engineer recommended that Mr. Hunt be offered the contract for cottage repairs as he considered that his pricing was reasonable and noted that he employed skilled labour only.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That having considered recommendation of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the completion of contract with Mr. Michael Hunt, Building Contractor, Tinahely, for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in the Southern District at scheduled price plus 5%.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—ATTEMPT TO SELL VESTED COTTAGE—BRAY ELECTORAL AREA.**

The County Secretary submitted correspondence from a firm of Solicitors in regard to the proposed sale of a vested cottage at Arch Villas, Greystones. As this cottage was in a district where there was a continuing demand for houses, he suggested that it would be undesirable to grant permission for the sale of the cottage. The Council recommended that permission for the sale be refused.

**Rathdrum Dispensary Residence :**

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the applications received for the tenancy of the Rathdrum Dispensary Residence. Following a discussion on the matter the Council recommended that the tenancy be given to Mr. Charles Cooney, Rathdrum.

**Water Supply for Cottages in Redcross Area :**

Councillor Macken stressed the necessity for the provision of a water supply for two groups of cottages in the Redcross Area, one group being situated between Barndarrig and Redcross and the other being a group of three cottages at Oghill on the Arklow road. Councillor Macken was informed that proposals for the provision of water supplies to these cottages were already included on the priority list.

**Notices of Motion :**

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

In the name of Councillor Miley :

That I or some member of the Council will propose that a light be placed at the corner of road at the Beg Road, Ballyknockan, at the bus terminus.

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole, T.D. :

That we shall move at the next meeting of the Council that a light be erected at the Watergap, Enniskerry.

# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 9th December, 1958, 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, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, John Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

Councillor W. Cleary attended the meeting for a short time and apologised to the members of the Council for being unable to remain. He stated also that he wished to convey his apology for irregular attendance at meetings of the Council and explained his difficulties in the matter. The Council noted Councillor Cleary's statement and accepted the reasons for his occasional absences from meetings.

## AGENDA.

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 6th October, 1958.
2. Report from University College, Dublin, in regard to results obtained by Scholarship holders at quarterly examination.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1959.
4. Report on progress of Road Works to 30th November, 1958 (particulars being circulated).
5. Traffic Signs on roads—Report of County Engineer.
6. Proposed Road Works at Kiltimon Glen—Report of County Engineer.
7. Avoca/Arklow roads.
8. To consider applications for post of Rate Collector, No. 1 Collection District.
9. Revision of existing rents—letter of 11th October, 1958, from Department of Local Government.
10. Schemes for Grants and Loans for Repair and Improvement of houses (copies circulated).
11. Report on expenditure on Health Services in current financial year.
12. Report of Chief Fire Officer on tenders received for supply of Fire Engine.
13. Application for provision of additional public lighting at Manor Avenue, Greystones.
14. Application for permission to incorporate the Coat of Arms of Wicklow County Council on tourist souvenirs.
15. Civil Defence—Proposed meeting with members of the Council.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea regarding proposal to appoint a Clerk-Typist for Assistant County Engineer's Office at Tinahely.
17. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

### Resolutions of Sympathy :

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, the Council passed resolutions expressing the sympathy of the members with his Grace The Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, the Hierarchy and Clergy on the death of His Excellency Most Reverend Dr. LeVame, The Papal Nuncio, and with the relatives of the late Mr. Christopher Reddin who had been Secretary to the Licensed Vintners' and Grocers' Association.

### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 6th October, 1958."

Passed unanimously.



**Overdrafts on Revenue and Capital Accounts :**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, 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, 1959, shall not exceed £200,000."

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, for such 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, 1959, shall not exceed £22,750."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.**

The report of the Registrar, University College, Dublin, of 5th November, 1958, on the results obtained by Scholarship holders at the Autumn Examinations was submitted. The Council noted that Mr. James O. Reynolds had passed the 3rd (Electrical) Engineering Examination and that the renewal of his Scholarship was recommended. It was noted that Mr. Michael J. Woods had passed the B.Agr.Sc. degree, Horticultural Examination with Second Class Honours; that Patrick G. Cox had passed the B.A. Honours Degree Examination, Group 9 Economics with First Class Honours, ex aeq., with one other for First Place in Group, and that Terence F. Brennan was rejected at the B.Sc. (General) Degree examination, Group 8 Mathematics, Chemistry and Bio-chemistry. The Council also noted that Mr. David J. Dempsey had been rejected at the Second (Chemical) Engineering Examination.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the renewal of University Scholarship for James O. Reynolds for the season 1958."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1959.**

The Draft Scheme for University Scholarships for 1959 was submitted to the Council. The Scheme was in similar terms to that operated in the year 1958.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby adopt a Scheme for University Scholarships for the year 1959 in accordance with draft submitted to the meeting, being similar to the Scheme in operation in the current year."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ROAD WORKS TO 30th NOVEMBER, 1958.**

The County Engineer's report on Road Works carried out during the financial year up to 20th November, 1958, had been circulated to the members. Particulars had also been circulated to the members of the number of men em-

ployed on roads during the financial year 1957/58 and during the current financial year from April up to date. The Council noted that 102 additional men had been taken on for employment as compared with the numbers employed in the month of November. In reference to the numbers employed during the year 1958/59 as compared with the year 1957/58, the County Manager pointed out that it was the object of the Council to endeavour to spread the works evenly over the year and avoid fluctuations in employment. It was expected that the numbers employed during January, February and March, 1959, would be substantially higher than the numbers employed during these three months in 1958. The County Manager also pointed out that the number of men employed on roads in December, 1958, was considerably more than the numbers employed on roads in December in previous years. In regard to road works to be carried out in the Southern District, the County Engineer stated that he proposed to expend the sum of £600 which had been originally allocated by the Council for work on cul-de-sac roads, which roads it was subsequently found could not be taken over as public roads, for other works in the area. Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area would meet at Shillelagh on Monday 15th December, 1958, at 5 p.m., to discuss the works to be carried out in the district. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the bad condition of Leabeg Lane near Newcastle and Kilmurray Lane and also asked if any extra men could be employed in the Newtownmountkennedy District. The County Engineer stated that both Leabeg Lane and Kilmurray Lane were not public roads and the Council could not expend monies on their repair. It was agreed that a report on the condition of the roads be submitted by the County Engineer. As regards employment in Newtownmountkennedy, the County Engineer stated that he expected to be in a position to take on 5 or 6 men for works in the vicinity of Newtownmountkennedy. Councillor Kehoe and Councillor Timmins suggested that carters might be employed economically on the road works in progress at Clough Road, Balinglass, instead of lorries and asked that this matter be examined. The County Secretary drew attention to the recommendation in the County Engineer's report that tenders be invited for the work of demolishing the premises acquired by the Council in connection with road Improvements at Castle Street, Bray. The Council on the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., approved of the County Engineer's recommendation. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Lawless as to why the funds available from the Employment Schemes Vote could not be used for the reconstruction of the road near Kilcoole, the County Manager pointed out that it was necessary in deciding on these works to ensure that the maximum employment was provided, and the making of footpaths did provide a considerable amount of employment. If works were being carried out on reconstructing a road, a greater proportion of the expenditure would have to be devoted to the cost of transport of materials.

**ITEM No. 5—TRAFFIC SIGNS ON ROADS.**

The Council considered report of 26th November, 1958, from the County Engineer in regard to the provision of traffic signs in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Local Government. The County Engineer in his report pointed out that the Council was required to have the signs erected within five years from the 24th November, 1956, and that he proposed to provide for the erection of 754 signs on the roads indicated in his report during the year 1959/60. The cost of the signs with "Scotchlite" would be £2,347 and with "Eccolite," £1,924. The latter type of sign was not quite as reflective as the "Scotchlite" but was sufficient for the purpose. The County Engineer proposed to provide a sum of £2,000 in the Road Works Scheme for 1959/60 for the purpose of providing the signs. 40% of this sum would be recouped by the Department. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that further consideration of the proposal be deferred to the Roads Estimates Meeting.

**ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED ROAD WORKS AT KILTIMON GLEN.**

The County Engineer had submitted report of 5th December, 1958, in regard to the proposed road improvements at Kiltimon Glen and had also submitted to the Council a plan showing the extent of the works proposed and indicating the

line of the new road. The Council asked that a copy of the County Engineer's report be circulated to the members and deferred consideration of the matter to the next meeting.

#### ITEM No. 7—AVOCA/ARKLOW ROADS.

The County Secretary referred to a discussion at a previous meeting in regard to the need for improving the routes between Avoca and Arklow in consequence of the increase in traffic from the Mines at Avoca to Arklow Harbour. It was desired to ascertain the views of the members as to whether it would be preferable for this traffic to travel to Arklow by the Main Road via Woodenbridge and return via Templarney and the Beech Road to Avoca, or whether one or other of these routes would be used for both incoming and outgoing traffic. Councillor McCarthy stated that he understood that the traffic was at present using the Main Road via Woodenbridge both for travelling to and returning from Arklow. The Council decided to ascertain the views of the members of Arklow Urban District Council and the views of the members of the Arklow Harbour Commissioners in regard to the matter.

#### Arklow Bridge :

The County Secretary submitted for examination by the members the plans proposed to be submitted for the approval of the Department for the improvements to Arklow Bridge. The estimated cost was in the region of £34,000. The Council agreed that the plans be forwarded to Arklow Urban District Council for examination by the members of the Urban District Council.

#### ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FOR POST OF RATE COLLECTOR, No. 1 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that there were six applicants for the post of Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District as follows :—

Mr. Michael Byrne, Rate Collector, No. 2 District, who was applying for the post in No. 1 District on promotion; Mr. P. Brophy, Mr. W. Cullen, Mr. P. J. Hanlon, Mr. D. W. Mogg and Mr. D. Patterson. The applicants for the post had been interviewed and all passed the necessary educational qualification for the post. Birth Certificates had been submitted by all except one applicant, and subject to submission of Birth Certificate by this applicant all the candidates had the necessary qualification as to age. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to determine the manner in which they proposed to make the appointment. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, informed the Council that he had received a letter from the National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive, protesting in the strongest possible manner against the appointment of a Rate Collector for the Baltinglass Area.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That this Council consider that having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of these duties and the qualifications for the office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and we decide that the person be selected by the members of the Council following an examination of the applications received."

Passed unanimously.

The Councillors having been asked to indicate their preference as to the candidate most suitable for appointment, the preferences were given as follows :—

For Mr. P. Brophy : Councillor G. Timmins—1.

For Mr. D. W. Mogg : Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; A. Hadden, P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, S. Macken, H. J. Byrne—8.

For Mr. D. Patterson : Councillor J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, W. Quigley, M. Deering, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton—10.

Mr. Patterson having received the preferences of the majority of the members present, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Quigley,  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved :—

"That having considered and examined the applications received for the post of Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Denis Patterson, Main Street, Baltinglass, to the post in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister."

Passed by 10 votes in favour, majority of Council present.

#### ITEM No. 9—REVISION OF EXISTING RENTS.

The Council considered further letter of 11th October, 1958, from Department of Local Government in regard to review of existing rents. Particulars had also been supplied to the members of the number of cottages provided by the Council, the number vested and the numbers let at various rents. Councillor Lawless referred to the number of cottages which had not yet been vested and asked that every effort be made to expedite the vesting of these cottages. He was strongly opposed to any increase in existing rents. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the Council should consider at the next Estimates Meeting raising a further loan to finance the completion of repairs to cottages for vesting. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council indicated generally that they did not consider that any change should be made in the existing arrangements regarding revision of rents.

#### ITEM No. 10—SCHEMES FOR GRANTS AND LOANS FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HOUSES.

The County Secretary stated that copies of the Scheme for Supplementary Grants for the repair and improvement of houses and of the Scheme for Loans towards the applicant's share of the cost of such works had been circulated to the members. The Scheme for Supplementary Grants was in accordance with the resolution of the Council. The Scheme for the making of loans as circulated did not include any provision for the payment of loans by instalments which had been proposed by the Council. This matter had received further consideration, and it was suggested to the Council that it would not be desirable to provide for the payment of instalments of loans during the course of the work. There might be difficulties in recovering amounts advanced should the work not be completed satisfactorily and within a reasonable time. Furthermore, it was considered that the amount to be advanced by way of loan in any one case would not be substantial. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that provision for payment of the loans by instalments be omitted and the Scheme be adopted as circulated to the members. The Council recommended that the Supplementary Grants be paid in two instalments where the State Grant was being given in instalments. The following resolutions were passed by the Council :—

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby approve of the Scheme for Supplementary Grants under the Housing Acts as circulated to each member and submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby approve of a Scheme of Loans for Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement work on dwellinghouses as circulated to each member and submitted to this meeting."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—REPORT ON EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH SERVICES IN CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.**

The County Manager stated that he regretted to have to inform the Council that there would be substantial excess expenditure on the Health Services in the current financial year. It had been already reported to the Council that due to the necessity to purchase supplies of fuel for the Council's institutions as a result of the impossibility of obtaining sufficient turf from the Town Council's Turf Cutting Scheme there would be additional expenditure arising of about £4,000. Under the heading Extern Institutions it was now anticipated that there would be additional expenditure of approximately £19,000, and under Special Services further expenditure of about £500. The total additional expenditure in the current year was expected to amount to about £22,000 to £23,000, of which 50% would have to be borne by rates. Of the additional expenditure arising in connection with external Hospitals £11,700 was in respect of Loughlinstown Hospital. The average daily cost of maintenance of patients in Loughlinstown Hospital had increased from about £8-8-0 per week in 1955/56 to nearly £10-10-0 in 1958/59. In addition, the number of patients in Loughlinstown Hospital from Co. Wicklow had increased from an average of 29 to an average of 50. In the current year the Council would have to meet the adjustment of the charges for the year 1955/56 and 1956/57, together with the adjustment in the charges for the current year. There had also been an increase in expenditure in respect of Maternity Hospitals due to the fact that a greater number of patients than was originally estimated had availed of hospital treatment. The original estimate submitted to the Council was in the sum of £9,400, but the sum had been reduced to £8,000 at the Estimates Meeting in the hope that there might be a reduction in expenditure under this heading. There was an increase of about £100 in respect of institutions for mental defectives due to an increase of 2/6 per patient per week in maintenance charges. The Council had 30 full-time patients in these institutions and a further 2 full-time patients for part of the present year. A further sum of £3,800 would be required for Tuberculosis Hospitals in the present year. The Estimates had been based on an average number of patients of 77, which was the number being maintained in Newcastle Sanatorium on 1st January, 1958. It had been found that the average number of patients had increased to over 87. A further sum of £1,270 approximately would be required for General Hospitals arising from an increase in the number of patients receiving hospital treatment. A sum of £500 was required for specialist services afforded through Dublin Corporation arising also from an increase in the number of patients availing of these services. The County Manager stated that it was proposed to hold a meeting of the Consultative Health Committee on Monday, 15th December, 1958, to consider these matters and other matters arising in connection with Health Services. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that it would be desirable that members of the Council be informed of the names of persons holding Medical Cards as members frequently received complaints from persons who had been refused Medical Cards that other persons in better circumstances had been granted such cards.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered report in regard to expenditure on Health Services in the current year, we authorise the expenditure of a further £18,334 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the additional cost of institutional services."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 12—REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER ON TENDERS RECEIVED FOR SUPPLY OF FIRE ENGINE.**

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had reported on the tenders received for the supply of a new Fire Engine. Two tenders were received, one from Messrs Lincoln and Nolan Ltd., and the other from Messrs. O'Gorman Quin. The Chief Fire Officer recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs Lincoln and Nolan Ltd. in the sum of £1,300-10-0 for the Fire

Engine and equipment other than the fire ladder, and the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. O'Gorman Quin and Co. Ltd. in the sum of £29-12-6 for the fire ladder."

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of recommendation of Chief Fire Officer for the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Lincoln and Nolan Ltd. in the sum of £1,300-10-0 for a Land Rover Fire Engine with equipment and of the acceptance of quotation of Messrs. O'Gorman Quin and Co. Ltd. in the sum of £29-12-6 for a light alloy ladder, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,330-2-6 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years, to defray the cost of the purchase of the engine and subject to the sanction of the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING AT MANOR AVENUE, GREYSTONES.**

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from Mr. W. Richie, "Kildare," Manor Avenue, Greystones, for the provision of an additional public light at Manor Avenue. This matter had been considered by the Council in December, 1954, and at that time the E.S.B. had submitted a quotation in the sum of £10 for the provision of the necessary switch-wire, etc. The Council at that time was not prepared to agree to the provision of the light. The Council agreed that an up-to-date estimate be obtained from the E.S.B. of the cost of providing an additional light.

**ITEM No. 14—APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE COAT OF ARMS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 19th November, 1958, from Mr. Basil Peterson, Riversdale House, Templeogue, Co. Dublin, for permission to incorporate the Coat of Arms of Wicklow County on tourist souvenirs. The Council granted permission for the use of the Coat of Arms.

**ITEM No. 15—CIVIL DEFENCE.**

The Council having considered letter of 22nd November, 1958, from the Director of Civil Defence agreed that the Director might meet the members of the Council on Monday, 5th January, 1958, following the meeting of the Housing Committee on that date.

**ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA REGARDING PROPOSAL TO APPOINT CLERK-TYPIST FOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT TINAHELY.**

Councillor J. J. McCrea proposed that no change be made in the arrangements for the provision of clerical assistance to the Engineer at the Tinahely office and that the person recently employed by the former Assistant County Engineer be continued in employment. Councillor Hadden supported Councillor McCrea in this proposal. The County Manager indicated that if the members wished that the present arrangements be continued he would have no objection. Councillor McCarthy raised the matter of the employment of a Clerk in the Assistant County Engineer's Office at Arklow and urged that applications be invited by public advertisement for this post. The County Manager agreed that it would be desirable that the Assistant County Engineer invite applications for this post and select the person who appeared to him to be the best qualified.

**Rathdrum Dispensary Residence:**

The County Manager consulted the members again in regard to the proposed letting of Rathdrum Dispensary Residence. Following a discussion on the matter the Council again recommended that the letting of the premises be made to Mr. Charles Cooney. The County Manager indicated that arrangements would be made for the temporary letting of the premises to Mr. Cooney.

**Coolroe/Raheenglass Road :**

A letter handed in by Councillor J. J. McCrea from Mr. M. Fitzpatrick, Sunnybank, Coolroe, Tinaheily, in regard to a dangerous junction at a road leading on to the Coolroe/Raheenglass road was submitted to the Council. Councillor McCrea stated that this matter could be remedied very simply by removing the grass plot at the junction. It was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to look into the matter immediately. Mr. Fitzpatrick's complaint regarding a fence adjoining his lands which he states had been left in an unsatisfactory condition following the carrying out of road improvements at Greenfort Cross was also referred to the County Engineer for attention.

**Water Supply to School at Kilcoole :**

Councillor Lawless enquired when it would be possible to proceed with the extension of the watermain at Kilcoole towards the site of the new school. He stated that the Board of Works had deferred advertising for tenders for the new school pending the completion of the arrangements for the water supply. The County Manager stated that the Council had agreed to the extension of the watermain and that the work would be carried out. He did not consider that there was any necessity for the Board of Works to postpone their advertising for tenders for the erection of the school. The County Engineer indicated that the extension of the watermain could be carried out by Direct Labour.

**Town and Regional Planning Acts :**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that he be recorded as dissenting from the adoption of the Town and Regional Planning Acts by the Council.

**Notice of Motion :**

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

"That I or some member of this Council will propose that the roads around the cottages at Blessington be provided in next year's Estimates for surface dressing and tarring.

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