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Held on

MONDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1959

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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, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th January, 1959, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, P. Kehoe, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Leowidge, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, W. Lawless.

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. Water Supply and Sewerage Grants—Water Supply, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride.
2. Public Lighting—Manor Avenue, Greystones.
3. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
4. Civil Defence—Meeting with Director of Civil Defence.

### ITEM No. 1—WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE GRANTS—WATER SUPPLY, OLDCOURT, MANOR KILBRIDE.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had provided a water supply at the roadside at Stoneyford Bridge near Manor Kilbride about 10 years ago, when two springs had been taken in and 400 yards of pipe laid to a tap. This pipeline was extended to provide a second tap at another point on the road a quarter of a mile further on in 1955. During 1958 a local group with the permission of the Council had provided a reservoir of 9,000 gallons capacity which was connected to the Council's piping and had provided house connections to 13 consumers. Work had been carried out by a voluntary effort with the assistance of grants from the Department of Local Government. The local group now proposed to provide a more ambitious scheme to supply 41 consumers in neighbouring townlands and the Scheme would involve the laying of about 5 miles of piping. The Council was concerned only with ensuring that there would be the maintenance of an uninterrupted supply to the two taps on the roadside. The Council's Engineer had reported that virtually nobody was at present using the taps as house connections were now available. He was not in a position to guarantee, however, that there would be a sufficient quantity of water always available to serve the needs of the extended scheme. Rev. J. Collins, C.C., Manor Kilbride, had written on behalf of the local group and submitted a form signed by 13 persons in the district agreeing that two taps which supplied water on the roadside might be cut off immediately as the supply of water from the taps was no longer required. It was proposed if the Council agreed to close off the supply to the taps and make the supply available to the local group for their scheme. The Council agreed in principle with the proposal but asked that the advice of the Council's Solicitor be obtained first as to whether the Council would be in order in terminating the supply to the taps. The County Secretary stated that the proposed extended supply to be provided by the local group would be assisted by grants of £50 in each case by the State and a similar grant from the Council.

### ITEM No. 2—PUBLIC LIGHTING—MANOR AVENUE, GREYSTONES.

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had submitted an amended estimate in the sum of £9-5-0 for the provision of a public light at Manor Avenue, Greystones. The road had been taken over by the Council and no public lighting had yet been provided. On the proposal of Councillor Lawless, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., the Council agreed to provide the light.

**ITEM No. 3—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.**

The County Secretary stated that revised plans for the Cattle Mart at Ashford for Messrs. Clarke, Delahunt and Co. had been received during the previous week. The plans were being examined. The health inspector had reported that the sanitary accommodation proposed to be provided was not sufficient and that additional water closets and two extra urinals would be required. While the position of the septic tank was satisfactory, information was required regarding the type and size of tank. It was noted that the drainage from the cattle and sheep pen was to be piped to the river without prior treatment and it was considered that some form of treatment should be installed either a combined system having a large septic tank for all wastes or a separate system for both human and animal wastes. The County Medical Officer agreed that the disposal of animal waste directly to the river might cause pollution and could be objected to by riparian owners. The County Secretary stated that the revised plans submitted showed provision for parking space for cars, but it seemed somewhat doubtful if the space provided would be adequate and this matter was being examined. The County Manager also pointed out that since the buildings could be seen from two roads it would be necessary to ensure that they presented a satisfactory appearance. The Council noted that the revised plans had been received and were being dealt with.

**Projects relating to erection and licensing of petrol pumps.**

The following letter from the Irish Motor Traders' Association was submitted to the Council:—

JQ/MK

5 Upper Pembroke St.,  
Dublin.  
30th December, 1958.

Dear Sir,

I have been advised by the Minister for Local Government of the circular letter issued by his Department on November 13th, 1958, to each District Planning Authority, and in connection with this matter I am to request the favour of your co-operation in ensuring that my Association is notified of any project concerned with the erection of petrol pumps. If you can arrange to have this done I shall be most grateful. Should it not be possible to fulfil my request perhaps you would be kind enough to suggest an alternative which will enable my Association's members in the districts concerned to be made immediately aware of the approval by a Planning Authority of new building projects relating to the erection and licensing of petrol pumps.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Council did not approve of notification being given to the Association of each project concerned with the erection of petrol pumps, and did not consider that any useful purpose would be served by so doing. The Council noted that all such proposals were brought to the notice of the Council and received adequate publicity in that way.

**Payment of Workers for Public Holidays.**

Councillor Lawless enquired if certain workers employed by the Council had not received payment in respect of Christmas Day. The County Secretary pointed out that Christmas Day and 5 other specified days were defined as public holidays in the Holidays Employees Act, 1939, and to be entitled to payment for a public holiday it was necessary that a worker have been employed for at least 150 hours in the five weeks preceding a public holiday. Some of the workers employed by the Council prior to Christmas had not worked the necessary number of hours and consequently were not entitled to payment for the holiday. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Water Supply Scheme at Ashford—Employment of Caretaker.**

Councillor Lawless protested against a proposal to employ a tradesman as caretaker of the Regional Water Supply Scheme at Ashford and recommended Mr. Daniel Carty who had been employed by the Council for a considerable period and who had always been considered a very satisfactory worker. The County Manager stated that no decision had been taken as yet in regard to the appointment of a caretaker for the Scheme.

**Subsidence of Road near Blessington.**

In reply to Councillor Miley the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on a defect which has occurred adjoining the bridge which had been erected by the E.S.B. over the new lake at Blessington and had stated that he was in communication with the E.S.B. in the matter.

**ITEM No. 4—CIVIL DEFENCE.**

Mr. Fay, Director of Civil Defence, attended the meeting of the Council and addressed the members in regard to Civil Defence Service. He explained the need for providing a satisfactory Civil Defence Service in each part of the country and asked the members to use their influence to encourage persons to volunteer for the service. Mr. Fay then showed a film entitled "Radioactive Fallout" which set out the threat from this menace and showed how radiation might affect all areas including rural districts even though they were hundreds of miles from the hydrogen bomb explosion. The Chairman on behalf of the members thanked Mr. Fay and the Department of Defence for arranging the visit.

**Notices of Motion:**

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

In the Name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—

That I or someone for me will move that the Council take over the road connecting County Road 245 at Stratnakelly and County Road 246 at Stratnakelly, approximately 70 yards in length.

In the Name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—

That the Council take over that portion of road from County Road 246 at Knockatomcoyle towards Carrick, approximate length 750 yards, recently reconstructed by grant under Rural Employment Scheme.

In the Name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—

That the cul-de-sac in Tinahely in front of Ballinacor House and leading to Mill Lodge and three other yards, approximately 150 yards in length by 10 yards in width be taken over by the Council.

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MONDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1959

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th January, 1959, 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 Hadden, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and J. Everett, T.D.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman.

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. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 13th and 27th October, 3rd November, 10th November, 1st December and 9th December, 1958.
2. To fill vacancy on Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
3. To fill vacancies on Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
4. Renewal of Cinematograph Licences.
5. Proposed road improvement works at Kiltimon Glen—report of County Engineer and letter from Department of Local Government (circulated).
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley for provision in the Estimates for 1959/60 for surface dressing and tarring of roads around cottages at Blessington.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the Council take over road connecting County Road 245 with County Road 246 at Stratnakelly, approximately 70 yards in length.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the Council take over portion of road from County Road 246 at Knockatomcoyle towards Carrick, approximate length 750 yards, recently reconstructed by grant.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden that cul-de-sac in Tinahely in front of Ballinacor House and leading to Mill Lodge and three other yards, approximately 150 yards by 10 yards, be taken over by the Council.
10. Letter from Bord Failte Eireann regarding Grant-in-Aid for lowering or removal of walls, banks, hedges, etc., which adjoin public roads and obscure scenic views.
11. Revision of Remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel.
12. Polling Scheme for County for purposes of Dail Elections—Amendment required consequent on extension of county boundary.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that light be placed at corner of road at Bog Road, Ballyknockan, at bus terminus.
14. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and J. O'Toolé, T.D., that a light be erected at the Water Gaps, Enniskerry.
- 14a. Extension of Regional Water Supply Scheme to serve groups of cottages in the vicinity of Ashford—Letter from Department of Local Government.

15. Adoption of Byelaws for Prevention of Litter (copy of Byelaws circulated).
16. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
17. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES OF 13th and 27th OCTOBER, 3rd NOVEMBER, 10th NOVEMBER, 1st DECEMBER AND 9th DECEMBER, 1958.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor Hadden,

Resolved:—

“That we confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 13th and 27th October, 3rd and 10th November and 1st and 9th December, 1958.”

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor McCarthy referred to the substantial increase in expenditure on Health Services which had been notified to the Council at previous meetings and suggested that persons in the county were not receiving benefits under the Health Acts in proportion to the increasing expenditure. The County Manager drew attention to the figure he had quoted in the statement in relation to the Estimates for Health Services at the last Estimates meeting and pointed out that during the previous year hospital treatment had been provided for 1 in 12 of the population of Co. Wicklow. He drew attention to the substantial reduction in death rates from Tuberculosis and in Infantile Mortality. In regard to statements made by members concerning charges made by Grange-gorman Mental Hospital Board for the maintenance of patients in hospital, he pointed out that it was necessary that persons who were liable to contribute towards the maintenance of patients should do so, and the Council received credit for such receipts. In determining what would be a reasonable amount to be contributed on behalf of a patient, the length of stay in the hospital or institution was taken into account. The County Manager pointed out that administration costs in connection with Health Services were very low. In regard generally to the matter of a means test, the County Manager pointed out that there appeared to be a fallacy prevalent in that people who considered it right that there should be a means test in assessing taxation objected to a means test when it came to the question of benefits. In regard to comparisons with the cost of Health Services in England, the County Manager pointed out that the cost of Health Services in England was met by contributions by employees and employers and by Purchase Tax. Only a very small amount was met from rates, whereas in this country 50% of the cost of Health Services were met from rates. The County Secretary stated that the Council had been notified by the Department of Health of an increase of 3/- per patient per day in the charge for the maintenance of patients in Sanatoria. This increase in the cost would result in an additional cost of about £1,336 for the quarter to 31st March and about £5,000 in the coming financial year. The Council noted that there would be an increase in cost in respect of maintenance of patients in Sanatoria.

**ITEM No. 2—VACANCY ON BALTINGLASS No. 1 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.**

The County Secretary stated that a vacancy had arisen on the Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee consequent on the death of Mr. Michael Patterson. The Council decided to defer the matter for a recommendation from the O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

**ITEM No. 3—VACANCIES ON NEWCASTLE O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.**

The County Secretary stated that two members of the Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee were disqualified as a result of absence from meetings during the previous year, i.e., Mr. Thomas Keelty, Newtownmountkennedy, and Mr. Joseph Keenan, Roundwood. Mr. Keelty had indicated that he would be unable to attend O.A.P. Committee meetings in future. The Council noted the report and asked that the Sub-Committee submit recommendations for the filling of the vacancies.

**ITEM No. 4—RENEWAL OF CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.**

The County Secretary submitted report of Chief Fire Officer in which he indicated that there was no objection to the issue of Cinematograph Licences for the Ormonde Cinema, Greystones, or the Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass. In the case of the Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, he recommended that the 2 gallon soda/acid fire extinguisher be tested and recharged, and in the case of St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew, he recommended that the secondary lighting be in working order at all times, that approved panic bolts be fitted to exit door at end of side passage and that this passage be kept clear of forms, seats and other equipment.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That having considered report of Chief Fire Officer, we approve of the renewal of Cinematograph Licences for the Ormonde Cinema, Greystones; Carlton Cinema, Baltinglass; Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum, provided that the 2 gallon soda/acid fire extinguisher is tested and recharged, and St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew, provided that the secondary lighting is kept in working order at all times and approved panic bolts fitted to exit doors at end of side passage and that this passage be kept clear of forms, seats and other equipment. We direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the licences as approved.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT KILTIMON GLEN.**

The report of the County Engineer of 5th December, 1958, and letter of 11th December, 1958, from the Department of Local Government in regard to proposed road improvement works at Kiltimon had been circulated to the members of the Council. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which the County Manager pointed out that the standards to which Main Roads were to be improved were determined by the Department on the advice of experts and took into account the necessity to provide for increases in traffic and increasing speeds, the County Manager gave particulars of the amounts which had been expended on improvements to the Bray/Arklow road over the past 12 years, which showed that the cost of the improvements had not been substantial in relation to the volume of traffic using the roads.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That having considered reports of County Engineer and letter of 11th December, 1958, from the Department of Local Government in regard to Road Improvement Schemes in Co. Wicklow, we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation in regard to the proposed Road Improvements at Kiltimon on



the main Bray/Wicklow road and approve of the employment of a temporary Engineer for the purpose of preparing the necessary survey of this section of road and for the purpose of surveying the road from Avoca via Woodenbridge to Arklow and Avoca via Kilquiggan and Templeraíne to Arklow."

Passed, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, dissenting.

**ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY RE SURFACE DRESSING AND TARRING OF ROADS AROUND COTTAGES AT BLESSINGTON.**

The Council agreed that the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Miley in relation to the making provision in the coming year's Estimates for surface dressing and tarring of roads around the cottages at Blessington be considered in connection with the Road Estimates for the coming financial year.

**ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., RE TAKING OVER OF ROAD CONNECTING COUNTY ROAD 245 WITH COUNTY ROAD 246 AT STRATNAKELLY.**

The Council deferred consideration of this Notice of Motion pending receipt of report and recommendation from the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D., RE TAKING OVER OF PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 246 AT KNOCKATOMCOYLE.**

The Council deferred consideration of this Notice of Motion pending receipt of report and recommendation from the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR A. HADDEN THAT CUL-DE-SAC IN TINAHELY IN FRONT OF BALLINACOR HOUSE BE TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNCIL.**

The Council deferred consideration of this Notice of Motion pending receipt of report and recommendation from the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 10—LETTER FROM BORD FAILTE RE GRANT FOR LOWERING OR REMOVING OF WALLS, BANKS, HEDGES, ETC., WHICH ADJOIN PUBLIC ROADS AND OBSCURE SCENIC VIEWS.**

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte Eireann had written referring to the terms of the Circular of 17th October, 1955, from the Department of Local Government which had recommended the co-operation of Road Authorities and the Board in dealing with the lowering or removing of walls, banks, hedges, etc., which adjoin public roads and obscured scenic views. An Bord Failte stated that they had apportioned a portion of their annual Grant in Aid for the purpose and asked for proposals to be submitted. The County Engineer had submitted a list of places where provision might be made for scenic views. The Council directed that a copy of the County Engineer's proposals be circulated to the members and considered by the members at the local meetings in connection with the Roads Estimates.

**ITEM No. 11—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Employees Union for an increase in the remuneration of members of the Bray

Fire Brigade. The remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel is based on the rate of wages of fitters and these had been increased on a number of occasions since the remuneration of the various brigades had been determined by the Council. The County Secretary submitted particulars of the proposed revision of remuneration which was estimated to cost £750 per annum. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration in connection with the Estimates for the coming financial year.

**ITEM No. 12—POLLING SCHEME FOR COUNTY FOR PURPOSES OF DAIL ELECTIONS.**

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to prepare a Polling Scheme in respect of the area added to the county as a result of the extension of the boundary at Bray. This additional area remained in the Constituency of Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown, whereas the rest of the county was in the Constituency of Wicklow.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the amendment of the Scheme for Polling Districts and Polling Places for the County Electoral Area of Bray for the purpose of Dail Elections as follows:—

The following Polling Districts shall continue to be included in the Constituency of Wicklow: Calary No. 1, Calary No. 2, Calary No. 3, Curtlestown, Delgany No. 1, Enniskerry, Greystones, Kilcoole, Kilmacanogue No. 1, Kilmacanogue No. 2, Powerscourt, Bray No. 1, Bray No. 2, Bray No. 3.

The following Polling District for the purpose of Dail Elections shall be in the Constituency of Dublin South: Bray No. 4, consisting of the District Electoral Division of Rathmichael (Bray).

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY FOR PROVISION OF LIGHT AT CORNER OF ROAD AT BOG ROAD, BALLYKNOCKAN.**

The County Secretary stated that the Engineer had reported that there were 4 lights already in the village of Ballyknockan and that the point where it was proposed to erect a new light was at the terminus where the bus turned. This point was not already covered by any of the existing lights, being 200 yards from the nearest one. There were no houses at this point. Bus travellers to Lacken alighted at the point and an additional light would be an amenity to these people and to road users as the point is at a road bend and junction and on a fairly steep hill. The Council decided that the Electricity Supply Board be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of providing an additional light at this point.

**ITEM No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS E. BYRNE, MRS. M. LEDWIDGE AND J. O' TOOLE, T.D., FOR PROVISION OF LIGHT AT THE WATERGAPS, ENNISKERRY.**

The Council deferred consideration of this Notice of Motion pending receipt of a report from the Engineer.

**ITEM No. 14a—EXTENSION OF REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME TO SERVE GROUPS OF COTTAGES IN THE VICINITY OF ASHFORD.**

The County Secretary submitted letter from Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister was prepared to sanction the raising of a loan from the Treasurer, spread over a period of 15 years, for the purpose of financing the extension of the watermain to serve Council cottages in the Ashford area. It was stated also that the Minister would allow subsidy at the rate of 38½% on the approved cost of the watermain extensions. The Council agreed with the proposal to proceed with the Scheme and to borrow the necessary amount of £3,779 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 15 years, to cover the cost of the extension of the Scheme to serve cottages at Milltown Lane, Ballinalea and Ballinahinch. The Council deferred formal approval of the loan pending confirmation that the tenants were prepared to pay the appropriate contribution towards the cost.

**ITEM No. 15—ADOPTION OF BYELAWS FOR PREVENTION OF LITTER.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Byelaws for the Prevention of Litter as adopted by the Council at the meeting held on 10th November, 1958, and we apply to the Minister for confirmation of the Byelaws."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 16—MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.**

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 7th August, 1958.

**Supplementary Grant:**

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £120 to Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, Killoughter, Ashford, in respect of reconstruction of house at Killoughter."

Passed unanimously.

**Erection of Vocational Schools at Blessington and Dunlavin:**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 8th January, 1959, from the Chief Executive Officer, County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee in regard to the proposed erection of Vocational Schools in West Wicklow, one at Dunlavin and another at Blessington. It was indicated in the letter that the Committee was in favour of building a School at Dunlavin but as some of the Councillors present at the last meeting had made the point that no steps be taken in

the matter until the County Council was in a position to examine the overall demands being made upon it for the financial year 1959/60, he asked that the matter be considered by the Council at the next Estimates meeting. It was stated also in the letter that in view of present-day building costs a minimum grant of £50,000 would be required, that is, £25,000 per school. It was stated that the proposed erection of schools at Dunlavin and Blessington would complete the Committee's building programme for new schools in the county for the foreseeable future. The Council noted the terms of the letter and agreed that it be considered at the Estimates meeting.

**Notices of Motion:**

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

That I will move at the next meeting that the lane known as Kilmurray Lane be taken over as a public road as it connects with the road to Redcross.

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea:

That I, or someone for me, will move that the Council take over another small stretch of Boley Lane leading to Mr. Wilson's farm.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley, P.C.:

That I, or someone for me, will move that the Council take over and maintain as County Roads the following roads:

1. From Keane's cottage to Howard's at Ballishal.
2. Three-Wells Street, from Keenan's gate to Hill's gate, a distance of approximately 800 yards.
3. Tinnakilly Old Road from Fox's cottage, two sections, to Cronebeg bounds.

**Tenders for Printing and Stationery:**

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for printing and stationery for the Council were opened in the presence of the members. The following tenders were received and referred for examination by the County Secretary:

Wicklow Press, Wicklow; Powell Press, Dublin; Roscommon Herald, Roscommon; Hely's Ltd., Dublin; M. V. Ryan, Dublin.

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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, 2nd February, 1959, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Alan H. Hadden, John Quigley, P.C.; G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, J. Smyth.

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

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

### AGENDA.

1. Application for Supplementary Reconstruction Grant.
2. Application for consent of Council to sale of vested cottage.
3. Application for approval to provision of septic tank for house at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.
4. Oldcourt Water Supply—Advice of Council's Solicitor.
5. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959—To consider applications received.
6. Application for loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. To receive tenders for demolition of premises at Castle Street, Bray.

### ITEM No. 1—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANT.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved :—

“That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant to George Coleborn, Dunlavin, in the sum of £113 in accordance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.”

Passed unanimously.

### ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from a firm of Solicitors on behalf of a tenant of a vested cottage requesting the consent of the Council to the sale of the cottage. The Council had indicated that they were not prepared to give consent to the sale. The Solicitors had asked for the grounds on which the Council were refusing to give the consent, and the Council's Solicitor had advised that while there was no obligation on the Council to give a reason for refusal, the High Court might hold that the Council should act reasonably in the matter and that, therefore, unless there was a good reason to the contrary it would be better to give the Council's reason for refusal. The Solicitor pointed out that the object of the Act was that the Local Authority should see that labourers' cottages would be sold only to people of that class, and hence the condition in the Act that the consent of the Local Authority to the sale of the cottage is necessary. It had been indicated to the applicant's Solicitors that the Council considered it essential that houses built by them should be available to have for letting to persons in need of housing accommodation, if it happens that such houses are no longer required by the tenant-purchaser. In this way

it would always be assured that the most deserving case would be allocated housing accommodation, but if consent were given by the Council to the sale by the tenant-purchaser or their legal representatives, the position would be that the person able to pay the highest price for the house would secure accommodation, even though his need might not be at all pressing. It was pointed out also that the greater part of the capital cost of the houses was not provided by the tenant-purchaser but by the State and the County Council, and as a matter of housing policy the Council would have to see that the house which had been erected with the aid of State Funds and the local rates should be used for meeting the housing requirements of those who were in greatest need. The Council agreed with the terms of the reply sent to the applicant's Solicitors but asked that the circumstances of the proposed purchaser be investigated further, as it was contended that he was a qualified person.

#### ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO PROVISION OF SEPTIC TANK FOR HOUSE AT ROCKY VALLEY, KILMACANOGUE.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the owner of a house at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue for permission to install a septic tank. It had been found necessary, however, to refuse permission, as the distance from the adjoining road and from the house required under Public Health practice could not be obtained and the pollution of a stream used by persons for the purpose of obtaining water for domestic use might be caused. The County Medical Officer had pointed out that if consent to the proposal were given by the Council and if there was subsequent pollution of the stream, it could lead to serious difficulty. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that he understood that effluent from a septic tank was purified and should not cause contamination in the stream provided that no other waste was discharged into the septic tank. It was agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked to report further on the points made by the Chairman and that the Assistant County Engineer also report further in regard to the house in question.

#### ITEM No. 4—OLDCOURT WATER SUPPLY.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had indicated that he saw no objection to the Council's carrying out the suggestion made by Rev. J. Collins, C.C., on behalf of the residents of the area and noting that a form had been signed by 13 persons agreeing that the two taps at the roadside at Oldcourt might be cut off by the Council immediately. The Solicitor stated that it would be as well to make sure that all the people using the taps signed the form. The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer was having an Agreement signed by all the persons concerned. The Council deferred the matter for submission of the Agreements.

#### ITEM No. 5—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1959.

The County Secretary stated that 90 applications to compete under the Council's Scheme had been received, made up of 32 boys and 58 girls, as compared with a total of 83 applications in the previous year. Particulars of each application were submitted to the Council, and the Council determined whether or not each applicant complied with the terms of the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That having considered 90 applications to compete under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959, we reject the following applications as not coming within Clause 4 of the Scheme:

John Joseph Breen, Blacklion, Greystones.  
Kenneth A. Lynch, 16 Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, Delgany.  
Derrick A. Nelson, Mayville, Blacklion, Greystones.  
Edward Joseph Byrne, 44 Connolly Street, Arklow.  
Francis Mary Byrne, 4 Alexandra Terrace, Bray.  
Esther Gammell, 29 Cottage, Main Street, Kilcoole.  
Robert Hickson, 3 St. Columba's Terrace, Arklow.

Thomas Hickson, 3 St. Columba's Terrace, Arklow.

We accept the following applications subject to submission of satisfactory evidence that the applications comply with Clause 4 of the Scheme:

Thomas Byrne, 41 Upper Tinahask, Arklow.  
Patricia C. Connolly, 1 Father Colohan Terrace, Bray.  
James S. Hickey, 33 Main Street, Arklow.  
Donal Keenan, 1 Lourdes Crescent, Auhtrim.  
Thomas Edward Kelly, Ballyfree, Glenealy.  
Joseph Noel Kinsella, 20 Mellows Avenue, Arklow.  
John P. Lee, 34 St. Michael's Terrace, Arklow.  
Edward P. McCarthy, 43 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.  
James Moore, 18 Upper Main Street, Arklow.  
Anne Murray, Raheen, Dunlavin.  
Oliver Newsome, Milltown North, Rathnew.  
Thomas J. Nolan, Coolakay, Enniskerry.  
Brian O'Brien, 14 Harbour Road, Arklow.  
Michael G. O'Brien, 14 Harbour Road, Arklow.  
Mary O'Duffy, 8 O'Connell Terrace, Arklow.  
James Ryder, 8 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.  
Ann P. Shaw, Bayleaf, Esplanade, Bray.  
Mary Wedick, 9 Main Street, Rathdrum.

We approve of the remaining applications as being in accordance with the Council's Scheme."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS.

The Council considered the application of Denis Kelly, Glendine, Blacklion, Greystones, for a loan of £1,300 in respect of the erection of a house at Site No. 1, La Touche Place, Greystones. The Council noted that Mr. Kelly was now resident in Greystones. The Council deferred a decision on the application pending confirmation of the income of the applicant.

#### ITEM No. 7—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for approval to the erection of a filling station at Kilpedder. The County Engineer had been asked to report on the proposal but it seemed unlikely that the application could be approved because of its location near a bend on the Main Road which carries very heavy traffic, and also as the documents submitted did not appear adequate for examination under the Town and Regional Planning Acts. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 8—DEMOLITION OF PREMISES AT CASTLE STREET, BRAY.

Six tenders received in response to public advertisement for the demolition of premises at Castle Street, Bray, were opened in the presence of the members of the Council and were as follows:—

John Patrick Anderson, Glenealy	...	...	£480 0 0
Andrew McGrath, St. Cronan's Road, Bray	...	...	£150 0 0
Christopher Dodd & Sons, Bray	...	...	£375 0 0
Joseph Rooney, Montpelier Hill, Dublin	...	...	£481 19 0
Messrs. O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon	...	...	£296 10 0
H. K. MacDermot & Son, Dublin	...	...	£171 0 0

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

#### Date for Estimates Meeting of the Council:

The Council decided to hold the Estimates Meeting of the Council for the year 1959/60 on Monday, 23rd February, 1959, at 11 a.m.

**Wicklow County Council**

**MINUTES  
OF  
PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
MEETING**

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**Held on**

**MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1959**

Wicklow Press, Wicklow

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th February, 1959, 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, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, 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, attended.

### AGENDA.

1. Purchase of Fire Engine and Equipment—To authorise affixing of the Seal of the Council to Mortgage for National Bank Ltd. in respect of loan of £1,330 for purchase of Fire Engine and Equipment.
2. Application from St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd. in regard to replacement of White Bridge, Avoca.
3. Memorial in regard to condition of road between Knockenree via Ballydonnell to Kilmacoo Cross Roads.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the Council take over road connecting County Road 245 with County Road 246 at Stratnakelly, approximately 70 yards in length.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the Council take over portion of road from County Road 246 at Knockatomcoyle towards Carrick, approximate length 750 yards, recently reconstructed by grant.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden that cul-de-sac at Tinahely in front of Ballinacor House and leading to Mill Lodge and three other yards, approximately 150 yards, be taken over by the Council.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., that the Council take over as public roads the following roads :—
  1. From Keane's Cottage to Howard's at Ballishal.
  2. Three-Wells Street from Keenan's gate to Hill's gate, a distance of approximately 800 yards.
  3. Tinnakilly Old Road from Fox's cottage, two sections to Cronebeg bounds.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that the Council take over as a public road the lane known as Kilmurray Lane, as it connects with road to Redcross.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea that the Council take over another small stretch of Boley Lane leading to Mr. Wilson's farm.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., that the Council request C.I.E. :—
  1. To divert the Carnew/Rathdrum bus to Woodenbridge.
  2. That the Dublin/Wexford bus which bypasses Ballinaclesh be diverted to that village via the Meetings Road and Carty's Corner or Mill Road.
  3. That where a bus service is run in conjunction with a rail service that an all-in ticket be issued.
  4. That if an excursion is operating on a rail section it should be also operating on the bus section.

11. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and J. O'Toole, T.D., that a light be erected at the Watergaps, Enniskerry.
12. Letter from Brittas Bay Development Association in regard to development of area as a seaside resort and residential seaside district.
13. Polling Scheme for County for purpose of Dail Elections—Letter from Department of Local Government re amendment required consequent on extension of County boundary.
14. Report of Consultant regarding electric wiring of Courthouse and offices at Wicklow.
15. Letter from Department of Lands re development of inland fisheries. (Copy of report circulated.)
16. Letter from Department of Local Government re improvement of the appearance of towns and villages.
17. Scheme under Seeds and Fertilisers (Supply) Act, 1956, for year 1959.
18. Letter from Polio patient expressing appreciation for services provided by the Council.
19. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Resolution of Sympathy :

On the proposal of the Chairman members of the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., on the death of his brother.

#### ITEM No. 1—PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE AND EQUIPMENT.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved :—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 6th January, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,330 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a Fire Engine and equipment 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. 2—APPLICATION FROM ST. PATRICK'S COPPER MINES LTD. IN REGARD TO REPLACEMENT OF WHITE BRIDGE, AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd., Avoca, for the replacement of the White Bridge, Avoca. It had been indicated by the Company that they had plans for working East Avoca where there was a large tonnage of ore and that the extraction of ore would extend over several years. It was essential that there would be a good road over which heavy machinery could be moved to the working site and by which the quarried ore could be transported back to the mill. The Company stated that the most suitable route was that which would cross the Avoca River at White Bridge. The White Bridge was a wooden structure which could not withstand the heavy loads which would be involved. The gross load would be

between 60 and 70 tons and the width of the transporting wagons would be 11' 9". The Company asked if the County Council would replace the present bridge by one capable of taking these heavy loads and stated that if necessary the Company would be prepared to contribute to the cost of the structure. The County Engineer stated that the ore would have to be transported over part of a County Road, the White Bridge at Avoca and then across the Main Road to the Mill. The County Road would be quite incapable of carrying loads of the amount mentioned, and in fact such loads could not be carried by the Main Road. The existing bridge was not designed to carry heavy traffic. The wagons proposed to be used exceeded the maximum width permitted for vehicles on a public road. The County Engineer pointed out also that if these vehicles were being used on the public roads they would be liable to Motor Taxation duties which would be very substantial in view of the size of the vehicles, and suggested that the Company might consider transporting from the new section by aerial steel ropeway and buckets. The Council noted the proposal and agreed that the matter be further considered by the County Manager and County Engineer with representatives of the Company.

#### ITEMS Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9—MEMORIAL IN REGARD TO CONDITION OF ROAD AND NOTICES OF MOTION FOR TAKING OVER OF ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS.

The Council agreed that since these proposals would be dependent upon the monies available for the maintenance and repair of roads and improvement of roads during the coming financial year that they be deferred for consideration at the Estimates Meeting and subsequently at the Local Roads Meetings. The members who had handed in Notices of Motion and who were present at the meeting agreed to this proposal.

#### ITEM No. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY, P.C., REQUESTING C.I.E. TO DIVERT BUS SERVICES, ETC.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that in his opinion the road from Aughrim to Woodenbridge was suitable for a bus service, but that the branch road between Ballinaclash and the Meetings was not suitable. Following a discussion on the matter in which members of the Council pointed out that it would be desirable to ascertain the views of the persons in Aughrim, Ballinaclash and Rathdrum on the proposals, it was decided to defer the matter. Councillor Quigley agreed that the Notice of Motion be deferred.

#### ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAMES OF COUNCILLORS E. BYRNE, MRS. M. LEDWIDGE AND J. O'TOOLE, T.D., FOR PROVISION OF LIGHT AT WATERGAPS, ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported on this proposal and had pointed out that it was for the provision of lighting for a pathway which led to a well and was also a short cut to the Catholic Church for people going from Monastery, at Watergaps, Enniskerry. The path was a private one and ran through a wooded area. It was improbable, however, that a light provided on the public road would be effective to any degree towards lighting the pathway. The County Secretary stated that the Council could not provide a public light on a private pathway. The Council noted the position in the matter.



**ITEM No. 12—LETTER FROM BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF AREA AS SEASIDE RESORT AND AS A RESIDENTIAL SEASIDE DISTRICT.**

The following letter received from Mr. H. C. Delahunt, Chairman of the Brittas Bay Development Association, was submitted to the Council:—

To The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Brittas Bay Development Association,  
Ballinacarrig,  
Brittas Bay.

Dear Sir,

Following a very representative public meeting of ratepayers, residents, traders, hoteliers, etc., held recently, it was unanimously decided to establish a "BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION." The development of the area as a seaside resort and as a residential seaside district will be the primary object of this Association.

To achieve this object there are many improvements in public services needed and amenities to be secured. Even in the preliminary stages of the discussions, which have already taken place on ways and means to develop Brittas Bay, several important services which the district lacks to-day were referred to. I was asked to have a number of the more pressing requirements brought to the notice of Wicklow County Council, with a view to the provision of same. In so doing, the members of the Development Association are fully alive to the Council's commitments and have a fair idea that the granting of the recommendations—at least the major ones which are so urgent—would commit the Council more, but they feel, where there are so many prospects of this resort developing that will be to the general advantage, these recommendations merit careful and sympathetic consideration.

To preface the recommendations of the Development Association we would like to refer to the rapid development which took place in pre-war days in Brittas Bay, and the fact that at the present time there are along the front of the Bay area 120 bungalows and houses, two hotels, two guest houses, and permits for approximately 185 caravans. As the Council are aware, week-ends in the tourist season have been creating accumulating problems here because of the numbers of people and of cars congregating along the road; we believe between 6,000 and 7,000 persons gather in the area during summer week ends.

The outstanding consideration in viewing this position of Brittas Bay as a seaside resort that is assuredly growing in popularity is the total absence of water supply and sanitation. There is no public water supply available to all those premises; and there is no public sanitary convenience available for the thousands of people who visit here day after day and week after week in the summer season. In some cases the owners of premises in the vicinity of the strand who have bored for water have found their supply salty, due to contamination from the sea. As a consequence, after all their expense, the water supply cannot be used for domestic purposes and they have to bring their day-to-day supply long distances. There are approximately forty children attending the local National School which is not supplied with water or proper sanitation.

We realise that this most essential service cannot be provided cheaply or quickly, but with the Regional Water Supply Scheme now available as far as Wicklow town, we do most earnestly recommend to the Council to take a long-term view of this problem and consider a comprehensive scheme which will bring the regional water supply to Brittas Bay.

Other matters calling for attention include the improvement of the main road through Brittas Bay. In view of the enormous volume of fast-moving traffic which this one-time laneway has now to carry, including tour buses, and its present narrow, dangerously-winding condition, we press for a generous scheme of improvement, with an eye to future development.

There is also the matter of public lighting. While much smaller areas have been adequately provided with public lighting by the Council, Brittas Bay has

so far been left without the benefit of this amenity, and we ask in this matter also for your early attention.

A meeting of the Development Association will take place at Mr. A. McDaniel's Hotel, Ballinacarrig, on Friday, 20th February, at eight o'clock, and the Association will be glad to welcome representatives of the Council and of its Executive Officials so as to give them an opportunity to hear the views of the local people and to express their own on those problems which mutually face all concerned.

Yours faithfully,  
Signed: Harry C. Delahunt,  
Chairman.

The County Secretary stated that the valuation of houses along the sea road at Brittas amounted in all to £682-10-0, which included two hotels and a guest house of a total valuation of £126-0-0 and three caravan sites valued at £37 in all. The majority of the houses carried fairly low valuations and the rateable income would not be substantial. The County Manager stated that an approximate estimate of the cost of extending the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme to Brittas could be submitted and provision had been made in the Scheme to allow of an eventual extension to Brittas if such should prove necessary. The cost of development, however, of the area would be high in view of the existing type of housing development which stretched along a single road by the sea. The Council agreed that the local members, the Chairman of the County Council and the County Manager would attend the meeting to be held at Mr. A. McDaniel's Hotel, Ballinacarrig, on Friday, 20th February, 1959, at 8 o'clock.

**ITEM No. 13—POLLING SCHEME FOR COUNTY FOR PURPOSE OF DAIL ELECTIONS.**

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by the Department of Local Government that the resolution which had been passed by the Council in regard to the adoption of a Polling Scheme for the purposes of Dail Election consequent on the extension of the County Boundary at Bray was not suitable and suggesting a Draft Scheme which might be adopted. The Draft Scheme was submitted to the Council.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby adopt a Polling Scheme in respect of the District Electoral Division of Rathmichael (Bray) for the purpose of Dail Elections in accordance with Draft Scheme submitted to this meeting and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to such Scheme and that it be submitted for confirmation by the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 14—REPORT OF CONSULTANT REGARDING ELECTRIC WIRING OF COURTHOUSE AND OFFICES AT WICKLOW.**

The County Secretary stated that following the fire at the Council's Offices the Council had agreed that a report be obtained from the Consulting Engineer in regard to the electrical wiring of the Offices and Courthouse generally. The Consultant had now reported and stated that the installation in the new building which had been carried out about 15 years ago was defective and required complete re-wiring. At the time when the work was done only war emergency grade materials were available and these had deteriorated badly. If retained they would constitute a definite fire risk. The installation in the old building had been carried out about 33 years ago and this in the opinion of the Consultant was a very bad installation. It was badly designed with poor material, heavily over-

loaded in some sections and not properly fused or protected and constituted both a fire risk and a danger to life. The Consultant was of opinion that complete re-wiring of the whole building excepting only recently installed screwed tubing installation was quite essential in the interests of life and property. The County Secretary stated that the Consultant had submitted an estimate of the cost of the works, including for water heating installation for 7 water heaters and providing also for tubular heating installation for the offices if this were required. The total estimated cost was £3,200 approximately.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

“ That having considered reports of Consulting Engineer in regard to electric wiring of Courthouse and Offices, we approve of proceeding immediately with the works recommended by the Consultant, exclusive of the provision of water heating installations and water heaters, the cost of the Scheme to be defrayed from loan, and direct that tenders be invited by public advertisement for the carrying out of the works.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 15—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LANDS RE  
DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES.**

The Council noted the report from the Department of Lands in regard to the development of Inland Fisheries, copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council.

The County Secretary stated that copies of a letter addressed by the Minister for Lands to each Member of the Council in regard to the private planting campaign had been issued to the members of the Council present and would be forwarded to the members who were not in attendance that day.

**ITEM No. 16—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
RE IMPROVEMENT OF THE APPEARANCE OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.**

A copy of letter of 2nd February, 1959, from Department of Local Government in regard to the improvement of the appearance of towns and villages had been circulated to each member of the Council. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had already paid considerable attention to the matter of the improvement of towns and villages in the county but pointed out that until the problem of itinerants had been satisfactorily disposed of it would be impossible to ensure that towns and villages were kept in a proper condition. It was agreed that the Department be informed that the Council would co-operate in every way in the matter, but that the Council considered it essential that itinerants be controlled. The County Manager informed the Council that as a result of representations received from a number of sources, three cottages had been let to families of itinerants, as it had been urged that if proper housing were provided they would settle down. It was found, however, that the families stayed only a few months in the houses.

**ITEM No. 17—SCHEME UNDER SEEDS AND FERTILISERS (SUPPLY)  
ACT, 1956, FOR YEAR 1959.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved :—

“ That we hereby adopt a Scheme under Section 2 of the Seeds and Fertilisers (Supply) Act, 1956, for the year 1959 on similar terms to Scheme operated in 1958, subject to the rate of interest charged being reduced to 5%.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 18—LETTER FROM POLIO PATIENT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL.**

The following letter received from a Polio patient was submitted to the Council :—

Mr. Flannery.

Dear Sir,

I am the Polio victim who through my Doctors applied to you and the health services for a wheel chair to enable me to be brought around a little for my health sake.

Saturday last I received my chair, a very suitable one too, and now I'm overjoyed at the thought of being able to go out-of-doors again after a lapse of two years.

I take this opportunity, Mr. Flannery, to thank you and the members of our health services very sincerely for your kindness and prompt attention given to my application, may God bless and reward you now and always.

Yours gratefully,

The Council expressed appreciation of the terms of the letter.

**Re-surfacing of Road at Roundwood :**

The County Secretary submitted report of County Engineer in regard to a letter received from the Corporation of Dublin asking that the Council proceed with the re-surfacing of approximately 550 yards of the Ford road at the North Reservoir, Roundwood, at cost of £705 as estimated by the Council, the cost to be borne by the Corporation. The County Engineer agreed this road might then be taken in charge by the Council but that the Council would not be responsible for either replacement or reconstruction of the bridge structure itself if the occasion for this ever arose.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Smyth,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved :—

“ That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the re-surfacing of 550 yards approximately of the Ford Road at the North Reservoir, Roundwood, in accordance with the request of the Corporation of Dublin and agree that the Council accept responsibility for the maintenance of the road exclusive of the bridge structure on completion of the resurfacing.”

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the acceptance of the arrangement was subject to the Council's Solicitor confirming that the Council was in order in doing so with the reservation mentioned.

**Anti-Litter Byelaws :**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had informed the Council that the Anti-Litter Byelaws adopted by the Council did not require confirmation by the Minister but that it would be necessary that there

be present at least two-thirds of the members of the Council at the meeting when Byelaws were adopted. As there had been only 12 members present at the meeting when the Byelaws had been adopted it was necessary to re-submit the matter to the Council. There were fifteen members present at the meeting held that day and it would be in order to adopt the Byelaws at the meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby adopt Byelaws for the prevention of litter and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to such Byelaws.

Passed unanimously.

#### **Works at Greystones :**

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte Eireann had agreed to provide Grants for certain amenity works at Greystones and it was proposed to proceed with these works. The works included the completion of the work on Greystones Pier and the erection of fishermen's shelters and also the erection of one public shelter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

“That we approve of the Council proceeding with the carrying out of works at Greystones on behalf of Bord Failte Eireann, the costs of which are being defrayed from Grants from the Board as reported to this meeting.”

Passed unanimously.

#### **Nomination of Person for Office of President :**

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. Smyth,

Resolved :—

“That we the members of Wicklow County Council hereby nominate Dr. Patrick McCartan for the office of Presidency.”

Following a discussion on the matter in which members suggested that notice of intention to move the resolution should have been given, Councillor McCarthy handed in a Notice of Motion as follows :—

That I, or someone for me, will move that Dr. Patrick McCartan, Greystones, be nominated for Office of Presidency by Wicklow County Council.

The Notice was accepted by the Chairman for inclusion on the Agenda for the meeting to be held on 9th March, 1959.

Councillor J. J. McCrea asked that the position of the present water supplies for Council cottages at Stoops, Tomacork and Croneyhorn be considered at the next housing meeting of the Council.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 23rd February, 1959, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, William Cleary, John Quigley, Alan Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; S. O'Maicin, J. Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

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

The County Manager's Statement on the Estimates and the Table Explanatory of the Estimates had been circulated to the members.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 16th February, 1959, from The Secretary, National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive, asking that the Council receive a deputation from the Association before considering the Estimates on that date. Councillor A. Hadden stated that members of the deputation were present and asked that they be received. The Council agreed to receive the deputation.

Mr. Edward Dunne spoke on behalf of the deputation from the National Farmers' Association and stressed the importance to the farming community of the Council avoiding any increase in Rates. In regard to the increase in the Estimates for Health Services, Mr. Dunne stated that the Council should protest against the raising of the income limit for the Middle Income Group to £800, and contended that this burden should not be placed on the ratepayers. Mr. Dunne also referred to the amounts included in the Estimates for interests on loans and urged that all further proposals for borrowing would be carefully considered. He suggested that new Technical Schools in Blessington and Dunlavin would not be required. In regard to the collection of Rates, he urged that in future where a vacancy for appointment of a Rate Collector arises that the Council arrange to collect the Rates from the Council's Offices. Mr. Dunne submitted a graph showing the comparison between farm prices and Rates over recent years.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, pointed out that the Council had protested at the charging of half the cost of Health Services to Rates. As regards loan charges, he pointed out that it was necessary to spread the cost of major works over a period of years to avoid serious fluctuations in the Rates. All proposals involving borrowing by the Council receive very careful examination and the same would apply to the proposal in regard to new Technical Schools in West Wicklow. He pointed out that deputations had attended on the Vocational Education Committee seeking these services. He assured the members of the deputation that no member of the Council wished to see any increase in the Rates but that it would be necessary to provide for essential services. The members of the deputation thanked the Council and then withdrew.

Following a discussion on the procedure to be followed, the Council agreed to examine in detail the Estimates under each heading.

### ROADS :

The County Secretary submitted letter from Department of Local Government indicating the amounts of Road Grants for the year 1959/60, which were the same as the Grants allocated in the present financial year. As regards the provision for the transfer of Grants from Main Roads to County Roads, and vice versa, the County Secretary stated that 53% of the County Roads in County Wicklow were dust free and consequently the Council could if desired transfer part of the County Road Grant to Main Roads but could not transfer any part of the Main Road Grant to County Roads. The County Manager stated

that the provision in the Estimates for Roads was the same as in 1958/59. At the Estimates Meeting last year provision for Roads had been reduced by £7,626 from the previous year. Road workers' wages had been increased as from April, 1958, and this increase represented approximately £6,000. In effect, therefore, the Council had had to endeavour to save a sum of about £14,000, and they had endeavoured to do this by reducing the hiring of plant. The amount spent on the hire of machinery in the current year had been kept to the minimum.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the Estimate as submitted under the heading of Roads Services."

Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to defer a decision on the Estimates for Road Services until the Estimates for other services had been examined.

#### HEALTH SERVICES:

In the course of a lengthy discussion regarding the increasing cost of external hospitals and in particular the cost of maintenance of patients at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, it was suggested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and agreed that the County Manager, Chairman and officials of the Council meet representatives of St. Columcille's Hospital with a view to seeking a reduction in the charge in respect of maintenance of patients in the Hospital. The Council noted that about one-third of the accommodation in the Hospital was being used by patients from County Wicklow. In reference to the proposal that provision for Extern Hospitals and Maternity Hospitals be reduced by £10,000, the County Manager pointed out that Baltinglass Hospital was not being fully availed of for Maternity cases and it was suggested that the Council should insist on patients from Arklow Dispensary District being accommodated in Baltinglass Hospital rather than in Dublin Hospitals. It would be necessary to ensure this if any reduction were to be made in the Estimates under this heading. The Chairman suggested that it might be considered making an arrangement with some Dublin Hospital for the treatment of County Wicklow patients other than availing of St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we reduce the provision for Extern Institutions by £10,000 under the headings General Hospitals and Maternity Hospitals."

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

**In favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, J. Quigley, P.C.; A. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Milev, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Macken, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne—14.

**Against:** Councillors P. McCarthy, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Smyth—4.

The Resolution was declared passed by 14 votes in favour to 4 votes against. Councillor McCarthy and Councillor Cleary objected to the suggestion that greater use could be made of Baltinglass Hospital by sending patients from the Arklow District because of the difficulty friends would have of visiting patients in the institution.

The Council decided to reduce the provision for Tuberculosis Hospitals by £2,500. The Council agreed that the County Manager, Chairman of the Council and officers of the Council might arrange to meet representatives of the Board

of Sanatorium at Newcastle with a view to seeking a reduction in the cost of maintenance of patients in the Hospital.

#### Ambulance Service:

The County Manager stated that provision had been made for the replacement of two ambulances, both of which had done a very substantial mileage. Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to reduce the provision for ambulances by £1,000 and to renew only one ambulance during the coming financial year.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

Councillor McCarthy enquired whether it was correct that the County

Manager did not propose to fill a vacancy for Assistance Officer which would arise on the retirement of one of the present officers in the current financial year. The County Manager stated that he considered that it would be possible by re-arrangement of districts to avoid filling the vacancy which would arise. Councillor McCarthy protested at the Manager's decision and urged that the post be continued. Following a further discussion on the matter, the County Manager stated that he would make further representations to the Department with a view to retaining the Assistance Officer concerned in office for a further year, which would effect a saving in the Estimate. However, he could not promise that sanction would be forthcoming to such a proposal. The Council decided to reduce the provision for Salaries and Retiring Allowances by £500.

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL:

The Council noted the Demand made on the Council by Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

#### SANITARY SERVICES:

The Council decided to make no alteration in the amounts estimated for Sanitary Services.

#### HOUSING SERVICES:

The Council decided to reduce the provision for repairs to cottages by £8,600.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES:

The Council decided to make no alteration in the amounts estimated for General Purposes.

#### SEPARATE CHARGES:

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Macra na Feirme, Baltinglass, in regard to the matter of proposed new Technical Schools at Dunlavin and Blessington and stating that they were very interested in the question of Vocational Education in West Wicklow and were calling a meeting of all interested parties at an early date to consider the whole matter. They requested that no further steps be taken by the Council until after the meeting referred to. The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Vocational Education Committee that no expenditure would be incurred on the erection of a new School in West Wicklow during the coming financial year and that in consequence no provision for a Grant from the Council need be made in the current year's Estimates. The Council noted that the Estimates for Vocational Education could be reduced in consequence by .785 pence to 13.381 pence.

At this stage the Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to a meeting to be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, 2nd March, 1959.

### APPLICATION OF ST. PATRICK'S COPPER MINES LTD. RE WHITE BRIDGE, AVOCA :

The County Manager submitted correspondence with St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd., Avoca, in which they enquired if the Council could erect a new bridge at White Bridge, Avoca, to replace the existing bridge which was not strong enough to carry vehicles they proposed to use for transporting ore from East Avoca. The Company suggested that they would give consideration to paying the difference in cost between the erection of a bridge to carry normal traffic and the cost of a bridge to carry the heavier traffic required to serve the Mines. As an alternative, the Company enquired if the existing bridge could be shored or otherwise strengthened to carry a 12 to 15 ton load. The Company stressed that it was important to them to have access to East Avoca within 4 to 5 months to ensure a continuous full tonnage to the concentrator. The Council noted the report of the County Engineer in which he stated that the existing bridge was sufficient to meet existing needs, having regard to the type of road served by it, and pointed out that a new bridge could not be planned and erected in a period of from 4 to 5 months. The County Engineer suggested that the Company might consider obtaining a "Baley" Bridge which could be speedily erected and placed upstream of the existing bridge and be available to Mine traffic only. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the County Engineer have further discussions with representatives of the Company and that an enquiry be made from the Department of Local Government as to whether a Special Grant could be made available for a new bridge or improvements to the existing bridge.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd March, 1959, at 2 p.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, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; S. O'Maicin, J. Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey and P. McGuinness, were present.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 26th February, 1959, from Councillor W. Lawless who was ill in hospital in England and unable to attend. In his letter Councillor Lawless asked that the Council provide for the extension of the water supply at Ashford to serve the Council Cottages and also urged that repairs be carried out to roads leading to the cottages at Knockroe and St. Brigid's Park. He appealed to the Council to provide as much money as possible for works of a labour-absorbing nature and wished the Council every success in their deliberations. The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates and approved by the Council for loan charges in respect of the cost of the extension of the watermain at Ashford to serve certain groups of cottages. As regards repairs to the roads at Knockroe and St. Brigid's Park, these matters would be submitted to the Local Roads Committee Meeting.

A letter received from Rev. S. McGeehan, C.C., The Presbytery, Valley-mount, asking that the Council contribute a sum of £250 towards a Scheme for the provision of a new road and bridge connecting the Granabeg Road and the Knocknadruc/Granamore Road was submitted. The County Secretary stated that it did not seem that the Council would have any authority to contribute to these works. The Council decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor for his advice as to whether the Council had any power to make a contribution in this case.

Councillor McCarthy handed in memorials from farmers in the Cloon-Moneyteigue district regarding the roads and also regarding Ballynattan Road.

Councillor McCarthy's proposal, seconded by Councillor Quigley, that the Council approve of the Estimate submitted under the heading of Road Services was submitted to the Council. Councillor Hadden suggested that the amount to be provided for Road Services be reduced by an amount equivalent to 5d. in the £, but the proposition not being seconded was withdrawn. Councillor McCarthy's proposal was then submitted to the Council and passed, Councillor Hadden dissenting.

It was

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

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 £ levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1960 :—

Roads	...	...	...	9/10.47
Health	...	...	...	9/7.67
Mental Hospital	...	...	...	2/7.18
Public Assistance	...	...	...	1/3.24
Sanitary	...	...	...	3/0.34
Housing	...	...	...	3/0.38
General Purposes	...	...	...	5/1.72
Separate Charges:				
Vocational Education	...	...	...	1/1.38
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board				0.28

Passed, with Deputy J. Everett dissenting.

It was

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

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, 1960, as follows :—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	2,075	9,099	1,744
Health	5,335	23,388	4,484
Mental Hospitals	1,728	7,576	1,453
Public Assistance	969	4,251	815
General Purposes	698	2,967	586
Separate Charges	678	—	570

Passed, Deputy J. Everett dissenting.

The Council decided to hold meetings of the members for the Electoral Areas to consider the Road Works Programme for the coming year as follows :—

At Shillelagh : On Wednesday, 11th March, 1959, at 11 a.m.

At Town Hall, Bray : On Friday, 6th March, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

At Courthouse, Wicklow : On Monday, 9th March, 1959, following the termination of the Council meeting.

At Courthouse, Baltinglass : On Wednesday, 4th March, 1959, at 3 p.m.

The County Manager's Statement in regard to the Estimates and the Table Explanatory of the Estimates were as follows :—

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse, Wicklow.  
13th February, 1959.

## Estimates for Financial Year, 1959/1960

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1960, 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 £927,865. Receipts are estimated at £425,540. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £502,325.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were: Gross Expenditure, £893,093; Receipts, £422,542; Net amount to be met from Rates, £470,551.

The total rate required for the coming year if these Estimates were approved would be 35/9d. in the £, which would be an increase of 2/7d. over that levied in the present year, which is 33/2d.

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	1959/60	1958/59	Inc./Dec.
Roads	9/10.47	9/10.79	0.32 dec.
Health	10/00.70	8/00.50	2/0.20 inc.
Mental Hospital	2/7.18	2/7.55	0.37 dec.
Public Assistance	1/3.62	1/3.22	0.40 inc.
Sanitary	3/0.34	2/11.96	0.38 inc.
Housing	3/8.76	3/1.34	7.42 inc.
General Purposes	5/1.93	5/2.64	0.71 dec.

As mentioned the Estimates now submitted would involve an increase of 2/7d. over the rate in the present year, and this rise can be attributed to two items, that is, the cost of Hospital treatment, which is up by 2/-, and the additional provision included for Housing Repairs which would account for the remaining 7d. It will be noted that the other rates show very little variation.

The Council already is aware of the steep rise in the cost of Hospital treatment, as some months ago a special report on the matter was submitted. The Hospitals which have sought higher maintenance charges are St. Columcille's, Loughlinstown, and Newcastle Sanatorium. Last year additional provision had to be made for Hospital treatment, but even this was found to be inadequate.

If the Council is to accelerate Cottage Purchase it would be necessary to make greater provision for repairs, and this is the reason for including over £8,000 extra in this respect.

## ROADS

In the coming year the Estimates Rate for Roads is 9/10.47d., which is almost exactly the same as the levy in the present year. With this Estimate it is intended that the Road Works would correspond in volume to those undertaken in 1958/59.

In the current year the Schemes for improving Main Roads and reconstructing County Roads proceeded satisfactorily. The usual maintenance, such as tar surface dressing, normal repairs and drainage, were carried out on the Main Roads. In addition, there was a number of major improvements intended to facilitate the freer and safer flow of traffic on the more important routes. Amongst the works undertaken were:

Bray/Wicklow/Arklow Road—Improvement of corner at Cove's Cross, Ashford.  
Aughrim/Woodenbridge/Arklow Road—Removal of dangerous bends and rebuilding of Coates' Bridge.

Aughrim/Carnew Road—Alignment and reconstruction at Forttown and at Kilmacavan.

Aughrim/Moyne/Knockanna—Reconstruction and widening near Askanagap.  
Hacketstown/Kitegan Road—Easement of corners at Portrushen.

Aughavannagh via Mullens Cross to Glen of Imaal—Improvements between Ballinabarney and Mullens Cross.

Dublin/Blessington/Baltinglass Road—Alignment and superelevation at Tuckmill and Saundersgrove.

Dublin/Blessington/Baltinglass Road—Resurfacing at Merginstown.

Baltinglass/Tullow Road—Easing corner and resurfacing at Clough.

Newtownmountkenedy/Roundwood Road—Reconstruction of road via Ballynaslaughter.

Kilmacanogue via Old Long Hill to Roundwood—Reconstruction of road between Ballybawn and Annacarter.

Togher/Lough Dann Road—Reconstruction.

Shelton/Ballinaheese Road—Reconstruction of road towards Barniskey.

Annacurra/Ballycoogue—Reconstruction.

Wicklow/Greystones/Bray Road—Removal of corner and construction of new length of road at Half-Moon, Kilruddery.

Blessington/Sallygap/Wicklow Road—Improvements at Three Castles.

In addition, further progress was made with the programme for the reconstruction of County Roads which was started in 1949. In the intervening period of 10 years 371 miles of County Road have been reconstructed. The work, apart from providing a new smooth dust-free tarred surface, also entails widening and new foundations. Modern techniques, however, have enabled a much greater rate of progress to be achieved than was at first envisaged. Prior to 1949 less than 10% of the total mileage of County Roads (which is 896) had tarred surfaces. In the past year 48.3 miles were reconstructed and a further 41.67 miles surfaced for the first time, and this brought the total mileage of tarred County Roads to 477 and the percentage to 53%. Modern plant and the application to road making of the results of research which have been undertaken here and in other countries in the past 12 years or so have enabled this reconstruction to be undertaken at a speed and with an economy in cost which would not have been possible in former times. The levelling of the uneven stone and clay surfaces which previously existed and the provision of suitable foundations for the new tarred surface could have entailed very heavy expenditure if modern machinery had not been available. Roughly the cost of reconstruction has been reduced to less than one-half of what it would have been if the old methods had been followed. When to-day there is so much stress on greater productivity and enlarged output, it is not inappropriate to mention that the Council in road making has achieved this in no small measure. The programme which is being followed to-day could not, it is evident, be put in hands if the output of materials were not altogether greater than formerly and if they could not be rapidly transported from the place of production to wherever required.

From time to time one hears criticism of the scale of works on Main Roads. It is claimed that they are too elaborate and too costly, but any investigation of the matter would show that the improvements to Main Roads in this county are quite modest in character when compared to those being undertaken elsewhere. Indeed, it might even be claimed that the works only meet immediate requirements and that a more comprehensive view of future traffic needs should be taken. There are no very long straight stretches of new roads being made, and in fact the Scheme in County Wicklow is being confined to the removal of bad corners and the provision of roads which will have gradual curves rather than straight stretches. The results should lead to greater ease and safety in travel and at the same time to the retention of the pleasant scenic background which has been a feature of County Wicklow roads. Towards the latter end, moreover, the County Council has been carrying out a programme of tree planting on Main Roads which should ensure that road margins would have something better to show than unkempt and weed-grown grass verges backed by concrete posts and wire mesh fencing. For a county such as Wicklow which is dependent so much on the tourist industry it is felt that variety of scenery and view along Main Roads can result in favourable impressions for visitors.



The Main Road improvements, it should be stressed, are being financed by the Road Fund which is derived from Motor Taxation. In the planning of them regard must be had to standards which have been prescribed by the Central Authority and which take into account the requirements of traffic routes which are intended to serve long-distance travellers. It is notable that local residents may be critical of the magnitude of a road work which to them may not seem completely necessary, but it may be very welcome to the long-distance traveller especially the driver of public service vehicles or heavy transport. The places at which works are to be undertaken have been determined after an examination of statistics relating to accidents and are also supported by figures derived from a census of traffic. In reviewing the cost of these works regard also should be had, it is felt, to the very large sums which nowadays are awarded by the Courts in respect of traffic accidents.

The employment which is afforded by the Road Works Scheme is a consideration which is always uppermost in the minds of the Council when reviewing road works. It is unfortunate that in this country owing to a lack of other forms of employment there is often a tendency to regard Road Works merely as Employment Schemes. It can mean that instead of questions of efficiency and economic results being the major determining factors, the measure of employment and the area in which it is being afforded must be given priority. In the past year every effort again was made to give maximum employment and, moreover, there was an intensive investigation into costs with a view to seeing where reductions under some headings, especially in relation to machinery, could be made and a greater part of the funds available be devoted to giving employment. In former years it was necessary to spend quite considerable sums in the hire of Plant, but in the past year this outlay was reduced to negligible proportions without at the same time reducing the volume of work. The work, moreover, was more evenly spread over the financial year with the result that there were not the peak and valley periods in the numbers employed which used obtain in former years. Notwithstanding the absence of special Grants which would afford additional employment at Christmas, such as Drainage Grants, the Council was able to employ practically the same number of men in December as in the years when these Grants were received. Here it is felt that mention should be made of the manner in which the County Engineer and his staff co-operated in the intensive effort to reduce costs. After all it must not be overlooked that after the Estimates had been adopted last year the Council agreed to a wages increase for workmen which undoubtedly would have resulted in a considerable increase in the expenditure in the present year if employment were to be maintained at the same level as previously. In the event it was possible to maintain the previous level of employment because of economies in costs under other headings. It is only fitting too that tribute should be paid to the very valuable services given to the Council by the officer who has been engaged in the past year with the approval of the Council in a special investigation of costs and who received some training in Organisation and Methods.

It is once more necessary to make increased provision for the cost of Superannuation of Employees. Last year it was £4,494 and for 1959/60 it will be £5,172, an increase of £678. The number of employees retiring is still found to be above what might be expected to be average experience. It shows, however, the necessity for taking age into account when any new employees are being recruited to the Council's Staff and being afforded more or less permanent employment. Very many of those who have recently retired were taken into employment at ages exceeding 40.

Provision is being made in the Loan Charges for the reconstruction of Arklow Road Bridge. The Scheme is of a complex character and it is taking some time to settle the details. Laragh Bridge was finished in the beginning of the present financial year. Recently an application was received from the Mining Company in Avoca for the building of a new bridge in place of a County Road Bridge known as the White Bridge, which is a wooden structure. The Company intend to transport ore from the western to the eastern side of the river and to meet these requirements the new bridge would be necessary. The matter at present is receiving the attention of the Council. Likewise to assist the Mining Company's activities proposals for improving the road from Avoca to Arklow are being examined.

## HEALTH SERVICES

Once again the cost of the Health Services shows a marked increase, and having regard to their obligations to the community under the Health Acts it is difficult to see how the Council can do anything positive to arrest this upward trend in costs. Four years ago the rate required for Health Services was 7/-, but in the coming year it is necessary to provide for a rate of 10/-.

The total cost of the Health Services, apart from Mental Hospitals, is estimated at £308,292. After taking into account receipts from Government Grants of £141,963 and from other sources of £18,196, the net requirement will be £148,133. This requires a rate of 10/0.7d. which is an increase of 2/0.2d. over that for the present year. The rise in cost is once more attributable to the outlay on Hospital treatment. The Health Services which the Council is obliged to provide make provision for all types of treatment—in Dispensaries, at home and in institutions for persons in the so-called Lower Income Group, i.e., for persons who from their own resources could not be expected to meet any part of the cost. A wide range of services is also being provided for persons in the Middle Income Group, these being persons and their dependants whose yearly means do not exceed £800 or farmers whose valuations do not exceed £50. Up to recently the income limit for this Group had been £600 but a few months ago it was altered to £800. For persons in this Group medical care is provided free of charge for mothers and infants, free specialist services are available subject to a nominal charge and hospital treatment is afforded at a charge not exceeding 10/- per day, which is less than half the normal charge in public hospitals. In practice, however, many persons in this Group may not contribute at the rate of 10/- per day towards the cost of hospital treatment, and in a large number of instances where it is considered that such a contribution would impose hardship, the Council meets the full cost. Where persons may have to remain long periods in hospitals or institutions the Council also may meet part of the cost even though incomes may be beyond the limits already mentioned. Children attending National Schools are provided with treatment free of charge in respect of defects found during the course of School Medical Inspections; B.C.G. Vaccination and Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough are also arranged without charge.

Infectious Diseases are treated free of charge. Tuberculosis is a disease which accounts for by far the greater part of the cost under this heading. In addition to arranging for free treatment, Maintenance Allowances are paid by the Council to persons and their dependants where it is found that the circumstances may require them.

The number of Medical Cards issued by the Council and which entitle persons and their dependants to all services free of cost covers 36% of the population. There still is from time to time some criticism of refusal to issue Medical Cards in some cases, but it is felt that a full acquaintance with the circumstances of the families which were not accepted as being eligible would show that it would not be unreasonable to expect that they might meet from their own incomes the cost involved in casual treatment in the home or at a Dispensary. It is not to be overlooked furthermore that even if Medical Cards be not issued to them there are other services which are available to them without cost, such as hospital treatment, medical care for mothers and infants with choice of doctor and all types of specialist services.

### General Medical Services :

The amount required is practically the same as that in the present year and is £27,681. This is required to meet the cost of the services which are provided through the local Dispensaries and Clinics by the District Medical Officers. 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.

### Institutional Services :

These are of two types :—

- (a) Those provided by the Council in their own institutions, and
- (b) Those afforded in Hospitals in Dublin and elsewhere.

Under this heading Sanatoria and Tuberculosis Hospitals are included.

In the coming year the total cost of treatment in Hospitals and other institutions is estimated at £191,090. In the present year the amount allowed was £158,478. The increase for 1959/60 is £32,612 and in the main is ascribable to:

Extern General Hospitals	...	...	£16,500
Maternity Hospitals	...	...	£2,000
Tuberculosis Hospitals	...	...	£9,600
Council's Own Institutions	...	...	£2,000

#### County Institutions:

All the Council's own institutions, i.e., the County Hospital, the District Hospital, Baltinglass, and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, show a rise in costs, the gross amount being £3,925, which, however, is offset by a rise in receipts, so that the net increase in cost is £1,975. In part, this is ascribable to increases in remuneration to meet cost-of-living which were allowed at the beginning of the present financial year and the balance is due to the greater number of inmates which nowadays have to be kept in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. Whereas some years ago the numbers in St. Colman's Hospital scarcely ever exceeded 200, it is now found that the average is about 230. It is difficult to assign exact reasons for this rise in numbers but it is probably to some extent due to the declining death rate and for the greater part to the growing tendency for old people to be sent to institutions rather than being maintained at home. In this latter connection it seems that owing to the lack of domestic help there would be difficulty nowadays in providing care for old persons in their own homes. The costs of maintenance in County Institutions in the year ended 31st March, 1958, were:

County Hospital, Wicklow	...	£7 4 0 per week
District Hospital, Baltinglass	...	£9 11 9 per week
St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum	...	£2 18 7 per week

#### Fuel for County Institutions:

In 1958 the Council, as has been the practice for many years past, decided to provide their own fuel from bogs in Glenmacnass, Ballinagee and Farbreage. It is unfortunate, however, that the weather was most unsuitable for the saving of turf and consequently only a very small part of what was cut was in a fit condition for use in the Council's institutions. The Council had to resort to the purchase of fuel which involved additional cost. Some machine-won turf was purchased and coal also had to be procured. It is hoped that it may be possible to save during the present year a fair share of the turf cut in 1958. In deciding to provide their own fuel the Council always has borne in mind the extent of the employment which this affords.

#### Extern Institutions:

These include General Hospitals in Dublin City and County; 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 forms of treatment. For the coming year the expenditure on treatment in Extern General Hospitals shows a steep rise and at £66,487 is £16,487 more than in 1958/59. Whilst there is evidence that the tendency towards an increasing resort to hospital treatment continues, the main cause of the sharp rise in costs for the coming year is the new rate of charge for St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, and for Newcastle Sanatorium. The charge in St. Columcille's, Loughlinstown, has gone up from £8 11 6 per week to £10 18 2 per week. In the case of Newcastle Sanatorium the rise has been from £5 15 6 per week to £6 16 6 per week. Both these alterations in charges occurred in the present year, and in the case of Loughlinstown Hospital with retrospective effect, so that there was a large sum to be met by the Council in respect of arrears. This position is reflected in the Estimates by the necessity to provide for a debit balance of £10,656 in the Health Services Account. This is equal to a rate of 10d. in the £.

In the case of treatment for Tuberculosis it is disturbing to find that even though there has been no rise in the incidence of the disease patients are requiring longer periods of hospital treatment. This tendency was recently investigated and it was indicated by the County Medical Officer that it was due to the disease

being found nowadays mainly in the older age groups, with the result that the period of treatment required is longer.

#### Maternity and Child Health Services:

Medical care and hospital treatment is provided for:—

- Mothers and infants (up to 6 weeks);
- Children until they reach school-going age (i.e., 5 or 6 years); through Clinics, Dispensaries and Domiciliary visits from Nurses and Doctors, and
- Children attending National Schools by periodic inspections in such 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, as already mentioned, can obtain medical care with choice of Doctor. The fees payable to medical practitioners for this type of service in the coming year is estimated at £5,000. The other items under this heading are Midwifery and Nursing Services, obstetrical requisites, milk for mothers and children, maternity cash Grants, Child Welfare Service and School Health Service, and shows practically no change except in respect of the Child Welfare Service where there is an increase of £516. This is due to the necessity to carry out repairs to the Health Clinic at Brav. The total cost of Maternity and Child Health Services is estimated at £22,350.

#### Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases:

The total cost is £13,622 as compared with £13,532 last year. Included under this heading are Dispensary and Clinical Services for Tuberculosis, Special Domiciliary Visits by medical and nursing staff to Tuberculosis patients, Mass Radiography examinations, B.C.G. Vaccination Service and Maintenance Allowances. The outlay on Maintenance Allowances towards the support of persons suffering from infectious disease and their dependants is the most costly item in this group and is estimated at £5,000.

In the past 3½ years B.C.G. Vaccination was provided for 6,805 children. Vaccination against Poliomyelitis was introduced some time ago and up to the end of the calendar year 1958 over 2,000 children had been vaccinated. In order to make more rapid progress with this scheme a temporary Medical Officer is at present employed.

#### Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:

The total cost is estimated at £3,356 which is an increase of £160 over the present year. The Council employs a whole-time dentist who is almost completely occupied in connection with the Schools Medical Service. In addition, four part-time dentists are employed on a sessional basis at a number of centres throughout the county. For Ophthalmic work the Council engages the services of specialists on a sessional basis also.

#### Specialist Services:

The total cost shows no change from the present year at £5,350. The Council has made special arrangements for the provision of Specialist Services through the out-patient Clinics attached to Dublin Hospitals. In the period from 1st April, 1958, to 30th September, 1958, 740 persons attended these out-patient Clinics, so that it seems that the yearly number at present is running at about 1,500. The greater part of these attendances would have been for X-ray examinations.

#### Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:

The number of persons at present receiving allowances from the Council because of permanent disability is 230 and the cost for the coming year is estimated at £12,000.

**Boarding-Out, etc., of Children :**

The total cost provided for is £6,330, which is an increase of £2,236 over the present year. The number of children at present boarded out by the Council is 100. There is only a very small number of children in approved schools as it has been the policy of the Council for many years to arrange for the boarding-out of children with foster parents rather than to send them to institutions. The coming into operation of the Adoption Act some years ago has materially affected this item. It is found that the adoption of children has led to a reduction in the numbers who have to be boarded-out, and were it not for this the cost to the Council would nowadays be appreciably higher.

**Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients :**

The cost here at £7,000 shows a rise of £2,000 and is due to the necessity to buy two new ambulances. At present the Council has four ambulances and two of these are over 8 years in operation and have by this time done a very high mileage. They could not possibly be expected to give much further service and there is an urgent need to replace them.

**Supervision of Food and Drink :**

The cost at £2,350 shows a reduction of £570 and is due to the resignation of a Health Inspector, which gave an opportunity to reorganise the service without replacing the officer.

**Contributions to Societies :**

The amount at £1,350 is the same as in the present year. At present the Council is paying subsidies to 7 District Nursing Associations in respect of the services given by their nurses.

**Receipts :**

Of the total receipts of £160,159 the State Health Grant amounts to £141,963. Generally the State recoups 50% of the expenditure, but it is to be noted that loan charges are excluded.

**Treatment in Hospitals and Other Institutions :**

Last year figures were given showing the numbers of persons admitted to institutions for treatment. The total came to 4,718. Below are shown the figures for the year ended 31st March, 1957, and for the year ended 31st March, 1958.

Year Ended	Council's Own Co. Institutions	General Hospitals (Extern)	Special Homes	Tuberculosis Hospitals	Maternity Hospitals (Extern)
31/3/57	1,991	1,906	4	161	628
31/3/58	2,088	2,029	6	134	704

The trend towards a rise in the number of patients admitted to institutions will be evident from these figures. The average number of births in the county is about 1,200 per year and it is found that in the year ended 31st March, 1958, 704 maternity cases were admitted to extern Maternity Hospitals whilst 168 were admitted to the Maternity Unit in the District Hospital, Baltinglass, making a total of 872 for the year.

The foregoing figures of hospital admissions provide conclusive evidence as to the extent of the services being afforded by the Council. The cost of treatment in almost all of these cases was defrayed completely by the Council. But in addition to treatment in institutions, a very large number availed of the services which are provided by the Council through Dispensaries and Clinics, whilst mention already has been made of the number who attended out-patient Clinics in Dublin.

The total rate for the Health Services in the present year after taking into account the levy for Mental Hospitals (which is 2/7.18d.) amounts to 12/7.88d., so that it will be seen that more than one-third of the rate goes towards financing the Health Services.

**MENTAL HOSPITAL**

The Demand for Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the coming year is £82,699, which is an increase of £10,232. Notwithstanding, however, that the actual demand shows an increase, the recoupment from the Health Grant is such that it will counter-balance it. The rate for Mental Hospital charges for the coming year will be 2/7.18d.; in the present year it is 2/7.55d.

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

The services included under Public Assistance are of a welfare character, i.e., social benefits not necessarily associated with health conditions. The amount for the coming year is estimated at £26,196, which would require a rate of 1/3.62. This is practically the same as last year. As mentioned in previous reports, there has been a falling off in recent years in the expenditure on this service and this is mainly due to the provision of alternative types of benefit. In the first place more people are nowadays in insured employment and consequently are eligible for unemployment benefit or for benefit during illness. Under the new Health Services provision is made also for persons who previously might have had to receive assistance, e.g., allowances are now available to persons and their dependants who may be getting treatment for Infectious Diseases and are in need, and again persons who are totally incapacitated and unable to follow any employment are eligible for disability allowances. The cost of these two latter items is £17,000.

In addition to assistance there is also included here the Footwear Scheme under which footwear may be provided for families in need; the cost of Burials, and the Scheme for supplying Fuel to necessitous households. Finally, there is the cost of Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages which is defrayed from Rates and amounts to £825. Fees for Certificates, however, amount to £300, so that the net cost to the Council would be £525.

**SANITARY SERVICES**

These services in which by far the largest item is the repayments of loans for Water and Sewerage Schemes are expected to cost £41,226. There are receipts of £7,889 and the net cost is £33,337, which is £395 greater than last year. The rate required would be 3/0.34d., which is almost the same as last year when the rate was 2/11.86d.

The only item showing any significant change from last year is the cost of maintenance of water supplies and sewerage schemes which are expected to cost £500 more owing to the necessity for meeting the requirements of the new East Wicklow Regional Scheme.

**Public Lighting :**

The Estimate at £3,600 is the same as it was in the present year and is intended to meet the cost of lighting in 48 towns, villages and hamlets.

**Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes :**

As mentioned before, the cost of maintenance is up by £500. The East Wicklow Regional Scheme at present is being completed and will not only augment the supply to the town of Wicklow but will also give a supply to Rathnew, Ashford, Ballinalea and to groups of houses near these places. It is intended in the coming year to provide a water supply from the Regional Scheme for groups of Council cottages at Ballinahinch, Ballinalea and Milltown North and also to supply water to cottages at Merrymeeting, Rathnew.

With the completion of the Regional Scheme, 40 towns and villages in the County of Wicklow will have been provided with piped water supplies; sewage

disposal systems have been provided in 23 towns and villages. Aughrim Sewerage Scheme recently has been completed. It is expected that the final cost of this Scheme will be about £19,000. Drainage was recently installed at Churchlands, Tinahely at a cost of £450 to relieve flooding which it was claimed occurred in connection with the disposal of waste water from houses.

The Council intends in the coming year to proceed with the provision of some further pumps in rural areas. So far 117 pumps have been provided at a total capital cost of £31,000. Borrowing arrangements are at present being made for a new loan. It is suggested, however, that in determining where new pumps are to be installed the Council might follow a policy of only providing them where a minimum number of houses could be served, and it is felt that a reasonable number would be 6. In any future housing programme, moreover, the availability of an adequate water supply should be a major consideration in determining sites, as not only will cottages be found difficult to let if they lack services but expenditure on providing a supply of water in later years can be avoided where cottages are sited in groups close to existing services.

#### Amenity Schemes :

The Council continues to receive assistance from An Bord Failte in providing amenities for tourists. In 1958 a Grant was received for repairs to the pier at Greystones. The total cost is about £2,000, of which half is being defrayed by the Council through a loan and the balance is being met by a Tourist Board Grant. The repairs which have been carried out will result in the harbour at Greystones being used for swimming and fishing, especially deep-sea angling. It is noticeable that already this sport has become very popular with visitors at this seaside resort. Recently the Council has been negotiating with the Board with a view to securing further Grants and it has been arranged that these will be made available for some new shelters, storage structures for fishermen and a Car Park beside the Harbour.

### HOUSING

The total Estimate for Housing is £119,604 and after deducting receipts estimated at £73,125 the net requirement is £45,979 and the rate would be 3/8.76d. The increase of £8,620 over last year is due to the additional provision included in the attached Estimates for repairs to Council houses. The amount so included is £18,660. Last year a similar sum was shown in the Estimates, but the Council after lengthy discussion decided to reduce it to £10,060, and as this had to meet Loan Charges of about £2,600, the amount available for repairs was only £7,400. Some years ago the Council borrowed a loan of £20,000 for repairs to cottages in respect of which Tenant Purchase applications had been received. The loan will not be repaid for another seven years. The number of cottages repaired with the aid of this loan was 339, the average cost being £59. It would not seem good policy to borrow again for housing repairs and consequently if repairs which would assist in furthering the Cottage Purchase Scheme are to be carried out without lengthy delay it would be necessary to make greater provision towards the cost of repairs. This is the reason for including again a sum of £18,660 for this purpose.

The number of Council houses which thus far have been purchased under Cottage Purchase Schemes and in respect of which Orders vesting them in the tenants have been made is 786. Since 1st April last 112 houses were so vested.

Some time ago the Council decided to depart from the Direct Labour system of repairs which had been in operation for many years and to resort to the Contract system. Suitable contractors were found for all areas except West Wicklow and some districts in the South. So far the system seems to be working quite satisfactorily. It has been frequently mentioned that the rents which were determined many years ago bear no relationship to present-day maintenance costs having regard to the changes which have occurred in the meantime in money values and in the incomes of tenants. It is suggested that the Council could be relieved of some of the liability for repairs in the future by proceeding more quickly with the vesting of ownership in the tenants under the Cottage Purchase Scheme and the provision now being made for repairs would serve towards meet-

ing the cost of repairs which have to be carried out before transfer of ownership can be arranged.

#### Housing Reconstruction Grants :

Under Schemes adopted prior to 1958 the Council made Grants to persons with limited incomes who were building houses for their own occupation and also allowed grants towards the cost of reconstruction of dwellings.

As a result of the passing of a special Housing Act in 1958 the Council arranged for a new Scheme under which Grants for reconstruction equivalent to the sums allowed by way of State Grants would be made subject to the condition that the applicant would at least meet one-third of the cost. In addition, a new Scheme permitting of the making of Grants towards the cost of installing water and sewerage was adopted. This, it is felt, could be of particular benefit to rural dwellers.

So far the total number of reconstruction grants which have been approved is 243 and a large number of new applications is being examined. The number of special grants made to persons with limited incomes towards the cost of new houses was 14. The total amount which has been borrowed is £13,000, but it is expected that a new loan may have to be raised in the coming year and provision for additional loan charges is made in the Estimates.

### 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, Disease 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, £18,393; Chargeable to County Health District, £49,860. The corresponding charges in the Estimates for the present year were £18,037 and £51,530. The rate required would be 5/1.93d. as compared with 5/2.65d. in the present year—that is a reduction of almost 1d. There are reductions in the requirements for Overdraft Interest and the County Library Service, but the costs of Civil Defence and Fire Brigades show increases; otherwise the sums to be provided show little variation from the present year.

#### Overdraft Interest :

The provision for Overdraft Interest is £6,000; in the present year it was £7,000. In the past year Road Grants have not been so much in arrear, there has been a reduction in the Rate of Interest and in addition the policy of spreading Road Works more evenly over the year has meant that heavy expenditure in the early part of the year before rates and other receipts were available has been lessened.

#### Public Library :

The reduction here is £1,020 and it has been claimed by the County Librarian that purchase of books would not be necessary to the same extent in the coming year and that furthermore with the existing staff larger issues to centres could not be arranged. At present the Library Service is being socially investigated with a view to determining what improvements could be made as it is not clear that adequate stocks of books are available at all centres or that they are being sufficiently frequently changed in all instances.

#### Drainage Schemes :

In the past year no sums whatever were received under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts for the purpose of Drainage Schemes or other works. In former years sums ranging from £10,000 to £30,000 had been received. It is understood,

however, that these monies were not provided from normal taxation but were made available through funds specially established to help towards economic recovery in Europe, and that in fact they may involve the State in repayments. A sum of £5,000, however, is being included in the Estimates and is offset by a similar receipt.

#### Fire Brigades :

As a result of the general agreement by employers to increase remuneration last year it has been necessary to revise the payments to those employed in the Fire Brigade Service, as their remuneration is related to that paid in other types of industrial and commercial employment. The additional expenditure involved in the coming year will be £785.

#### Civil Defence :

Whereas in the present year the outlay on Civil Defence was only £300, it is expected that in the coming year it will reach £1,039. This, however, will be offset by an increase in receipts from Government Grant and the net requirement will be £344.

### SEPARATE CHARGES

#### Vocational Education Committee :

The cost of Vocational Education is levied by means of a Separate Charge, as Bray Urban Council has its own scheme. The cost in the present year was £12,647 and the rate required was 1/0.48d. in the £. For the coming year, however, there is an increase in the demand of £709. In addition, it would be necessary to include provision for loan charges on the proposed new Vocational Schools at Blessington and Dunlavin which the Committee decided some time ago to establish. The cost of these two buildings is estimated at £50,000, and a year's loan charges from rates, after taking into account Government Grant, would be £1,758. In the Estimates provision for a half-year's loan charge is included and this would be £879. The rate for Vocational Education in the coming year, if this building programme be approved by the Council, would be 1/2.166d. It should be mentioned that in addition to the loan charges involved in the construction of these schools, the staffing and maintenance of them can be expected to involve the Council in considerable additional expenditure in the coming years.

#### Trend of Costs :

It is regretted that it is necessary to submit an Estimate which has to make provision for an increase in the Rate, but from the details already given it will be noted that the item mainly responsible for this feature is the expenditure on the Health Service. It has repeatedly been stressed that the expansion of these services and the introduction of new ones must inevitably lead to rising costs. For the coming year the cost of hospital treatment shows a marked rise, but the figures already given would show that there is an increasing resort on the part of the public to hospital treatment. If improved hospital standards are to be expected, then the provision of them is bound to be reflected in the finances of Local Authorities, seeing that in this country half of the cost of Health Services has to be met from Rates.

It is to be expected that once more there will be the usual criticism of Local Authorities because of an upward trend in the rates and it will also be surprising if such critics will have any positive contributions to make. As has frequently been mentioned, Local Authorities could readily achieve savings by abandoning or curtailing some of the services which they nowadays provide, but nobody suggests that this might be done. Continuous attention is given throughout the year to measures which could achieve greater efficiency or secure lower costs in the administration of the Council's services. It is felt that any detached examination of them will confirm that the standards which obtain are reasonable and that in fact an unusually wide range of services is being provided at comparatively low costs. There is a strange reluctance frequently on the part of members of

the public to admit that they themselves may have benefited through the private needs which are met or the amenities which are provided by the Council. Just to take one example, it is found that the number of births in this county is roughly 1,200 in the year on an average, and in the year 1958 the number of applications to avail of the Mother and Child Services—a completely free service—was 1,121. Again, more than 40% of the population live in houses which have been erected by the Council. But, in addition, the Council has not only made loans to enable people to build their own houses but also in the past few years has made grants to over 200 persons who were reconstructing their own houses. Apart from the very obvious improvements in roads in the past 10 years or so, new water supplies have been provided, sewerage has been improved or installed for the first time in some districts and public lighting is now available in every town, village and hamlet in the county.

The Council, however, is still finding a very strong demand for new services and amenities. At every meeting there are proposals—which obviously derive from representations to Councillors by local groups—that more roads be taken over, improved and maintained at the public expense. There has recently been the proposal to which reference has been made for the erection of two new Vocational Schools. All these items inevitably must result in increased charges in the Rates.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked and any further details, in addition to the information given in this report, will be supplied when they are being considered at the Estimates meeting on 23rd February, 1959.

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

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial  
Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1960.

## 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	69,721	69,721
Loan Charges ... ..	2,633	2,633	3,368	3,368
Contingencies ... ..	500	500	500	500
<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	4,220	4,220
Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistants ... ..	950	950	1,800	1,800
Salaries—Clerical Staff, Co. Engineer's Office ... ..			1,972	1,972
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers ...	537	537	1,055	1,055
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Servants ...	2,983	2,983	2,189	2,189
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 Reinstatements ... ..	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous ... ..	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£116,339	£116,339	£142,385	£142,385

## 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	3,010	3,010
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	160	160
Weighbridge Receipts ... ..	60	60		
Railway Overbridges ... ..	75	75		
Contributions from Established Servants (Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948) ... ..	750	750	1,490	1,490
	£61,337	£61,337	£62,760	£62,760

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1960.

## HEALTH

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<b>General Medical Services :</b>		
Salaries—District Medical Officers ... ..	16,970	16,970
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
Insurance, etc. ... ..	450	450
Loan Charges ... ..	1,500	1,500
	(27,681)	(27,681)
<b>Institutional Services :</b>		
County Hospital ... ..	12,750	12,750
District Hospital, Baltinglass ... ..	21,553	21,553
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's, Rathdrum ... ..	34,250	34,250
	(68,553)	(68,553)
<b>Extern Institutions :</b>		
General Hospitals ... ..	66,487	57,887
Maternity Hospitals ... ..	10,000	8,600
Tuberculosis ... ..	35,000	35,000
Fever Hospitals ... ..	3,500	3,500
Homes for Mental Defectives ... ..		
Deaf and Dumb, etc. ... ..	6,500	6,500
Homes for Other Persons ... ..	1,050	1,050
	(122,537)	(110,037)
<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 ... ..	5,500	5,500
Obstetrical Requisites ... ..	850	850
Milk for Mothers and Children ... ..	3,350	3,350
Maternity Cash Grants ... ..	3,000	3,000
Child Welfare Service ... ..	1,850	1,850
School Health Service ... ..	2,750	2,750
	(22,350)	(22,350)
Carried forward ... ..	£241,121	£228,621

## HEALTH—Continued

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Brought forward ... ..	241,121	228,621
<b>Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases :</b>		
Tuberculosis :		
Salaries ... ..	2,709	2,709
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses ... ..	1,950	1,950
Domiciliary Welfare Service :		
Food, Clothing, Bedding ... ..	1,150	1,150
Mass Radiography Service ... ..	863	863
B.C.G. Service ... ..	1,000	1,000
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 ... ..	5,000	5,000
	(13,622)	(13,622)
<b>Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services :</b>		
Salaries and Travelling Expenses ... ..	1,786	1,786
Fees for Professional Services ... ..	1,000	1,000
Dental, Optical and Aural Appliances ... ..	400	400
Extern Institutions—Out Patients Services ... ..	20	20
Furniture and Equipment ... ..	100	100
Clinic or Health Centre Expenses ... ..	50	50
	(3,356)	(3,356)
<b>Specialist 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 Grant and Other Expenses ... ..	12,000	12,000
	(12,000)	(12,000)
<b>Boarding Out, etc., of Children :</b>		
Maintenance, Clothing and Education ... ..	5,880	5,880
Approved Schools ... ..	450	450
	(6,330)	(6,330)
<b>Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients</b> ... ..	7,000	6,000
	(7,000)	(6,000)
Carried forward ... ..	288,779	275,279

## HEALTH—Continued

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Brought forward ...	£288,779	£275,279
<b>Supervision of Food and Drink</b> ...	2,350 (2,350)	2,350 (2,350)
<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 ...	3,378	3,378
Salaries—General Office Staff ...	3,437	3,437
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
	(10,125)	(10,125)
<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 ...	250	250
Proportion of Salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst ...	1,272	1,272
<b>Loan Charges</b> ...	150 (1,672)	150 (1,672)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> ...	£308,292	£294,792
Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Government Grants—Health Grant ...	£141,963	£135,213
Contributions from Patients for Institutional Services ...	7,500	7,500
Extern Institutions ...	1,500	1,500
<b>Other Receipts:</b>		
Hire of Ambulances ...	150	150
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 ...	5,700	5,700
Contributions to Superannuation ...	1,124	1,124
Miscellaneous ...	400	400
	£160,159	£153,409

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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## MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Money Supplied to Joint Committee ...	82,699	82,699

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Grant under Health Act, 1947 ...	36,899	36,899

## 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 ...	4,383	4,821
Retiring Allowances ...	1,177	239
Fuel Schemes and Other Expenses ...	1,700	1,700
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	£27,445	£26,945

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
Repayment of Burial Expenses ...	10	10
Refund of Fees ...	300	300
Superannuation Contributions ...	64	64
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	£1,249	£1,249



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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	2,770	2,770
Burial Grounds	987	987
Engineering Staff—Proportion of Salaries and Travelling Expenses	2,122	2,122
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	8,000	8,000
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	19,945	19,945
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£41,226</b>	<b>£41,226</b>

Nature of Income	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	5,029	5,029
Water Undertakings	2,100	2,100
Burial Fees	550	550
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuation	30	30
	<b>£7,889</b>	<b>£7,889</b>

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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	1,611	1,611
Retiring Allowances	462	462
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (Portion)	3,760	3,760
Rent Collectors' Poundage	3,920	3,920
Cottage Repairs	18,660	10,060
Loan Charges	66,384	66,384
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	902	902
<b>TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES</b>	<b>£119,104</b>	<b>£110,504</b>

Purpose of Expenditure	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	27,625	27,625
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>£73,125</b>	<b>£73,125</b>

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Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1960.

## 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 ...			5,445	5,445
Town and Regional Planning Acts ...			20	20
Tourist Development ...	500	500		
Scholarships:				
Secondary ...	2,260	2,260		
University ...	1,650	1,650		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes ...			5,000	5,000
<b>Other Purposes:</b>				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses ...	4,057	4,057	8,685	8,685
Cost of Rate Collection—Commission and Assessment ...			11,391	11,391
Cost of Rate Collection—Superannuation ...			1,106	1,106
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions ...			1,200	1,200
Tramway Employees Pensions ...			700	700
Pensions:				
Late Union Officers ...	580	580		
Late R.D. Council's Officers Co. Officers and Servants ...	115	115	124	124
Franchise and Jurors' Lists Valuation ...	2,000	2,000	1,677	1,677
Legal Expenses ...	175	175	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		
Carried forward ...	£12,773	£12,773	£44,315	£44,315

## GENERAL PURPOSES—Continued

Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward ...	12,773	12,773	44,315	44,315
Fire Brigades ...			9,787	9,787
Drainage of Land ...	50	50		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools ...	1,700	1,700		
Conveyance of Prisoners ...	100	100		
Weights and Measures ...	400	400		
Food and Drugs ...	120	120		
County Analyst ...	370	370		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme ...	2,000	2,000		
Milk and Dairies and Slaughter of Animals Acts ...			584	584
Road Fund Expenses ...	367	367		
Blind Persons' Acts ...	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ...	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts ...	1,039	1,039		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors ...	746	746		
Sheep Dipping Scheme ...	1,265	1,265		
General Cattle Diseases Fund Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order ...	340	340		
Courthouses and Offices: Repairs and Renewals ...	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses ...	400	400	400	400
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants ...	180	180	350	350
Loan Charges ...			682	682
Expenses of Pounds ...			75	75
Audit Fees ...			350	350
Travelling Expenses: County Councillors ...	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees ...	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft: General Account ...			6,000	6,000
Miscellaneous ...	30	30	300	300
Materials Expense (Balance) ...				
Machinery Expense (Balance) ...				
	£26,832	£26,832	£63,543	£63,543

## 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 ... ..			5,000	5,000
Contribution to Retiring Allowances ... ..	64	64	100	100
Licences Fees :				
Poison ... ..	6	6		
Cinematograph ... ..			7	7
Fines under Food and Drug Acts ... ..	50	50		
Public Libraries ... ..			180	180
Seeds and Fertilisers Suppl. Scheme—Repayments ...	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments :				
Franchise and Jurors' Expenses ... ..	385	385		
Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses ... ..	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts ... ..	583	583		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			2,423	2,423
Diseases of Animals :				
(a) General ... ..	373	373		
(b) Sheep Dipping ... ..	633	633		
(c) Compensation — Bovine T.B. Order ... ..	700	700		
Milk and Dairies Acts—Contributions from Urban District Councils ... ..			97	97
Fees Refunded by Co. Secretary :				
(i) Franchise and Jurors ...	250	250		
(ii) Motor Registration ...	1,876	1,876		
(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 ... ..			4,155	4,155
Rents from County Property	140	140	30	30
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees ... ..	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation ... ..	800	800	750	750
Miscellaneous ... ..	100	100	300	300
	£8,439	£8,439	£13,683	£13,683

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1960.

## SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Vocational Education Committee :				
Demand ... ..	13,356	13,356		
Repayment of Loans ... ..	4,190	2,432		
Retiring Allowances ... ..	873	873		
Rathrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board ... ..			248	248
Total for Separate Charges ...	£18,419	£16,661	£248	£248

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 ...	2,095	1,216		
Recoupment Proportion of Pensions :				
Department ... ..	£437			
Leitrim ... ..	£10			
Sligo ... ..	£7			
Kildare ... ..	£53			
Carlow ... ..	£1			
Superannuation Contributions	508	508		
	200	200		
	£2,803	£1,924		

**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		Net Amounts Chargeable to Districts			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Calculation of Net Sum Required to be Raised			
	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	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					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
ROADS ...	116,339	142,385	61,337	62,760	55,002	79,625	2,075	9,099	1,744	121,709			121,709	9/10.47
HEALTH ...	294,792		153,409		141,383		5,335	23,388	4,484	108,176		10,656	118,832	9/7.67
MENTAL HOSPITALS	82,699		36,899		45,800		1,728	7,576	1,453	35,043	3,010		32,033	2/7.18
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	26,945		1,249		25,696		969	4,251	815	19,661	4,000		15,661	1/3.24
SANITARY ...		41,226		7,889		33,337				33,337		4,000	37,337	3/0.34
HOUSING ...		110,504		73,125		37,379				37,379			37,379	3/0.38
GENERAL PURPOSES ...	26,832	63,543	8,439	13,683	18,393	49,860	698	2,967	586	64,002	596		63,406	5/1.72
	£547,607	£357,658	£261,333	£157,457	£286,274	£200,201	£10,805	£47,281	£9,082	£419,307	£7,606	£14,656	£426,357	34/7.00

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £246,557 19s. 0d.

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

**Wicklow County Council**

**MINUTES  
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MEETING**



**Held on**

**MONDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1959**

Wicklow Press, Wicklow

# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with housing matters was held at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd March, 1959, following the termination of the Estimates Meeting.

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, 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 and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer, P. McGuinness, C. Boyle and J. J. Caffrey, attended.

## AGENDA.

1. Proposed Sale of Vested Cottages: Reports regarding applications for permission to sell cottages at Athdown, Manor Kilbride, and Arch Villas, Greystones.
2. Reconstruction Grants: Application for Supplementary Grant towards the cost of reconstruction of house at Herbert Road, Bray.
3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley re cottages occupied by Mr. Patrick Kennedy, Rodenagh, and John Murray, Castlemacadam, Avoca.
4. Report on water supply to pump on Tomacork/Cronehorn Road.
5. Agreement signed by persons at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, regarding termination of water supply to pumps on roadside.
6. Application for Loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959: Reports on applications deferred at previous meeting.

### ITEM No. 1—PROPOSED SALE OF VESTED COTTAGES.

The County Secretary submitted correspondence in regard to applications for permission to sell vested cottages at Athdown, Manor Kilbride, and Arch Villas, Greystones. The Council noted the advice of the Council's Solicitor that Mr. James McGrath who proposed to purchase the vested cottage at Athdown, Manor Kilbride, was not a qualified person and in consequence his application to purchase could not be considered. The Council noted the reports of the Rent Collectors from which it appeared that the late Patrick Wafer who had been a tenant of vested cottage at Arch Villas, Greystones had also been the tenant of a vested cottage in Co. Wexford. The Council decided to defer a decision on the matter for further enquiries.

### ITEM No. 2—RECONSTRUCTION GRANT.

An application for payment of a Reconstruction Grant of £140 in respect of a house known as Herbert Lodge, Herbert Road, Bray, owned by the Pembroke Estates was submitted to the Council. The Chairman suggested that the matter be deferred and that the Council's Engineer submit a special report on the condition of the house as reconstructed, particularly from the point of view of dampness. The Council agreed to defer the matter for the report.

### ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY RE COTTAGES OCCUPIED BY MR. PATRICK KENNEDY, RODENAGH, AND JOHN MURRAY, CASTLEMACADAM, AVOCA.

In regard to the cottage occupied by Mr. Patrick Kennedy, Rodenagh, the report of the Assistant County Engineer on his inspection of the cottage was submitted. The Council noted that woodwork in the cottage had been infected with woodworm and that the cost of repairs to the roof would be about £90. The Council agreed to the repairs being carried out to the roof and agreed that a specimen of the flooring infected with woodworm be sent to a specialist firm and advice obtained as to the method of treatment.

In regard to the cottage occupied by John Murray, Castlemacadam, Avoca, the Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer that he had called at the cottage some months previously but had been unable to get in but had visited it again and had found that all that it required was that the eave gutters at the back be reset and new sash fitted to one of the windows. He had informed the wife of the tenant that broken panes of glass would have to be replaced by the tenant. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the tenant's wife informed him that they had no intention of buying out the cottage. The Council noted the terms of the report and agreed that the repairs be carried out to the gutters and the sash for the window.

**ITEM No. 4—REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY TO PUMP ON TOMACORK / CRONEYHORN ROAD.**

As requested by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the County Secretary stated that a sample of the water from the pump at Croneyhorn had been submitted for analysis and the report showed that the water was satisfactory. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the pump was sited about 250 yards above the cottages on the Croneyhorn/Tomacork Road and that 5 families used the supply from the pump. Councillor J. J. McCrea produced a sample of the water taken from the pump showing that the water was very much discoloured with rust. The Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that some difficulties had been experienced in regard to certain pumps due to the rusting of the galvanised pipes used in pumps. He suggested that experiments might be made for using plastic pipe instead, but pointed out that there might be some difficulties in regard to using this pipe. It was agreed that the pump receive attention in order to eliminate the rust.

In regard to an enquiry from Councillor Cleary concerning a pump at Kilmurray the Assistant County Engineer reported that the pump was sunk some years ago to a depth of about 53' and was successful for a while but sand got in at the bottom and in the course of pumping filled up the pump hole completely. Later the Council took up the deep well pump and put in a shallow well pump but this also became silted up. He suggested that the only remedy would be to remove the sand for a depth of 20' or so and make sieve analysis of it. When this was done it would be necessary to sink a perforated tube inside the present 6" tube covered with suitable non-corrosive mesh inside which it was hoped the present shallow pump would be able to operate. The Assistant County Engineer stated that it would be difficult to estimate the cost of the work but thought that it would be about £40. The Council approved of the work being carried out.

**ITEM No. 5—WATER SUPPLY AT OLDCOURT, MANOR KILBRIDE.**

The County Secretary submitted Agreement signed by persons at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, that the two taps supplying water on the roadside be cut off by the Council immediately as the supply of water from the taps was no longer required. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the Agreement had been signed by all persons who were known to have used the taps.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That having noted Agreement signed by 13 persons at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, being all the persons who are known to have made use of the taps supplying water on the roadway at Oldcourt, we approve of the water supply to these two taps being cut off by the Council, as the supply to the taps is no longer required."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.**

With reference to the application of Mr. Denis Kelly, Glendine, Blacklion, Greystones, for a loan of £1,300 from the Council for the purchase of a new house at La Touche Place, Greystones, the County Secretary stated that particulars of the annual outgoings in respect of loan charges, rent, ground rent, rates, etc., had been supplied to Mr. Kelly and it had been pointed out to him that the annual outgoings would amount to between £140 and £150 per annum which would represent a substantial proportion of his income which had been confirmed at £561-4-6 per annum. Mr. Kelly had replied stating that he appreciated the information supplied by the Council but that he could not rent a house in Greystones even at £150 per annum and consequently wished to proceed with his application.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of a loan of £1,300 being made to Denis Kelly, Glendine, Blacklion, in respect of erection of house at Site No. 1, La Touche Place, Greystones."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1959.**

The Council considered reports on applications which had been deferred at the previous meeting of the Council. The Council noted that the applications of Brian O'Brien and Michael G. O'Brien, 14 Harbour Road, Arklow, had been withdrawn as their mother had ascertained that her income exceeded the maximum allowed under the Scheme."

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That having considered further applications to compete under Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959, we approve of the following applications :—

Thomas Byrne, 41 Upper Tinnahask, Arklow.  
Patricia C. Connolly, 1 Fr. Colohan Tce., Bray.  
Donal Keenan, 1 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim.  
Thomas Edward Kelly, Ballyfree, Glenealy.  
John P. Lee, 34 St. Michael's Tce., Arklow.  
Edward P. McCarthy, 43 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.  
Anne Murray, Raheen, Dunlavin.  
Oliver Newsome, Milltown North, Rathnew.  
Thomas J. Nolan, Coolakay, Enniskerry.  
Mary O'Duffy, 8 O'Connell Tce., Arklow.  
James Ryder, 8 St. Peter's Place, Arklow.  
Ann P. Shaw, Bayleaf, Esplanade, Bray.  
Mary Wedick, 9 Main Street, Rathdrum.

We refuse the following application as not complying with Clause 4 of the Scheme: Joseph Noel Kinsella, 20 Mellow's Avenue, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred the applications of James S. Hickey, 33 Main Street, Arklow, and James Moore, 18 Upper Main Street, Arklow, pending receipt of further information regarding income.

#### **Application for Use of County Arms:**

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Assistant Secretary of the County Wicklow Ploughing Association applying for permission to use the County Arms and Crest on Plaques which it was intended to present to Mr. John Halpin and Miss Muriel Sutton in honour of their recent ploughing victory. The Council agreed that permission be given to the County Wicklow Ploughing Association to use the County Wicklow Coat of Arms and the Crest on the Plaques.

#### **Applications for Approval to Erection of Petrol Filling Stations:**

The County Secretary stated that a letter of 27th February, 1959, had been received from the Department of Local Government conveying the Minister's views in regard to considerations to be taken into account when considering applications for the erection of petrol filling stations. The County Secretary stated that a copy of the circular would be sent to each member and the matter included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

#### **Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875-1936:**

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 23rd February, 1959, from the Department of Health it had been indicated that sampling duties under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts would be transferred to Local Authority officers with effect as from 1st April, 1959. These duties had up to now been performed by the Garda Síochána. It was the opinion of the Minister that the duties should be carried out by Health Inspectors under the general supervision of the Chief Medical Officer. The Council noted the arrangements to be made.

#### **Cottage Repairs:**

In reply to enquiry from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that arrangements were being made to invite tenders for Cottage Repairs for the coming year.



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**MONDAY, 9th MARCH, 1959**

**Wicklow Press, Wicklow**

# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th March, 1959, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended :

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Wm. Cleary, John Quigley, Alan Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, John Smyth and J. W. 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.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, and from Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman.

## Appointment of Chairman :

Due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

“ That Councillor J. J. McCrea take the chair.”

Passed unanimously.

## AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 5th January, 1959.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account.
3. To fill vacancy on Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
4. Appointment of Nominee in respect of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy that Dr. Patrick McCartan, Greystones, be nominated for office of Presidency by Wicklow County Council.
6. Report regarding meeting of representatives of the Council with members of Brittas Bay Development Association.
7. Proposed abandonment of portion of road at Rathclaren, Killarney Road, Bray.
8. Revision of remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel.
9. Revision of salary scale of Clerical Officers.
10. Extension of opening hours for Branch Libraries and revision of remuneration of Branch Librarians.
11. Proposed disposal of lands at Charvie, Rathnew—Site for County Hospital.
12. Application for Supplementary Grant for reconstruction of house.
13. Application for permission to instal septic tank—Report of County Medical Officer.
14. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding applications for permission for erection of Petrol Filling Station (Copies circulated).

15. Application for plot of land at Car Park, Glendalough, for purpose of erection of stall.
16. Letters from Vocational Education Committee regarding early bus service to Wicklow.
17. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 5th January, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd. for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1959, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd. for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1959, shall not exceed £22,750."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—FILLING OF VACANCY ON BALTINGLASS No. 1 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.**

The County Secretary stated that a recommendation had been received from the Committee for the appointment of Mr. Michael Patterson as a member of the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, Mr. Michael Patterson.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Mr. Michael Patterson as a member of Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Michael Patterson."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE FOR IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,  
Seconded by Councillor A. Hadden,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea, Main Street, Carnew, as a Nominee of Wicklow County Council to represent the Council on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. McCARTHY THAT DR. PATRICK McCARTAN, GREYSTONES, BE NOMINATED FOR OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY BY WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The County Secretary stated that the Presidential Elections Act, 1937, provided that no Resolution of Council nominating a person for the office of President should be passed before the date of the Order made appointing days in respect of the Presidential Election. As the relevant Order had not been made it would not be proper for the Council to nominate a person for the Office of President at that meeting. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that it be deferred until the necessary Order had been made in regard to the appointment of days.

**ITEM No. 6—REPORT OF MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCIL WITH MEMBERS OF BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.**

The County Secretary submitted a report of the meeting held at McDaniel's Hotel, Brittas, on 20th February, 1959, between members of the Brittas Bay Development Association and representatives of the County Council. Mr. H. Delahunt, Brittas, presided at the meeting, and the County Council had been represented by the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, and Councillors Deputy Everett and S. Macken with the County Manager and County Engineer. The items which the Association were seeking were briefly: Water Supply, Public Conveniences, Sewage Disposal System, Public Lighting, Car Parks and Improvements to Roads. Particulars were given of the costs of the extension of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme to Brittas, the cost of Public Conveniences and Public Lighting and of the improvement of roads. The estimated cost of providing Car Parks was also supplied. The County Manager suggested that the valuations of the buildings in the district were exceedingly low and were very low compared with those which would be found in an Urban area or in the North-Eastern part of the county, such as Greystones or Delgany. The income available from rates towards the cost of new services and amenities consequently could be regarded as altogether inadequate. It was pointed out that there had been scattered and sporadic building development along a stretch of road for a distance of up to 6 miles. It was not clear if the Association had given thought to the manner in which development should be undertaken in the future, as it would be undesirable that ribbon building should continue along the Wicklow-Arklow Road. The County Manager asked if the Association had considered if the development should be restricted to certain points in the district so as to ensure that in future services could be economically provided and amenities would not be completely lost. Whilst there was much stress on the character of the district and the attractions it provides, it was noted by the Manager that all access to the sea had now been cut off. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the siting of Car Parks, the extension of the Water Supply, provision of Public Sanitary Conveniences and traffic difficulties during the summer. It was decided that the Council would examine further the possibility of providing one or two Car Parks at Brittas so as to ease traffic congestion in the summer, and the Association

members promised to assist them in connection with the acquisition of sites and securing of access to the sea. It was agreed also that the cost of providing at least one Public Sanitary Convenience should be examined by the Council's Engineering staff. It was stressed by the Manager that if such were provided it should be associated with the Car Park as otherwise traffic problems would result. It was agreed also that the possibility of widening the roadway be examined and that this be considered by the Local Electoral Area Committee when provision was being made in the Roads Estimates for the area in the coming year. In the discussion on the matter members of the Council suggested that An Bord Failte might be able to assist by providing Grants toward the cost of certain of the works or improvements. The County Manager emphasised that public access to the sea should be provided at Brittas and suggested that the Association might be asked to assist in this and in providing sites for Car Parks and Sanitary Conveniences.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That the Brittas Bay Development Association be asked to arrange for public access to the sea at Brittas and to assist in securing sites for car parks and sanitary conveniences in order that the Council could give consideration to proposals for the development of the district."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 7—PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF PORTION OF ROAD AT RATHCLAREN, KILLARNEY ROAD, BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that in 1948 the Council had removed a corner on the main road at Rathclaren near Bray and had laid a new concrete surface. Portion of the old road was no longer used by direct traffic and the Council had proposed to extinguish the right-of-way over the old section of road and hand over the road to the persons having property adjoining and allow the road to remain as a private road serving these properties. The owners of the properties along the old section of road had been approached on the matter a number of years ago but it had not been possible to get Agreement. Recently the matter was raised again at a meeting of Bray Urban District Council in relation to a complaint of itinerants camping on the roadway and the persons having interest in the properties served by the road had been again approached. One of the persons concerned had informed the Council that she would on no account agree to the proposal to extinguish the right-of-way and allow the road to become a private road. The County Manager stated that the right-of-way still existed and could not be extinguished by the Council without the agreement of the interested persons. There was now no necessity for this section of road as a public road and if the persons concerned agreed, the road would be closed off and an entrance gate provided, and then there could be no further difficulty over dumping or trespass. The person who had objected had an exit from her premises to the new section of road. The Council noted the position in the matter and that the difficulties regarding trespass and dumping could be eliminated by the owners of the properties agreeing to the Council's proposals.

#### ITEM No. 8—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL.

The County Secretary stated particulars of the proposed revision of remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel had been submitted to the Council at a previous meeting and had been adjourned for consideration at the Estimates Meeting. The necessary provision had been made in the Estimates as adopted by the Council. The cost of the revision of the remuneration as proposed would be about £750 per annum.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the payment of retaining fees as follows to members of the Fire Brigades at all stations where self-propelled fire engines are available: Station Officer, £53; Sub-Station Officer and Driver Mechanic, £39; Firemen, £26. We approve of the payment of all Brigades for practices at the rate of 10/6 and for attendance at fires at the rate of 10/6 for the first hour and 5/3 for subsequent hours in daytime, and 15/9 for the first hour and 7/10 for subsequent hours at night. We approve also of payment of stand-to allowance to members of the Fire Brigade in Bray at the rate of £1-0-0 per week. We approve of these revised rates of remuneration being paid with effect from 1st April, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 9—REVISION OF SALARY SCALE OF CLERICAL OFFICERS.

The County Secretary stated that for some considerable time past the Irish Local Government Officials' Union had been in negotiation with the Department of Local Government in regard to revision of the salary scale of Clerical Officers and it had now been indicated that the Minister was agreeable to a revision in the scale. The alteration in the scale would affect officers with 12 years service or more. Only 4 Clerical Officers would be affected.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the application of revised salary scale as follows for Clerical Officers in the service of the Council with effect from 1st January, 1958, subject to the sanction of the Minister: £265 x £15 — £385 x £20 — £425 x £25 — £600 x £35 — £635 plus 1955 and 1958 Temporary Allowance."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 10—EXTENSION OF OPENING HOURS FOR BRANCH LIBRARIES AND REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR BRANCH LIBRARIANS.

The County Secretary stated that it had been recommended by the Library Committee and the appropriate provision had been made in the Estimates for an increase in the opening hours for village branch libraries with appropriate adjustment in payment of Branch Librarians whose remuneration was based on the number of opening hours of the Branch. It was proposed to increase the number of opening hours at Branches at Rathdrum, Tinahely, Dunlavin, Carnew, Baltinaglass and Aughrim to 6 hours weekly. Councillor Hadden said that in his opinion the existing hours were sufficient in Tinahely. The Council decided to adjourn the matter and obtain details of the actual opening hours at present and proposed for the various libraries.

#### ITEM No. 11—PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT CHARVIE, RATHNEW.

The Council considered, in Committee, the proposed disposal of lands at Charvie, Rathnew. The County Secretary stated that when the site was put up for sale by public auction the highest bid was £1,450 and the property was withdrawn. After the auction a bid of £1,750 was made but this was not accepted. The original purchase price of the land containing 21.63 acres was £2,200 and in addition the Council redeemed the Annuity and the total cost was £2,548-2-11.

The Council had an application from the G.A.A. Club at Rathnew for the field or the portion of it which they wished to use as a playing fields. It was not clear, however, whether the Club intended to purchase the fields. The Council decided that offers be again invited for the sale of the field by private treaty.

**ITEM No. 12—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSE.**

In the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, it was decided to defer this item.

**ITEM No. 13—APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO INSTAL SEPTIC TANK—REPORT OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER.**

In the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, who had asked for the report it was decided to defer the matter.

**ITEM No. 14—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION FOR ERECTION OF PETROL FILLING STATIONS.**

The Council noted the terms of the letter of 27th February, 1959, from the Department of Local Government in regard to applications for approval to the erection of petrol filling stations, copy of which had been circulated to each member.

**ITEM No. 15—APPLICATION FOR PLOT OF LAND AT CAR PARK, GLENDALOUGH, FOR PURPOSE OF ERECTION OF STALL.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. C. O'Brien, Darele Road, Bray, for permission to buy or rent a portion of ground north of the existing footpath leading from the new Car Park at the Upper Lake, Glendalough, towards the lake with a view to erecting thereon a timber prefabricated stall for the sale of souvenirs, tobacco, etc. The County Secretary stated that the Council had acquired a right-of-way for the public over the portion of land alongside the river between the Car Park proper and the Lake and as the public had a right-of-way over this land, the Council could not permit any structure to be erected on it. Furthermore, the Council had agreed that no trading would be permitted in the Car Park and notices to this effect had been erected. The Council noted that permission could not be given for the proposal.

**ITEM No. 16—LETTERS FROM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REGARDING EARLY BUS SERVICE TO WICKLOW.**

The County Secretary submitted letters of 18th and 27th February from the Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee regarding the Committee's efforts to secure an early bus service into Wicklow town. Having regard to the letter of 27th February, 1959, in which it was indicated that C.I.E. were re-examining the matter, the Council decided to take no action at present.

**Circuit of Bray Cycle Race :**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Bray Amusements Committee for the closing of roads at Bray on Sunday, 6th September, 1959, in connection with the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race. The Council agreed that public notice be given and the matter be then submitted to the Council.

**Courthouse at Newtownmountkennedy :**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the desirability of removing the Old Courthouse building at Newtownmountkennedy and the improvement of the roadway. It was agreed that the owner be approached again on the matter.

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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, at 3 p.m. on Monday, 6th April, 1959.

The following members attended :

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. J. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin and J. Smyth.

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. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of reconstruction of house at Herbert Road, Bray.
2. Report of County Medical Officer re application for permission to instal septic tank at house at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.
3. Proposed extension of watermain from Kilcoole to serve new National School—Estimate of cost.
4. Proposed extensions of water supply to serve groups of Council cottages in Ashford/Rathnew district.
5. Application for loan for purchase of existing house.
6. Proposed sale of vested cottage at Arch Villas, Greystones.

### Factory at Bray :

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that there was an urgent matter which he wished to submit to the Council and on which he felt very strongly. He stated that the Portland Glass Company in Bray which had commenced business about three years previously had been put out of business and the factory had closed. He stated that this was due to a price war and that the factory had been faced with unfair competition. Councillor Edward Byrne and Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., also deplored the closing of the factory and referred to the extent of the employment which had been provided by it and the serious effect the loss of employment would have on the people of the district. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., also expressed concern at the closing of the factory and expressed the hope that as a result of a conference which was being held the factory might be re-opened. Councillor Lawless also supported the protest on behalf of the Kilcoole district.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman,

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

Resolved :—

"That we deplore the closing of the Portland Glass Company in Bray which gave much needed employment in that district and urge that the Government would arrange to take measures to facilitate the immediate re-opening of this factory and that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to receive a deputation from the Council on the matter."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the deputation would consist of the Chairman of the County Council, the three Deputies for the county and the County Manager.

**ITEM No. 1—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT.**

In reference to the application of the Pembroke Estate for a grant of £140 in respect of the reconstruction of Herbert Lodge, Herbert Road, Bray, the County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported on the condition of the house. The Engineer stated that the repair works were being properly undertaken and that the house was suitable for repair and improvement. He pointed out also that the amount of the grant payable represented only a small fraction of the total cost involved in the repairs. The house had also been deemed satisfactory for improvement by the Department of Local Government. In regard to the matter of a damp-proof course, the County Secretary stated that the Engineer would not be in a position to say whether the house had a damp-proof course or not without carrying out a detailed examination. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to another house at Greystones which had been repaired with the aid of a grant and which he did not consider was satisfactory. It was decided to defer consideration of the grant to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO INSTAL SEPTIC TANK AT HOUSE AT ROCKY VALLEY, KILMACANOGUE.**

The Council noted the report of the County Medical Officer in regard to this application to the effect that while the stream adjoining the house might to some extent be polluted, there was nothing resembling a public health nuisance at present, but that should such a circumstance arise, it would be necessary for the Council to take action. The Council noted that the County Medical Officer pointed out that if it were shown that effluent from a septic tank installed by permission of the Council were in fact entering the stream, the Council would be in no case to proceed against any person or persons causing the pollution.

**ITEM No. 3—PROPOSED EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN FROM KILCOOLE TO SERVE NEW NATIONAL SCHOOL.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that a grant of 38½% would be made available towards the annual loan charges on an extension of the watermain at Kilcoole. No special grant other than the grant referred to could be given. The County Engineer gave the cost of providing the extension in 1" heavy gauge P.V.C. pipes at £290. As the extension of the main would be for the purpose of serving the School only, an extension by way of a 4" pipe would not be justified and the 1" pipe would be adequate to serve the School. It had been indicated in a letter from the Department of Local Government when the matter had been raised that they were informed that the cost of the extension would be in the region of £300.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That having considered estimate of County Engineer for extension of watermain from Kilcoole to serve site of new National School and letter of 9th March, 1959, from the Department of Local Government, we approve of proceeding with the Scheme for the work at a cost of £290."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—PROPOSED EXTENSIONS OF WATER SUPPLY TO SERVE GROUPS OF COUNCIL COTTAGES IN ASHFORD/RATHNEW DISTRICT.**

The County Secretary stated that enquiries had been made from 115 cottage tenants if they were prepared to pay an addition of 1/6 per week to their rent to cover the cost of installation of a water supply and payment for water con-

sumed. Of this number 41 tenants had agreed and 74 had not indicated agreement as yet. The position in regard to the various groups of cottages where it was proposed to provide extensions of the mains was as follows: Milltown Lane—Of 5 cottages, one cottage was at present vacant and the remaining 4 tenants had agreed to make the contribution; at Ballinalea, 8 of the 11 cottage tenants had agreed; at Ballinahinch, 7 out of 14 tenants had agreed. In the case of Ballymachara where there were 4 cottages, only one tenant had agreed, but the Secretary pointed out that the cost of extending the main in this case would not be economic in view of the length of main required and the limited number of cottages which might be served. In the cases where no extension of the main was required the position was as follows: At Rossanagh, 3 tenants out of 4 had agreed; at Ballybeg, 2 out of 24 had agreed. In the village of Rathnew where there are three cottages, none of the tenants had agreed. At Merrymount, 16 out of 38 tenants had agreed. The Council decided to proceed with the extension of the mains to serve the cottages at Milltown Lane, Ballinalea and Ballinahinch. The cost of the extension of the main in these cases and the installation of the water supply and also connections to the 3 cottages at Rosannagh amounted in all to £1,869.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of County Secretary in regard to the number of tenants who had agreed to pay a contribution of 1/6 per week as an addition to the rent towards the cost of provision and installation of water supply we approve of proceeding with the work of extension of mains to serve cottages at Milltown Lane, Ballinalea and Ballinahinch and of the connection of cottages at Rossanagh and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,869 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 15 years to defray the cost of such works."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Lawless suggested that the Rent Collector for the area be asked to explain to the tenants again the arrangements for installation of the water supply and expressed the view that most of the tenants would agree to the Council's proposals. The Council noted that it would be necessary to make additional provision to meet the cost of connections in respect of other cottages if more tenants agreed to instal the water.

**ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF EXISTING HOUSE.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for a loan towards the cost of purchasing an existing house. The Council's Scheme for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts provided only for the making of loans for the purchase of new houses. Under the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, the Council could determine to make loans available for the purchase of existing houses, and borrowing from the Local Loans Fund for this purpose would be sanctioned. It would be necessary for the Council, however, if they decided to do so to prepare a Scheme and determine what conditions would apply. The County Manager pointed out that the Council would need to exercise care in any Scheme for making loans for other than new houses. In the case of new houses grants were given by the State and there was a prescribed standard of specification and construction. It might be desirable also to fix an age limit as regards houses on which loans would be advanced. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, agreed that the valuation based on market value and possibly an Architect's report in regard to the condition of the house to be purchased would be required, and suggested that the amount of a loan should not exceed 75% of the market value. As regards the age of houses on which monies might be advanced, the Chairman suggested that 50 years might be a limit. It was



suggested also that the valuation based on cubic capacity of the building with an allowance for depreciation might be used. The Council agreed that a draft Scheme be prepared and submitted to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT ARCH VILLAS, GREYSTONES.**

The County Secretary reported that the Council had ascertained from Wexford County Council that the late Mr. Wafer had been the owner of a vested cottage in County Wexford at the time when he applied to purchase the cottage at Arch Villas, Greystones. The Council, however, was not aware of this fact at the time and in consequence the cottage at Greystones had been vested in him as the owner. It would seem, however, that the Council could recover the cottage on the grounds of non-compliance with the Statutory conditions. In the course of a discussion regarding the Council's attitude to applications for the sale of vested cottages, it was indicated that the Council would consider giving consent where they were satisfied that the proposed purchaser was a properly qualified person and that there were satisfactory reasons for sale. The County Manager suggested that the Council might consider at the next meeting proposed conditions which might be borne in mind by the Council when considering applications for consent to sales of vested cottages, and the Council agreed that this matter would be considered at the next meeting.

**Scholarship Applicant :**

Councillor Lawless enquired regarding the disqualification of a candidate to compete under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools and expressed surprise that this candidate was not considered eligible. Details of the application were submitted and it was noted that the income limit in the case was exceeded and the application could not be allowed.

Councillor Lawless referred to improvements which had been made at Greystones Harbour and other improvements in Greystones and took exception to a report which had appeared in the Press in regard to a local committee in which no mention had been made of work which had been done by the Council. The County Manager stated that some weeks previously there had appeared a press report of a meeting relating to the Urbanisation of Greystones and that he had prepared details of cost which he would make available to the Chairman.

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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 April, 1959, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, 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 and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, attended.

Pending the arrival of the Chairman Councillor C. W. Hudson presided.

## AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 12th January, 2nd February and 9th February, 1959.
2. To fill vacancy on Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
3. Application from the Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd. for closing of road at Enniskerry on 2nd May, 1959, for the purpose of the Annual Hill Climb.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor John Quigley re (1) Taking over and maintaining by the Council of Three Wells Street from Keenan's gate to Hill's gate, (2) That Council take over and maintain Tinnakilly Old Road from Fox's cottage to Cronebeg—two sections.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden that lane leading from County Road at Carrig, Tinahely, to McDonald's and two other farm-houses in Farnees be taken over by the Council.
6. Application for contribution towards cost of providing connecting road between Granabeg and Knocknadruc.
7. Memorial from residents of Killadreenan asking that a proper footpath and public lighting be provided on road between Newtownmounkennedy and Newcastle Sanatorium and that suitable ornamental trees be planted along the road.
8. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959—To consider further certain applications under the Scheme.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe that water be extended to 4 cottages at Stratford.
10. Rathdrum Dispensary Residence—To consider offer of owners for sale of premises.
11. Blind Welfare Scheme—Letter from National Council for the Blind of Ireland re placement service for the Blind.
12. Letter from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee regarding provision of early bus service to Wicklow town.
13. Cottage Repairs—To receive tenders for repairs to cottages for year to 31st March, 1960.
14. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

### Resolution of Sympathy :

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor M. Deering, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Col. John Gleeson, formerly of Stratford-on-Slaney and former Director of the Army Engineering Corps.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late Mr. Gallagher, former County Surveyor.

**Deputation to Minister for Industry and Commerce :**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce stating that the Minister was willing to meet a deputation from the Council to discuss the question of the Portland Glass Company Ltd., Bray. The Minister suggested Friday, 17th April, 1959, at 4.30 p.m., if that date and hour were convenient. It was stated that as the deputation proposed to discuss the affairs of a private business Company, the Minister assumed that they had or would obtain the permission of the proprietors to discuss their affairs which in the normal course he would have to regard as confidential. The Council agreed that a deputation consisting of Deputies P. Brennan, J. Everett and J. O'Toole, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, and the County Manager would attend at the time and date mentioned.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 12th January, 2nd and 9th February, 1959.”

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor McCarthy enquired when the Notice of Motion submitted by him in regard to the Presidency could be considered. The County Secretary explained that the Notice could not be submitted to the Council until the necessary Order fixing days for nomination was made by the Government. The Council agreed that if necessary a special meeting would be arranged if such would be in order.

**ITEM No. 2—FILLING OF VACANCY ON NEWCASTLE O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.**

The County Secretary stated that the Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee had recommended the appointment of Mr. James Gregory, P.C., Kilpedder, to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. T. Keely, N.T., P.C.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Mr. James Gregory, P.C., Kilpedder, as a member of the Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. T. Keely, N.T., Newtownmountkennedy.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNISKERRY.**

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the Irish Motor Racing Club for the closing of Main Road No. 6 at Enniskerry from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 2nd May, 1959, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the purpose of permitting the holding of a Motor Hill Climb Competition. The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to the closing of this road for the purposes of a Hill Climb in previous years and no objection had been received. The necessary Public Notice had been given.

It was

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

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, 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 2nd, 1959, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the purpose of permitting the holding of a Motor Hill Climb Competition during the period when it is so closed to public traffic. The alternative route available is via County Road No. 7.”

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

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 2nd May, 1959, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., during the period when such road is closed to public traffic.”

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Miley stated that he understood that Motor Racing was taking place on the Ballysmutton Road near Blessington. It was agreed that the matter be brought to the notice of the Gardai.

**ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY RE TAKING OVER OF THREE WELLS STREET FROM KEENAN'S GATE TO HILL'S GATE AND FOR TAKING OVER TINNAKILLY OLD ROAD FROM FOX'S COTTAGE TO CRONEBEG—TWO SECTIONS.**

The County Secretary stated that the question of taking over these roads as public roads had been referred to the Local Committee for consideration at the Roads Estimates meeting and that the matter had been discussed by the Committee, but no special provision had been made for any works on these roads. The Council's Engineer reported that the roads from Three Wells to Keenan's gate would cost about £800 to put in order and that it served 1 cottage and 1 house. The section from Tinnakilly Bridge to Ballishal was about a quarter of a mile in length and would cost about £400. This section of road served 4 cottages and a private house but they were at the ends of the road, and the section from Tinnakilly to Cronebeg, about three-quarters of a mile in length, would cost about £1,200. This section served one cottage and one house. As no financial provision had been made for works on these roads it was decided to defer the matter.

**ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR A. H. HADDEN THAT LANE LEADING FROM COUNTY ROAD AT CARRIG, TINAHELY, TO McDONALD'S AND TWO OTHER FARMHOUSES IN FARNEES BE TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNCIL.**

The County Secretary stated that a proposal to take over this road as a public road had been considered by the Council in November, 1958, and the Council had noted that the lane was unfenced throughout the greater part of its length and that there were three gates across the lane. The Council had noted the advice of the Council's Solicitor that the Council were not entitled to declare as public roads cul-de-sac roads which were unfenced or had gates across them. The County Secretary stated that such roads could not be regarded as being of general public utility. Councillor Hadden stated that Mr. McDonald was prepared to

fence the laneway and remove the gates if the Council would take over the road. As no financial provision had been made in respect of this road the matter was deferred.

**ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COST OF PROVIDING CONNECTING ROAD BETWEEN GRANABEG AND KNOCKNADRUCE.**

The following letter from Rev. S. McGeehan, C.C., Valleymount, was submitted:—

The Presbytery,  
Valleymount,  
Co. Wicklow,  
2nd April, 1959.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

On behalf of the people of the Granabeg District I wish to convey sincere thanks through you to the County Manager and the County Councillors for considering my letter of 27th February requesting a grant towards a connecting road between Granabeg and Knocknadruc. We gathered from your letter and from the Press account that the County Councillors were disposed to give the grant—provided there was legal authority to do so—and for their good will we are deeply grateful.

We were disappointed to learn the Council has no legal authority. On behalf of the people of the Granabeg District I am delegated to communicate with the County Council again. I am requested to give you additional information and to kindly request the County Council to reconsider the matter at their next meeting.

- (1) This proposed road would not be a private road. It would connect two public County Council roads and, thus, save a detour of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles for many.
- (2) In 1934 the Board of Works built a footbridge at this point. However, they built abutments capable of carrying a roadway at a later date. Thus, you have a public authority recognising the need for a public road here.
- (3) The Granamore-Knocknadruc road is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles in length and runs parallel to the Wicklow Gap-Hollywood road. In 1956 £1,450 was spent on this road. In 1958 £800 was spent, and for 1959 £400 is to be spent. The portion resurfaced in 1956 is already in need of repair. This proposed new road would take most of the traffic across to the main road and, thus, save wear and tear.
- (4) The proposed road should also give County Council access to sand pits along banks of the King's River. These would prove valuable to County Council when repairing roads in the vicinity as it would save much in the transport of gravel. Should the Wicklow Gap road be widened or improved on in the near future, access to this gravel along the King's River should save the County Council hundreds of pounds in transport.
- (5) The local people here are and have been prepared to contribute financially towards the cost of this road—as they are most to benefit from it.

Our latest information is that the local contribution may be in the region of £400. The Granabeg people feel confident that the County Council will do its best to help them and also avail of this opportunity of getting a public road made for them for a mere £200.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Seamus McGeehan, C.C.

The following report from the County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
13th April, 1959.

re Meeting of County Council, 13th April, 1959. Agenda Item No. 6—Connecting "Road," Granabeg to Knocknadruc.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 3rd April re above, the length of proposed roadway is 710 lin. yards.

The cost of the work, providing for clearing boulders, providing embankments, concrete posts and wire fencing, drainage and tarring, would be £2,600.

This provides for 16' carriageway and 4' grass margins.

The existing bridge consists of a Footbridge Decking, but for the road this would need to be removed and flat slab to carry vehicular traffic substituted to give width of road. There would be three spans and the abutments and piers would require to be lengthened. The estimated cost is £2,800.

The existing bridge piers would provide for a width of 11' inclusive of parapets.

The following points are given in regard to the proposal:—

(a) The road would be of public utility, particularly to residents in Knocknadruc and Granamore. It would have certain tourist attractions as well. It was suggested that residents at Granabeg, Knockalt and Garryknock on the Wicklow Gap road are finding it increasingly difficult to get turf banks on their side of the river; the new road would give them access to extensive turf area at Granamore and Knocknadruc.

(b) The bridge erected by the Board of Works was obviously intended to carry something greater than a foot-bridge eventually.

(c) I do not think there would be any reduction of wear and tear on the Knocknadruc Road No. 350 to the extent that it would save the Council any money in maintenance.

(d) The extent of any Gravel Pits adjacent to the new road would first have to be proved, and even then there is no guarantee that gravel found, if any, would be available to the Council. If suitable gravel was available it would probably save the Council money at some time in the future whenever we widen the Wicklow Gap road.

(e) As already stated above, there is no question but that this road would certainly be of general utility to the public.

It seems that the Board of Works will give £2,000 and the Local Contribution will be £400—total £2,400, but the total estimate is £5,400.

Yours faithfully,

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

The Council noted that the total cost of the provision of the road and bridge was estimated at £5,400. It was decided to inform Fr. McGeehan of the costs as now estimated in order that he might pursue the matter further with the Commissioners of Public Works in regard to a grant towards the total cost of providing the road and bridge. The Council indicated that they would re-consider the making of a contribution towards the cost of the work when final particulars of the grant available were determined.

**ITEM No. 7—MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS AT KILLADREENAN RE FOOTPATH AND PUBLIC LIGHTING, ETC.**

The following Memorial which had been handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., on behalf of residents at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, was submitted to the Council:—

"We, the undersigned, representing the residents of Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, respectively request the County Council to consider the improvement and adequate lighting of the footpath from Newtownmountkennedy to Newcastle Hospital.

"This footpath is in a very bad condition and is insufficiently lighted. In view of the very heavy traffic on this road a proper footpath and proper lighting are essential, and we would point out that following a fatal accident there last

year, the condition of this footpath was commented upon at the inquest.

"As an additional amenity, it is suggested that suitable ornamental trees could be planted along this road, and an Arbour Day could be organised by the people of the district.

"We trust that the County Council will give this matter their early attention and have the necessary improvements carried out and an adequate number of lamps erected."

There were 57 signatures to the Memorial. The County Engineer reported that from his knowledge of the area it would seem that the existing footpath might be improved in three ways (a) by the elimination of the water channel between the footpath and the road by piping, (b) by improving the definition of the footpath in relation to the road by the use of pre-cast concrete kerbing and (c) improvement of the surfaces of the footpath with fine-texture tarmacadam. It was thought that improvements (a) and (b) would obviate the necessity for providing additional lighting. There were already 5 lights along this length of road. The question of lighting could, however, again be reviewed in the light of the altered circumstances brought about by the suggested improvements. A tentative estimate for this road work would be £1,000. The County Secretary stated that a sum of £1,000 had been provided in the current year's estimates for the widening of the road at this point. Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the County Engineer prepare a Scheme for both the widening of the road and improvement of the footpaths and proceed with the improvement of footpaths which would not be affected by any proposed widening.

#### ITEM No. 8—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1959.

The Council considered in Committee three applications to compete under the Scheme. The Council noted the details submitted regarding the income of William A. Connolly, father of Patricia Christina Connolly, 1 Fr. Colohan Tce., Bray, in respect of his employment in Canada during the period from 1st January to 5th December, 1958, but in view of the high cost of living in Canada and the cost involved in travelling back to this country, the Council recommended that the application be allowed. Having considered the report in regard to the income from a shop operated by the parent of James Moore of 18 Upper Main Street, Arklow, and the opinion expressed by Councillor McCarthy, the Council agreed that this applicant be accepted as coming within the income limits of the Scheme. Having considered reports in regard to the income of Mr. James Nelson, father of Derrick Anthony Nelson, of Mayville, Blacklion, Greystones, the Council agreed that the figure shown on his application form represented gross income and that the net income in this instance would be less than the limit prescribed in the Scheme. The Council agreed that the application be allowed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That having considered further three applications to compete under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959, we hereby accept the following applications: Patricia Connolly, James Moore, Derrick Nelson."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. KEHOE THAT WATER SUPPLY BE EXTENDED TO FOUR COTTAGES AT STRATFORD.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had been asked for a report on this matter. Councillor Kehoe handed in particulars of the persons who wished to connect to the water supply.

#### ITEM No. 10—RATHDRUM DISPENSARY RESIDENCE.

The Council considered in Committee correspondence with the Solicitors for the owners regarding the proposed purchase of Rathdrum Dispensary Residence. The Solicitors for the owners had indicated that they would require 17 years purchase of the gross rent of £45 per year, i.e., £765 as the purchase price. The premises were at present let on a monthly tenancy to Mr. Charles Cooney, Rathdrum, at £4 per month. The Council indicated that the price based on 17 years purchase of the gross rent was altogether too great. Councillor Haughton asked that particulars be sent to him of the terms under which the Council held the premises, the amount of rates, etc., as he understood that the present tenant might be interested in acquiring the premises.

#### ITEM No. 11—BLIND WELFARE SCHEME.

Having considered letter of 24th March, 1959, from the National Council for the Blind of Ireland in regard to the Placement Service for the Blind,

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 24th March, 1959, from the National Council for the Blind of Ireland, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Social Welfare, of the payment of a grant of £20 per annum as from 1st April, 1959, towards the cost of the Placement Service for the Blind."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 12—EARLY BUS SERVICE TO WICKLOW TOWN.

Having considered letter of 8th April, 1959, from the Chief Executive Officer, County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, in regard to the need for the provision of an early bus service to Wicklow,

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 9th April, 1959, from Vocational Education Committee, we approve of a deputation attending on the Management of C.I.E. in support of the Committee's application for the provision of an early bus service into Wicklow town, and hereby appoint the following members of the Council to represent the County Council on the joint deputation to C.I.E.: Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Council's representatives on the joint deputation would be Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. Everett, T.D., and J. O'Toole, T.D.

#### ITEM No. 13—COTTAGE REPAIRS.

In response to public advertisement, the following tenders received were opened in the presence of the members of the Council:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Area	Rate of Tender
Messrs. O'Toole & Vickers, Wicklow	No. 1	Standard Rate plus 15%
	No. 2	Standard Rate plus 10%
	No. 3	Standard Rate plus 10%
	No. 4	Standard Rate plus 15%
	No. 5	Standard Rate plus 20%
Patrick Lennon ... ..	Nos. 4 and 5	Standard Rate plus 25%
Patrick Thompson ... ..	No. 5	Standard Rate plus 20%

Patrick Walsh ... ..	No. 6	Standard Rate, but see letter attached
David Lee ... ..	Nos. 4 and 5	Standard Rate
William Pollard ... ..	Nos. 4, 5 and 6	Standard Rate
OToole Bros., Kiltymon ... ..	No. 1	Standard Rate plus 5%
	No. 2	Standard Rate
Joseph Keely ... ..	No. 6	Standard Rate plus 5%
John P. Byrne (C. Byrne & Sons)	No. 8	Standard Rate
Myles Richards ... ..	Nos. 4 and 5	Standard Rate plus 25%

The Council agreed that the tenders be referred to the County Engineer for examination and report. It was noted that no tender had been received for repairs to cottages in the Blessington area.

#### Reduction in Forestry Employment :

Councillor J. Quigley stated that there had been recently a reduction in the numbers employed in the Aughrim forest area and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

“That we deplore the reduction in employment on Forestry work in the Aughrim area and ask the Minister to arrange for employment in the area.”

Passed unanimously.

#### Petrol Filling Stations :

The Council noted that it was decided to refuse permission for the erection of a service garage and filling station at Kilpedder as the site was on a main road adjoining a corner which had recently been improved by the Council. The Council noted also that an application for approval in principle to the use of a site at Rathnew for a petrol filling station had been received and referred to the County Engineer for his report. The Council agreed that it seemed unlikely that this site would be suitable for use for the purpose proposed.

#### Guarantee of Loans for Arklow Harbour Commissioners :

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Arklow Harbour Commissioners for payment of an instalment of loans to the Commissioners of Public Works on foot of the Council's Guarantee. Copies of the Commissioners accounts were submitted which showed that the Commissioners were not in a position to meet the payment on foot of the loans. The Council noted that the County Council would discharge the payment on foot of the loans under the terms of the guarantee.

#### ITEM No. 14—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that enquiries be made from other County Councils as to their experiences in carrying their own Insurances under Employer's Liability and Public Liability.

**Wicklow County Council**

**MINUTES  
OF  
PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
MEETING**

**Held on**

**MONDAY, 4th MAY, 1959**



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters, etc., was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th May, 1959, 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, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kenoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, John Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, Boyie, Caffrey, Hickey and McGuinness, were present.

### AGENDA.

1. Presidential Election Act, 1937—Order of the Minister for Local Government dated 27th April, 1959, appointing days in respect of the Presidential Election.
2. Application for Supplementary Reconstruction Grant in respect of house at Heroert Road, Bray.
3. Sale of vested cottages—matters which might be taken into account by the Council in considering applications for consent to sale of vested cottages.
4. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Greystones.
5. Application for transfer of vested cottage No. 53 at Rathdown Lower—Mr. Dunne to Mr. Whiston.
6. Proposed Scheme for making of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of the purchase of existing houses.
7. Applications under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
8. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Letter from Commissioners of Public Works in regard to construction of road to proposed Television Transmitter Site on Kippure Mountain.
10. Contracts for repairs to cottages—Recommendations of County Engineer.

### ITEM No. 1—PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ACT, 1937. ORDER OF THE MINISTER.

The County Secretary submitted the Order of the Minister for Local Government of the 27th April, 1959, appointing days for Nomination and Polling in respect of the Presidential Election. In reply to Councillor McCarthy the County Secretary stated that the Notice of Motion in relation to the proposed nomination of Dr. McCartan as a candidate for the Presidency would be submitted to the Council at the meeting on the following Monday, 11th May, 1959.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 30th April, 1959, from Mr. Eoin O'Mahony, Barrister-at-Law, a member of Cork County and Borough Councils, 1934-50, addressed to the Chairman and members of the Council and asking if they could see their way to act as one of his four nominating Councils. As no member of the Council submitted any proposal on the matter no action was taken.

### ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANT.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we approve of Supplementary Grant of £140 to the Pembroke Estate, 7a Wilton Tce., Dublin, in respect of reconstruction of house known as Herbert Lodge, Herbert Road, Bray.”

Passed Unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Michael Anderson, Glencaly, for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new house. Mr. Anderson gave his income as £520 per annum, which was the maximum to qualify for any Supplementary Grant. The Council agreed that Mr. Anderson be asked to submit evidence of his income.

### ITEM No. 3—SALE OF VESTED COTTAGES.

As arranged at the previous meeting of the Council the County Secretary submitted matters which might be taken into account when considering applications for consent of the Council to the sale of vested cottages. The following points were submitted as worthy of consideration :—

1. Cottage must have been vested in tenant purchaser for a period of at least three years prior to the date of sale.
2. The purchaser must be an agricultural Labourer and must have resided in the County Health District of Wicklow for a period of at least three years.
3. Deed of Transfer must provide for a continuance of the conditions under which the cottage is vested and must be submitted to the Council for endorsement of consent.
4. The purchaser must submit an affidavit that he comes within the definition of agricultural labourer.
5. The purchase price must be reasonable having regard to the age and market value of the cottage.
6. The house must be in good repair prior to the sale, or alternatively, the vendor shall put it into a good state of repair.
7. In the event of the vendor being indebted to the County Council in any manner, the amount of such debt to be refunded to the Council out of the purchase monies.
8. The Council must be satisfied the vendor has suitable alternative housing accommodation.
9. Purchaser to furnish an undertaking that he will occupy the cottage continuously as a permanent residence for a period of at least three years. The Council agreed that these points would be taken into account in future when applications were made to the Council for consent to the sale of a vested cottage.

**ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT GREYSTONES**

The Council considered the application received from the representatives of the late Patrick Wafer for the sale of the vested cottage at Arch Villas, Greystones, to Mr. Patrick Daly, 27 Grattan Park, Greystones, and decided to defer a decision on the matter pending further information regarding occupancy of the cottage.

**ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF VESTED COTTAGE No. 53 AT RATHDOWN LOWER—MR. DUNNE TO MR. WHISTON.**

Having considered correspondence on the matter and advice of Council's Solicitor

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered opinion of Council's Solicitor in letter of 12th March, 1959, we consent to the transfer of interest in Cottage No. 53 at Rathdown Lower, Greystones from Samuel Dunne to William Whiston.  
Passed Unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED SCHEME FOR MAKING OF LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS IN RESPECT OF PURCHASE OF EXISTING HOUSES.**

The following letter had been addressed to the members of the Council submitting points for consideration regarding provisions to be made in the scheme:—

Chairman and Members of  
Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse,  
Wicklow.  
29th April, 1959.

re/Proposed Scheme for making of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of the purchase of existing houses.

A Chara,

The provisions to be embodied in a scheme for the making of loans for the purchase of existing houses will be considered by the Council at the meeting on Monday next. It is desired to submit the following points for your consideration in regard to the provisions to be made in the Scheme:—

1. **Maximum amount of loan to be given:**—It is suggested that the maximum loan to be given in respect of an old house should not exceed £1,200 which would represent 75% of the maximum loan which the Council may take under the present scheme in respect of the purchase or erection of a new house. As there are likely to be extra costs arising to the borrower in maintaining an

older house it is suggested that he might find difficulty in meeting repayment charges on a loan exceeding £1,200.

2. **Period of Loan:**—Loans under the present scheme are repayable over a period of 35 years. It is suggested that the repayment period for a loan in respect of an old house might be limited to say 20 years. Particulars of the annual outlay of a borrower in respect of a house on which a loan of £1,200, repayable over 20 years, had been advanced are attached hereto.
3. **Condition of House:**—It is recommended that the house should be certified by the Council's Engineer to be in good sanitary condition.
4. **Market Value:**—It is suggested that the market value of a house for the purpose of determining the amount of the loan be determined by the Council based on a report of the County Engineer. The floor area of the house and its state of repair and likely cost of maintenance are items which would be taken into account in determining the market value.
5. **Age of House:**—It is suggested that a limit might be imposed as to the maximum age of a house on which the Council would consider advancing a loan and that monies should not be advanced in respect of a house which was erected more than, say, 75 years prior to the date of the application for the loan.

The present rate of interest chargeable to borrowers is 6½% and the annuity per £100 borrowed for a loan repayable in 20 years is £8 16s. 7d.

Mise, le meas,

K. J. Brangan,  
County Secretary.

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL OUTLAY OF BORROWER IN RESPECT OF A HOUSE ON WHICH A LOAN OF £1,200, REPAYABLE OVER 20 YEARS AT 6½%, HAD BEEN ADVANCED.**

Annuity	...	...	...	...	...	...	£106
Rates	...	...	...	...	...	...	£30
Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	£20
Ground Rent	...	...	...	...	...	...	£10
Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2
<b>TOTAL:</b>							<b>£168</b>

Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the Scheme be drafted, based on the points as submitted to the Council.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we agree to the making of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of existing houses subject to the following conditions:—

1. The maximum amount of a loan in respect of any one house shall be £1,200.
  2. A loan shall be repayable over a period of 20 years with interest at ½% in excess of the rate at which the Council borrows the money for the purpose of making a loan.
  3. Loans shall not be advanced on houses erected more than 75 years prior to the date of the application for the loan."
- Passed Unanimously.

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

There were no applications for submission to the Council.

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

The County Secretary stated that Messrs. Clarke, Delahunt & Co. had submitted particulars of a property at Brittas Bay, Wicklow which would be sold by public auction on Wednesday, 13th May. The property included about 26½ acres of land without buildings, but including a Car Park with road entrance from the main thoroughfare for use of which a parking charge was made and also an area

of approximately 52 acres of land without buildings. The Council suggested that the matter be brought to the notice of the Brittas Bay Development Association who were endeavouring to obtain suitable sites at Brittas for a Car Park.

The County Secretary stated that a report had been received from the Council's Engineer that a kiosk constructed of timber with corrugated iron roof had been erected by a Mr. Seamus Holden at Glendalough on a site adjoining the Car Park opposite the burial Ground and that presumably the sale of minerals, ice-cream, chocolate and souvenirs was intended. No application has been made to the Council for approval to the erection of this kiosk. The Council agreed that the matter be examined.

**ITEM No. 9—CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD TO PROPOSED TELEVISION TRANSMITTER SITE ON KIPPURE MOUNTAIN.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 25th April, 1959, from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland in regard to the proposed construction by the County Council on behalf of the Commissioners of a road to the proposed Television Transmitter Site on Kippure Mountain, the arrangement proposed being that the work be undertaken by the Council and the full cost refunded by the Commissioners of Public Works.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 25th April, 1959 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland we approve of the construction on behalf of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland of a road to the proposed Television Transmitter Site on Kippure Mountain, the work to be undertaken on the basis of the full cost being refunded to the Council."

Passed Unanimously.

**ITEM No. 10—CONTRACTS FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES.**

The County Secretary submitted the recommendations of the County Engineer on the tenders received for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in the various areas.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the acceptance of tenders for the carrying out of repairs to cottages as follows:—

District No.	Area		
1.	Bray	Messrs. O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon.	Standard Rate plus 5%
2.	Newtownmountkennedy	Messrs. O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon.	Standard Rate
3.	Wicklow Area	Messrs. O'Toole & Vickers, Wicklow.	Standard Rate plus 10%
4.	Arklow	David Lee, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum.	Standard Rate
5.	Aughrim	do.	Standard Rate
6.	Southern District	William Pollard, Barton St., Tinahely.	Standard Rate
8.	Baltinglass	Messrs. C. Byrne & Son, Hacketstown.	Standard Rate

We approve of the carrying out of repairs to cottages in No. 7 District—the Blessington Area—by Direct Labour."  
Passed Unanimously.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D. and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That I, or some Councillor for me, shall move that rents of Cottages in Rural Areas remain at rents current in year 1957 and all Resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES  
OF  
PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
MEETING

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Held on

MONDAY, 11th MAY, 1959

Wicklow Press, Wicklow

# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th May, 1959, 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 H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, John Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, Boyle, Caffrey, Hickey and McGuinness, were present.

## AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 23rd February, 2nd and 9th March, 6th and 13th April, 1959.
2. To fill vacancy on Newcastle Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.
3. To consider applications to compete under Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1959.
4. Application of Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray on Wednesday, 27th May, 1959, from 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and for permission for the holding of a Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.
5. Turf Production, 1959 Season—Report of County Engineer.
6. Proposed taking over of Ballykeane Lane as a public road—Report of Assistant County Engineer.
7. Putland Road Bridge, Bray—Lowering of road for the purposes of bus service.
8. Presidential Election—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy as follows: "That I or someone for me will move that Dr Patrick McCartan, Greystones, be nominated for the office of President by Wicklow County Council."
9. Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association requesting provision of seats, clearance of litter baskets and repairs to footpaths.
10. Revision of remuneration of Branch Librarians.
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That rents of cottages in Rural areas remain at rents current in year 1957 and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Kehoe for extension of water-main to serve 4 houses at Stratford-on-Slaney.
13. Treatment of Tuberculosis—Letter from Department of Health regarding use of Mass X-ray Service, etc.
14. Polio Vaccination Scheme—Letter from Department of Health and report of Chief Medical Officer.
15. Proposed appointment of Clerk-Typists for Assistant County Engineers Offices at Arklow, Tinahely and Blessington.
16. Proposed revision of salary scales for Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers.
17. Report of deputation to the Minister for Industry and Commerce in relation to Portland Glass Co. Ltd., Bray.
- 17a. Rathdrum Dispensary Residence—Proposed acquisition by Council.
18. Minutes of Meetings of County Councils' General Council.
19. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

## ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 23rd February, 2nd and 9th March, 6th and 13th April, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

In regard to reference by Councillor Miley to damage to the road at Ballysmutton, the County Secretary stated that the Superintendent, Garda Siochana reported that the complaint had been investigated and it had been found that the

road had been recently resurfaced and that about a month or six weeks previously a portion of a National Motor Race (sponsors unknown) travelled over the road and stopped at a checkpoint on it. The only damage that might possibly be caused would be the tearing of the road by the sudden application of brakes before the recently repaired road had properly set. It was indicated, however, that there was now no trace of any damage to the road.

#### ITEM No. 2—VACANCY ON NEWCASTLE O.A.P. SUB COMMITTEE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Thomas Timmons, Knockfodda, Roundwood, as a member of the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Keenan, Roundwood.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—APPLICATIONS TO COMPETE UNDER COUNCIL'S UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1959.

The Council considered, in Committee, particulars of the applications to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1959.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby approve of the acceptance of the applications of the following candidates to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1959 :—

Edwrad J. M. Archer, 8 Martello Terrace, Bray.

Patrick Joseph Byrne, The Stores, Aughrim.

Anne Cahill, Ballyhad, Rathdrum.

Anne Dagg, Deerpark, Shillelagh.

George Donald Hunt, 28 Dublin Road, Bray.

Anne Brigid Kelly, 3 Cillmantain Park, Bray.

John J. Kelly, Mill View, Lower Street, Rathdrum.

John Joseph Kenny, 30 Rory O'Connor Place, Arklow.

Bela M. A. Kos, Richmond House, Greystones.

Zsuzsanna W. A. Kos, Richmond House, Greystones.

Patrick Joseph Lynch, 7 Marine Terrace, Bray.

Eileen Mc Nulty, Seaview, Rathdown Road, Greystones.

David Francis Rossney, 16 Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.

Patrick Anthony Woods, 5 Seapoint Villas, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred consideration of the application of John Declan Wixted, South Quay, Arklow, for further enquiries in regard to the income of his parents.

#### ITEM No. 4—CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by the Bray Amusements Committee for the closing of Roads at Bray on Wednesday, 27th May, 1959, from 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and for permission for the holding of a Cycle Race on the roads while so closed to public traffic. The necessary Public Notice had been given and no objection had been received.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby close to public traffic the roads at Bray as described hereunder on Wednesday, 27th May, 1959, from 7.30 p.m. to 11 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 J. O'Toole, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

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 Wednesday, 27th May, 1959, between 7.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 5—TURF PRODUCTION, 1959 SEASON.

The County Secretary submitted report from the County Engineer, dated 28th April, 1959, in which he advised that the Council should not cut any more than 300 tons turf on Glenmacnass Bog and 300 tons on Ballinagee Bog during the present season, and stated that he would not advise any further cutting on Farbreaga Bog. The County Engineer mentioned that the 1958 season had been a disastrous one and that with the continued unfavourable weather he regretted to state that it looked as if it would be possible to save very little, if any, of that season's crop still remaining on the bogs.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we approve of the County Engineer's report of 28th April, 1959, and agree that only 300 tons of turf be cut at Glenmacnass and 300 tons at Ballinagee and that no turf be cut at Farbreaga.”

Passed unanimously.

The Council indicated that should the weather prove exceptionally fine for turf production the County Engineer might re-examine the matter with a view to cutting a further amount of turf.

#### ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED TAKING OVER OF BALLYKEANE LANE AS A PUBLIC ROAD.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council in October, 1958, a proposal to take over Ballykeane Lane as a public road had been considered but a decision had been deferred pending enquiries being made from persons residing along the road as to whether they would make land available free of charge to the Council for the purpose of carrying out the necessary widening of the lane. Assistant County Engineer, J. P. Caffrey, had inspected Ballykeane Lane in company with Councillor Macken and reported that of the 6 people living in the lane, land would be required from 4 of them and that the two he was able to see had agreed to give this land, and he understood the other two owners would also be agreeable. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the minimum cost of the work of widening would be about £500 and that gravelling and grading of road afterwards would cost about £700. He pointed out that monies were not available in the present year to have this work done. The Council noted that it would not be possible to carry out any work on the lane in the present year but decided to take it over as a public road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Macken,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved :—

“That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 1st May, 1959, we hereby declare the following road to be a public road :—

Road known as Ballykeane Lane from Road No. 158 at Ballykeane to Road No. 165 at Ballinabarney South, a distance of 1.3 miles.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—PUTLAND ROAD BRIDGE, BRAY.**

The County Secretary stated that C.I.E. had been in touch with the County Engineer regarding a proposal to lower the roadway under Putland Road Bridge in Bray to enable the road to be used by double-decker buses. C.I.E. had indicated that they were prepared to meet the cost of the work which was estimated at £900. The County Engineer had stated that it would take up to 8 weeks to carry out the work and that it would be necessary to close the road while the works were in progress. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter pending obtaining the views of Bray Urban District Council in regard to the proposal.

**ITEM No. 8—PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY THAT DR. MCCARTAN BE NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT BY WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarty,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Smyth,

Resolved:—

"That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, in exercise of the powers vested in us by Section 9 of the Presidential Elections Act, 1937, hereby resolve to nominate Dr. Patrick McCartan of Karnak, Kilincarrick Road, Grey stones, Co. Wicklow, to be a candidate at the Elections now pending of a person to the office of President of Ireland, and that we hereby direct that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Nomination Paper bearing his name."

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

**In favour:** Councillor J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne—8.

**Against:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Macken—6.

The resolution was declared carried by 8 votes in favour to 6 against.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, congratulated the outgoing President and expressed appreciation for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. Councillor Hadden, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and the members of the Council joined in expressing their best wishes to the President on his retirement.

**ITEM No. 9—LETTER FROM ENNISKERRY AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.**

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Enniskerry and District Development Association submitting the following requests:—

1. The provision by the Council of 6 seats at situations to be determined in the village.
2. The by-weekly clearance of litter baskets which were being provided by local traders, and
3. That the Scalp and Bray Road footpaths be cleared and re-surfaced and left sufficiently wide as to accommodate two persons walking abreast.

The Association stated that they felt that the above requests were essential for the amenities of both residents and tourists and would be grateful if the Council would give them immediate and sympathetic consideration. The Council agreed that the proposals be examined by the County Engineer with a view to seeing if the applications of the Association could be met.

**ITEM No. 10—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF BRANCH LIBRARIANS**

The County Secretary stated that the County Librarian had submitted particulars of the present and proposed opening hours of the various village branches in connection with the proposal that attendants at the Branch Libraries be paid at the rate of 2/- per hour for each opening hour. Particulars of the present opening hours and proposed opening hours were submitted to the Council.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the extension of opening hours for Branch Libraries at Rathdrum, Dunlavin, Carnew, Baltinglass and Aughrim and of the payment of Branch Librarians in these centres at the rate of 2/- per opening hour."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor McCrea suggested that there be one extra opening hour in Carnew, being from 1-2 on each of the days suggested. Councillor Miley suggested that a branch should be opened at Blessington.

**ITEM No. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT RENTS OF COTTAGES IN RURAL AREAS REMAIN AT RENTS CURRENT IN YEAR 1957 AND THAT ALL RESOLUTION TO THE CONTRARY BE RESCINDED.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That rents of cottages in rural areas remain at rents current in year 1957 and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

In proposing the motion Councillor Everett, T.D., referred to the removal of food subsidies in 1957 and to the increase in remuneration of 10/- per week given subsequently to workers generally in the cities, though only 6/- had been allowed in rural areas and pointed out that rural workers were worse off. He gave particulars of various instances where he considered the rents charged were too high. The County Manager stated that it was necessary that the Local Authority should be just and fair to all sections of the community. He quoted the cost of housing at £103,000 which was met as to £38,000 from rents, including rates of £13,500, from Housing Grants £28,000, and the balance of £37,000 from rates. The County Manager pointed out that loan charges accounted for an expenditure of £70,000 in the year. He explained that the differential renting system had been originally proposed by the Fabian Society, an off-shoot of the Labour Party, and the system enabled rents to be varied in accordance with the means of the tenant. The County Manager pointed out that rents nowadays represented a much smaller proportion of total income than had been the case 20 years ago. The introduction of the graded or differential rents had helped to offset the reduction of rentals as a result of the operation of the Cottage Purchase Schemes and had enabled the Council to continue the housing programme without being involved in very substantial increases in the contribution from rates. In regard to the relating of rent to income, he pointed out that the Minister for Finance also took account of increases in remuneration in relation to Income Tax Assessments. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to defer it for submission of further details regarding alterations made in rents. Councillor McCarthy asked that particulars of the recent increases and the reasons for such increases be submitted, and Councillor McCrea also asked that particulars of the increased revenue arising from the increases in rents be made available. The County Manager stated that if any members had cases of hardship in relation to rents and would submit the details to him he would be glad to re-examine them.

**ITEM No. 12—EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY IN STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY.**

With reference to Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Kehoe proposing the extension of the water supply to serve 4 houses at Stratford-on-Slaney, the Assistant County Engineer reported that the cost of extending the main would be £400. The County Secretary indicated that the Scheme would be too costly, having regard to the small number of houses to be served, and that no provision had been made in the current Estimates for such expenditure. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Kehoe, the Assistant County Engineer stated that he had made provision in the estimate for a pipe sufficient to serve a fire hydrant. The Council agreed that the matter be re-examined by the Engineer with a view to submitting a revised estimate omitting fire hydrant.

**ITEM No. 13—TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.**

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee at the recent meeting had considered a letter from the Department of Health regarding the Council's Tuberculosis Scheme and giving particulars of the instance of Tuberculosis in the various counties and the numbers of cases found during the past year by means of Mass X-ray and otherwise. It had been noted that the numbers found in the County of Wicklow through the use of Mass X-ray compared unfavourably with the result in other counties, and it seemed that there had been poor response in County Wicklow to the use of the Mass Radiography arrangements. It was considered that publicity arrangements regarding Mass Radiography sessions should be improved. The Council agreed that the public address system on the X-ray van be used and recommended the use of slides in cinemas and announcements in the churches prior to the visits of the X-ray service.

**ITEM No. 14—POLIO VACCINATION SCHEME.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been notified by the Department of Health that the age limit for the Scheme for vaccination against Poliomyelitis should now be raised to 18 years of age. In consequence, children, other than those under 6 months of age, born since 1st April, 1941, are now eligible for the Scheme which is available free for necessitous persons and at a nominal charge for persons coming within the Middle Income Group. Arrangements are being made to invite applications under the Scheme. The Council noted the conditions of the revised Scheme.

**ITEM No. 15—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF CLERK-TYPIST FOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICES AT ARKLOW, TINAHELY AND BLESSINGTON.**

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council at the meeting in December, 1958, and at that time the Council was not agreeable to the proposed arrangement as an Assistant had recently been engaged by the Assistant County Engineer for the Tinahely Office. The Clerical Assistant employed by the Engineer in Tinahely was resigning her post as from 6th June and the Clerical Assistant employed by the Engineer at Arklow had been engaged only on a temporary basis terminable by one week's notice. It was proposed, subject to the sanction of the Minister, to appoint the Assistant in the Blessington office as a permanent Clerk-Typist in view of her lengthy service.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve of the creation of three additional offices as Clerk-Typists at the Assistant County Engineers' Offices at Arkow, Blessington and Tinahely."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 16—REVISION OF SALARY SCALES FOR CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER AND ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEERS.**

The County Secretary stated that negotiations had been conducted for some years by the Engineers' Association for the revision of salary scales of Chief Assistant Engineer and Chief Fire Officer and Assistant County Engineers. The proposed revised salary scales were as follows:—

Chief Assistant County Engineer and Chief Fire Officer: £1,190 x £35 to £1,400 per annum, plus 1958 temporary bonus.

Assistant County Engineer: £980 x £27-10-0 to £1,200 per annum, plus 1958 temporary bonus.

The application of the revised scales would represent an increase of about £70 for each Assistant Engineer and about £95 for the Chief Assistant Engineer and Chief Fire Officer. It is understood that the Minister for Local Government was now prepared to sanction these revised scales.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the application of revised salary scales for the posts of Chief Assistant County Engineer, Chief Fire Officer and Assistant County Engineer as follows, with effect from 1st April, 1958, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of payment of the revised salary scales:—

Chief Assistant Engineer and Chief Fire Officer: £1,190 x £35 to £1,400, plus 1958 temporary allowance.

Assistant County Engineer: £980 x £27-10-0 to £1,200, plus 1958 temporary allowance.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked to be supplied with particulars of the amount and scale of travelling expenses for the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 17—DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE REGARDING PORTLAND GLASS COMPANY LTD., BRAY.**

The Chairman informed the members of the reception by the Minister for Industry and Commerce of the deputation from the Council in relation to the difficulties experienced by the Portland Glass Company Ltd., Bray, and stated that he understood that arrangements have now been made to make available a loan to the Company to enable them to continue in production. He expressed thanks to the Minister for the assistance given. The members of the Council congratulated the deputation on the success obtained in the matter.

**ITEM No. 17a—RATHDRUM DISPENSARY RESIDENCE.**

The County Secretary stated that the Solicitors for the owners of the Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum had now indicated that the owners would be prepared to dispose of the premises to the Council on the basis of a purchase price representing 15 years' purchase of the rent of £45, i.e., £675. Having regard to the difficulties in connection with the terms of the Lease under which the Council held these premises, it was considered desirable that the Council agree to purchase the premises at this price.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Solicitors for the owners, we approve of the purchase of Rathdrum Dispensary Residence for the sum of £675, being 15 years' purchase of the rent of £45 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of acquisition of the premises."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 18—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.**

The County Secretary submitted the Minutes of the meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 11th December, 1958. The Council noted the submission of the Minutes.

**ITEM No. 19—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.**

In reply to an enquiry regarding the temporary bonus to staff employed on rate applotment work, the County Manager pointed out that the amount of the temporary allowance was graduated in relation to the remuneration paid to the various members of the staff.

Notice of Motion:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering was accepted by the Chairman:—

"That a further light be provided at Donard."



**Wicklow County Council**

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**MONDAY, 1st JUNE, 1959**

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st June, 1959, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, 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 and J. D. Haughton.

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

## AGENDA.

1. Application for consent to the sale of vested cottage at Arch Villas, Greystones.
2. Report on Cottage Rent Collection for half year to 31st March, 1959.
3. Proposed Scheme for making of Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of purchase of existing houses.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Application under University Scholarship Scheme, 1959.
6. Repairs to cottages.

Pending the arrival of the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson took the chair on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., seconded by Councillor S. Macken.

The County Secretary submitted a letter from the Secretary to the President conveying to the Chairman and the Members of the Council warm thanks for the kind wishes expressed by them at their meeting of 11th May, 1959.

### ITEM No. 1—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT ARCH VILLAS, GREYSTONES.

The County Secretary stated that it had been verified that James Wafer, the former tenant-purchaser of the cottage, had been living in the cottage for a considerable number of years prior to his death and his daughter had been residing with him in the cottage at the date of his death. The applicant, Patrick Daly, was an eligible person and there seemed to be no objection to the proposed sale. It was suggested that it should be a condition of the sale that all arrears of annuity be paid at once and also that the County Engineer certify that the cottage is in a proper state of repair, or if not in such state, that it be put into proper repair.

It was

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

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

Resolved :—

“That we consent to the sale of cottage at Arch Villas, Greystones, by the Reps. of the late Patrick Wafer to Mr. Patrick Daly, 27 Grattan Park, Greystones, at a price of £470.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—REPORT ON COTTAGE RENT COLLECTION FOR HALF-YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1959.**

The County Secretary stated that the total amount for collection for the half year in respect of 3,306 cottages was £18,257-10-1. The percentage collected was 98.6, and the arrears at the end of the period amounted to £212-7-3. The arrears represented only a very small portion of the total collection, and generally the collection was very satisfactory. The Council agreed that the report showed that the Cottage Rent Collection had been most satisfactory.

**ITEM No. 3—PROPOSED SCHEME FOR MAKING OF LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS IN RESPECT OF PURCHASE OF EXISTING HOUSES.**

The County Secretary stated that a Scheme had been prepared embodying the points agreed upon with the Council at the last meeting. The Scheme was available for circulation to the members and it was suggested that it might be submitted for approval at the meeting on the following Monday to enable the members to have time to examine the Scheme. The Council agreed that copies of the Scheme be circulated to each member and the adoption of the Scheme be included as an item on the Agenda for the meeting to be held on 8th June.

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

The County Secretary referred to report of the Engineer which had been submitted to the Council at the previous meeting regarding the kiosk constructed of timber with corrugated iron roof which had been erected by a Mr. Seamus Holden at Glendalough at a point adjoining the Car Park, opposite the Burial Ground. Mr. J. B. Wynne who is the owner of the lands had written to state that it was with his permission that Mr. Holden had erected the kiosk and that the structure was of a purely temporary nature to enable Mr. Holden to earn something towards his living, while on doctor's orders he is unable to do any active work. It was stated also that on his recovery the kiosk would be removed. Mr. Wynne asked what steps Mr. Holden should take to obtain permission for the kiosk. Councillors Haughton and Smyth suggested that permission might be given for the temporary retention of the kiosk. The County Manager pointed out that the kiosk had been erected without any permission having been sought from the Council and that it was most undesirable that a temporary permission be given for such structure. He referred to Mr. Wynne's inconsistency in that he had asked the Council to give an undertaking that the Council's Car Park at Glendalough would not be used for trading purposes when the Council required a portion of land for the purposes of access to the Car Park. The Council with the co-operation of An Bord Fáilte had proposed to provide a proper shop and a museum to replace the unsatisfactory structure at the Burial Ground, but it had not been possible to proceed with the proposal as agreement could not be reached with Mr. Wynne on the matter. The Council agreed that permission for the kiosk be refused.

**Petrol Filling Station at Woodenbridge Hotel :**

The County Secretary stated that a plan had been submitted in regard to proposed Petrol Filling Station at Woodenbridge Hotel. The site for the station would be at the junction of roads leading to Arklow and to Aughrim and opposite the Hotel, and it did not appear to be suitable. The County Engineer had been asked to examine the matter further and submit more details of sight distances, measurement of roadway, etc. The Council noted that the site appeared unsuitable for petrol pumps.

**Extensions to Woodenbridge Hotel :**

The County Secretary stated that application had been made for approval to proposed additions to Woodenbridge Hotel. The documents, however, were not regarded as satisfactory as they did not show relationship of the proposed additions to the existing buildings nor were particulars given as to the drainage disposal arrangements. The necessary documents had been requested from the applicant. The Council noted that further details had been sought from the applicant.

**Proposed Filling Station and Cold Store at Glenealy :**

The Council considered an application for approval to the use of a site at Glenealy for the purposes of a Filling Station and a Cold Store for Mr. Henry Cannon, 126 Dean Swift Road, Ballymun, Dublin. The Council's Engineer had reported that this proposal would constitute a danger to traffic because of its proximity to road junction, would also restrict the sight distance thereto and interfere with future road improvement. The Council agreed that the site was not suitable for the purposes of a Filling Station.

**Proposed Petrol Pump and Storage Tank for Mr. J. Somers, Thomastown, Arklow :**

The County Secretary stated that an application for permission to erect a Petrol Pump and Storage Tank had been received from Mr. J. Somers, Thomastown, Arklow, and the Assistant Engineer had discussed the matter with him and had suggested an alternative siting for the pump and tank. The Council noted that a revised proposal was being submitted.

**Entrance Gate to Convent and School at Rathnew :**

The County Secretary submitted a drawing showing proposed new entrance gate for the Convent and School at Rathnew and stated that it was proposed to provide this entrance from the main road between the junction of the Arklow/Wicklow/Dublin Roads and the junction of the Dublin/Newrath Bridge Road. It had been indicated to the applicant that an entrance from this Main Road which carried heavy and fast-moving traffic was considered undesirable, and it was suggested that the entrance be from the road leading to Newrath Bridge. The Council agreed that an entrance from the Main Road would be undesirable.

**Provision of Car Parks at Brittas :**

The County Secretary stated that in a letter received from the Brittas Bay Development Association it was stated that as suggested by the Council the Association had approached landowners in the areas and regretted to state that they did not succeed in acquiring any land for the provision of Car Parks. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION UNDER UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1959.**

The Council considered again the application of John Declan Wixted, of 3 South Quay, Arklow, to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Wixted in a letter had stated that the Butcher's Shop in Lower Main Street, Arklow, was only a small concern and did not warrant calling in an Auditor and that there had never been certified accounts of the business. He also said that for several years past the shop only just paid the overheads and in some years sustained a loss. He had submitted an Affidavit completed before a Commissioner for Oaths to the effect that the shop had been provided for the purpose of providing his daughter with a means of making her living and the purchase price had been paid in instalments, and also that the business carried on was small and that the volume of transactions did not warrant the calling in of Accountants to audit the Accounts, so that no cer-

tified accounts were available. He also stated that for several years past the business had just about paid its way and in fact in some years worked at a loss. The Council noted that no accounts had been submitted to verify the earnings from the shop and did not consider the information given as adequate to justify the admission of the candidate..

#### ITEM No. 6—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES.

The County Secretary stated that contracts for Repairs to Cottages had been completed with Messrs. O'Toole and Vickers, Messrs. O'Toole Bros. and David Lee, Ballinacarrig. The contracts with William Pollard, Tinanely, and Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, had not yet been completed. The Council asked that a list of the repairs carried out by the Contractors and by Direct Labour during the last financial year be submitted to the next meeting. It was suggested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that a check be made on representations received as to need for repairs during the past two years and whether inspections had been carried out and estimates submitted in these instances. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., urged that in all cases where such representations were submitted the inspections should be carried out and a report submitted, and if it were not found possible to have the repairs done at the time the tenant be so informed. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that when contracts were next being arranged for Cottage Repairs that the areas be smaller and that this might result in better competition for the contracts for repairs and prove more satisfactory generally. It was agreed that this be arranged and also that the Schedule of Prices system be explained by the local Engineers to intending contractors in future.

#### Water Supplies—Pump at Croneyhorn :

Councillor McCrea stated that there was excessive iron in water from this pump and that it was not suitable for drinking purposes. Nine families had been using water in the pump and were now obtaining a supply from a farmer who was objecting to trespass on his lands. He suggested that the Engineer would investigate a possible alternative source of supply. Councillor McCrea also asked that the Engineer report on a water supply on the land of Mr. Fitzpatrick at Carnew.

#### Appointment of Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks for Presidential Election :

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor McCrea, the Council asked that the County Registrar give preference where possible to unemployed persons in respect of duties in connection with the Presidential Election.

**Wicklow County Council**

**MINUTES  
OF  
PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
MEETING**

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**Held on**

**MONDAY, 8th JUNE, 1959**

**Wicklow Press, Wicklow**

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m., on Monday, 8th June, 1959.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, William Cleary, John Quigley, P.C.; Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey and P. T. Hickey, were present.

### AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 4th and 11th May, 1959.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account for quarter to 30th September, 1959.
3. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1959/60.
4. To determine and make County Rate for service of financial year ending 31st March, 1960, sign and seal Rate Books and authorise affixing of Seal to Rate Collectors Warrants and sign and seal the Demands on the Urban District Councils.
5. Damage to Council property—Report of Assistant County Engineer on damage caused to Council property at Glen of the Downs Quarry, etc.
6. Provision of amenities at Enniskerry.
7. Water Supply for National School at Kilcoole—Letter from Department of Local Government.
8. Rathdrum Water Supply—Report of Assistant County Engineer.
9. Tinahely Sewerage Works—Report of County Engineer in regard to additional works required.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering for provision of additional public light at Donard.
11. Pound at Carnew.
12. Scheme for making of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of purchase of existing houses (copy circulated).
13. To appoint representatives to meet representatives of Board of National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland in relation to Newcastle Sanatorium.
14. Enquiries 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 4th and 11th May, 1959.”

Passed unanimously.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council asked that the congratulations of the members of the Council be extended to Messrs. Aidan Quinn, Michael Ledwidge and Peadar Mercier, members of Bray Literary and Debating Society, for their success at the Senior National Speech Festival in Rathmines, Dublin. The Council also extended their congratulations to Mr. Dermot Kelly, Main St., Bray, who won the Eastern Command F.C.A. Shooting Championship at the Curragh.

**Regatta at Blessington :**

Councillor Miley stated that the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Committee proposed to hold their Regatta this year on the lakes at Blessington and asked for the co-operation of the Council. It was proposed to bring a crew from Frankfurt to compete at the Regatta, and the course would be near Ballyward Bridge. The Council agreed that any facilities sought be granted.

**ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1959**

It was

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

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, 1959, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

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, 1959, shall not exceed £18,750."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS FOR YEAR 1959/60.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. 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 Convent Secondary School, Greystones.  
Proinsias Mac an Baird, St. Mary's, Marino, Whitehall, Dublin.  
Sean S. O' Cathain, C.B.S., Syngé St., Dublin.  
Diarmuid O'Coiglig, C.B.S., Westland Row, Dublin.  
Labhras O'Dubthaig, C.B.S., Gorey, Co. Wexford.  
Abraham F. Jacob, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Labhras P. O'Talun, Good Counsel College, New Ross.  
Marie Theresa O'Toole, Loreto Convent, Bray.  
Philomena Crinnion, Loreto College, North Great George's St., Dublin.  
Mary Ann O'Dea, Loreto Convent, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. 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.  
Marie Ferguson, Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin.  
Sean MacSeoin, St. Brendan's, Old Connaught Ave., Bray.  
Gerald Gilmore, St. Brendan's, Old Connaught Ave., Bray.  
Ann C. Cullen, St. Leo's, Convent of Mercy, Carlow.  
John P. Coffey, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Mary E. Doyle, St. Ann's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Catherine Timmons, St. Ann's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Bernadette A. Byrne, St. Ann's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Michael Hollingsworth, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Mary F. O'Sullivan, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.  
Mary C. Conroy, Dominican Convent, Wicklow."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. 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 Brothers' 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, Wicklow.  
James P. Anderson, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Charles A. O'Toole, Holy Ghost College, Blackrock."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. 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, 1958. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from the Superiors of their schools :

Patrick O'Neill, De La Salle Secondary School, Wicklow.  
Thomas Byrne, St. Peter's School, Wexford.  
Winifred Hogan, St. David's, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.  
Catherine Harmon, St. David's, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.

Francis Rossney, C.B.S., Dun Laoghaire.  
 Thomas Reid, St. Brendan's, C.B.S., Bray.  
 Myles C. McSwiney, St. Brendan's, C.B.S., Bray.  
 Brendan E. V. McCann, St. Brendan's, C.B.S., Bray.  
 Phelim M. Maguire, St. Brendan's C.B.S., Bray.  
 John Vance, C.B.S., Dun Laoghaire.  
 Terence M. J. Hammond, St. Brendan's, C.B.S., Bray.  
 John Shelton, Presentation College, Bray."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—TO DETERMINE AND MAKE COUNTY RATE FOR SERVICE OF FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1960.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1950, 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, 1960."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

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, 1960, as follows: Arklow, £10,751 11s. 8d.; Bray, £43,773 9s. 3d.; Wicklow, £9,028 17s. 3d."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—DAMAGE TO COUNCIL PROPERTY.**

The County Secretary submitted report of the Assistant County Engineer dated 20th May, 1959, in regard to damage caused to property of the County Council on the morning of 17th May, 1959. The quarry at the Glen of the Downs had been broken into and a mechanical loader started and driven round the quarry area, tarmacadam and chippings had been dumped on the roadside, concrete pipes broken and an attempt made to wreck the machine by driving it against a tree. The cost of the damage amounted to about £120. On the previous evening a traffic counter put down by the Council on the Main Road near Hollybrook had been damaged. The Council noted the terms of the report and that the Garda Authorities had been asked to take steps to ascertain the persons responsible for the vandalism. Councillor Hadden stated that recently milk cans had been placed across the Main Road at Rathdrum at night time and could have been the cause of a serious accident. The County Manager referred to the extent of damage caused to public property in the County and mentioned in particular damage to road signs and direction signs. Complaints had been received from visitors in regard to interference with these signs and he mentioned that the signs at Glenmalure Cross was one which had been interfered with recently. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a right of way along the Murrough, Wicklow, towards Clonmannon had recently been constructed by barbed wire having been placed across it. The Council agreed that enquiries be made in regard to this obstruction of the right-of-way.

**ITEM No. 6—PROVISION OF AMENITIES AT ENNISKERRY.**

The County Secretary referred to representations which had been received from the Enniskerry and District Development Association for the provision of amenities at Enniskerry and stated that, subject to the Council's agreement, arrangements were being made for the provision of 6 seats at points indicated in

the village. The Council could arrange for clearance of litter baskets to be provided by the Association. In regard to the matter of a dumping ground for Enniskerry, the Council's Engineer had had an interview with the Agent for the Powerscourt Estate with a view to seeing if a suitable dumping ground could be obtained in a gravel pit at Knockmore, Cookstown. As there are other interests concerned in the matter it was not possible to state as yet whether this place could be made available for use as a refuse dump. The Council approved of the provision of seats and clearance of litter baskets.

**ITEM No. 7—WATER SUPPLY FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL AT KILCOOLE.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 27th May, 1959, had informed the Council that 1" heavy quality P.V.C. piping was not considered adequate to supply a sufficient supply of drinking water direct off the main to the new National School at Kilcoole. It was also stated that it did not appear that the supply would be sufficient to provide fire protection from the hydrant proposed. It was stated that there was the possibility that at least 1 house might be erected near the school and in the circumstances the Department suggested that the original proposal to lay a 4" C.I. pipe be again considered. The County Secretary stated that when this proposal was first submitted the Council understood that the cost of extending a supply to the school only would be about £300 and that an appropriate grant would be available from the Department, which would leave the net cost to be borne by the Council of £180. The cost of laying a 4" C.I. pipe would be £878 10s. 0d., and allowing for a 40% grant from the State, the net cost to the Council would be about £527. The Council was not aware of any proposal to erect a house near the school. In regard to the matter of fire precautions, the school was only 630 yards from the end of the present watermain at Kilcoole and the Council's Fire Brigade would be able to obtain an adequate water supply from the end of the present main. Following a discussion on the matter the Council indicated that the Department be informed that the Council considered that the additional cost of providing a 4" C.I. main should be met by a grant from the Department of Local Government or the Department of Education. The Council was prepared to meet the net cost originally estimated, i.e., £180.

**ITEM No. 8—RATHDRUM WATER SUPPLY.**

The County Secretary stated that complaints had been received from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, in regard to the condition of the water supply serving the Department's official residence at Knockadozen, Rathdrum. The Council's Engineer had reported that to provide an adequate supply to this house and 11 other houses it would be necessary to relay a section of main at a cost of £250. The Department's residence was served by a connection of ½" piping laid by the Department from the end of the main, a distance of 150 yards to the residence. As the main served a number of other houses, the Council could not expect a contribution from the Department of Lands towards the cost of relaying the main, but it would be necessary for the Department of Lands to arrange for any replacement or repairs to their connection from the end of the present main. Following a discussion on the matter, the Engineer was asked to arrange to take up a section of the piping to verify if it was corroded and if relaying of the main was essential.

In regard to complaints made by Councillor Haughton and by Councillor O'Toole concerning the lack of adequate water supply in the town of Rathdrum and at Ballygannon, the County Secretary stated that the Engineer had suggested that the difficulty might be overcome by duplicating part of the pipeline from the intake to the tank at Hatton's Bank and had recommended that the pipeline be surveyed to ascertain the hydraulic gradient, after which he would be in a position to submit a definite recommendation. The Council approved of the Engineer's recommendation in the matter.



**ITEM No. 9—TINAHELY SEWAGE WORKS.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported in regard to proposed improvements at Tinahely Sewage Works including the provision and installation of percolating filter plant and had submitted a revised estimate in the sum of £924 3s. 0d. The works included were matters which had been recommended by the Engineering Inspector of the Department following an inspection of the works. The Council in 1956 had approved of the raising of a loan to meet the cost of the works as then estimated, but it was subsequently found that additional works were required and the cost of fittings had increased.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Hadden,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

“That having considered report of County Engineer dated 12th May, 1959, we approve of works proposed for improvement of Tinahely Sewage Disposal works and including the provision and installation of percolating filter plant at estimated cost of £924 3s. 0d. and hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £924 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years to defray the cost of the work.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 10—PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHT AT DONARD.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there were already 5 lights in the village but that there was one place in the centre of the village that was not properly served by any of the existing lights, and it was at this point on Pole No. 13 that it was suggested that the Council provide an additional lamp. The Engineer had written to the E.S.B. for an estimate of the cost but the estimate had not as yet been received. It was decided to defer the matter pending submission of the estimate.

**ITEM No. 11—POUND AT CARNEW.**

The County Secretary stated that the owner of the Pound at Carnew, Mrs. E. N. Hammond, had been asked to carry out certain repairs to it, the cost of which were estimated at £17 10s. 0d. Mrs. Hammond had enquired if the Council would be prepared to acquire the Pound from her. The Council's Engineer had reported that he estimated the value of the Pound as it was at £20. Councillor J. J. McCrea suggested that the matter might be deferred as he understood that the site of the Pound formed part of the lands attached to the Vocational Education School at Carnew. He stated also that in his opinion the Pound was of much greater value than £20. The Council agreed to defer the matter for further information.

**ITEM No. 12—SCHEME FOR MAKING OF LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS IN RESPECT OF PURCHASE OF EXISTING HOUSES.**

The following Scheme for the making of loans in respect of the purchase of existing houses had been circulated to the members and was submitted for adoption by the Council :—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Scheme for Loans Under Small Dwellings Acquisition (Ireland) Acts, 1899, to 1958, in Respect of Purchase of Existing Houses.**

Wicklow County Council is prepared to consider applications for loans from persons wishing to purchase existing houses situated within the County Health District of Wicklow under the following conditions :—

- 1. Income Limits:** The rateable valuation of the holdings of an applicant who is a farmer must not exceed £50. The income of applicants, other than farmers, must not exceed £832 per annum. Applications will be considered from tenants of local authority dwellings, without limit of income, who surrender their tenancies on providing their own houses.

An applicant must provide the Council with such information in regard to his financial circumstances as will satisfy the Council that he is in a position to pay the instalments of principal and interest when due and to maintain premises in good condition.

- 2. Amount of Loan:** A loan under this scheme shall not exceed 75% of the market value of the house to be purchased or £1,200, whichever is the lesser. Loans will not be issued in fractions less than £50.
- 3. Period of Repayment:** Loans will be repayable over a period of 20 years by equal half-yearly instalments combining principal and interest. If so desired, borrowers may arrange to make repayments quarterly.
- 4. Rate of Interest:** The rate of interest to be charged shall be one-half of one per cent in excess of the rate at which the Council borrows the money for the purpose of making the loan, but the rate of interest payable shall not vary during the currency of the loan.

The present rate of interest chargeable to borrowers is 6½%, and the annuity per £100 borrowed and repayable in 20 years is £8 16s. 7d.

- 5. Special Re-payments:** A borrower may, on giving one month's notice in writing, repay the amount of the loan outstanding or any portion thereof being £10 or a multiple of £10.
- 6. Security for Loan:** The loan shall be secured by an instrument vesting the ownership of the house in the Council, subject to the right of redemption by the borrower.
- 7. Age of House:** A loan will not be advanced in respect of the purchase of a house erected more than 75 years prior to the date of the application for the loan.
- 8. Title:** The Title to be acquired must be such as an ordinary mortgagee would accept and be either (a) for a term of at least sixty years from the date on which the loan may be sanctioned or (b) held in fee simple in possession free from all encumbrances.
- 9. Condition of House:** The house to be purchased must be certified by the County Engineer to be in good sanitary condition and repair.
- 10. Market Value:** The market value of a house to be purchased with the aid of a loan under this scheme shall be such amount as may be determined by the Council.
- 11. Residence:** The borrower must reside in the house or undertake to begin his residence therein within six months from the date of issue of the loan, and he must reside therein for at least three years. This condition may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Council.
- 12. Maintenance:** The borrower in consideration of any such loan by the Council shall enter into a covenant with the Council that he will, at any time from the date of issue of the loan at his own cost or expense, repair, keep and put in proper order and condition to the satisfaction of the County Engineer of the Council, all and every structural defect which, in the opinion of the County Engineer, requires to be remedied from time to time during the period any monies are due to the Council in respect of the loan or any instalment thereof.
- 13. Charges Payable by Borrower:** Where a loan is advanced by the Council the borrower shall be responsible for a fee of £5 5s. 0d. to cover the cost of investigation of title, preparation of mortgage and registration of title and in addition thereto shall pay all stamp duty and registration fees.

- 14. Application Fee :** With each application for a loan a sum of £2 2s. 0d. must be lodged with the Council. Where, after enquiry, it is found that no loan can be granted and the application is held to have been made bona fide, this sum will be refunded less any expense which the Council may have incurred in connection with the application, and where a loan is granted, the amount will be credited against charges payable by the borrower.
- 15. Conditions Applying During Period of Repayment of Loans :** Pending the paying off of the amount borrowed, the house purchased or erected shall be held subject to the following conditions :—
- (i) Every sum for the time being due in respect of principal or interest shall be punctually paid.
  - (ii) The borrower shall reside in the house from the date on which he is required by the preceding conditions to commence to reside therein, until all monies due in respect of principal and interest are paid off, and for a minimum period of three years.
  - (iii) The house shall remain vested in the Council but subject to the right of redemption by the borrower.
  - (iv) The house shall be kept insured against fire for such sum as the Council may require in the joint names of the borrower and the Wicklow County Council, and the receipts for the premiums shall be produced for inspection immediately for same.
  - (v) The house shall be kept in good sanitary condition and repair, and as provided for in condition No. 12.
  - (vi) The house shall be used as a dwellinghouse and shall not be used in such a manner as to be a nuisance to adjacent houses.
  - (vii) Any official of the Wicklow County Council duly authorised for the purpose shall have at all reasonable times liberty to enter the house for the purpose of ascertaining whether the statutory conditions are being complied with.
  - (viii) A breach of any of these conditions empowers the Council to take up possession of the premises.
  - (ix) The borrower shall pay the head rent as soon as same shall become due, and shall produce receipt therefor for inspection immediately after payment of same.
- 16. Transfer of Interest in House :** The borrower shall be at liberty at any time after the expiration of the three year period above-mentioned, with the consent of the Council, to transfer his interest in the house, a fee of £2 2s. 0d. and outlay being payable in respect of each transfer.
- 17. Particulars of Loans Outstanding :** The Acts provide that a book containing particulars of each loan outstanding be open to inspection free of charge at the Office of the Local Authority during office hours.
- 18. Special Provisions :** Special provisions are made by the Acts for dealing with cases where a borrower becomes insane or bankrupt or dies.
- 19. Application Forms :** All applications for loans under these Acts shall be made on Forms which can be had free of charge on application to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby approve of the Scheme submitted to us at this meeting for the making of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of the purchase of existing houses."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOARD OF THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION FOR IRELAND.**

The County Secretary stated that the Secretary of the National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland had stated that representatives of their Board would be glad to meet the members of the County Council at a date mutually suitable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Hadden,  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby appoint the following members of the Council to meet, together with the County Manager and County Engineer, representatives of the Board of the National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland in relation to Newcastle Sanatorium and also to meet representatives of Rathdown Board of Assistance in relation to St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown : Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.; Councillor J. Everett, T.D.; Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; County Secretary and County Medical Officer."

Passed unanimously.

Members of the deputation agreed that Monday or Friday would be more suitable days for meeting the representatives of the National Hospital.

**Annual Meeting :**

The Council decided to hold the annual meeting of the Council on Monday, 29th June, 1959, at 11 a.m.

**ITEM No. 14—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.**

**Superannuation :**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., enquired regarding the calculation of short service gratuities to retired employees. The County Secretary stated that gratuities payable to employees with short service were calculated on a scale taking into account the age at which the employee had entered the service of the Council and the number of years service. The Council asked that a copy of the scale be circulated to the members.

**Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Houses :**

In reply to enquiries from members the County Secretary stated that arrangements had been made to pay Supplementary Grants in two instalments and that the first instalment could be paid when the first instalment of the Department's Grant was received by the applicant.

**Fire Service at Carnew :**

In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the new Fire Engine would be available very shortly and would be delivered to Carnew. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor McCrea paid tribute to the local brigade who had attended promptly at a fire on the Saturday night previously and had carried out their work efficiently. In reply to a further enquiry the County Secretary stated that arrangements had been made for the erection of a new fire siren.

**Blessington-Baltinglass Road :**

Councillor Kehoe enquired whether any letter had been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's application for a Special Grant for the improvement of the Blessington-Baltinglass road, consequent on heavy traffic being carried by this road following the closing of the railway line. The County Secretary stated that the application had been made to the Department but so far no reply had been received.

**Search for Missing Boy at Arklow:**

The County Secretary submitted report of the Civil Defence Officer in regard to a search carried out for a missing boy, Master Cormac O'Neill, at Arklow, on Sunday, 31st May, 1959, and on the following day. The members of the Civil Defence Service in Arklow had carried out an extensive search for the missing boy and the Civil Defence Officer stated that full co-operation had been received also from Lieut. Synnott who commanded the F.C.A. Unit in the conducting of the searches, from members of the general public, fishermen, boat owners and owners of cars and public bodies in the town as well as from representatives of St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd. Members of the Irish Sub-Aqua Club in Dublin had been asked to assist and had come to Arklow and carried out a search in the river and had been successful in finding the body of the boy. The members of the Council congratulated the members of the Civil Defence Service, members of the F.C.A. and all the persons who had co-operated in the search for the missing boy. The Council asked that a special letter of appreciation be sent to the members of the Sub-Aqua Club in Dublin who had come forward voluntarily to help in the matter and had actually located the body of the boy. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that an expression of appreciation be sent to Radio Eireann for their help and courtesy in arranging for announcements to be made on the Radio at short notice.

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m., on Monday, 29th June, 1959.

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, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager and County Secretary also attended.

## AGENDA.

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

### ITEM No. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

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 thanked the members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### 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, thanked the members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**ITEM No. 3—APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**

Councillor E. Byrne stated that he had been appointed one of the three representatives of the Council on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board in the previous year in place of Councillor Lawless who was unable to attend. As Councillor Lawless was now free to attend meetings he did not wish to seek re-appointment.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That the following members be appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board: Councillor W. Lawless, Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, Councillor P. McCarthy.”

Passed unanimously.

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

The County Secretary stated that the following members represented the Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, together with the Chairman as an ex officio representative: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. D. Haughton, C. W. Hudson, W. Lawless and S. Macken.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That the following members be appointed to represent, with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board: Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; Councillor E. Byrne, Councillor J. Everett, T.D.; Councillor J. D. Haughton, Councillor C. W. Hudson, Councillor W. Lawless, Councillor S. Macken.”

Passed unanimously.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor Alan H. Hadden,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils: Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; Councillor J. J. McCrea, Councillor G. Timmins.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lawless,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association.”

Passed unanimously.

**Absence of Members of Council :**

The County Secretary referred to the absence of Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly who had last attended a meeting in May of the previous year. The Council had agreed that leave of absence be given to Dr. Donnelly for a period as there was a possibility of his returning to this country. The Chairman stated he would get in touch with Dr. Donnelly and enquire from him if he would be returning. Councillor McCarthy pointed out that Councillor Cleary was obliged occasionally to absent himself from meetings of the Council and suggested that leave of absence be granted to him.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we grant continued leave of absence to Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly and Councillor W. Cleary.”

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless be included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council to be held in July: Take notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that this Council request the County Manager to clearly state in all communications regards decisions if it is his decision or the Councils.

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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, 6th July, 1959, 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, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, J. Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

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

## AGENDA.

1. Supplementary Grants for (a) Repair and Reconstruction of houses, and (b) Erection of new houses.
2. Loans for reconstruction of dwellinghouses.
3. Sale of Vested Cottages—Circular letter dated 28th May, 1959, from Department of Local Government.
4. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage.
5. Scheme for making loans in respect of purchase of existing houses—To approve of raising loan.
6. Application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
7. Kilcoole Housing Site—Building of walls and fencing.
8. Unfit house at Laragh.
9. Contract for repairs to cottages—Southern Engineering District.
10. Report of repairs carried out by Contract and Direct Labour during year ended 31st March, 1959.

## ITEM No. 1—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS AND ITEM No. 2—LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES.

The County Secretary stated that items 1 and 2 might be taken together as it was proposed to ask the Council to approve of a loan to enable additional grants to be paid and also to meet the cost of making loans to persons reconstructing dwellinghouses. The County Secretary stated that up to date 267 grants for reconstruction of houses had been approved, of which 190 had been paid. 15 grants towards the cost of erection of new houses had been approved, of which 13 had been paid. 6 grants had been approved for the provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Systems but no payments on foot of these grants had yet been made. There were also 14 applications for Reconstruction Grants to hand and 45 applications for Water Supply Grants, 2 application for Sewerage Grants, installations only, and 10 applications for combined Water Supply and Sewerage Grants. The total amount of loans raised for the purpose of making Supplementary Grants amounted to £18,000, the first loan having been raised in 1953. The monies allocated to date amounted to £14,907, and applications on hand amounted to £4,310, making a total of £19,217. It was proposed that a further loan of £5,000 be raised by the Council to continue the making of Supplementary Grants both for Repair, Improvement and Reconstruction of houses, for the erection of new houses and for the provision of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities.

The Council had recently adopted a Scheme for the making of loans to persons repairing and improving houses and it was necessary to authorise the borrowing of monies to meet the cost of these loans. It was suggested that a sum of £2,000 might be provided. The Council agreed that a loan of £7,000, being £5,000 for Supplementary Grants and £2,000 for loans for reconstruction, repair or improvement of dwelling houses, be raised.



It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £7,000 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of 15 years, for the purpose of making Supplementary Grants under the Housing Acts and also for the making of loans to persons reconstructing, repairing or improving dwellinghouses.”

Passed unanimously.

**Supplementary Grant for Erection of New Dwelling :**

The County Secretary stated that Mrs. B. Miley, Knockalt Vallemount, had proposed to reconstruct her dwellinghouse, but during the course of the work it was found that the house had to be re-built. The Department of Local Government had recognised the work as being the erection of a new building and had allocated a State grant on that basis. The total estimated cost of the work was £519 2s. 0d. and the Assistant Engineer had reported that the dwelling had been well constructed and he considered the cost reasonable having regard to the amount of work done. The amount of the State grant was £110 and the Supplementary grant payable would also be £110.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we approve of the making of Supplementary Grant of £110 to Mrs. D. Miley, Knockalt, Vallemount, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse.”

Passed unanimously.

**Loan for Reconstruction of Dwellinghouse :**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Joseph Byrne, Lugnagrough, Hollywood, for a loan towards the cost of reconstructing his house. The total cost of the work was estimated at £303 12s. 0d. and a State Grant of £100 has been allocated and he would be entitled to a Supplementary Grant of £100. It was recommended that the Council might approve of a loan of £60. The County Secretary stated that it was proposed that the loan would be repayable on the instalment system and that the Council would borrow for the purpose also on the instalment basis. The loan would be repayable over a period of 15 years in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we approve of the making of a loan of £60 to Joseph Byrne, Lugnagrough, Hollywood, under the provisions of the Council's Scheme towards the cost of the reconstruction of his house at Lugnagrough, subject to his complying with the terms of the Council's Scheme.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—SALE OF VESTED COTTAGES.**

Letter of 28th May, 1959, Ref. H. 7/59 of Department of Local Government, in regard to the sale of vested cottages was submitted to the Council. The County Secretary gave a summary of the principal points in the circular which dealt with the statutory procedure in regard to the sale of vested cottages and the administrative principles to be applied. The Council decided that a copy of the circular be circulated to each member and agreed that also a copy of the considerations which the Council had decided would be borne in mind when considering applications for consent to sale of vested cottages be circulated and that the item be included on the Agenda for the next housing meeting of the Council.

**ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE.**

The Council considered the application of William Kelly, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, for consent to the sale of vested cottage No. 19/3 at Ballyward, Manor Kilbride, to Mr. Albert McDonald, Jnr., Manor Kilbride, for the sum of £400. The County Secretary stated that the cottage had been vested in the late William Moran who had bequeathed his interest in the cottage to William Kelly, who is a young man, single, and the son of a farmer. Mr. Albert McDonald, Jnr., who proposed to purchase the cottage was a farm worker, married, and had two children and was a native of the area, and was obliged to leave his present accommodation as the house which was the property of his employer was required to house a gardener. The Council considered that the purchase price of £400 was excessive having regard to the age of the cottage which was erected in 1902 and deferred the matter to the next housing meeting of the Council, and asked that the County Manager submit suggestions as to a basis on which the proper reasonable value of the cottage might be determined for the purpose of a sale.

**ITEM No. 5—SCHEME FOR MAKING LOANS IN RESPECT OF PURCHASE OF EXISTING HOUSES.**

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to borrow monies for the purpose of making loans under the Scheme recently adopted by the Council for the purpose of making loans to persons purchasing existing houses. It was recommended that a sum of £5,000 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 20 years.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 20 year, for the purpose of making loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition (Loans) Acts, 1899-1958, for the purchase of existing houses.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.**

The Council considered the amended application of Joseph Sweeney, 3 Arch Villas, Greystones, for a loan of £1,100 instead of £1,300 in respect of the erection of a new house at New Road at La Touche Estate, Greystones. The County

Secretary stated that the reduction of the loan from £1,300 to £1,100 would effect a reduction in the estimated annual outgoings to be met by the borrower to a sum of about £113, but this still represented a high proportion of his annual earnings which amounted to £417 17s. 7d. The County Secretary stated that it would seem from the figures of income submitted that Mr. Sweeney would be eligible for a Supplementary Grant from the Council for the erection of a new house. The Council agreed that subject to Mr. Sweeney being eligible a Supplementary Grant would be given in respect of the new house and the amount of the loan reduced by the amount of the Grant given. The Council recommended that a loan of this reduced amount be made to Mr. Sweeney.

The Council also considered the application of James Walsh, Ballysmutton, Manor Kilbride, for a loan of £1,200 in respect of the erection of a new house at Ballysmutton. It was noted that Mr. Walsh was a farmer who occupied lands valued at £43 10s. 0d. with buildings valued at £3, but that he was single and had no dependants. The Council agreed that a loan could not be made available as Mr. Walsh was a single man.

#### Town and Regional Planning Acts:

The County Secretary referred to the application of Mr. Victor Byrne, Woodenbridge Hotel, Woodenbridge, for approval to the use of a site at Woodenbridge for a petrol filling station and stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the applicant be informed that the site was unsuitable as it adjoined a dangerous road junction and the erection of a petrol filling station would tend to cause traffic difficulties; furthermore, the erection of a petrol filling station would adversely affect the amenities of the area. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the applicant be informed that the site was not considered suitable for the purposes of a filling station.

#### ITEM No. 7—KILCOOLE HOUSING SITE—BUILDING OF WALLS AND FENCING.

The County Secretary stated that under the terms for the acquisition of the site at Kilcoole from Mrs. Toner the Council were required to build a wall between part of the site and Mrs. Toner's garden and to fence the remainder of the site and also provide a gate. It would be necessary to have this work carried out even though the site would not be used at present for a housing scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

“That we approve of the building of wall and provision of boundary fencing and erection of gate at housing site at Kilcoole at an estimated cost of £230 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates to defray the cost of this work.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 8—UNFIT HOUSE AT LARAGH.

The County Secretary stated that the Local Housing Committee for the Wicklow Area had agreed that a Mrs. Doyle who occupied an unfit house adjoining Laragh Bridge and which was being acquired by the Council from Mr. J. Byrne, Laragh, might be allowed instead to occupy another unfit house which

also was being acquired by the Council from Mr. Byrne in order to allow of the demolition and clearing of the site adjoining the bridge. The arrangement proposed was only a temporary one but would enable the Council to complete the work at the bridge. It was found that the house to which it was proposed to move Mrs. Doyle required some minor repairs estimated to cost £5 or £6, and the approval of the Council to the carrying out of these repairs was requested.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Seconded by Councillor J. Smyth,

Resolved:—

“That we approve of the Council's carrying out minor repairs to house at Laragh owned by Mr. J. J. Byrne in order to allow of the transfer of Mrs. Doyle from unfit house at Laragh Bridge to temporary occupation of the house to be repaired.”

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 9—CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES—SOUTHERN ENGINEERING DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that Mr. William Pollard who had been accepted as Contractor for the carrying out of cottage repairs in the Southern Engineering District was not prepared to proceed with the work in view of the extent of other work which he had on hands. The Assistant County Engineer had also stated that there were a number of contractors in the area who had not tendered for the carrying out of cottage repairs but would be prepared to do so, and it was suggested that tenders might be invited for cottage repairs in various sections of the district. The Council agreed that tenders be invited from contractors in the area on the basis of a divided district.

#### ITEM No. 10—REPAIRS CARRIED OUT DURING YEAR 1958/59.

Particulars of Cottage Repairs carried out during the year 1958/59 had been circulated to the members. The County Secretary stated that the total provision in the Estimates for Repairs was £10,060, of which repayment of loan charges amounted to £2,774. The cost of the repairs as set out in the list circulated was £4,790 7s. 5d., and also paint was supplied to cottage tenants at a cost of £600 14s. 11d. In addition there would be Unpaid Bills in respect of materials supplied from Stores and purchased for Direct Labour repairs. The Council noted the list of cottages repaired.

#### Closing of Road at Wicklow:

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for the closing of the road over the bridge at Wicklow and including Leitrim Place in connection with the Regatta to be held on August Bank Holiday. It had been the practice of the Council for many years to agree to the closing of the road and the County Secretary requested approval to the insertion of the necessary Public Notice. The matter would be submitted to the Council for a decision at the meeting on 13th July, 1959. The Council agreed that appropriate notices be given.

**Stream Under Road At Carnew :**

Councillor McCrea asked that the Engineer report in regard to a choked gully under the Carnew-Ballyellis Road and stated that on account of the gully being choked water was not reaching two farms on one side of the road.

**Housing Scheme at Carnew :**

Councillor J. J. McCrea and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stressed the need for a Village Scheme at Carnew and stated that 4 to 6 houses would be needed. It was agreed that a report on the matter be submitted to the next housing meeting of the Council and that also a report would be submitted regarding proposed scheme for erection of houses throughout the county.

**Road At Ballyduff :**

Councillor W. Lawless asked that the Engineer report on the condition of the road at Ballyduff which served a school built about 25 years ago. It was stated that the road was in a very bad condition and that the Council might consider later the question of taking it over as a public road.

**Train Service From Woodenbridge :**

Councillor J. Quigley stated that the morning train to Dublin did not stop at Woodenbridge and that it would greatly facilitate persons in Woodenbridge if the train could stop. It was agreed that C.I.E. be asked if arrangements could be made for the train to stop at Woodenbridge.

Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the train from Dublin to Rathdrum arrived in Rathdrum some 10 minutes after the bus going to Carnew had left Rathdrum and asked that C.I.E. revise the train or bus timetable in order that the services could be co-ordinated. It was agreed that a letter be addressed to C.I.E. in the matter.

**Bridge At Ballinglen :**

Councillor A. H. Hadden asked that the Engineer report on the condition of the bridge at Ballinglen, where, he stated, the river was damaging the foundations. Councillor Hadden also asked if improvements could be made to a corner at the Post Office at Drummin.

**Meeting with Representatives of Newcastle Sanatorium :**

The Council agreed that the meeting with representatives of Newcastle Sanatorium would be held in Dublin on 20th July, 1959, at 3 p.m.

**Use of Blade Grader in West Wicklow :**

Councillor J. Miley asked if the provision of a Blade Grader to carry out works on roads in West Wicklow could be arranged as soon as possible. The County Secretary stated that the matter was being examined.

**Notice of Motion :**

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

“That I, or some member of this Council for me, will move that road at Carrig be taken over by this Council.”

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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 July, 1959, 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, Seamus O'Maicin, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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

## AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 1st June, 1959.
2. University Scholarships (a) Proposed Alteration of the Scheme, (b) Letter from Scholarship holder requesting extension of Scholarship.
3. Application for Closing of Road at Wicklow on 3rd August, 1959.
4. Baltinglass/Blessington Road—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding application for Special Grant.
5. Right-of-Way at the Murrough, Wicklow—Report of County Engineer.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W. Lawless as follows: "Take notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that this Council requests the County Manager to clearly state in all communications regards decisions if it is his decision or the Council's."
7. Report on Rate Collection for year to 31st March, 1959.
8. Letter from Department of Local Government enclosing copy of petition requesting that the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, are carried into execution in the town of Greystones.
9. Kilcoole Water Supply—Letter from Department of Local Government.
10. Water Supply at Stratford-on-Slaney—Report of County Engineer regarding proposed extension.
11. Provision of Public Light at Donard—Quotation of E.S.B.
12. Electrical Wiring of Courthouse and Offices—Report of Consultant regarding proposed heating arrangements.
13. Increases in charge for maintenance of patients at Cherry Orchard Hospital.
14. Proposed appointment of additional District Medical Officer for Bray Dispensary District.
15. Proposed Replacement of X-ray Plants.
16. Smoking and Lung Cancer—Letter from Department of Health.
17. Conditions at Glendalough—Need for control in areas of historic interest.
18. Recoupment of Expenses in relation to collection of Motor Taxation.
19. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

## ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 1st June, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

### Bridge at Avoca:

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor McCarthy enquired if there had been any development in regard to the matter of the bridge at Whitebridge, Avoca, in which the Mining Company were interested. The County Manager stated that there had been correspondence with the Company and a meeting held and that the Company had originally asked that a new bridge be provided to carry heavy traffic. Later it had been found that a bridge to carry normal traffic would be adequate. An examination was being made to ascertain if the existing bridge could be strengthened so as to make it suitable for the proposed traffic or whether it would be necessary to provide a new bridge. The question of the financing of the work was also under consideration, and it was expected that a grant would be available from the Department but that a contribution from the Mining Company as well as from the Council would be required. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**ITEM No. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.****(a) Proposed Alteration of Scheme :**

The County Secretary stated that the Council's University Scholarship Scheme provided that candidates must be children of parents or guardians who had resided continuously in the County of Wicklow for the three years ending on 1st October previous to the examination. The Scheme provided that in special circumstances the Council might accept residence in the area of another Local Authority for portion of the period of three years referred to as complying with the residential qualification provided always that the parents or guardians of the candidates were permanently resident in County Wicklow on 1st October prior to the examination and provided also that the other Local Authority agreed to grant reciprocal arrangement in respect of residential qualifications to candidates previously resident in County Wicklow. Twenty-one Local Authorities now prescribed residence in the county on the 1st October preceding year of examination as being the only residence qualification, and Dublin County Council proposed to adopt this qualification also, and it was stated that Dublin Corporation was also considering adopting this date as the qualifying date. The County Secretary suggested that in the University Scholarship Scheme for the coming year the Council might adopt the 1st October as the qualifying date in regard to residence. The Council agreed that provided that Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council did so, the Council would adopt the 1st October preceding the date of examination as being the qualifying date in respect of residence.

**(b) Letter from Scholarship Holder Requesting Extension of Scholarship.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 24th June, 1959, from Miss Mary C. Haughton in which she stated that she had completed the 3-year B.A. Course at U.C.D. and was taking the final Honours Examination in French and English in September. Miss Haughton expressed her appreciation of the assistance given by the Council by way of the Scholarship in obtaining her University Education. She asked if the Council could extend the Scholarship for a further year to enable her to pursue the course for a Higher Diploma in Education as she intended to go on for the teaching profession. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Scholarship Scheme provided that students must be in whole-time attendance at the University and it would seem that whole-time attendance would not be required in the case of students studying for the Higher Diploma in Education, as they would have to obtain a practical experience of teaching. The Council noted that it would not be possible to extend the Scholarship for Miss Haughton for another year.

**ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT WICKLOW.**

The County Secretary stated that public notice had been given of the Council's intention to close to public traffic the road across the Stone Bridge and Leirim Place, Wicklow. The application for the closing of the road had been made by the Regatta Committee and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby close to public traffic portion of Road L 29 B across the bridge known as the Stone Bridge over the Leirim River in the Urban District of Wicklow and from the said bridge to the north end of Leirim Place in the said Urban District on Monday, 3rd August, 1959, from 12 noon to 5 p.m."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—BALTINGLASS/BLESSINGTON ROAD.**

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

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Department of Local Government,  
Custom House,

Dublin.  
3 July, 1959.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 9th ultimo regarding a special grant for the improvement of the Baltinglass-

Blessington Road, consequent on the closing of the Sallins-Tullow railway line, and to state that it is understood that this line has been closed to regular passenger and goods services since 1947 and has remained open for only occasional special trains.

In this connection it must be emphasised that special assistance to counties affected by railway closings is reserved for cases where the recent closing of lines has given rise to road problems of an exceptional character. It is considered that the present proposal does not come within the scope of this scheme and a special grant cannot, therefore, be allocated.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: E. T. Sheehy.

The Council asked that the Department be asked to re-consider their decision and that it be indicated to the Department that there were more cattle marts in the area now and that in consequence there was much heavier traffic on the road. It was agreed also that Carlow County Council be informed.

**ITEM No. 5—RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE MURROUGH, WICKLOW.**

In the absence of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who had raised the matter the Council deferred consideration of the report of the County Engineer to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS AS FOLLOWS: "TAKE NOTICE THAT I, OR SOMEONE FOR ME, WILL MOVE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL THAT THIS COUNCIL REQUESTS THE COUNTY MANAGER TO CLEARLY STATE IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS REGARDS DECISIONS IF IT HIS DECISION OR THE COUNCIL'S."**

Councillor Lawless referred to representations which he had made in relation to the issue of Medical Cards in his area and also to a communication to the Council Offices, Rathdrum, in regard to a boarded-out child and stated that the replies he received gave no indication that the matters had been considered by the County Manager. He referred also to an application he had made that the Chief Medical Officer make a special report in relation to an application for a transfer of a cottage in the Delgany District. In regard to the latter matter the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, pointed out that the question of this application for a transfer had been carefully considered by members of the Local Housing Committee for the area at a number of meetings and that the members were satisfied with the decision finally arrived at. The Chairman and other members of the Council pointed out that the County Manager discharged the executive functions of the Council and the decisions so taken were decisions of the County Council and that it was the practice in correspondence to refer to any executive decisions as having been taken by the Council. The discussion on the matter then terminated.

**ITEM No. 7—REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1959.**

The County Secretary submitted report of the Rate Collection for year to 31st March, 1959, and stated that the total amount collected including discounts and credit notes represented 98.3669% of the total Warrant of £307,631-16-6. The percentage written off as irrecoverable was .2627% and the amount carried forward represented 1.3704% of the Warrant. The collection showed a slight improvement of that in the previous year. The Council expressed congratulations to both the Ratepayers and the Rate Collectors on the satisfactory state of the Rate Collection despite the bad harvest of the previous year.

**ITEM No. 8—PETITION FROM PERSONS IN GREYSTONES.**

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

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Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Department of Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.  
16th June, 1959.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to forward herewith a copy of a petition requesting that the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, be carried into execution in the town of Greystones. The petition was signed by more than 21 Local Government electors registered in the District Electoral Division of Greystones. The Minister will be glad to have the views of the County Council on the proposals in the petition.

Mise, le meas,

The petition enclosed was as follows:—

**TOWNS IMPROVEMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1854****Request by Local Electors of Greystones to the Minister of Local Government to call a meeting.**

We the undersigned persons, resident in the Greystones D.E.D., and qualified to vote in the Local Elections, request the Minister of Local Government to call a meeting of the local electors registered in the Greystones D.E.D. (which comprise the townlands of Killincarrig and Rathdown Lower) and put a resolution to that meeting for the adoption and carrying into effect within the town of Greystones all the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and any other Act that is applicable.

The Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, pointed out that the names of the signatories to the Petition had not been supplied and that he considered that these names should be supplied before the Council would be in a position to give their considered views on the matter. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred and that the Department of Local Government be requested to submit the names of the signatories to the petition. It was agreed that the department be asked to submit any maps which had been forwarded showing the area to which the petition related. The County Manager agreed that the Council should be supplied with the names of the signatories to the petition. A point to be considered also was whether the area to which the petition relates could be regarded as a Town. It was agreed that the Council's Solicitor be asked to set out the procedure which would apply in the case of a petition of this nature.

**ITEM No. 9—KILCOOLE WATER SUPPLY.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 26th June, 1959, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the provision of a water supply for the new school at Kilcoole in which it was indicated by the Department that the maximum Grant which could be made available towards the cost of the laying of a 4" extension of the main would be 38½%. The County Secretary stated that a suggestion had subsequently been made by the Department that a 2" pipe might be provided instead of the 4" extension of the main, and the County Engineer had estimated the additional cost of providing a 2" pipe instead of a 1" pipe as £220, making the cost of a 2" pipeline £510 in all. The Council decided to adhere to their previous decision that any additional cost over and above the original net figure of £185 should be met either by the School Authorities or by way of an additional grant from the Department of Education or the Department of Local Government. The Council noted that the original estimate of the cost of making the connection available to the School was £300 and that allowing for the appropriate grant, the net cost to the Council would have been £185.

**ITEM No. 10—WATER SUPPLY AT STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had submitted an estimate of £400 as the cost of an extension of the watermain at Stratford to serve 4 houses. The Engineer stated that his estimate was based on the provision

of the extension by means of a 3" C.I. pipe which would provide also for the installation of a hydrant for fire fighting purposes. As requested by the Council, a revised estimate for the provision of the extension in 1" Polythene Piping had been prepared and amounted to £170. The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated in a recent circular from the Department of Local Government that Grants for the installation of a Private Water Supply where the supply was being obtained from an existing public supply and where the premises were more than 100' from the main could be made available. The County Secretary suggested that persons concerned at Stratford-on-Slaney might consider applying for a Grant towards the cost of providing a private water supply to their houses, and the Council agreed that this suggestion be conveyed to the persons who sought the water supply.

**ITEM No. 11—PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHT AT DONARD.**

The County Secretary stated that the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £7-0-0 had now been received for the erection of an additional public light at Donard. The Assistant County Engineer had recommended the light as being necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe,

Resolved:—

"That having considered quotation from E.S.B. we approve of the erection of additional public light at Donard on Pole No. 13 at a cost of £7-0-0."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 12—ELECTRICAL WIRING OF COURTHOUSE AND OFFICES.**

The County Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer had submitted particulars of the estimated running costs of electrical heating systems for the Council's Offices and it had been found that it would be uneconomic to provide electrical heating for the offices in general use. As an alternative the Consultant had suggested that a low pressure hot water heating system might be provided for those offices in regular use. The capital cost of such a system was estimated at £1,200. The estimated cost of heating by the low pressure hot water system for the main part of the offices and by electricity for the Courthouse and other parts was £418. The present cost of heating by turf and electricity amounted to approximately £350. In view of the increased cost of the alternative method of heating, the Council decided to proceed only with the re-wiring and omit provision for electrical heating of the offices.

**ITEM No. 13—CHARGE FOR MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS AT CHERRY ORCHARD HOSPITAL.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by the Dublin Fever Hospital Board that the charge for treatment and maintenance of patients in the Cherry Orchard Hospital, Ballyfermot, Dublin, had been increased by 2/7 per day to 36/7 per day as from 15th June, 1959. The cost per week for maintenance was, therefore, £12-16-0. The increase in cost would involve the Council in an additional expenditure of about £200 in the present year.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we authorise an expenditure of £200 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of defraying increased charges for treatment and maintenance of patients in Cherry Orchard Hospital, Ballyfermot, Dublin."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 14—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER FOR BRAY DISPENSARY DISTRICT.**

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee had considered the proposal that an additional District Medical Officer be appointed for Bray Dispensary District and recommended that the additional officer be

appointed but subject to the boundaries of the Dispensary District being altered by the inclusion of the additional area to the south of Bray. A map was submitted showing the existing boundaries and the proposed alterations.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered recommendation of Consultative Health Committee we approve of the appointment of a second District Medical Officer for the Bray District subject to the boundaries of the District being altered by the inclusion therein of the following townlands:— Killarney (part of), Kilbride, Oldcourt (part of), Ballywaltrim, Ballymorris, Springfield."

Passed, Councillor A. Hadden dissenting.

#### ITEM No. 15—PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF X-RAY PLANTS.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee had considered a letter from the Department of Local Government in which it was indicated that X-Ray Plants at Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and the County Hospital, Wicklow, were considered to be unsuitable for use for Chest Radiography and that alternative arrangements for X-rays should be made. The Committee considered the recommendation of the County Medical Officer that a new X-ray Plant be provided for St. Colman's Hospital and that also new plants be provided at the County Hospital and at Baltinglass District Hospital. The County Medical Officer stressed that the replacing of the X-ray plant at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, was particularly necessary. The Committee had asked that the Department of Health be requested to indicate if the cost of replacement of the plants would rank for recoupment from the Health Services Grant. The Council decided to defer the matter pending a reply from the Department of Health.

#### ITEM No. 16—SMOKING AND LUNG CANCER.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultative Health Committee had considered a letter from the Department of Health in regard to Smoking and Lung Cancer and pamphlets which had been prepared by the Department of Health for issue to adults and to young people. The County Medical Officer had made arrangements for the issue of the pamphlets by the Public Health Nurses. The Council noted the terms of the Department's circular and the action taken.

#### ITEM No. 17—CONDITIONS AT GLENDALOUGH—NEED FOR CONTROL IN AREAS OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

The County Manager stated that the Council had received complaints from An Bord Failte in regard to conditions at Glendalough. It was stated that tourists were being inconvenienced by people selling tickets and that there was a photographer operating at the Cross in the Burial Ground and that newspapers were being sold in the Burial Ground. The County Manager pointed out that some of these items were matters over which the Council had no control and stated that it was scarcely advisable that the Garda Station at Glendalough should have been closed in view of the large numbers of people who come to Glendalough during the summertime. The County Manager suggested that it would be desirable that the Council have powers to control special areas such as that at Glendalough. The Council agreed generally that there should be better control and that ticket-selling and expansion of trading in the Cemetery area and its immediate vicinity was undesirable. The Council suggested that the matter might be discussed with An Bord Failte.

#### ITEM No. 18—RECOUPMENT OF EXPENSES IN RELATION TO COLLECTION OF MOTOR TAXATION.

The County Secretary stated that the amounts recouped to the Council in respect of expenses incurred in the collection of Motor Tax for the years 1956/57 and 1957/58 had been reduced to figures representing 1½% of the total amount of licence duty collected by the Council in these years. In the particular years con-

cerned the amount of the Council's claim in respect of expenditure incurred exceeded 1½% of the amount of licence duty collected, but it was felt that the Council should have been recouped the full amount of the monies expended for this purpose. The Council agreed that the Department be asked to recoup to the Council the full amount of expenditure incurred.

#### Shillelagh Sewerage:

Councillor McCrea referred to the conditions in regard to sewage disposal in Shillelagh and stated that a report was urgently required in regard to the houses in the Main Street. He stated that the Stream into which sewage from 18 houses was discharged was practically dry. Councillor McCrea stated also that the houses in Bachelor's Walk had no sewerage system and that it would be desirable that a system be provided. Councillor McCrea asked that a report of the County Engineer and the County Medical Officer on the matter be submitted to the next meeting, with particular reference to the houses in the Main Street.

#### Blade Grader for Use in West Wicklow:

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Miley as to when the Blade Grader could be made available for work on roads in West Wicklow, the County Manager pointed out that in accordance with the Council's policy great care was being exercised in authorising the hire of plant. He would examine whether the Council's Blade Grader could be assigned to West Wicklow for a period.

#### Portland Glass Company, Bray:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that a serious position had again arisen in regard to the Portland Glass Company, Bray. He referred to the deputation which had been received by the Minister and stated he was grateful for promises which had been made on that occasion. He suggested that an appeal be sent to the Minister to ask him to do everything possible to save the industry. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided that a deputation consisting of the three Deputies from the County, the County Manager and the Chairman be sent to the Minister in relation to the matter.

#### Dump at Newtownmountkennedy:

Councillor W. Lawless referred to litter on the road at Newtown and asked that arrangements be made to obtain a permanent dump for the village.

#### Appointment of Clerk-Typist:

Councillor J. Miley referred to the appointment of a Clerk-Typist for the Council Offices at Blessington and asked if in view of her previous service with the Assistant County Engineer she might be advanced on the scale. It was agreed that the matter would be examined.



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**MONDAY, 10th AUGUST, 1959**

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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, 10th August, 1959, 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, Alan Hadden, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, H. J. Byrne, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O Maicin and J. Smyth.

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. Applications for loans for reconstruction of dwellinghouses.
2. Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities—Letter of 6th July, 1959, from Department of Local Government.
3. Sale of Vested Cottage—To consider letter of 28th May, 1959, from Department of Local Government (copy circulated).
4. Applications for consent to sale of vested cottages (1) Cottage at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, and (2) Cottage at Ballyward, Manor Kilbride.
5. Extension of watermain to serve cottages at Milltown, Ballinalea and Balinabinch—To affix seal of the Council to Mortgage from National Bank Ltd.
6. Proposed provision of water supply to cottages at Sea Road and Main Street, Kilcoole.
7. Report on tenders received for repairs to cottages in Southern Engineering District.
8. Application for closing of road at Altidore on 5th September, 1959, for purpose of Motor Car and Motor Cycle Hill Climbs.

### ITEM No. 1—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES.

The County Secretary stated that applications for loans to assist in the reconstruction of dwellinghouses had been received from Mr. William McDonald, Lacken, Blessington, and Mr. Thomas Hoxey, Derrynamuck, Knockenarrigan, Donard. The total cost of reconstruction of Mr. McDonald's house was £402, and he had been allocated State and Council Grants of £100 each, leaving a balance to be met of £202. He sought a loan of £100 for which he would be eligible under the Council's Scheme. The cost of reconstruction of the house of Mr. Thomas Hoxey was £544, and he had been allocated State and Council Grants of £136 each, leaving a balance to be met of £272-3-0. Mr. Hoxey sought a loan of £250, but the maximum which could be made available under the Council's Scheme was £180.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the making of a loan of £100 to William McDonald, Lacken, Blessington, towards the cost of reconstruction of his house, in accordance with provisions of the Council's Scheme."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the making of a loan of £180 to Mr. Thomas Hoxey, Derrynamuck, Knockenarrigan, Donard, in respect of the reconstruction of his house under the provisions of the Council's Scheme."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES.**

Letter of 6th July, 1959, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the making of grants to persons providing private water supply for their houses and obtaining such supply from the public water mains was submitted to the Council. It was indicated that a grant would be given where the house was more than 100 ft. from the public main and the local sanitary authority certified that they did not propose to extend the public main as part of the public water supply and had no objection to supplying the applicant and was subject to the usual statutory terms involving minimum contribution by the applicant and based on a cost to the applicant which would not include the average cost to a householder served by the public water supply of making a connection to it. It was suggested in the circular that local authorities might stipulate that the connection to the public water supply would be made on an agency basis by their own engineering staff.

The Minister suggested that in considering applications the sanitary authority should review the water supply needs of adjacent householders and ascertain whether such persons wished also to avail themselves of the proposed extension of the supply, and if such is found to be the case, the advantages of carrying out the works involved on a co-operative basis could be made clear to the persons concerned. It was indicated that the same conditions would apply to connections to public sewers.

The County Secretary stated that while the State Grants would now be available to persons providing a private water supply by means of a connection to a public supply, supplementary grants would not be granted in such cases. The Scheme adopted by the Council relating to supplementary grants applied only where persons had to provide their own water supply by means of well and pump, or otherwise than by connection to an existing public water main.

In the case of sewerage facilities, supplementary grants were available only where the applicant was providing his own septic tank and disposal arrangements.

Councillor J. J. McCrea and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the position of houses in towns where the owners or occupiers were not in a position to meet the cost of providing the connection with public water supply or sewerage systems, and asked if the Council could assist them in making such connections. It was agreed that a scheme be prepared under which the Council might carry out the work of making connections to public water main or public sewer and recover the cost by instalments over a period of years. The Council agreed that an income limit would be applied in respect of applications under such Scheme.

**ITEM No. 3—SALE OF VESTED COTTAGES.**

Letter of 28th May, 1959, Ref. No. H.7/59, copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council, relating to the sale of vested cottages, was considered by the Council. A copy of the considerations which the Council had decided should be borne in mind when considering applications for consent to the sale of vested cottages had also been circulated to the members.

The Council noted the terms of the letter and agreed on the necessity for controlling the sale of vested cottages so as to ensure that the cottages would not be used for purposes other than those for which they were provided.

**ITEM No. 4—APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGES.****1. Cottage at Tinnakilly, Aughrim :**

The Council considered the application of Mr. Thomas Tanham, tenant/purchaser of cottage No. 146/10 at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, for the consent of the Council to the sale of his interest in the cottage to Denis Nuzum, Aughrim, for the sum of £200. The Council noted that the cottage was erected in 1896, and that Mr. Tanham was leaving the district to live in Bolton, where the rest of his family were now living. The Council agreed that the figure of £200 sought was reasonable and approved of consent being given to the sale. The Council noted that the purchaser, Mr. Denis Nuzum, was a tenant of one of the Council's houses recently built at Aughrim.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved :—

“That we hereby consent to the sale by Thomas Tanham, tenant/purchaser of cottage No. 146/10 at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, of his cottage to Denis Nuzum, Aughrim, for the sum of £200, provided that (1) Deed of Transfer provides for a continuance of the conditions under which the cottage was vested; (2) the house is certified to be in good repair by the County Engineer, or if not in good repair shall be put into a good state of repair by the vendor; (3) payment of all monies due to the Council be discharged and (4) that the purchaser furnish an undertaking that he will occupy the cottage continuously as a place of residence for a period of at least three years.”

Passed unanimously.

**2. Cottage at Ballyward, Manor Kilbride :**

The Council considered again the application for consent to the sale of cottage at Ballyward, Manor Kilbride, for the sum of £400 to Albert McDonald, Jun., Manor Kilbride. In regard to the price proposed to be paid for the cottage, the County Manager stated that the present cost of erecting the cottage might be taken as £2 per sq. ft. of floor area. While the cost of erection did not correspond with the market value of a cottage, the value might be taken as between 10/- to £1 per sq. ft. of floor area, depending on the location of the cottage and the date of erection. The Council deferred a decision on the application and agreed that the applicant be informed that the Council were of the opinion that the price asked, i.e., £400, was too high.

**ITEM No. 5—EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN TO SERVE COTTAGES AT MILLTOWN, BALLINALEA AND BALLINAHINCH.**

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 22nd June, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,869 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the extension of water mains to serve cottages at Milltown, Ballinalea and Ballinahinch, 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 Limited.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY TO COTTAGES AT SEA ROAD AND MAIN ROAD, KILCOOLE.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had estimated that the cost of providing water supply to 23 cottages, i.e., 14 at Sea Road, and 9 at Main Road, Kilcoole, was £819-11-0. This figure included the cost of house connections and provision of a sink and sump in each cottage. The cost of house connections, fittings, etc., only had been included in calculating the charge to be made to the cottage tenants, and on this basis the total cost for 23 houses amounted to £575. If the Council were to obtain a loan of this amount over a period of 15 years at 5½%, the cost per cottage per week would amount to 1/-, and, in addition, the Council would have to add a sum of 9d. per week in lieu of water rates.

It was suggested, therefore, that the tenants of the 23 houses be asked if they were agreeable to pay an increase in rent of 1/9 per week as a contribution towards the cost of providing the water supply.

The Council agreed that the tenants be asked if they were agreeable to pay this increase in rent in respect of provision of water supply to cottages.

**ITEM No. 7—TENDERS FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES IN SOUTHERN ENGINEERING DISTRICT.**

The County Secretary stated that tenders had been invited by public advertisement for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in three areas in the Southern Engineering District, based on Carnew, Shiuelagh and Tinahely. Only three tenders had been received, one of which related to repairs in a small portion of one district only, and another being subject to the provision that groups of cottages be notified for repair in a particular district, and completed before any other work would be allocated.

The County Engineer recommended the acceptance of the remaining tender, being that of Thomas J. Keenan, Aughrim, being Standard Rate plus 25%.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of County Engineer, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Thomas J. Keenan, at Standard Rate, plus 25%, for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in the Tinahely district."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT ALTIDORE.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from The Motor Enthusiasts Club for the closing of the road at Altidore on 5th Sept., 1959, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and for the approval of the Council to the holding of a Motor Car and Motor Cycle Hill Climb Test on the road when closed to public traffic. A similar application had been made in previous years and had been approved by the Council. The necessary public notices had been given and no objections had been received, and the County Engineer had indicated that there was no objection to the use of the road.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the closing to public traffic of the road described hereunder on Saturday, 5th September, 1959, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and approve of the holding of a Motor Car and Motor Cycle Hill Climb Test on the road whilst so closed to public traffic:

"Portion of County Road No. 39, between junction of 3 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.

**Notice of Motion:**

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

"That I, or someone for me, shall move that the water supply to Annamoe shall be repaired so as to enable the people of the area to get water."

**Carnew Water Supply:**

Councillor J. J. McCrea asked that a report be submitted in regard to the possibility of augmenting the Carnew Water Supply. He suggested that use might be made of the lake at Kilcavan, and stated that the Tannery at Carnew was being re-opened shortly and would require 200,000 gallons per quarter.

**Operation of Health Act:**

Councillor J. J. McCrea asked that an item be included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council on 17th inst. in regard to the operation of the Health Act.

**Cottages at Ballymurrin:**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that report be submitted in regard to the proposal to pipe a well to the roadside at Ballymurrin as a water supply for tenants of cottages.

**Temporary Medical Officer, Aughrim:**

Councillor J. Quigley stated that the temporary Medical Officer recently appointed at Aughrim was not residing in the District. The County Manager stated that it had been indicated to the Medical Officer that he should reside in the District.

**Wicklow County Council**

**MINUTES  
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**Held on**

**MONDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1959**

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th August, 1959, at 2 p.m.

The following members attended:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, A. Hadden, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, J. Miley, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Edward 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 8th June, 29th June and 6th July, 1959.
2. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959—Results of Scholarship Examination.
3. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960—To adopt Scheme.
4. University Scholarship Scheme, 1959—Results of Examination.
5. University Scholarships—Report from University College in regard to Scholarship holders and application for renewal of Scholarships.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley re road at Carrig.
7. Memorial from residents in townlands of Moneybig and Tinahask, Arklow and Arklow Rock and Castletown, etc., requesting construction of new road to Arklow Rock.
8. Re-alignment of road at Kiltimon.
9. Report of County Engineer on Road Works carried out during quarter ended 30th June, 1959.
10. Reply from C.I.E. re stopping of train at Woodenbridge and bus service from Rathdrum to Carnew.
11. Petition requesting that Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, be carried into execution in Greystones Area.
12. Application for approval to use of site at Brittas Bay for caravans.
13. Avoca Dispensary—Claim in respect of repairs to old Dispensary.
14. Reconstruction and Improvement of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
15. Report of meeting with representatives of Board of Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland.
16. Operation of Health Acts—Treatment in Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth that water supply to Annamoe be repaired to enable the people to get water.
18. Report on Sewerage System at Shillelagh.
19. Dumping Ground at Newtownmountkennedy.
20. Report re right of way on the Murrough, Wicklow.
21. Letter from Minister for Local Government to Chairman of the Council in regard to proposals relating to openings for State investments in important public projects of economic merit.
22. Minutes of Spring Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
23. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

“ That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 29th June and 6th July, 1959.”

Passed, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting from Minutes of 6th July, 1959.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he was dissenting from the Minutes of the 6th July, 1959, as he did not agree with the record in relation to the closing of the road at Wicklow.

Councillor P. McCarthy enquired regarding the proposed reconstruction of Arklow Bridge. The County Secretary stated that an Architect had been engaged to assist in the design of the new bridge and that his report was expected shortly.

**ITEM No. 2—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1959—RESULTS OF SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION.**

The County Secretary submitted the results of the examination for Scholarships under the Council's Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne,

Resolved :—

“ That we note results of examination under the Scholarship Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1959, and approve of the award of Scholarships as follows, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education :

**Category 1(a)**

Bernardine M. O'Hara, Three Castles, Manor Kilbride.  
Anthony F. Killeen, 55 Lr. Windgates, Greystones.  
Jacqueline A. Moran, 97 Blacklion, Greystones.  
Mary Kate O'Toole, The Sallies, Rathdangan.  
Laurence O'Rourke, Stylebawn Cottage, Delgany.  
Mary M. Wedick, 9 Main St., Rathdrum.

**Category 1(b)**

Patricia M. Dunican, 30 St. Kevin's Square, Bray.  
Helen M. Cleary, 6 O'Byrne Road, Bray.  
Aidan J. Troy, 21 Vevay Road, Bray.  
Eugene P. O'Neill, Shelmalier, Herbert Road, Bray.  
Mary F. Mercer, Ground Flat, Dunluce, Esplanade, Bray.  
Mary C. Merrigan, 20 Summerhill, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1960.**

The County Secretary submitted a Draft Scholarship Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for 1960, and stated that the terms of the Scheme were similar to those which applied in the current year.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“ That we approve of the draft Scholarship Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960, as submitted to this meeting and note that the Scheme is in similar terms to that which applied in the year 1959.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1959—RESULTS OF EXAMINATION.**

The County Secretary stated that fourteen applicants had been approved to compete under the Scheme and of these nine had qualified at the Leaving Certificate Examination. Scholarships were awarded to the three candidates who obtained the highest marks in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“ That having noted results of the examination in respect of University Scholarship Scheme, 1959, we approve of the award of University Scholarships as follows :

John J. Kelly, Millview, Lower Street, Rathdrum.  
Anne Cahill, Ballyhad, Rathdrum.  
Patrick J. Lynch, 7 Marine Tce., Bray.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS—REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN REGARD TO SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS, AND APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP.**

The County Secretary stated that the Registrar, University College, had reported that James O. Reynolds had passed the B.E. Degree (Electrical) Examination and that Kevin C. Brennan had passed the Third Medical Part II Examination in the Spring and that the renewal of that Scholarship was recommended. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Scheme provided that Scholarships were tenable for three years but might be extended by the Council. It had been indicated to the Scholarship holder, Kevin C. Brennan, that the Council could not guarantee that his Scholarship would be renewed beyond the third year. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter and to await an application from the Scholarship holder. The Council agreed that enquiry might be made from other County Councils as to the period for which their Scholarships were made available.

The Council considered the application for David H. Herman, Braeside, Westfield Park, Bray, for renewal of the Scholarship to cover his final year.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That having considered application from David H. Herman, Braeside, Westfield Park, Bray, we approve of renewal of his University Scholarship for a further year.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY RE ROAD AT CARRIG.**

The Assistant County Engineer reported that the road at Carrig was that branching eastwards from County Road 364 for a distance of 750 yards and that its present condition was very good with a gravel surface. The annual maintenance cost was estimated at £14 per annum. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the road which was about 14 ft. wide was put into repair about 4 months previously under a Rural Improvements Scheme. The grade was very steep on part of it and consequently if it were taken over by the Council he would recommend that it be included for tarring in the following year. If the road were allowed to remain untarred for a few years, its good surface might deteriorate, especially on the hill. The road served three households.

Having considered the matter, and in view of the road having been put in repair by means of a Rural Improvement Scheme, the Council agreed to give the necessary public notice of its intention to take it over as a public road.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to take over as a public road road at Carrig from junction with County Road 364 at Carrig for a distance of 750 yards eastwards.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS IN TOWNLANDS OF MONEYBIG AND TINAHASK, ARKLOW, AND ARKLOW ROCK AND CASTLETOWN, ETC., RE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD TO ARKLOW ROCK.**

The County Secretary submitted Memorials received in connection with the provision of a new road from Arklow to Arklow Rock. One memorial signed by four persons sought a road from their residences to Arklow and to Lady's Well, and stated that they had a right-of-way through the Golf Links to Arklow. The second memorial was signed by a number of persons from Rock Big and Askintinny, Castletown, etc., and sought a road from Arklow Rock to Arklow town, which it was stated would reduce the journey to Arklow by two miles. A further memorial signed by a number of persons requested a road from Arklow to the Grotto at Lady's Well. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on this proposal in August, 1955 and had estimated the

total cost of the road at £19,481-2-0. The Department of Local Government had been asked if a special grant could be made available for the purpose of constructing the road, and An Bord Fáilte had also been asked to provide a grant for the purpose. The Department had indicated that the maximum grants available from the Road Fund for that year had already been notified and that a special grant could not be considered. An Bord Fáilte had stated that while the Board had every sympathy with the project, it was unable to allocate monies for the work from the funds available to it.

The Council noted the position in the matter and asked that a further enquiry be sent to the Department of Local Government as to whether any special grant could be made available for the construction of the new road.

**ITEM No. 8—REALIGNMENT OF ROAD AT KILTIMON.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been in touch with the Department of Local Government in regard to the section of work at Kiltimon which might be carried out with the aid of a Road Improvement Grant in the present financial year, but that a final decision had not yet been reached on the matter.

The Council decided to defer the matter pending a further report from the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 9—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON ROAD WORKS CARRIED OUR DURING QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959.**

Members of the Council stated that they had not received a copy of the report and it was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 10—STOPPING OF TRAIN AT WOODENBRIDGE—BUS SERVICE FROM RATHDRUM TO CARNEW.**

The following letter from Coras Iompair Eireann was submitted :—

Office of the Traffic Manager,  
Amiens Street Station,  
Dublin.

21st July, 1959.

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

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 9th instant which was passed to me by our Secretary for attention.

It is regretted that we cannot agree to the restoring of the stop at Woodenbridge on the 6.40 a.m. train. The stops were withdrawn on this train in the first instance at some of the smaller stations—including Woodenbridge—only after the most careful consideration. We had to face up to accelerating the train schedule as we were subjected to severe criticism from many people who maintained that the overall journey time showed up our service in a very poor light. You will understand that as this is the boat train service from Rosslare Harbour we were and are very anxious to give the best possible run to Dublin, particularly as it is considered that by doing so we may greatly improve passenger traffic through Rosslare Port.

We face a real problem in an attempt to provide a bus service from Rathdrum to Carnew off the evening train from Dublin. It is not possible for operational purposes to put forward the train. The bus service between Rathdrum and Carnew serves primarily local needs and to defer it to take a connec-



tion off the train would necessitate the provision of an extra crew, which would be quite uneconomic.

It is regretted, therefore, that your request cannot be acceded to, but we will keep the matters before us for attention should any change in circumstances in the meantime make it practicable for us to provide the service requested.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: D. Stewart,  
Traffic Manager.

Councillor J. J. McCrea pointed out again that the bus for Carnew left Rathdrum ten minutes before the evening train arrived at the station. It should be possible to defer the time for the bus leaving in order that passengers by the train could avail of the bus service. It was agreed to write again to C.I.E. on this matter.

The Council agreed also that C.I.E. be asked if it would be possible to provide a bus service via Aughrim, Coates Bridge and Woodenbridge to Arklow, thus providing a service to Arklow from the midlands.

**ITEM No. 11—PETITION REQUESTING THAT TOWNS IMPROVEMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1854, BE CARRIED INTO EXECUTION IN GREYSTONES AREA.**

The Council again considered letter of 16th June, 1959, from the Department of Local Government, with which was enclosed copy of Petition requesting the Minister for Local Government to call a meeting of local electors registered in the Greystones District Electoral Division, and put a resolution to the meeting for the adoption and carrying into effect within the town of Greystones of all the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and any other Act that was applicable. The names and addresses and rateable valuations of persons who had signed the Petition had been circulated to the members of the Council. In the course of the discussion on the matter it was agreed that it was doubtful if the Petition did represent the opinion of the people of Greystones generally.

The Council agreed that the Department be informed that the Council were of opinion that the proposal was not in the best interests of the County-at-Large, or of Greystones itself, but that it might be desirable to hold a plebiscite. The Council agreed also that the Department be informed that should it be decided to put the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, into execution in any part of the area, the townland of Kindlestown Lower should also be included. The Council agreed also that the Department be informed that it seemed doubtful if the area proposed could be regarded as a town for the purposes of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, or that the area would contain the necessary population of 1,500.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that he be recorded as dissenting in the matter.

**ITEM No. 12—APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE USE OF SITE AT BRITTAS BAY FOR CARAVANS.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Dermot O'Toole, Architect, on behalf of Messrs. Sprite (Ireland) Ltd. for approval in principle to a proposal to develop a site at Brittas Bay as a Caravan Holiday Centre. It was stated in the application that the Centre in the initial stage would accommodate about 50 caravans, and eventually about 300, with ancillary buildings for dining, entertainment, etc., all planned having regard to the desirability of fitting the entire scheme into the landscape. It was stated also that it was proposed that drainage would consist of septic tank system and that the water supply would be taken from borings. Reports had been obtained from the County Medical Officer and from the County Engineer but it was desired to examine the matter further. The Council agreed that consideration of the matter be deferred.

The County Manager suggested that the whole position in regard to Caravan Sites should be examined now by the Council. He pointed out that Brittas Area could be developed in either of two ways, either by the erection of new buildings, or alternatively by the development of Caravan Sites. The County Manager stated that the area was much frequented by people from Dublin and by tourists staying in Arklow and Wicklow, and that if sites were licensed for large numbers of caravans along the beach, the beach would not be available for such visitors. He suggested that consideration might be given by the Urban District Councils to the provision of sites for caravans near the towns, so that the persons using the caravans could avail of the amenities of the towns, and the rural character of an area like Brittas could be preserved.

The Council agreed that it would be desirable that the matter be considered in conjunction with the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, and deferred the matter in order to obtain the views of the members of the Urban District Councils.

**ITEM No. 13—AVOCA DISPENSARY.**

The County Secretary stated that with the agreement of the Council an offer of £300 had been made to the Estate of Lord Wicklow in settlement of a claim for repairs to be carried out to the old Dispensary at Avoca, the lease of which had terminated. The Solicitors for the Wicklow Estate had indicated that the Estate would be prepared to settle the matter on payment of a sum of £400, and the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council might agree to such payment.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, expressed his doubt as to the desirability of making any payment and queried the liability of the Council to carry out repairs as required by the Estate.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered advice of Council's Solicitor, we approve of payment of £400 in settlement of claim of Trustees of Lord Wicklow Estate in relation to repairs to Old Dispensary at Avoca."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 14—RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM.**

The County Manager stated that certain improvements to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, were regarded as essential, particularly the provision of adequate heating arrangements, also the relief of overcrowding. The third floor of the building was considered unsuitable for the accommodation of patients, and circulation in the building and also sanitary facilities were unsatisfactory. St. Kevin's Sanatorium, which was now no longer used as a Sanatorium, was in use for female, chronically ill patients, but some additional accommodation was still required. A rough estimate of the cost of the necessary improvements would be from £40,000 to £50,000, and allowing for a grant to be made available by the Department of Health, the net cost would be about 2d. in the £ in the rates. An Architect's report would be needed, and it was proposed to engage Mr. Vincent Kelly who had acted in respect of extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital and other hospital projects of the Council.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the engagement of Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, for the purpose of preparing preliminary report and estimate of cost of reconstruction and improvement of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 21—LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL RE PROPOSALS RELATING TO OPENINGS FOR STATE INVESTMENT.**

The following letter from the Minister for Local Government addressed to the Chairman of the County Council was submitted :—

22nd July, 1959.

Dear Chairman,

As you are aware, it is the Government's stated policy that the State should in future participate to an even greater extent than heretofore in development activities, including activities which, whilst not directly commercial, will contribute to the overall expansion of the economy, help in the achievement of increased production and create new employment opportunities. It is with this end in view that it has been decided to establish a special planning branch in the Department of Finance, where proposals for new State investment activity can be examined, organised and correlated.

In this connection the Government are anxious to receive proposals relating to openings for State investment in important public projects of economic merit. I should be glad to receive suggestions from your Council for projects of this nature in which the Council would consider it desirable in the public interest to engage but which are not included in their present programme. If you will be so good as to let me have such suggestions in a preliminary form with, in each case, brief particulars and an indication of probable cost, I shall be glad to transmit them for consideration. The proposals need not be confined to matters relating to the functions of the Minister for Local Government nor to projects which the local authority are at present empowered to undertake.

Yours sincerely,

Signed : Neil T. Blaney.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that it would be desirable to consult the local Chambers of Commerce on the matter, and the members referred to the possibility of providing a wood-pulp factory or developing woollen mills.

The Council agreed that the matter be considered by the Council at a meeting to be held in committee and agreed that a date for the meeting would be determined at the September meeting of the Council.

**Carnew Water Supply :**

Councillor J. J. McCrea referred to the shortage of water in Carnew and to the report of the Assistant County Engineer that he was examining the possibility of taking in an additional supply from another spring which was about 250 yards from the filters. The Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost at about £450.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“ That we approve of the borrowing by the Council of any necessary monies for the provision of an extension to Carnew Water Supply by taking in an additional spring, or alternatively authorise any necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimate for the purpose.”

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that it would be necessary to test the water from the spring proposed and also to prepare detailed plans and estimate of any work required.

The Council decided to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda to the September meeting.

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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, 7th September, 1959, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, John Quigley, Alan Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin and J. Smyth.

The County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. McGuinness and P. T. Hickey, were present.

## AGENDA.

1. Proposed Caravan Site at Brittas Bay.
2. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
3. Memorial from tenants at Kilmagig, Avoca, in relation to water supply at Avoca.

### ITEM No. 1—PROPOSED CARAVAN SITES AT BRITTAS BAY.

Letter dated 31st August, 1959, from Messrs. Kennedy and McGonagle, Solicitors, 34 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin, stating that they act for Messrs. Shannon Caravans, of Dublin Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, who proposed to purchase a 5 acre plot of land in the Brittas Bay Area with a view to converting it into a site for caravans. Their clients intend that the site would be fully equipped with running water and sewerage and any other facility which might be deemed necessary. The Solicitors had been asked to furnish a plan showing the site which Messrs. Shannon Caravans proposed to purchase, and in a letter of 5th September, 1959, they stated that the necessary plan was being prepared.

The County Manager pointed out that this was an additional application for the use of land in the Brittas Bay District for Caravan Sites and again showed the necessity for determining a suitable policy in connection with the licensing of caravans in the area. It was to be noted, moreover, that as in the case of Messrs. Sprite Ltd., Shankill, Co. Dublin, whose application had been discussed at recent meetings, this was another application from a firm which built and sold or rented caravans. It was decided to await the submission of the plan showing the site which the firm proposed to acquire.

It was suggested by the County Manager that the Council might now arrange for the appointment of members who would attend the discussions with the Urban District Councils of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow in relation to Caravan Sites. At their last meeting Wicklow U.D.C. had appointed 3 members to represent them at these discussions.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That the Chairman and Councillors James Miley and P. Brennan, T.D., represent the County Council at discussions with the Urban authorities in County Wicklow regarding the licensing of Caravan Sites."

Passed unanimously.

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

**Application of Mr. J. Somers—Petrol Pump :**

A revised application from Mr. J. Somers, Thomastown, Arklow, for permission to erect a petrol pump on the public road at Thomastown was submitted. It was mentioned that a previous application for a petrol pump at this place had been refused in June, 1959.

The report of the Council's Engineer stated that it had already been pointed out to Mr. Somers that it could not be agreed that a pump should be placed on the site shown in this revised application as it would be considered dangerous. In a discussion on the matter it was pointed out to the Council that the site would be adjacent to a traffic junction and that there would be inadequate access to the pump. If it were, however, sited on the opposite side of the road it might be permitted. It was agreed that permission be refused and that it might be indicated to Mr. Somers that he should consider the siting of the pump on the opposite side of the road.

**Filling Station at Herbert Road, Bray—Application of Mr. D. O'Connell :**

It was indicated that in a letter of 21st August, 1959, the Department of Local Government had stated that the Minister had made an Order determining the Appeal made to him in this instance and had confirmed the refusal of permission by the County Council. The information was noted.

**Service Garage at Kilpedder—Application of Mr. John Byrne :**

The Council noted that in a letter of 24th August, 1959, the Department of Local Government stated that the Minister had made an Order confirming the refusal of permission sought by Mr. John Byrne for a service garage and filling station at Kilpedder.

**ITEM No. 3—MEMORIAL FROM TENANTS AT KILMAGIG, AVOCA, IN RELATION TO WATER SUPPLY AT AVOCA.**

A Memorial received from Mr. Michael Hadden, 8 Kilmagig, Avoca, on behalf of tenants of Council houses at Kilmagig stated that there was a shortage of water. It mentioned that about 2 years ago a survey had been made in the Knockenree Area with a view to augmenting the supply but that nothing had been done since.

A report from Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, stated that the water supply at Avoca was practically dry. He had got one of the Council's water tankers fitted up and was having it towed behind a Council lorry for the purpose of filling the tank at Avoca with water from the Gold Mines River. He had tried several places on the Avondale River to get water but met with no success. At present water was being conveyed to Avoca from the Gold Mines River near the Valley Hotel. This was about a three mile haul and about 900 gallons were being transported on each journey.

In reply to members of the Council, Mr. Caffrey also stated that gaugings were being taken on other sources in the Avoca District at the present time with a view to taking water from these sources to augment the existing supply.

The Council noted the measures being taken and asked that alternative sources of water to augment the Avoca supply should be examined without delay.

**Local Authorities Works Acts—Grants for Drainage :**

It was mentioned by members that there were many drainage works which could be carried out with benefit to owners of property and to the community generally if grants were available from State Funds.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That the Departments of Local Government and Finance be asked to make grants available under the Local Authorities Works Act in the present financial year for the carrying out of essential drainage works."

Passed unanimously.

**Absence of Dr. B. Donnelly :**

In a letter received on 20th August, 1959, Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Hon. Chairman, County Committee Fine Gael, of Harbour Road, Arklow, had stated that he had been asked to communicate with the County Council regarding the seat held by Dr. B. Donnelly. His Committee wished to ask the Council to declare the seat vacant and they would then proceed to elect some person to be co-opted to it.

It was pointed out by the Chairman that at the meeting of the Council held on 29th June, 1959, leave of absence had been granted to two members of the Council, viz., Dr. B. Donnelly and Mr. W. Cleary. As leave of absence already had been granted by the Council to Dr. B. Donnelly it was decided that no further action be taken.

A Notice of Motion which had been handed in by Councillors M. Deering and G. Timmins to the effect that the seat held by Dr. B. Donnelly in the Electoral Division of Bray be declared vacant was withdrawn.

**Housing—Supplementary Grants :**

Draft Mortgage from the National Bank in regard to loan of £7,000 for the purpose of meeting the cost of making Supplementary Grants under the Housing Acts was submitted and approved.

**Improvement of Eden Road, Greystones :**

This matter was raised by Councillor E. Byrne who stated that whilst apparently the road had been taken over about 2 years ago, improvements to it had not yet been carried out. He enquired if some works could be done in the present year.

It was mentioned by the County Engineer that no provision for the reconstruction of this road had been included with the present year's Road Works Scheme, and he suggested that it should be left over until the coming financial year, when due provision could be made for it in the Scheme.

**Polling Station at Redcross :**

Reference was made by Councillor Macken to difficulties caused by lack of a Polling Station at a suitable place for some people in Redcross District. The County Manager pointed out that the Polling Stations Scheme was submitted at

the appropriate time to the County Council and approved by them. The matter mentioned by Councillor Macken will, however, be examined.

**New Housing Schemes :**

This matter was considered and it was agreed that it be included specially on the Agenda for the next housing meeting of the County Council.

**Notices of Motion :**

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

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor James Miley :

“Take notice that I or someone for me will move that steps be taken to improve the present water supply in Blessington.”

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. :

“That I shall move that a pump be erected for the use of seven cottages at Dunbur, Wicklow.”

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus Macken :

“That the County Council apply to Bord Failte for a grant to enable it to take over and put in repair for the benefit of tourists the link road known as Spink Lane which connects the County Road near Castle Howard, Avoca, with the County Road at Tigroney West, Avoca, since it is from this road only that a full and adequate view of the Vale of Avoca and the Meetings of the Waters can be obtained.”

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**Held on**

**MONDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1959**

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th September, 1959, 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, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey and P. McGuinness, attended.

## AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 13th July and 10th August, 1959.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account.
3. Filling of vacancies on Bray and Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committees.
4. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960—Letter from Department of Education approving of Scheme submitted by Council and asking if the Council has determined to carry into execution the Scheme as submitted.
5. Renewal of University Scholarships.
6. County Engineer's report on Road Works carried out during quarter ended 30th June, 1959.
7. Alignment of road at Kiltimon—Report of County Engineer.
8. Improvements at Greystones—List of works for approval.
9. Report of meeting with representatives of the Board of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth that water supply to Annamoe be repaired to enable people in the area to get water.
11. Report on Sewerage System at Shillelagh.
12. Dumping Ground at Newtownmountkennedy.
13. Report re right-of-way on the Murrough, Wicklow.
14. Application for provision of self-propelled Fire Engine for Baltinglass.
15. Electrical Wiring at Courthouse, Wicklow.
16. Amendment of Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for the purpose of Local Elections.
17. Parking of Cars at Ardinary, Brittas Bay.
18. Operation of Health Acts—Treatment in private Hospitals and Nursing Homes.
19. To fix date for meeting of Committee in regard to proposals for new State Investment Scheme.
20. Letter from C.I.E. re Carnew/Rathdrum bus service.



21. Letter from County Councils' General Council re agreement between Councils for provision of Fire Fighting Service in border areas of adjoining counties.
22. Minutes of Spring Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
23. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that steps be taken to improve the present water supply in Blessington.
24. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that pump be erected for use of seven cottages at Dunbur, Wicklow.
25. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Macken re taking over of road at Avoca.
26. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 13th July and 10th August, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT.**

It was

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

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 a 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, 1959, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1959, shall not exceed £18,750."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BRAY AND NEWCASTLE O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEES.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby appoint Rev. J. A. G. Barrett as a member of the Bray Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. N. V. Willoughby, M.A."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That we hereby appoint Mr. Joseph Daniel Dunne, Newtownmountkenedy, as a member of the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Daniel Dunne."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1960.**

Letter of 29th August, 1959, from Department of Education conveying approval of the Scheme submitted by the Council in respect of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960, was submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That having considered letter of 29th August, 1959, from the Department of Education in regard to Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960, we hereby determine to carry into execution the Scheme approved by the Minister."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The Council considered applications for renewal of University Scholarships from Paul V. Spellman, Greystones; Amelia C. Scullion, Bray; Francis Oliver Kavanagh, Dundrum; Kevin C. Brennan, Greystones. Following a discussion regarding the period for which extensions of Scholarships might be allowed, the Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to the meeting of the Council to be held on 5th October, 1959.

**ITEM No. 6—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON ROAD WORKS CARRIED OUT DURING QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959.**

The report of the County Engineer on Road Works carried out during quarter ended 30th June, 1959, copy of which had been circulated to each member, was considered by the Council. The Council noted the report. Councillor Kehoe stated that he had received complaints from several persons about the Blessington/Baltinglass Road which was deteriorating as a result of the additional traffic on it. Councillor Miley suggested that the Council make a renewed application for a grant in respect of the road. The County Manager stated that he would make further submissions to the Department of Local Government for a Special Grant for the repair of the road in view of the additional traffic which it now carried consequent on the closing of the Railway Line.

**ITEM No. 7—ALIGNMENT OF ROAD AT KILTIMON.**

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Secretary, Courthouse, Wicklow,  
31st August, 1959.

**re/Road Works Scheme, 1959/60—Realignment at Kiltimon.**

A Chara,

In reply to yours of 4th instant it seems necessary that I should set out clearly to you the exact position herein, lest there be any misunderstanding.

The alignment at Kiltimon Glen, as I have already pointed out, must conform with the remainder of this route and its future development north and south of the position; for that purpose, therefore, a survey must be made to ascertain conditions prevailing.

The result of any survey will indicate an appropriate section of any route which lends itself for reconstruction, and would be such that if and when it would be completed would provide a finished alignment, if it is supposed that a section say A to B having been designed, it would of itself constitute a completed route and fit with the existing road, then the estimate of cost for such an alignment should be ascertained and a concentration on its completion over two or three years would be made.

In the present instance, I find that there is such a section running through Kiltimon Glen which would be appropriately termed north and south on the existing route, and such section, therefore, should be the primary aim for completion over two or three years. It is obvious, therefore, that only portion of this section and the work involved therein could be undertaken in any one year, having regard to the limited amount of funds on the Main Road Grant which might be available. In the present year approximately £12,000 has been allocated out of a total Main Road Grant of £26,700, and this amount will permit only a small portion of the section to be dealt with.

The total estimate of cost for the completion of the total section A is approximately £80,000, so that to complete it fully, say within three seasons, would call for a much greater allocation from the Annual Main Road Grant.

The present survey for this section A from the straight at Kiltimon to Junction Road 64, Mount John, is now completed and detailed estimates of costs are being made. In the meantime a survey of the section of the route to the north of Kiltimon, via Killadreenan and Newtownmountkennedy, is not completed, and as portion of this section is also proposed to be undertaken during the present financial year, a survey is being carried out.

Investigations show that a portion of the route A can be carried out to fit in with the major work eventually, opposite the existing gate lodge to Kiltimon

House. This portion would be, as I pointed out to the County Manager, over a distance of approximately 450 yards. The estimated cost of completing this section is £35,154.

With the 1959/60 allocation of £12,050 it is proposed to carry out part of the work in excavation and fill and in 1960/61 the remainder of the section could be completed, with the exception of the final surfacing which would be done in the following year. The work would be finalised early in 1961/62.

I have discussed the matter with the Department so as to get a reasonable agreement, and this is the result.

The estimate of costs and the plans and sections are this day being forwarded to the Department and a copy is attached herewith for your files.

I refer to previous representations to you in which I recommend that Mr. Walsh, B.E., who has carried out this survey should be allocated to act as Resident Engineer on this major alignment work.

Yours faithfully,

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

**MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1959/60.****Kiltimon Glen T.7, Road No. 43—N.M.3.—part development.****Estimated cost of works—£12,050 (to be carried out in 1959/60)**

Fencing: 540 lin. yds. temporary fencing at 5/-	...	...	£135	0	0
Drainage: 50 lin. yds. 3" A.C. Main from Spring under new road to field at 10/- (including water trough)	...	...	40	0	0
110 lin. yds. 24" diam. concrete pipe at 40/- lin. yd.	...	...	220	0	0
<b>Excavation and Fill:</b>					
8,684 cu. yds. Rock at 20/- cu. yd.	...	...	8,684	0	0
4,342 cu. yds. boulder material at 10/- cu. yd.	...	...	2,171	0	0
13,026 cu. yds.					
<b>Cost of Survey completed 1959</b> (including Engineer, Labour and equipment)	...	...	400	0	0
<b>Resident Engineer for 6 months:</b>	...	...	400	0	0
		<b>Total</b>	£12,050	0	0

31st August, 1959.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the Scheme for the Improvement of Main Road T 7 at Kiltimon Glen at a cost estimated according to the Special Report of the County Engineer of 31st August, 1959, at £35,154."

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that a copy of the County Engineer's report be circulated to each member.

**ITEM No. 8—IMPROVEMENTS AT GREYSTONES.**

The County Manager submitted particulars of works which had been agreed with An Bord Fáilte Éireann and which were intended to provide additional amenities in Greystones. The Council indicated that they had no objection to the proposals if the works were agreed by the Local Electoral Area Committee.

**ITEM No. 9—REPORT OF MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOARD OF ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION FOR IRELAND.**

The County Manager submitted report of meeting between representatives of the Council and members of the Board of Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland which had been held on 20th July, 1959. The Council had been represented by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; J. Everett, T.D., and J. O'Toole, T.D., together with the County Manager, County Secretary, Chief Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer. In regard to the rate of charge for maintenance of patients, the members of the Board of the Hospital submitted figures showing that the Board had a loss ranging from £5 in 1956 to £7-3-6 per week in 1958 in respect of each patient, and this loss was made good by a Grant from the Hospitals' Trust Fund. The members of the Board agreed that the cost of maintenance could be reduced if the Sanatorium were always fully occupied, and representatives of the County Council agreed to make representations to other Local Authorities that some of the smaller Sanatoria be closed and patient transferred from them to Newcastle. The County Manager stated that other Local Authorities had been approached to see if additional patients could be transferred to the Hospital at Newcastle. As regards the length of stay of patients at the Sanatorium it had been found that during the last four years the length of stay varied from between 37 and 42 weeks and the Council was assured that all patients were allowed to leave as soon as they were fit. The Council noted the position in the matter. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to complaints he had received from patients that they had not been supplied with clothing. The County Manager stated that some years ago the supply of clothing to patients in Sanatoria had been introduced and it appeared that Wicklow was supplying far more than other counties and they had been asked to exercise care and economy in that respect. The clothing was issued at the discretion of the County Medical Officer. The County Manager stated that he would look into the complaints made by Deputy Everett if particulars were supplied.

**ITEM No. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. SMYTH RE WATER SUPPLY TO ANNAMOE.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth the Council considered report of the County Engineer dated 14th September in which he stated that the spring from which the village supply was taken over many years had almost gone dry and that instructions had been issued to the Caretaker to clean up the drain in an effort to keep whatever small amount of water was available flowing. The County Engineer suggested that a small electric pump could be placed on the Annamoe River near the bridge and a pipe laid to about the centre of the village to a fountain, and estimated the cost of the Scheme at £150. In 1943 and 1944 a small Scheme was prepared for the village involving the construction of intake tanks, storage tanks, etc., and the laying of a new main, but as the supply had improved at the time the Scheme was not proceeded with. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for further examination by the County Engineer.

**ITEM No. 11—REPORT ON SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT SHILLELAGH.**

The County Engineer reported that the existing method of disposal of sewerage in Shillelagh was by piping it directly from individual properties to the river, and in many cases dry lavatories were being used. The position, therefore, was that there was no proper piped sewerage or disposal works. The County Engineer stated that if a Scheme were considered necessary for the village by the County Medical Officer one treatment works could be installed to serve the village and also cottages at Quarry Street and Bachelor's Walk, but it would be necessary to provide ejector pumps to bring all branch lines into one outfall. The County Engineer submitted a very approximate estimate for the village at £6,450. The County Medical Officer had reported that the provision of a

Sewerage Scheme at Shillelagh could be regarded only as an amenity and was not a Public Health necessity. The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Councillor J. J. McCrea and accepted by the Chairman: "That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Council that a loan be raised in accordance with the Engineer's estimate to provide proper sewerage system for the village of Shillelagh and Bachelor's Walk."

**ITEM No. 16—AMENDMENT OF SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

The County Manager stated that it had been indicated by the Department of Local Government that it was considered advisable that the proposed amendment of the Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for the purpose of Local Elections be in the form of a resolution expressly amending the Scheme. A draft showing the type of resolution was submitted to the Council.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"We hereby resolve that the existing Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for County Wicklow for the purpose of Local Elections be amended.

- (1) by the substitution of "Sunbeam House, Lower Dargle Road, Bray," for "St. Peter's N.S., Bray," as the Polling Place for the Polling District of Bray (Bt) in the part of the Scheme relating to the County Electoral Area of Bray, and
- (2) by the addition of the following to the said part of the Scheme:—

Distinguishing Letter	Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Unit
CY	Bray	St. Peter's N.S., Bray	D.E.D. of Rathmichael (Bray) comprising the following streets: Blind Lane, Arbutus Grove, Beech Road, Hawthorne Road, Maple Grove and Myrtle Grove

Passed unanimously.

The Council recommended that similar arrangements should apply to Parliamentary Elections. It was agreed that the Department be asked that arrangements be made for an alteration in the Parliamentary constituency so as to include in the Wicklow constituency the area at Palermo, Bray, which had recently been included in County Wicklow.

**ITEM No. 18—OPERATION OF HEALTH ACTS—TREATMENT IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES.**

Councillor McCrea raised the matter of the sending of a patient to the Coombe Hospital, Dublin, and the County Manager stated he would look into the case. The question of availing of the Council's own hospitals and the sending of patients to Voluntary Hospitals was discussed at length, and the County Manager drew attention to the necessity for ensuring that the Council's own institutions were fully availed of and pointed out that the Council had reduced the amounts of the Estimates for Hospital Treatment in the current year, and to effect these reductions it was essential that the Council's institutions be availed of to the fullest possible extent. The Council agreed that the County Medical Officer should point out to medical practitioners the position which would arise if patients were sent to Voluntary Hospitals instead of to the Council's own institutions if suitable accommodation were available for them there.

**ITEM No. 20—LETTER FROM C.I.E. RE CARNEW/RATHDRUM BUS SERVICE.**

The County Manager submitted letter of 24th August, 1959, from C.I.E. in which it was indicated that the Company could not accede to the Council's request that a bus connection be provided for the evening train from Dublin to Rathdrum. It was stated also that it would not be possible to operate a service from Carnew to Arklow via Woodenbridge. The Council noted the terms of the letter. Members of the Council mentioned difficulties in connection with this and with other services and it was noted furthermore that the action taken by the Council in such instances as a result of representation and with a view to being helpful seemed only to raise further difficulties.

**ITEM No. 23—NOTICE OF MOTION RE WATER SUPPLY AT BLESSINGTON.**

In connection with the Notice of Motion in his name, Councillor Miley suggested that it would be possible to take in additional springs to augment the Blessington Water Supply. He stated that the position of the supply at the moment was very serious. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the water supply system was very old and that pipes had been renewed from time to time and the supply augmented by taking in additional springs. Any further improvement would entail going much further for a supply. The source at Lugnagan could not be taken in immediately as an emergency measure as it would mean the laying of about 1 mile of piping. The source at Sruaghan which had been suggested would not result in an adequate improvement. The Council decided to leave the matter to the Engineer to take such temporary measures to augment the supply as might be necessary, and asked that he submit at a later date a special report re further improvements to the supply.

**Employment in Forests at Aughrim :**

Councillor Quigley stated that a number of workers in the Forest at Aughrim had had their employment terminated.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That representations be made to the Department of Lands regarding the termination of employment of 20 workers in the Forests in Aughrim district and that the Department be asked to provide employment for these workers.”

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred the remaining items on the Agenda to the meeting to be held on 5th October, 1959.

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters and the items adjourned from the meeting held on 14th September, 1959, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th October, 1959, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; James J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, J. Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, John Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

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.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Councillor A. Hadden in which he stated that he was in hospital for an operation and would be unable to attend the meeting. The Council asked that the best wishes of the members be conveyed to Councillor Hadden for his speedy restoration to health.

## AGENDA.

1. Report on Applications received for provision of houses.
2. Applications for Supplementary Grants.
3. Caravan Sites—To fix date for meeting with representatives of Urban Authorities.
4. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
5. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
6. Renewal of University Scholarships.
7. Dumping Ground at Newtownmountkennedy.
8. Report re right-of-way at the Murrough, Wicklow.
9. Application for provision of self-propelled Fire Engine for Baltinglass.
10. Electrical Wiring at Courthouse, Wicklow.
11. Parking of Cars at Ardinairy, Brittas Bay.
12. To fix date for meeting of Committee in regard to proposals for new State Investment Scheme.
13. Letter from County Councils' General Council re agreements between Councils for provision of Fire Fighting Service in border areas of adjoining counties.
14. Minutes of Spring Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that pump be erected for use of seven cottages at Dunbur, Wicklow.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Macken re taking over of road at Avoca.
17. Loan for Improvements to Tinahely Sewerage Scheme—To authorise affixing seal of the Council to Mortgage from National Bank.
18. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—REPORT ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR PROVISION OF HOUSES.**

The County Secretary submitted a report in regard to applications received in the four Electoral Areas for provision of new houses. In the Bray Area the Local Committee had agreed that four applicants were in need of housing accommodation but noted that as an average of 70 cottages became vacant per annum two of the applicants be given priority for the next vacant houses in the Kilmacanogue area and that enquiries be addressed to the other two applicants asking if they would be prepared to accept tenancy of two new houses on the Council's site at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry. These applicants did not reply to enquiries addressed to them and all four were asked to apply for the tenancy of a cottage at Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue, which became vacant subsequent to receipt of their applications, but it would appear that they were not interested, as the application forms sent to them were not returned. The Council noted that no additional houses were required in the Bray Electoral Area at present. In regard to the Baltinglass Electoral Area, 17 applications received were examined by the Local Committee and it was agreed that only one applicant was in need of housing accommodation. This applicant resided at Eadestown but was employed in Baltinglass, and he had been offered the tenancy of a Council cottage at Raheen, Baltinglass. Councillor Kehoe stated that the applicant wished to have a cottage built on his lands at Eadestown and did not wish to live in Baltinglass. It was pointed out by the Secretary that the Council would not be justified in erecting a new house to meet the needs of this one applicant.

In the Arklow Electoral Area it was agreed that three applicants were in need of housing accommodation, two being in Carnew and one at Johnstown Lodge, Arklow. Reports were obtained regarding the housing accommodation of four other applicants in Carnew. It was suggested that the needs of Carnew might be met by the acquisition of a suitable site on which to erect 4 to 6 fully serviced houses, and the Assistant County Engineer had indicated that there was a suitable site available convenient to electricity, watermains and sewers. It was agreed that Councillor McCrea would supply names of persons requiring houses in Carnew and who would be in a position to meet the current rents of serviced houses. As regards the applicant at Johnstown, Arklow, it was agreed that the Engineer report on the suitability of the site for a house in that area.

The Committee for the Wicklow Area had examined applications received and recommended six cases who might be considered for the erection of new houses. Of the six applicants one could not be considered eligible as he was a farmer holding 29½ statute acres of land, a second applicant had since been rehoused, a third applicant was not now residing in the premises which had been found to be in need of repair and overcrowded, a fourth applicant was not residing in an unfit house and his need for rehousing had not been established. In the case of a fifth applicant it was said that his housing conditions could be improved if repairs were carried out to the dwelling. In regard to the remaining applicant the Council expected to obtain possession of a Council cottage convenient to his present house and for which he could apply. There did not accordingly seem to be any need for the provision of new houses in the Wicklow Area. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that there were a number of houses in Rathnew in which two families were living and that additional houses might be required in Rathnew. The County Manager suggested, however, that these cases might be met by the normal vacancies arising during the year.

**Housing Scheme at Kirikee :**

Councillor Haughton protested against alleged delay in proceeding with the erection of three houses at Kirikee. It was indicated that only two applicants were now available and that the County Engineer doubted if the houses could now be erected at the estimated price submitted.

**ITEM No. 2—APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved :—

“That we approve of making of a Supplementary Grant of £116-13-4 to Peter Fitzpatrick, Annacarney, Valleymount, in respect of the erection of a new house.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—CARAVAN SITES.**

The Council decided to defer to the meeting to be held on 12th October, 1959, the fixing of a date for the meeting with the representatives of the Urban Authorities in regard to Caravan Sites.

**ITEM No. 4—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Kehoe,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved :—

“That having considered report of Assistant County Engineer dated 21st September, 1959, we approve of an increase of the loan to Mr. Patrick Gorman, Oldtown, Baltinglass, in respect of the erection of a house at Oldtown to £420-0-0, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.”

Passed unanimously.

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

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. R. J. Power, M.P.S.I., Newtownmountkennedy, for approval to the use of a site adjoining the Main Road, north of Newtownmountkennedy, for the erection of a house thereon, and it had been indicated to Mr. Power that the site was not regarded as suitable as it was on the Main Road and the building of a house on the site would constitute an undesirable type of ribbon development. Mr. Power had written to state that he had sought alternative sites but had been unable to obtain any other site and requested that permission might be granted for the use of the site in question. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which the County Secretary pointed out the undesirable effects of allowing the erection of houses along the main road, the Council recommended that the site be approved for the erection of a house and noted that the owner of the land had indicated that he would not grant any further sites for houses along the Main Road.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from a Mr. George Aungier, 9 Cabra Drive, Cabra Road, Dublin, enquiring whether it would be in order to build a cottage or cottages on a plot of ground at the North Beach, Greystones. A previous application for the use of this site for the erection of houses had been refused by the Council. The Council agreed that the site was not a suitable one for the erection of houses thereon.

Having considered letter of 1st October, 1959, from Messrs Louis M. Byrne Ltd., Builders, the Council agreed that permission be given for the erection of a Christmas tree in the street at Blessington adjoining the I.C.A. garden and standing about 4' south of it and about 4' back from the face of the garden, subject to the details being agreed with the Assistant County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 6—RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Seconded by Councillor J. Smyth,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the renewal of University Scholarships for a further year for the following students:—

Paul V. Spellman, Iona, Greystones.  
Amelia C. Scullion, Sliab Mis, Putland Road, Bray.  
Francis O. Kavanagh, Springmount, Wicklow.  
Kevin C. Brennan, Gweedore, Church Road, Greystones."

Passed unanimously.

#### Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools:

Having considered letter from Department of Education and reports from the schools concerned the Council recommended that Scholarships be renewed for the following pupils:—

Miss Bernadette A. Byrne, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Miss Mary C. Conroy, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.  
Abraham F. Jacob, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
Patrick G. O'Reilly, De La Salle College, Wicklow.  
James P. Anderson, De La Salle College, Wicklow."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 7—DUMPING GROUND AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The County Secretary submitted report indicating the efforts which had been made since 1950 to provide a suitable site for a dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy. The Council noted that it had not been possible to acquire a suitable site.

#### ITEM No. 8—REPORT RE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE MURROUGH, WICKLOW.

Having considered report of 26th June, 1959, from the County Engineer, the Council agreed that a letter be addressed to Sir Chester Beatty drawing his attention to the position and requesting his co-operation in maintaining the right-of-way. The Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the General Council of County Councils in regard to the need for granting powers to Local Authorities to maintain existing rights-of-way.

#### ITEM No. 9—APPLICATION FOR PROVISION OF SELF-PROPELLED FIRE ENGINE FOR BALTINGLASS.

Councillor Kehoe and Councillor Timmins urged that a self-propelled fire engine be provided for Baltinglass without delay. It was indicated by the County Secretary that no provision had been made in the current year's estimates to meet the loan charges in respect of a new fire engine. He suggested that the matter be deferred to the next estimates meeting. Councillor Kehoe and Councillor Timmins stated that they would hand in a Notice of Motion for the raising of a loan for the purchase of a fire engine for consideration at the next meeting.

#### ITEM No. 10—ELECTRICAL WIRING AT COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that tenders had been invited by public advertisement for the electrical wiring at the Courthouse, Wicklow, and the tenders had been opened in the presence of the Vice-Chairman. Particulars of the four tenders received were submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the Consulting Engineer had been asked to submit his recommendation in regard to the tenders. A letter from the Consulting Engineer and a letter from the Department of Local Government approving of the plans for the work were submitted to the Council and the Council noted the advice of the Consulting Engineer in regard to provision of a low-pressure hot water system of heating but decided not to take any action on this proposal at present.

#### ITEM No. 11—PARKING OF CARS AT ARDINAIRY, BRITTAS BAY.

The County Secretary submitted correspondence in regard to a dispute between a Mr. Diver and Mr. Carroll regarding the parking of cars at Ardinary. The Council noted that the matter appeared to be a dispute between two land-owners and decided to take no action.

#### ITEM No. 12—MEETING IN REGARD TO PROPOSALS FOR NEW STATE INVESTMENT.

The Council decided that a meeting in regard to this matter be held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th October, 1959, at 11.30 a.m.

#### ITEM No. 13—AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COUNCILS FOR PROVISION OF FIRE FIGHTING SERVICE.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the General Council of County Councils recommending that County Councils enter into agreements regarding the provision of fire fighting services in border areas of adjoining counties so as to ensure that when the fire brigade of one county was called to attend a fire in an adjoining county the Council of the former county would be paid at the approved rate for the service provided. The County Secretary stated that the Council had entered into a formal agreement for mutual assistance in respect of the Fire Brigade Service with County Carlow but that no formal agreement existed with County Dublin, County Kildare or County Wexford. The Chief Fire Officer, however, had arrangements with the Chief Fire Officers of the adjoining counties



under which mutual assistance was provided, and this system was working satisfactorily. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**ITEM No. 14—MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.**

The Minutes of the Spring Meeting of the County Councils' General Council were submitted and details supplied to the Council. The Council noted the terms of the Minutes.

**ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT PUMP BE ERECTED FOR USE OF SEVEN COTTAGES AT DUNBUR, WICKLOW.**

The County Secretary stated that in 1956 a survey had been carried out of the water supply position at Dunbur and it was found that there were 7 Council cottages with a total population of 29 persons. The Assistant County Engineer had recommended that a well on the lands of Mrs. Codd then used by a number of cottage tenants be improved, and a sample of water was taken and found satisfactory. Mrs. Codd was asked if she would accord the Council the right to protect the well for the use of cottage tenants, leaving an overflow for her livestock, but she had not replied to the Council's letters on the subject. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the matter be investigated again and a further report obtained, and suggested that a supply might be obtained from Lacey's well. It was agreed that the Engineer make a further investigation of the matter.

**ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR S. MACKEN RE TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT AVOCA.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Councillor S. Macken urged that the Council apply to An Bord Failte for a grant to enable it to take over and put in repair for the benefit of tourists the link road known as Spink Lane which connected the County Road near Castlehoward, Avoca, with the County Road at Tigroney West, Avoca. Councillor Macken stated that it was from this road only that a full and adequate view of the Vale of Avoca and the Meeting of the Waters could be obtained, and suggested that the road would be of value for tourist purposes. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the road in question was known as the Spink Road and was about 1 mile and 1 furlong in length. He would not recommend that it be taken over as it was only 7' 6" wide in places and passed through the old mine workings and was inhabited only on the ends principally by 5 cottages on the Castlehoward end, and the occupants of these cottages used the road down by Castlehoward to get to the Meetings. The Engineer also pointed out that there were many more unrolled roads still to be repaired in the district. Councillor Macken pointed that this road also led to the Motty Stone and suggested that the matter be further investigated. It was agreed that the proposal be examined further.

**ITEM No. 17—LOAN FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TINAHELY SEWERAGE SCHEME.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 8th August, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £924 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Tinahely Sewerage Scheme, 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.

**Regatta at Blessington :**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Metropolitan Regatta Council expressing their appreciation of the Council's co-operation in the staging of their Regatta at Blessington in July and asking that their sincere appreciation be conveyed to the Council. It was stated in the letter that despite the atrocious weather conditions experienced this year, the Council was not dismayed and hoped to hold another "Metropolitan" on the lake next year.

**Road at Ballyduff :**

Councillor Lawless referred to previous application he had made for a report in regard to road at Ballyduff and asked that the Engineer submit a further report regarding this road prior to consideration being given to its being taken over for maintenance by the Council.

**Prosecution of Photographer at Glendalough :**

Councillor Lawless, supported by Councillor J. Smyth and Councillor J. D. Haughton, protested against the action of the Council in prosecuting Denis McCoy, Glendalough, in respect of taking photographs in the Burial Ground. The County Manager pointed out that objections had been received from An Bord Failte on behalf of tourists to the use of the Burial Ground for commercial purposes.

**Notices of Motion :**

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

In the name of Councillor J. Smyth : "That I or someone for me shall move that the road from Clara Post Office to Ballydowling Road be taken over and put in order."

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. : "That the road known as Knocknadrect, leading from Main Wicklow Road from Knockfoddagh Cross Roads to Bolinass Main Road, be taken over by the Council."

In the names of Councillors P. Kehoe and G. Timmins : "That we, or someone for us, will propose at the next meeting of the Council that a loan be raised to provide a self-propelled fire engine for Baltinglass."

In the names of Councillors W. Lawless and Edward Byrne : "That we will move at the next statutory meeting of the Council that a detailed cost of a refuse collection in the Parish of Grevstones be submitted at the earliest opportunity; also the cost of including Blacklion, Grattan Park and Killincarrig in said Scheme."

**Wicklow County Council**

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**Held on**

**MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER, 1959**

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th October, 1959, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. McGuinness and P. T. Hickey, were present.

## AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 17th August and 7th September, 1959.
2. Letter from Department of Local Government re application for Grant for proposed new road from Arklow to Arklow Rock.
3. To consider making declaration that road at Carrig, Blessington, be a public road.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor John Smyth that the road from Clara Post Office to Ballydowling be taken over and put in order.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that road known as Knocknadreet Road leading from the Main Wicklow Road from Knockfodda Cross Roads to Bolinass Main Road be taken over as a public road.
6. Letter dated 5th October, 1959, from Department of Local Government re Grant for Rural Employment Schemes.
7. Letter from Department of Local Government and letter from County Councils' General Council regarding Local Authorities Works Acts, 1959.
8. Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes—Circular L 8/59 from Department of Local Government dated 29th September, 1959, regarding revision of rates of subsidy for Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes and suggestions and recommendations on the lines which the future planning of Sanitary Services programmes should take.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea that a loan be raised in accordance with the Engineer's estimate to provide public sewerage system for the village of Shillelagh and Bachelor's Walk.
10. Application for provision of water supply at Baltinanima, Roundwood.
11. To fix date for meeting with representatives of Urban District Councils in regard to Caravan Sites.
12. Proposed additional public light at Dunlavin.
13. Electrical Wiring of Courthouse, Wicklow—Report of Consulting Engineer on tenders received.
14. Report of Local Government Auditor on audit of accounts for 4 years ended on 31st March, 1956 (copy circulated).
15. Abstracts of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1959.
16. Application for use of Library at Enniskerry.
17. Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works for loan of £5,000 for advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
18. Report of Chief Fire Officer on gorse, heather and forest fires.
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors P. Kehoe and G. Timmins for raising of loan to provide self-propelled fire engine for Baltinglass.

20. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne that detailed cost of refuse collection in the parish of Greystones be submitted at the earliest opportunity; also the cost of including Blacklion, Grattan Park and Killincarrig under the Scheme.
21. Alterations to Criminal Court and Record Court requested by Circuit Court Judge.
22. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Resolution of Sympathy:**

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the death of Dr. Deely who had been District Medical Officer for Powerscourt Dispensary District for a great number of years. On the proposal of the Chairman the Council passed unanimously a resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Dr. Deely's widow and family.

**Apology for Absence:**

The County Secretary stated that he had received a message from Councillor J. O'Toole who was away on holidays expressing regret for his inability to attend the meeting.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 17th August and 7th September, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—PROPOSED ROAD FROM ARKLOW TO ARKLOW ROCK.**

The Council noted letter of 4th September, 1959, from Department of Local Government in regard to proposed new road from Arklow to Arklow Rock and stating that the maximum grants available from the Road Fund for the current financial year had already been notified to the Council and that accordingly the allocation of a grant for the proposed work could not be considered.

**ITEM No. 3—DECLARATION THAT ROAD AT CARRIG, BLESSINGTON BE A PUBLIC ROAD.**

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's intention to declare the road at Carrig, Blessington, to be a public road.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby declare that the road described hereunder be a public road:

Road branching eastward from County Road No. 364 at Carrig, Blessington, for a distance of 750 yards."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. SMYTH THAT ROAD FROM CLARA POST OFFICE TO BALLYDOWLING BE TAKEN OVER AND PUT IN ORDER.**

In regard to the notice of Councillor Smyth, the County Secretary submitted report of the Assistant County Engineer in which he stated that the lane from Knockrath Post Office to Ballydowling was approximately 1,500 yards in length and that only 700 lineal yards at the Ballydowling end appeared to be used, and

that by only one person, Mr. John Byrne. The remainder had not been in use for years and the northern end ran through forested land. The Assistant County Engineer did not think it was needed by the public as two tarred roads ran along each end of it. Councillor Smyth stated that the road connected the Glendalough/Rathdrum road and the Glendalough/Greenane road and would provide a useful short cut for children attending school and persons going to the shops and church. Councillor Haughton also strongly supported the proposal. The County Manager pointed out that in considering applications for the taking over of roads as public roads the Council usually had regard to the number of houses which would be served by the road and usually considered that the minimum number would be six. It did not seem that the road in question could be regarded as of general public utility.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That public notice be given of the intention of the Council to consider declaring the lane from Knockrath Post Office to Ballydowling to be a public road."

Passed, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

**ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT ROAD KNOWN AS KNOCKNADREET ROAD LEADING FROM MAIN WICKLOW ROAD FROM KNOCKFODDA CROSS ROADS TO BOLINASS MAIN ROAD BE TAKEN OVER AS A PUBLIC ROAD.**

In reference to the Notice of Motion the County Secretary submitted report of the Assistant County Engineer in which he stated that this lane which ran from the main Roundwood/Ballyduff/Ashford Road near the Corporation Filters to the Ballyduff/Tomriland Road at Bolinass was a private road. Both roads which it interconnected were tar surfaced. The lane was 1½ miles long and had a carriageway width generally of 7'. It was not economically capable of being further widened due to the direct adjacency of the boundary fences and walls. There were 4 houses on the lane located as follows from the nearest tarred road: 350 yards, 1,230 yards, 880 yards, 350 yards. The road was subject to certain agricultural use. The Assistant County Engineer pointed out that if the lane were taken over as a public road it would not qualify for any type of grant from central funds and that reconstruction of such a narrow road in its present form would scarcely be feasible. The alternative which would include widening and fencing would be difficult to justify economically. The County Secretary stated that some while previously an application had been received from Mr. Wedlock for the widening of the road, as he stated that he could not get agricultural machinery into his farm and that lorries could not pass along the road. It appeared that the widening of the road was what was being sought and that this would be difficult to effect.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton,

Resolved:—

"That public notice be given of the intention of the Council to consider declaring the laneway from Bolinass to Knockfodda to be a public road."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—RURAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 5th October, 1959, from the Department of Local Government in which it was indicated that a Grant of £2,000, subject to a local contribution of £665, had been provisionally allocated to County Wicklow for schemes financed out of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1959/60, to be carried out during the current financial year. The Grant was subject to the usual conditions which require that the work be carried out by Direct Labour and that work submitted for approval should have a high

unskilled labour content. The types of works which would be considered were also given. The County Secretary stated that the monies were allocated for Schemes in the following districts: Baltinglass, Carnew, Dunlavin, Kilcoole, Newtownmountkennedy/Killadreenan, Rathdrum, Rathnew/Merrymount—£265 each; Ashford, Bray environs, Greystones/De'gany—£270 each. The Council noted the terms of the letter and directed that the Engineer prepare suitable Schemes.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That having noted letter of 5th October, 1959, Ref. R.201/8/7a from the Department of Local Government, we authorise an expenditure of £2,665 in excess of the amount provided for Road Services in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of works advanced out of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1959/60, and note that a Grant of £2,000 has been provisionally allocated in respect of these works."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 7—LOCAL AUTHORITIES WORKS ACTS, 1949.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister had no funds at his disposal for making grants to Local Authorities for works under the Act. A letter had also been received from the County Councils' General Council enclosing a copy of a letter from the Department of Local Government in reply to a letter requesting the reception of a deputation by the Minister to urge the resumption of the operation of the Local Authorities Work Act. It was indicated in the letter from the Department that the Minister in preparing the Estimates for the current year had given careful consideration to the possibility of providing Grants for Schemes which would give good and lasting value for money expended. It seemed to the Minister that there was a case for drainage works on small rivers which discharging directly into the sea were not tributaries of the larger arterial river systems and that this would be a type of work intermediate between arterial drainage and minor drainage work on streams carried out under the land project. The Government had decided that the Commissioners of Public Works would be the appropriate authority to deal with such intermediate river drainage works and this matter was under consideration by the Commissioners of Public Works and the Minister for Finance would in due course report to the Government on arrangements which might be found practicable for carrying out any of such works by the Commissioners. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 8—WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 29th September, 1959, Ref. L. 8/59, from Department of Local Government in regard to Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. It was indicated in the letter that revised rates of subsidy had been determined for such Schemes, and the Minister's views in regard to the extension of the provision of water supplies and sewerage systems was indicated. The Council decided to defer the matter and to have a copy of the circular circulated to each member and include the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council. It was agreed also that the County Medical Officer and County Engineer submit reports and recommendations in regard to the proposals in the circular letter.

#### ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. McCREA RE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SEWERAGE SYSTEMS FOR VILLAGE OF SHILLELAGH AND BACHELOR'S WALK.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCREA this item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### ITEM No. 10—APPLICATION FOR PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AT BALTINANIMA, ROUNDWOOD.

The County Secretary stated that following representations from the tenants of cottages at Baltinanima and Ashtown, Roundwood, for a water supply the Health Inspector had reported that these cottages were spread out over a distance of about quarter of a mile on the Ashtown/Baltinanima Road and the total number of occupants was 22. Two of the tenants drew water from a surface spring on a lane about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile distant but this supply had now dried out and they had to carry water from a stream over a mile distant. The other two tenants drew their supply from a surface spring in Mr. Edward Heatley's bog, but the route to this spring was over difficult ground. The Health Inspector recommended the provision of a well and pump and the County Medical Officer approved of this recommendation. The County Engineer also agreed that a well and pump be made available. On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor McCarthy, it was agreed that the provision of a well and pump to serve these cottages be included on the Council's list of works. Councillor P. McCarthy stated that a well and pump was also needed at Clune, Redcross, and asked that this matter be examined. Councillor Haughton referred to an application he stated he had made some months previously for improvements to the approach to a well on a farm at Ballindoyle. The Assistant County Engineer was asked to report on this matter.

#### ITEM No. 11—MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS RE CARAVAN SITES.

The Council decided that the meeting with members of the Urban District Councils in relation to Caravan Sites be held at the Council Chambers, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd November, 1959, at 11 a.m.

#### ITEM No. 12—PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHT AT DUNLAVIN.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from the Rector of Dunlavin asking that a street light be erected beside the School. It was understood that there was a pole adjacent to the gate and that the provision of a public light should not prove expensive. The E.S.B. were being asked for a quotation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the provision of an additional public light at Dunlavin adjacent to the new hall, subject to charge being reasonable."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 13—ELECTRICAL WIRING OF COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary submitted report of the Consulting Engineer on his examination of tenders received for the electrical installation at the Courthouse, Wicklow. The Consulting Engineer recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Smith's, Church Street, Wicklow, in the sum of £3,157-7-2, this being the lowest tender received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of the Consulting Engineer, we hereby approve of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Smith's, Church Street, Wicklow, in the sum of £3,157-7-2 for the electrical installation at the Courthouse, Wicklow, and hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £3,450 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., repayable over a period of 10

years, to meet the cost of electrical works at the Courthouse, Wicklow."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 14—REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR ON AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR FOUR YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956.**

A copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of accounts of the Council for four years ended 31st March, 1956, had been circulated to the members. The members noted the terms of the report.

**ITEM No. 15—ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1959.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1959, for audit."

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the Abstracts would be circulated to the members as had been arranged in the previous year.

**ITEM No. 16—APPLICATION FOR USE OF LIBRARY AT ENNISKERRY.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Enniskerry and District Development Association on behalf of that Association and also the Enniskerry Branches of Macra na Feirme, Irish Countrywomen's Association, National Ploughing Association and G.A.A. asking permission to use the Library at Enniskerry for the purpose of holding meetings of the Committees, etc., of the various associations. It was stated that the absence of a proper meeting place in Enniskerry had created quite a lot of difficulty for these local bodies. The Parish Priest, Very Rev. J. Nolan, P.P., had written to say that he had no objection to the room being made available for use for meetings of local bodies provided that there was no interference with the school equipment and that the schoolroom be cleaned after use. The County Librarian also agreed that the room might be made available subject to these conditions.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the large room in the Library at Enniskerry being made available for meetings of local organisations subject to provision that the room be cleaned immediately after use and left in proper order for use as a schoolroom and that payment be made to cover the cost of lighting and heating."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 17—MORTGAGE FROM COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR LOAN OF £5,000 FOR ADVANCES UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now made whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Five Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1958."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 18—REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER ON GORSE, HEATHER AND FOREST FIRES.**

The following report of the Chief Fire Officer was submitted:—

Secretary,  
WICKLOW County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Courthouse,  
Bray.

6th October, 1959.

**Forest and Gorse Fires.**

Dear Sir,

As you are aware the incidence of forest and gorse fires has been extremely high this summer and the number of calls on our Fire Service for such fires has been the highest on record.

I would like to mention that in no case did a brigade fail to answer a call, although delays were caused in a few cases where brigades were already attending a fire when another call out was received. The General conditions of a forest or scrub fire are very severe on firemen due to the fact that water supplies are difficult to find and are usually a long distance from the outbreak, also hoses have to be made down over exceptionally rough ground. In cases where no water is available the conditions are even harder and demand heavy work with shovels or brooms under extreme heat.

During the period from 1st April to the 30th September our brigades attended a total of 95 forest or scrub fires and used over 250 gallons of petrol, approximately 1,100 feet of fire hose was damaged beyond repair. I estimate the costs to be: Wages, £660; Petrol and oil, £63, and Fire Hose £220, making a total of £943. Naturally I did not allow in my current estimates for such a large sum and I expect to end the financial year with a figure of approximately £900 above my estimates. I set out below a list of calls received by each of our brigades during the period in question (April to Sept.):

Bray, 28 calls; Rathdrum, 11 calls; Dunlavin, 2 calls; Arklow, 25 calls; Wicklow, 10 calls; Tinahely, 1 call; Greystones, 13 calls; Carnew, 3 calls; Baltinglass, 1 call.

I cannot give an estimate of forestry losses, but I am sure the Department of Lands will issue figures in due course, the value of property saved by the efforts of our brigades must run into many thousands of pounds, as in many cases we prevented valuable dwellings from being destroyed apart from forest timber.

Unfortunately I must end this report on a sad note. In my opinion less than 20% of the fires were caused by genuine accidents, the rest by vandalism and wanton destruction.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. H. SHARPE,  
C.F.O.

The Council noted the terms of the report of the Chief Fire Officer.

**ITEM No. 19—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS P. KEHOE AND G. TIMMINS FOR RAISING OF LOAN TO PROVIDE SELF-PROPELLED FIRE ENGINE FOR BALTINGLASS.**

Following a discussion in regard to the Notice of Motion it was agreed that tenders be invited early in the new year for a new Fire Engine for Baltinglass and that the matter then be again considered in conjunction with the Estimates Meeting.

**ITEM No. 20—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR W. LAWLESS AND COUNCILLOR E. BYRNE RE REFUSE COLLECTION IN GREYSTONES.**

In connection with the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne, Councillor Edward Byrne stated that there had been a change over the years in the attitude in Greystones and that it was now developing as a seaside resort. In his opinion the matter of a Refuse Collection Service

would arise eventually. He suggested that it would be desirable to prepare an up-to-date estimate of the cost of such a service in the Parish of Greystones, together with the cost of including Blacklion, Grattan Park and Killincarrig in such a scheme. The County Manager stated that an up-to-date estimate of the cost of the service would be provided and submitted to the Council.

**ITEM No. 21—ALTERATIONS TO CRIMINAL COURT AND RECORD COURT.**

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the County Registrar :—

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

Circuit Court Office,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.  
5th October, 1959.

re/Alterations to Criminal Court and Record Court as per Arrangement with Circuit Court Judge and County Engineer.

With reference to above kindly let me know when it is proposed to seek the Council's approval to which you refer in your letter of the 28th ultimo. If some concrete evidence is not forthcoming soon that the Council and the officials concerned are going to take the matter seriously, I will be compelled to exercise my statutory authority under the Courthouses (Maintenance and Provision) Act, and that you will kindly take notice that same will be exercised without further reference to the Council or their officials.

Yours faithfully,

Signed : P. McDOWELL,  
(P. McDowell) County Registrar.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer was preparing plans and estimate of the cost of works requested by the Circuit Court Judge and that he understood that the cost of the work required would be substantial. The Council expressed the view that the matter should not have been put forward in such a manner by the County Registrar.

**ITEM No. 22—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the Bill before the Dail in relation to the Health Authorities in Dublin and stated he was handing in a Notice of Motion in relation to Grangegorman Mental Hospital. Members referred to low cost of meat supplied to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and enquired whether the meat was of proper quality. The County Manager stated that the meat was inspected regularly by the Medical Officer to the Hospital and by the Veterinary Inspector as well as by the Matron and that the Matron had authority to reject meat if it was not up to the required standard.

**Notices of Motion :**

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley : "That I or someone for me will move that the Council take over and maintain (1) Three-Wells Street from Keenan's Gate to Hill Gate and (2) Tinakilly Old Road from Fox's cottage to State Forest Bounds at Cronebeg."

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. : "That in view of changes contemplated in connection with the control of Mental Hospitals that this Council considers the question of purchasing some residence available in the county with a view to having a hospital for treatment of County Wicklow Patients erected and that the costs and what proportion of compensation the Council would be entitled to from Grangegorman Committee be estimated."

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting, in Committee, of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday 19th October, 1959, for the purpose of considering a letter from the Minister for Local Government regarding proposals relating to openings for State Investment in important public projects of economic merit.

The following members were present :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan 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 and John Smyth.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

The Council considered the following letter from the Minister for Local Government :—

22nd July, 1959.

Dear Chairman,

As you are aware, it is the Government's stated policy that the State should in future participate to an even greater extent than hertofore in developmental activities, including activities which, while not directly commercial, will contribute to the overall expansion of the economy, help in the achievement of increased production and create new employment opportunities. It is with this end in view that it has been decided to establish a special planning branch in the Department of Finance, where proposals for new State investment activity can be examined, organised and correlated.

In this connection the Government are anxious to receive proposals relating to openings for State investment in important public projects of economic merit. I should be glad to receive suggestions from your Council for projects of this nature in which the Council would consider it desirable, in the public interest, to engage, but which are not included in their present programme. If you will be so good as to let me have such suggestions in a preliminary form with, in each case, brief particulars and an indication of probable cost, I shall be glad to transmit them for consideration. The proposals need not be confined to matters relating to the functions of the Minister for Local Government nor to projects which the local authority are at present empowered to undertake.

Yours sincerely,

NEIL T. BLANEY.

A discussion followed in which members of the Council put forward various proposals in relation to Forestry, Tourism and Agriculture, etc., and the County Manager also gave certain suggestions for consideration by the Council. The proposals were summarised as follows and the Secretary was instructed to forward the Council's recommendations and suggestions to the Minister :—

### Forestry :

The Council recommended that large scale Nurseries be established in Aughrim and Glenealy, both these places being convenient to the State Forests, and adequate skilled workers being available in addition. It was suggested that it was desirable to have further research into the use of thinnings, etc., together with market research in connection with Forest products. The advantages of County Wicklow and of Aughrim in particular as sites for industries based on the use of timber was stressed by the Council. It was suggested also that a Committee representative of the various interests, including representatives of the building trade be set up to examine into the possibilities of the greater use of timber and timber products.

**Tourism :**

The provision of improved transport facilities for tourists coming into this country, particularly improved and cheaper methods of transporting motor cars was suggested. It was suggested also that it would be desirable to remove any restriction on English bus tours operating within this country.

**Roads :**

The improvement of additional roads for tourist purposes was suggested, and reference was made to the proposed roads from (a) Arklow to Arklow Rock, (b) Lough Dan towards Sallygap, (c) Tigroney West to Castlehoward, near the Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, and (d) road beside the Lake at Lacken and Ballydonnell in West Wicklow. The Council considered also improvements to the route from Dublin to Co. Wicklow via Dundrum, The Scalp, Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue would help alleviate traffic congestion on the main Dublin/Bray/Wicklow route.

**Swimming Pools :**

The Council considered that the provision of swimming pools in Blessington and in other inland towns would be an advantage particularly from the tourist standpoint.

**Land Drainage :**

The Council considered that enquiry into the possibility of draining lands in the Kilcoole/Newcastle area would be desirable and considered that an effective drainage scheme in this area would restore valuable land for cultivation. The Council's Engineering staff could co-operate in any investigation proposed.

**Lead Mines :**

Lead Mines at Glendalough were re-opened some years ago by local effort, but it is understood that sufficient capital resources were not available to develop the Mines. A re-examination of the extent of the deposits was recommended by the Council with a view to re-opening and expansion of these mines.

**Quartzite :**

Quartzite was obtained from a quarry at Whiterock, Tinahely, during the periods of the 1st and 2nd World Wars, and a re-examination of the deposits at this place with a view to resuming production might be profitable.

**Silica Sand :**

Silica Sand which is required for water purification is available in a pit at Ardoyne in the south of the county, and the development of this pit should prove valuable.

**Souvenirs for Tourists :**

Members referred to the market which appeared to exist for Irish made souvenirs for tourists and suggested that the manufacture of such souvenirs might be pursued by local manufacturers, and in this connection it was suggested that Arklow Pottery Company might consider producing souvenirs (plaques, ash trays, etc.) bearing the County Wicklow Coat of Arms for which it was thought there would be a good demand.

With further reference to the development of tourism, the Council suggested that the provision of an airfield in Wicklow to enable tourists to travel directly to the county would be desirable. Sites at Calary, near Roundwood, and at Magheramore, near Wicklow, were suggested as being suitable. The improvement and sign-posting of mountain tracks and the improvement of hostels for tourists was also recommended by the Council.

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd November, 1959, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, John Quigley, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, James 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.

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. Application for approval to sale of vested cottages at Ballyward, Manor Kilbride.
2. To approve of Bye-laws in respect of houses intended or used for occupation of members of the working classes, including agricultural labourers. (Copy circulated to each member).
3. Report in regard to Housing Scheme at Kirikee.
4. Proposed extension of watermain to serve cottages at Sea Road and Main Road, Kilcoole.
5. Water Supply to 8 cottages at Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney.
6. Water Supply for 4 Council cottages at Ballintim, Redcross.
7. Water Supply for cottage at Ballindoyle.
8. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
9. Applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

### ITEM No. 1—APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT BALLYWARD, MANOR KILBRIDE.

The County Secretary submitted application received from Mr. A. E. McMahon, Solicitor, on behalf of David Ryall for the purchase of Cottage No. 19 at Manor Kilbride. The County Secretary stated that this matter had previously been before the Council, but at that time the Council was not satisfied regarding the purchase price. The purchase price had now been reduced to £200, and the new purchaser appeared to be a suitably qualified person.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved :—

“That having considered letter of 2nd October, 1959, from Mr. A. E. McMahon, Solicitor, Naas, forwarding application of William Kelly for consent to sale of vested cottage at Ballyward, Manor Kilbride, we approve of consent being given to the sale of the cottage to David Ryall for the sum of £200, subject to the usual conditions applying.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—BYELAWS IN RESPECT OF HOUSES INTENDED OR USED FOR OCCUPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE WORKING CLASSES INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS.**

A copy of the proposed Byelaws in relation to overcrowding had been circulated to each member of the Council. The County Secretary pointed out that it was necessary for the Council to adopt such Byelaws in connection with the regulations in regard to housing subsidies. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, pointed out that an owner of property could not exercise control over the occupation of property after the letting had been made so as to ensure that there would be no overcrowding. It was agreed that this matter be brought to the notice of the Department.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That we hereby approve of the Draft Byelaws in regard to houses intended or used for occupation of members of the working classes, including agricultural labourers, proposed to be made under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.”  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—REPORT IN REGARD TO HOUSING SCHEME AT KIRIKEE.**

The Council considered report of the County Engineer of 2nd November, 1959, in which he indicated that there would be an increase in the estimate for the cost of erection of three houses at Kirikee arising from the anticipated increase in wages, and that under this heading the additional cost would be about £25 per house. The County Engineer stated that in his opinion the all-in cost at the present time per house would probably be in the vicinity of £1,290. He stressed the fact that the houses would be in a very isolated position and in a very remote area, and costs would be likely affected for these reasons both for skilled labour, materials and supervision.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That we proceed with a Scheme for the erection of 3 houses at Kirikee at the revised figure of £1,290 per house.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN TO SERVE COTTAGES AT SEA ROAD AND MAIN ROAD, KILCOOLE.**

The County Secretary stated that 21 of the 23 tenants of the cottages had completed undertakings to pay an additional 1/9d. per week as a contribution towards the cost of extending and installing the water supply. One other tenant who is in England and cannot be contacted at the moment is understood also to be in agreement. The estimated cost of extending the main and carrying out the necessary house installations was £819-11-0.

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That having noted that 21 of the 23 tenants of cottages at Sea Road and Main Road, Kilcoole, had completed undertakings to pay 1/9d. per week as a contribution towards the cost of extending and installing the water supply, we

approve of proceeding with the work and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £820 from the Council's Treasurer, National Bank Ltd., repayable over a period of 10 years, to defray the cost of the work.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—WATER SUPPLY TO 8 COTTAGES AT MANGER, STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

“That having considered report of Health Inspector and Assistant County Engineer, we approve of the inclusion in the Council's Priority List of the work of extending a 1” polythene pipe and providing a fountain for the purpose of water supply to 8 cottages at Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney, at estimated cost of £380.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—WATER SUPPLY FOR 4 COUNCIL COTTAGES AT BALLINTIM, REDCROSS.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Macken,  
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved:—

“That having considered report of Health Inspector, we approve of the inclusion on Priority List of the provision of a well and pump to serve 4 Council cottages at Ballintim, Redcross.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT BALLINDOYLE.**

In relation to 5 cottages at Ballindoyle, of which the total occupants were 25, the Health Inspector had reported that water was obtained from a well on Mr. O'Malley's lands, but that this source was considered as being unsuitable and incapable of being inspected, and he recommended provision of a well and pump. The Assistant County Engineer agreed with the recommendation of the Health Inspector and stated that the owner required the use of the well and needed direct access to it, and consequently the Council could not reasonably expect to be allowed to provide direct access to the well. Councillor Haughton stated that he understood that the owner did not require access to the well and would be quite agreeable to allow the Council to fence it off to prevent pollution by cattle and to allow a water supply to be made available for the tenants. It was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer interview the owner on the matter.

**Annamoe Water Supply:**

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Smyth, the County Engineer stated that there was now ample water at the source for Annamoe Water Supply. It was agreed that the County Engineer examine the matter further and report on the position.

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

The County Secretary submitted an application which had been received for approval to the provision of a septic tank and drainage system for a house at Maytree, Enniskerry. The County Secretary stated that both the Assistant County Engineer and the County Medical Officer considered that it would not be possible

to provide a septic tank to serve this house in view of the limited area of land and the configuration of the land. It was pointed out that there was danger of wells being contaminated and also of the road being affected by the discharge of the effluent. The Council agreed that permission for the work be refused.

#### ITEM No. 9—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that there were no applications for consideration by the Council.

#### Cottage Repairs—Tinahely Area :

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Thomas J. Keenan, Auhgrim, who was the Contractor for carrying out repairs in the Tinahely Area had written to state that following a conversation with the Assistant County Engineer he had agreed to do some cottage repairs in the Carnew and Shillelagh areas at the same rates as applied for the contract in respect of the Tinahely district. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had difficulty in arranging for the carrying out of all repairs in the Carnew and Shillelagh areas by Direct Labour and recommended the engagement of the Contractor. On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor Quigley, the Council agreed that cottage repairs in the Carnew and Shillelagh areas be carried out by Mr. Thomas J. Keenan, Contractor, at the same rates as applied for his contract in respect of the Tinahely area, insofar as he was required for such work.

#### Notices of Motion :

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley : "That I or someone for me will move that the Council take over and maintain the central portion of the road between Mullins and Whiterock, Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor Seamus Macken : "That the Council take over, put and keep in repair the road which connects the County Road at Gormanstown, Kilbride, with the County Road at Bonabrocka, Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley : "That the Council take over as a public road the road at Kylebeg that was constructed by Local Government Grant."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge : "That the Council take over as a public road the road serving houses on Barnacuille Commons."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley : "That the watermain at Rustyduff to 5 cottages be extended."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe : "That steps be taken to provide satisfactory water supply for Council houses at Sruaghaun, Baltin-glass."

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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th November, 1959, 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, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O'Maicin, John Smyth and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, P. McGuinness, C. Boye and P. T. Hickey, were present.

An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor E. Byrne.

## AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September, 1959.
2. To adopt University Scholarship Scheme for 1960.
3. Application for Renewal of University Scholarship and application for suspension of Scholarship.
4. Arklow Bridge—Report of Consultant Architect and County Engineer.
5. Improvement of Baltinglass/Blessington Road—Reply from Department of Local Government.
6. Grants for Rural Employment Schemes—Reply from Special Employment Schemes Office.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley for taking over as public roads : 1. Three Wells Street from Keenan's Gate to Hill Gate, and 2. Tinnakilly Old Road from Fox's cottage to State Forest bounds at Cronebeg.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley that the Council take over as a public road the road connecting County Road at Gormans-town, Kilbride, and County Road at Bonabrocka, Wicklow.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that the Council take over as a public road the road at Kylebeg reconstructed by Local Government Grant.
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge that the Council take over as a public road the road serving houses at Barnacuille Commons.
12. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the Council take over as a public road road serving 8 houses at Ballymaconey, Rathdangan.
13. Access Road to Quarry near Arklow Rock—Letter from Messrs. Roadstone and report of County Engineer.
14. Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes—Circular letter of 29th September, 1959, from the Department of Local Government in regard to revised rates of subsidy for water supply and sewerage schemes, together with memorandum of programmes and procedure (copy of circular circulated).
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea regarding raising of a loan for provision of sewerage system for village of Shillelagh and Bachelor's Walk.
16. Water Supply for Public Convenience and Car Park at Glendalough and proposed provision of additional public convenience near Royal Hotel—Report of County Engineer.
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne that detailed cost of Refuse Collection in the parish of Greystones be submitted at the earliest opportunity, also the cost of including Blacklion, Grattan Park and Killincarrig in said Scheme.



18. Water connection for new National School at Kilcoole—To consider letter from Department of Local Government and approve of borrowing.
19. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that watermain at Rustyduff be extended to serve 5 cottages.
20. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins and P. Kehoe that steps be taken to provide satisfactory water supply for Council houses at Sraughaun, Baltinglass.
21. Payment of Gratuity to Legal Personal Representative of Dr. W. G. Deely, deceased—To authorise the expenditure.
22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that in view of changes contemplated in connection with the control of Mental Hospitals that the Council consider the question of purchasing some residence available in the county with a view to having a hospital for treatment of County Wicklow patients erected and that an estimated cost be obtained and particulars of the amount of compensation which will be paid to the Wicklow County Council by the General Mental Hospital Board.
23. To adopt Byelaws under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, in relation to overcrowding, as approved by the Council at meeting held on 2nd November, 1959.
24. Blind Welfare Scheme—Letter from Department of Social Welfare recommending increased contributions payable by Local Authorities to institutions for the Blind.
25. Courthouse, Wicklow—Report of County Engineer on alterations requested by Circuit Court Judge.
27. Resignation of Clerical Officers.
26. Courthouse, Baltinglass—Report of Assistant County Engineer on repairs required.
28. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September, 1959."

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked if any report had been obtained from the County Medical Officer regarding a complaint he had received in relation to issues of clothing for patients in Newcastle Sanatorium. The County Secretary stated that the report was not yet available.

**ITEM No. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR 1960.**

The County Secretary submitted draft University Scholarship Scheme for 1960. The County Secretary stated that the Corporation of Dublin and Dublin County Council had now confirmed that their Scholarship Scheme for the year 1960 provided that the qualifying date in regard to residence will be 1st October, 1959. The Council had agreed that subject to Dublin County Council and the Corporation of Dublin making similar provision in their Scheme that the Council also would provide that in future there would be a qualifying date of 1st October of the year preceding the examination and that the former provision which required residence for a period of three years would be terminated. The Council agreed provision in the Scheme for 1960 under Article 2 of the Scheme be that candidates over 20 years of age on the 1st day of October, 1959, would not be eligible to compete for scholarships. The County Secretary also pointed out that Article 4(3) of the Scheme would require amendment to indicate clearly that of the 5 subjects to be presented for the examination one would be Irish, and that in addition to Irish any four of the remaining subjects approved for the purpose of the Scheme might be taken at the examination. The Council agreed to the necessary amendment in the Scheme. The County Secretary also drew attention to

the matter of the period of tenure of scholarships which in previous schemes was for a period of three years with provision for an extension if the Council thought fit. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to defer this point and the Schemes generally for examination by the Scholarship Committee.

**ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AND APPLICATION FOR SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the renewal of scholarship for Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray, for year 1959/60."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered application from Patrick J. Lynch, 7 Marine Tce., Brav. we approve of the suspension of his University Scholarship for 1 year to enable him to do a year's course at Multyfarnham Agricultural College."

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted report from the Registrar, University College, indicating that David J. Dempsey who held a scholarship from the Council had been rejected at the 2nd Engineering (Chemical) Examination, that Terence F. Brennan had been rejected at the B.Sc. General Degree examination, and that Patrick G. Cox had been recommended for the award of the M.A. Degree in Economics with First Class Honours. The County Secretary pointed out that Mr. Dempsey's scholarship had been terminated in the previous year.

**ITEM No. 4—ARKLOW BRIDGE.**

The Council considered report of Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, and the perspective drawings prepared by him showing the appearance of Arklow Bridge as it would be if reconstructed in accordance with the proposals of the Consulting Engineer. The Council noted the suggestions made by the Architect towards improving the appearance of the bridge, and agreed with the referring of the matter to the Department of Local Government for their views in relation to the plans.

**ITEM No. 5—IMPROVEMENT OF BALTINGLASS/BLESSINGTON ROAD.**

The Council noted letter from Department of Local Government dated 12th October, 1959, indicating that for the reasons set out in the Department's letter of 3rd July it was regretted that it was not possible to allocate a Special Grant for work on the improvement of the Baltinglass/Blessington Road.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That a joint deputation from Wicklow and Carlow County Councils seek a grant from the Minister for improvement of the Blessington-Baltinglass-Rathvilly-Tullow Road"

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—GRANTS FOR RURAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.**

The Council noted letter of 3rd November, 1959, from the Special Employment Schemes Office indicating that the total amount available under these schemes in respect of the Grants under the Rural Employment Schemes had already been allocated and stating that the grants notified for County Wicklow were the full proportional allocation to the county, and it was regretted that no further grants could be made. It was stated also in the letter that the number of registered unemployed in the towns of Auhtrim and Tinahely were not sufficient to justify the allocation of grants for these areas. The Council noted the position in the matter but asked that the Minister be informed that the employment position in Auhtrim and Tinahely had worsened.

**ITEMS No. 7 TO 12—NOTICES OF MOTION IN RELATION TO THE TAKING OVER OF ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS.**

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to take all these together, and following a discussion, the Council agreed that these proposals for taking over of roads as public roads be considered by the Local Roads Committees when the programme for Road Works for the coming financial year was under consideration, and if the Committees then considered that it was possible to provide monies for the repair of roads to be taken over as public roads and allocated sufficient monies for the purpose, the matter could be re-submitted to the Council for the purpose of making the necessary declaration.

**ITEM No. 13—ACCESS ROAD TO QUARRY NEAR ARKLOW ROCK.**

The Council considered letter of 21st October, 1959, from Messrs. Roadstone Ltd., Naas Road, Dublin, in regard to their recent purchase of Parnell Quarries and proposed establishment of a quarry for the export trade, together with the report of the County Engineer on his meeting with representatives of the company. The Council noted that it would be possible for the company to transport the necessary machinery to the site of the quarry by using the road via Kish Bridge leading to the old Parnell Rock Quarries with a limited amount of widening on portion of the road or lane from the old quarry to the beach. It was noted that the firm would be in a position to carry out this widening themselves. The Council noted also that exports would be made directly by sea. The Council asked that their best wishes for the success of the venture be conveyed to Roadstone Limited.

**ITEM No. 14—WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.**

The Council considered Circular Letter of 29th September, 1959, from the Department of Local Government in regard to water supply and sewerage schemes, copy of which had been circulated to each member. The reports of the County Medical Officer and of the County Engineer were also submitted to the meeting. The County Manager stated that up to the present water supply and sewerage systems had been provided only for towns and villages and for some groups of cottages, but that no thought had been devoted to providing such services for persons living in rural areas. He suggested that it was desirable to establish a priority for water and sewerage schemes over further expenditure on health services. He pointed out that in future schemes it was considered that regard should be had to the possibility of providing regional schemes to serve areas. The County Manager also mentioned that plastic piping which was now available should help to reduce the cost of water supply schemes, and in regard to regional schemes referred to a scheme which had been put into operation at O'dcourt, Manor Kilbride, largely by private effort with assistance from the Council. The County Manager suggested that the matter be examined by the Local Committees with the Council's Engineering staff with a view to determining what surveys might be necessary and the relevant priority of schemes which might be carried out. On the proposal of Councillor McCarthy, the Council agreed to refer the matter for examination by the Local Committees of the Council. The Council decided to fix dates for the meetings of the Local Committees at the meeting of the Council to be held on 7th December, 1959.

**ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. McCREA RE RAISING OF LOAN FOR PROVISION OF SEWERAGE SCHEMES FOR SHILLELAGH.**

Councillor McCreA asked that this matter be adjourned and that particulars be available for the next meeting of the Council of the cost of providing a sewerage system for houses at Quarry Street. He stated that he understood that the Coollattin Estate Company would be prepared to link up all houses owned by them with the sewerage scheme if one were provided and that he would verify that this was the case.

**ITEM No. 16—WATER SUPPLY FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND CAR PARK AT GLENDALOUGH AND PROPOSED PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES NEAR ROYAL HOTEL.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had examined the possibility of providing a water supply by gravitation to the public convenience and car park at Glendalough and that he considered that this could be done at an estimated cost of £480. He had also investigated the proposal to provide a public convenience adjacent to the Royal Hotel and stated that there was a suitable site, the property of Mr. J. P. Wynne, in the vicinity which had access from the main road and would be suitably screened by existing trees. The County Engineer was endeavouring to secure the agreement of the owner of the land, Mr. J. P. Wynne. The Council noted the report of the County Engineer and decided to defer the matter for consideration by the Local Committee of the Council at the meeting to be held in relation to water supplies.

**ITEM No. 17—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS W. LAWLESS AND E. BYRNE RE COST OF REFUSE COLLECTION IN GREYSTONES.**

Councillors H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that Councillor Byrne who was unable to attend that day had asked that this matter be adjourned for his attendance. The Council decided to adjourn this matter to the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 18—WATER CONNECTION FOR NEW NATIONAL SCHOOL AT KILCOOLE.**

The Council noted letter from Department of Local Government indicating that a Grant of 50% of the loan charges on a short term loan for the purpose of providing a connection from the Kilcoole water supply to the new National School at Kilcoole would be met by way of a Grant from the Department. The County Secretary stated that in view of the increase in the rate of subsidy to loan charges for such schemes, it would be possible for the Council to provide a sum of £370 instead of £300 as previously estimated towards the total cost of £510 for laying a 2" pipe as a connection to the watermain.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.,

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter from Department of Local Government, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £370 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 5 years, to defray the Council's contribution towards the cost of the connection from the Kilcoole water supply to new National School at Kilcoole."

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the connection might be made by the Contractor engaged on the erection of the school and that the Council would pay the sum of £370 towards the cost of the work.

**ITEM No. 19—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY THAT WATERMAIN AT RUSTYDUFF BE EXTENDED TO SERVE 5 COTTAGES.**

The Council decided to defer this matter for consideration by the Local Committee at the meeting to be held in connection with water supply and sewerage systems.

**ITEM No. 20—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS G. TIMMINS AND P. KEHOE THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY WATER SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL HOUSES AT SRAUGHAUN, BALTINGLASS.**

The Council decided to defer this matter for consideration by the Local Committee at the meeting to be held in connection with water supply and sewerage systems.

**ITEM No. 21—PAYMENT OF GRATUITY TO LEGAL PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF DR. W. G. DEELY, DECEASED.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor S. Ua Tuathail, T.D.,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby authorise the expenditure of £1,204-11-11 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services to meet the cost of payment of gratuity to the legal personal representatives of the late Dr. W. G. Deely, Dispensary Medical Officer, Powerscourt Dispensary District."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 22—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., IN RELATION TO CHANGES CONTEMPLATED IN THE CONTROL OF MENTAL HOSPITALS AND ASKING THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF PURCHASING A RESIDENCE WITH A VIEW TO HAVING A HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT OF COUNTY WICKLOW PATIENTS ERECTED.**

In regard to this matter, the County Secretary gave particulars of the provisions of the Health Authorities Bill which provided for the setting up of a unified Health Authority for Dublin City and County. This Health Authority would deal with all health functions including mental treatment. Provision was made in the Bill for the attendance of 3 representatives of Wicklow County Council at any meeting of the Health Authority at which matters relating to mental treatment were included on the agenda. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the matter be deferred to enable further information to be obtained in regard to costs of Mental Hospitals, grants available, etc.

**ITEM No. 23—TO ADOPT BYELAWS IN RELATION TO OVERCROWDING OF DWELLINGS.**

The County Secretary submitted Byelaws for adoption by the Council in accordance with the draft which had been approved by the Council at the meeting held on 2nd November, 1959.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby adopt Byelaws in relation to overcrowding under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, as approved by the Council at meeting held on 2nd November, 1959."  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 24—BLIND WELFARE SCHEME.**

The Council considered letter of 28th October, 1959, from the Department of Social Welfare in which it was stated that the Minister considered that a general increase in the annual contributions paid by Local Authorities to institutions for the Blind would be justified and recommended that the existing contribution of £55 per annum be increased to £80 as from 1st April, 1959, in respect of each blind person maintained in an approved home, school or hostel at the request of

the Local Authority. The existing annual contribution of £40 per annum in respect of each out-resident worker employed in a workshop for the Blind will, however, remain unchanged.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That having considered letter of 28th October, 1959, from the Department of Social Welfare, we approve of granting of an increase to £80 as from 1st April, 1959, in the annual contributions payable by the Council for the maintenance of each Blind person maintained in an approved school, home or hostel at the request of the Council and authorise the expenditure of £38 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such increase."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 25—COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had prepared a summary of the items of alterations and improvements to the Criminal Court which were being sought by the Judge, and estimated that the cost of the proposals would be approximately £650. On receiving confirmation from the Judge in regard to the items required, the County Engineer would then prepare a further detailed report. The County Manager pointed out that many of the matters which were being sought by the Judge involved the making of alterations to arrangements which had been made at the request of the previous Judge. The Council decided to await the further report of the County Engineer in the matter.

**ITEM No. 26—COURTHOUSE, BALTINGLASS.**

The Council noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer in regard to repairs to the Courthouse, Baltinglass, in particular repairs to the roof at an estimated cost in all of £450 and agreed that the Council proceed with the carrying out of any necessary repairs.

**ITEM No. 27—RESIGNATION OF CLERICAL OFFICERS.**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. J. A. Duggan, Clerical Officer, Wicklow, had submitted his resignation, as he would be shortly taking up duty as Town Clerk to Navan Urban District Council. Mr. James J. O'Donnell, Clerical Officer, Wicklow would also be resigning shortly to take up duty as Town Clerk to Clones Urban District Council. Both appointments had been obtained by these officers on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission. The County Secretary stated that both officers had rendered very satisfactory service and he regretted losing them but congratulated them on their success in obtaining these posts. The members of the Council asked that their congratulations be conveyed to Mr. Duggan and Mr. O'Donnell, together with their best wishes for their future careers.

**Loan for the Purpose of Making Supplementary Grants :**

The County Secretary stated that the Mortgage had now been received from the National Bank Ltd. for sealing by the Council in respect of the loan of £7,000 for the purpose of making further Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction and Water and Sewerage Supplies.

It was

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

Resolved :—

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction, dated the 19th August, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £7,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of financing the cost of making sup-

plementary grants under the Housing Acts, 1948/58, and advances under Section 13 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, 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 therein 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.

**Foreshore Protection Works at Wicklow :**

The County Secretary submitted from the Town Clerk, Wicklow, in regard to the continued deterioration of the foreshore protection works and asking that representatives of the County Council join in a proposed deputation, representative of the Urban District Council, County Council, Harbour Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce and factories situated on the Murrough, to the Minister to seek financial assistance for the protection of the foreshore. The Council agreed that the Chairman and the three Deputies for the county, who are also members of the Council, would represent the County Council on the deputation.

**C.I.E. Rail Service at Woodenbridge :**

Councillor Quigley asked if an enquiry could be made from C.I.E. as to why trains did not stop at Woodenbridge, although they do stop at the halt at Inch.

**St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown :**

The County Manager stated that a meeting was being arranged with officers of the Rathdown Board of Assistance on the following Saturday in connection with the costs of maintenance of patients in Loughlinstown Hospital.

**Notices of Motion :**

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. : 1. That Council pipe water from Mr. Noian's land at Ballymurrin for use of tenants of cottages at Springfield, Kilbride, passed two years ago. 2. That the Council remove or ease dangerous turn at Knockatemple Crossroads and also dangerous corner at Knockfodda, where the owner of the land was Dublin Corporation.

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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, 7th December, 1959, 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, Alan 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 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. Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes—Report regarding provision of pumps and wells and to arrange meetings of Local Committees.
2. Water Supply to houses at Springfield, Kilbride.
3. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
4. To appoint representatives of the Council to meet representatives of Rathdown Board of Assistance regarding St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.
5. Disposal of Lands at Charvie Lane, Rathnew.

## ITEM No. 1—WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The County Secretary referred to the Circular from the Department of Local Government regarding Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes which had been considered by the Council at the previous meeting and stated that the Council had decided to arrange the dates for the meetings of the members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas at that meeting. The Council decided that the meetings would be held on the following dates :—

Arklow Electoral Area : At Shillelagh at 4 p.m. on 15th December, 1959.

Baltinglass Electoral Area : At 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th December, 1959, at Baltinglass.

Bray Electoral Area : At 7.30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Bray, on 14th December, 1959.

Wicklow Electoral Area : On Monday, 14th December, 1959, at the Courthouse, Wicklow, following the Council meeting.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had proposed to raise a loan of £5,000 to defray expenditure which had been incurred on the provision of pumps and wells and to allow for the continuation of such schemes. The actual expenditure which had been incurred in excess of loans borrowed amounted to £1,766-19-6 and covered the completion of works which had been in progress. It was suggested that the Council might now authorise a loan sufficient to defray this expenditure, and having considered reports of the Local Committees and determined a programme for new water supplies, separate arrangements could be made for the necessary borrowing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Resolved :—

“That having noted report of County Accountant we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,766-19-6 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., repayable over a period of 10 years, to defray the balance of expenditure on the provision of pumps and wells and minor water supply schemes to date.”

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSES AT SPRINGFIELD, KILBRIDE.**

The Council agreed that this matter be deferred for consideration by the Committee of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area at their meeting in regard to water supplies, and that meantime the Assistant County Engineer call on the landowner with a view to obtaining his agreement to the proposal to provide the water supply.

**ITEM No. 3—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.**

The Council considered the application of Mr. Robert Sheane for approval to the erection of a factory for the assembly of tractors on a site at Tighe's Avenue, together with private house adjoining. It was indicated by the County Manager that the proposed building was too close to the Main Road and that it would be essential for it to be set back. Agreement could not be given to provision of an entrance from the site on to the Main Road. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., urged that permission be granted for the work in accordance with the plans submitted. The County Manager referred to substantial expenditure which had been incurred by the Council on improving roads and providing good surfaces in order to make them suitable for fast traffic, and pointed out that such work would not be effective if extra entrances were allowed on to the Main Roads. Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the local members would meet the applicant and discuss the proposals with him.

**Extensions to House at Coolagad, Delgany :**

The County Secretary submitted plans which had been received for alterations and extensions to house at Coolagad, Delgany, and pointed out that the existing house was very close to the adjoining public road and that the proposed works would result in part of the house being even nearer to the road. The Council noted that permission for the work was being refused.

**ITEM No. 4—TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCIL TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF RATHDOWN BOARD OF ASSISTANCE REGARDING ST. COLUMCILLE'S HOSPITAL, LOUGHLINSTOWN.**

The County Secretary stated that following consultation with the Consultative Health Committee it had been indicated to officials of the Rathdown Board of Assistance that the Council intended to terminate the arrangement which had existed for some years, under which patients from County Wicklow were treated at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, and payment made for their maintenance and treatment on the basis of the average daily cost. The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Rathdown Board of Assistance in reply to the Council's letter in which it was indicated that in the circumstances there did not appear to be any necessity for a meeting of representatives of the Council and representatives of the Board. The Council approved of the action taken and agreed that there was no necessity for a meeting of representatives of the Council with representatives of Rathdown Board of Assistance.

**ITEM No. 5—DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT CHARVIE LANE, RATHNEW.**

The County Secretary submitted an offer received from Mr. D. P. Nuzum, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, in the sum of £1,750 for the purchase of the lands at Charvie, Rathnew, which had been acquired by the Council for the purpose of the proposed County Hospital. The County Secretary gave particulars of the costs of acquisition of the lands and of the efforts made by the Council to dispose of the lands. The County Manager stated that having regard to all the circumstances, he was prepared to recommend that the Council accept the offer now made, subject to the purchaser being responsible for all costs in relation to the transaction and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That having considered letter of 2nd December, 1959, from Mr. D. P. Nuzum, we accept, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health, his offer of £1,750 for the purchase of the lands at Charvie, Rathnew, containing 22 acres, 3 roods, 16 perches and acquired as a site for a proposed County Hospital, the purchaser to be responsible for all costs in respect of the transaction.”

Passed unanimously.

**Water Supply in Tinahely :**

Councillor Hadden complained that the water supply to certain houses at the top of the town was out of order and they were not receiving any water. The Assistant Engineer stated that this defect had been caused by the storm and that the matter had been attended to that morning.

**Repairs to Houses :**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., complained of delay in reporting on cottages where repairs were needed and of having repairs carried out. It was agreed that the matter be examined.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th December, 1959, at 11 a.m.

The following members were present :—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, Patrick McCarthy, J. Quigley, Alan H. Madden, G. Timmins, P. Kenoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua 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, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, C. Boye, J. P. Canrey and P. McGuinness, attended.

### AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 5th, 12th and 19th October, 1959.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account.
- 2a. University Scholarship Scheme, 1960—10 consider recommendations of Scholarship Committee.
3. To take over as public roads the following roads: (a) From Ballinderry/Knockrahn Road at Ballydowling to Ratnorum/Laragh Road at Knockrahn, and (b) Portion of the road from Bolinass to Knockfodda from junction with the Roundwood/Ballyduff/Ashford Road to junction with Ballyduff/Tomriland Road at Bolinass.
4. Memorial in regard to condition of road from Ballygobbin to Knocknaguilkey.
5. Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re removal or easing of dangerous turn at Knockatempie Crossroads and of dangerous corner at Knockiodda.
6. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding improvement of public lighting on important traffic routes through built-up areas.
7. Proposed new bridge at Whitebridge, Avoca—Report of Consulting Engineer and estimate of cost.
8. Alterations and Extensions to offices at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
9. Expenditure on Health Services, 1959/60.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re consideration of question of purchasing a residence in the county with a view to having a Mental Hospital for treatment of County Wicklow patients.
11. Health Authorities Bill, 1959—Proposed amendment.
12. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors W. Lawless and E. Byrne re detailed cost of refuse collection in Parish of Greystones and cost of including Blacklion, Grattan Park and Killincarrig in such scheme.
13. Proposed replacement of 8 Council lorries.
14. Overhaul of Sewerage Purification Works at Baltinglass and Blessington.
15. Pound at Carnew—Proposed Purchase.
16. Malicious Injury Claims—Report on awards made at Circuit Court and particulars of claims received.
17. Letter from Department of Lands, Forestry Division, re protection against fire afforded to State Forest property by Council's Fire Brigades.
18. Letter from Commissioners of Public Works re Old Barracks at Glenmalure.
19. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
20. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

### ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Resolved :—

“That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 5th, 12th and 19th October, 1959.”

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that details of the tenders received for Electrical Installations at the Courthouse, Wicklow, had not been given in the Minutes. The County Secretary stated that these details would be included.

The details in regard to the tenders received for the Electrical Installations at the Courthouse, Wicklow, are as follows:—

Name of Tenderer	Amount of Tender					
	M.I.C.C. Cable		V.I.R. Cable			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Electricity Supply Board, 27 Fitzwilliam St., Dublin	3,743	3	8	3,334	9	11
John Dillon, Esq., 52 Wilson Road, Mount Merrion, Dublin	4,426	10	0	4,590	1	0
James F. Ryder Ltd., 9 Manor Street, Dublin	3,943	7	0	3,674	4	5
Messrs. Smith's, Church Street, Wicklow	3,157	7	2	3,405	9	9

#### ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1960, shall not exceed £200,000."

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1960, shall not exceed £19,615."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2a—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1960—TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

Having considered the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, the Council decided to adopt a University Scholarship Scheme embodying the recommendations made.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby adopt University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1960 on similar terms to that adopted for the year 1959, but subject to the following amendments:—

- "1960" to replace "1959" where that year occurs in the Scheme.
- Article 2 of the Scheme shall be amended to read as follows:  
"Candidates over 20 years of age on the 1st day of October, 1959, are not eligible to compete for these scholarships. No candidate shall be qualified to compete at the scholarship examination or be awarded a scholarship unless

his or her parents or guardians were resident in the administrative County of Wicklow on 1st October, 1959."

3. Article 3 (b) shall be amended to read as follows:—

"Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding:—

- £600 in the case of families of 1 child.
- £645 in the case of families of 2 children.
- £690 in the case of families of 3 children.
- £735 in the case of families of 4 children.
- £780 in the case of families of 5 children.
- £825 in the case of families of 6 children.

The annual income limit shall be extended by an amount of £45 in respect of each additional child over 6 children."

4. Article 4 (3) of the Scheme shall be amended to read as follows:—

"Candidates must present 5 subjects for the examination, one of which must be Irish. In addition to Irish, any 4 of the other subjects approved for the purpose of the Scheme as listed hereunder may be taken at the examination. The marks obtained in such 5 subjects only will be taken into account for the award of scholarships. Of the approved subjects taken, at least four must be Honours subjects, and Honours must be obtained in at least three with a pass in the remaining two. The maximum marks for Honours subjects will be 100 and the marks for the fifth subject, if a pass paper is taken, shall be 50. Honours Mathematics may be counted as two of the five subjects." Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a scholarship holder, Miss Mary E. Doyle, had found it necessary to transfer from the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, to a school at Arklow, in order to pursue certain subjects which it was stated were not available at the school in Wicklow. He asked that the value of the scholarship be increased as she would now be attending a boarding school. The County Secretary pointed out that the scholarship awarded in this instance was an urban scholarship of a value of £25 and that since there was a suitable approved secondary school convenient to the student's residence, the value of the scholarship could not be increased.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson,

Resolved:—

"That we authorise an increase in the amount of the scholarship to Miss Mary E. Doyle to enable her to attend as a boarder at a school in Arklow, and that we amend the Scholarship Scheme for 1956 accordingly to enable such arrangement to be made, subject to the sanction of the Minister."

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

**In favour:** Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson—7.

**Against:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; A. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne—8.  
Councillors M. Deering and M. Macken did not vote.

The Resolution was declared defeated by 8 votes against to 7 votes in favour.

#### ITEM No. 3—TO TAKE OVER AS PUBLIC ROADS ROAD FROM BALLINDERRY/KNOCKRATH ROAD AT BALLYDOWLING TO RATHDRUM/LARAGH ROAD AT KNOCKRATH AND PORTION OF ROAD FROM BOLINASS TO KNOCKFODDA.

The County Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Council in October it had been decided that public notice be given of the Council's intention to take over as public roads the roads between Ballydowling and Knockrath and portion of the road from Bolinass to Knockfodda. At a subsequent meeting, when applications for the taking over of roads as public roads were under consideration, the Council had agreed that these proposals be considered in future at the Roads Estimates meetings for each Electoral Area, and if it were found possible to provide the necessary monies required for the repair of a road proposed to be taken over as a public road and the monies were duly allocated, arrangements

could then be made to take over such road as a public road. The Council agreed to defer the matter for consideration at the local roads meeting.

**ITEM No. 4—MEMORIAL IN REGARD TO CONDITION OF ROAD FROM BALLYGOBBIN TO KNOCKNAGUILKEY.**

The County Secretary submitted Memorial received from persons in the area regarding the condition of the road leading from the Main Aughrim/Baltinglass Road at Ballygobbin to the four crossroads at Knocknaguilkey. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the complaint referred to County Roads 131, 132 and 133 and that there were no monies available in the present year for major repairs. He proposed including County Road 133 from Knockananna to Carrignamuck for reconstruction during the coming year, and this road would greatly facilitate the householders referred to in the Memorial, and he considered that it was the most important in the area, having regard to traffic and public service. The Assistant Engineer stated that County Road 132 to Knocknaguilkey Crossroads and County Road 131 at Ballygobbin would be maintained in as good a condition as maintenance monies would allow. The Council noted the position in the matter and deferred the matter for consideration by the Local Roads Committee.

**ITEM No. 5—NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., RE REMOVAL OR EASING OF DANGEROUS TURN AT KNOCKATEMPLE CROSSROADS AND OF DANGEROUS CORNER AT KNOCKFODDA.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the improvement of the junction at Knockatemple, being the junction of the Newtown/Roundwood and Bray/Roundwood roads, would be undertaken within the next week in conjunction with improvement at Laragh Bridge for which filling from the Roundwood junction could be used. As regards the junction at Knockfodda, the Assistant County Engineer stated that the cost of excavation to provide sight line splays and fencing would be £350, but that there were many worse junctions than the one referred to. It was agreed that the matter of improvement of the junction at Knockfodda be considered by the Roads Committee in connection with the Estimates for the coming year.

**ITEM No. 6—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC LIGHTING ON IMPORTANT TRAFFIC ROUTES THROUGH BUILT-UP AREAS.**

The following letter from Department of Local Government was submitted:

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Boithre,

Teach an Chstuim,  
Baile Atha Cliath.  
12th November, 1959.

R.256/1.  
A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has had under consideration the need for the improvement of public lighting on important traffic routes through built-up areas as a means of reducing road accidents. The Minister considers that the making of a contribution from the Road Fund towards the capital cost of installing improved lighting facilities on these routes is justified. I am accordingly to state that, as from 1960/61, the capital cost of approved schemes for the improvement of public lighting on main roads passing through built-up areas may be included in the expenditure attracting the Main Road Uskeep Grant. There may be included also expenditure on the improvement of lighting on the approach from a side road as described in paragraph 7 of the attached memorandum.

2. Each council wishing to avail of this facility should draw up in conjunction with the E.S.B. a comprehensive programme of improvement showing, in order of priority, the sections of roads for which improved lighting is proposed to be provided over a period of years, the standard of lighting proposed, the estimated cost and the year in which it is proposed that each work should be carried out. Any urban authorities concerned should be consulted. Furthermore, where a route crosses a county boundary, the county council should consult with the other county council or county borough corporation concerned to ensure agreement as to the amount of lighting, and the type, height and placing of light

sources along the route. The E.S.B. will be prepared to undertake the detailed design of schemes as well as to carry out the work.

3. When an agreed programme has been prepared, it should be submitted to the Department for approval in principle. It will be appreciated, however, that it will be necessary to consider each year's proposals in the light of the circumstances then obtaining. The manner in which and the extent to which proposals for public lighting schemes may be submitted each year will be dealt with in the circulars notifying the annual Road Fund grants for that year.

Mise, le meas,  
E. T. SHEEHY.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to note the terms of the Department's letter but agreed that copies of the letter be sent to each Urban District Council for consideration in relation to Main Roads passing through the Urban districts.

In connection with public lighting, Councillor Kehoe asked that the E.S.B. be communicated with again in regard to the proposed provision of a public light on the bridge at Baltinglass, and Councillor Miley asked that a revised quotation be sought from the E.S.B. for the provision of three lights at The Square, Blessington.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., urged that in future road improvement schemes the Department should ensure that provision is made for footpaths when the schemes relate to built-up areas. He stated that proper footpaths of similar material to that used in the road should be provided. It was agreed that this suggestion be conveyed to the Department of Local Government.

Councillor Hadden asked that an estimate be obtained from the E.S.B. of the cost of providing an extra light at the Square, Tinahely.

**ITEM No. 7—PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE AT WHITEBRIDGE, AVOCA.**

The County Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer had submitted plans for proposed new bridge at Avoca and estimates of costs of two alternative schemes. Scheme A which was estimated to cost £15,600 was recommended as being more compatible with the site. The alternative scheme was estimated to cost £14,440. The County Engineer also recommended Scheme A. The County Secretary stated that the total all-in cost of the work was estimated at £17,543, and it was understood that a grant of 60% of the cost would be available from the Department of Local Government, leaving the balance to be shared equally between the County Council and St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd. On this basis the County Council would have to meet a sum of £3,508. If this sum were borrowed from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years, the first year's loan charges would be approximately £500.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of Consulting Engineer in regard to new bridge at Avoca, we approve of proceeding with the erection of a bridge in accordance with Scheme A at an estimated cost of £15,600 for the construction of the bridge, subject to 60% of the total cost, estimated at £17,543, being met by a grant from the Department of Local Government and 20% of the cost being met by contribution from St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd. We hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,508 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the usual rate, to meet the Council's share of the cost of erection of the bridge."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS TO OFFICES AT ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM.**

The County Secretary stated that following the coming into operation of the Office Premises Act, the County Medical Officer had reported on the condition of the offices at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and indicated that alterations and improvements would be necessary, that the offices were overcrowded and

suffered from many defects. In particular, additional sanitary accommodation was essential. It was proposed, subject to the agreement of the Council, to engage Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Architect, to prepare plans for the necessary alterations and extensions. Mr. O'Brien, when employed as temporary Architect by the Council, had been engaged on work of alterations to the buildings at Rathdrum.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we approve of the engagement of Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Architect, for the purpose of preparing plans for the necessary alterations and extensions to the Council Offices at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 9—EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH SERVICES, 1959/60.

The County Secretary reported on estimated expenditure in respect of External Hospitals for the year 1959/60 and stated that excess expenditure of £21,490 over the amount provided in the Estimates was anticipated. The greater part of this amount was accounted for by an increase in the cost of maintenance of patients at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, which resulted in arrears arising for 1957/58 and 1958/59, as well as an additional charge in respect of the present year. The estimate for Fever Hospitals would be exceeded by a sum of £2,500 due to a typhoid outbreak at Arklow.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered report of County Manager in regard to estimated expenditure for the year 1959/60 on Extern Hospitals, we hereby authorise an expenditure of £21,490 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the additional costs arising."

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., RE CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION OF PURCHASING RESIDENCE IN COUNTY WITH A VIEW TO HAVING MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT OF COUNTY WICKLOW PATIENTS.

It was decided to consider, in conjunction with Item No. 10, Item No. 11, which related to the Health Authorities Bill for 1959.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he was concerned at the possible effect of the Health Authorities Bill, 1959, in relation to the representation of Wicklow County Council on the new Health Authority which would supersede Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board. The County Secretary submitted particulars of the amendment proposed by the Minister for Health to the Bill which provided that should at any time Wicklow County Council decide to withdraw from Grangegorman Mental Hospital, this could be arranged. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS W. LAWLESS AND E. BYRNE RE COST OF REFUSE COLLECTION IN GREYSTONES, ETC.

The County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer in regard to the cost of providing a Refuse Collection for the Greystones/Delgany area. The proposed service would be with the aid of a Refuse Collecting Vehicle and the cost was estimated to amount to £2,025 on the basis of a twice weekly collection. The Engineer suggested that alternatively the service might be carried out by contract and the total area zoned into sub-areas, if necessary, for the purpose of seeking tenders. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Edward Byrne, the County Secretary stated that the cost of the Refuse Collection in Bray was about £2,000. The Council agreed that tenders might be invited for the provision of a Refuse Collection Service in the Greystones/Delgany area. The Council considered that the tenders should be on the basis of removal of household refuse by mechanical means.

#### Enniskerry Refuse Collection:

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Chairman of the Enniskerry and District Development Committee in which he referred to refuse being dumped into the river along the Bray Road and to the efforts made by the Committee to find some suitable alternative dumping site. The Committee had come to the conclusion that there was no alternative to a refuse collection to some suitable dumping ground outside the village and suggested a site in the townland of Cookstown convenient to the Enniskerry/Bray road which they considered would be ideal. The Committee asked if the Council would consider providing a weekly refuse collection service to the proposed dump at Cookstown. The Assistant County Engineer reported that he had inspected the proposed site but could not recommend it as it was 9/10th of a mile from the village of Enniskerry, the area for dumping was level with the road and of very limited capacity and the site did not lend itself to the formation of a tip head. The site also immediately adjoined the public road. The Council noted that the site suggested would not be suitable and agreed that the Engineer make further efforts to obtain a suitable site for a dump.

#### ITEM No. 13—PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF 8 COUNCIL LORRIES.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer had reported that 8 of the Council lorries of a total fleet of 24 had now reached a state where they were no longer economic to maintain, and in fact it was difficult to keep them in a safe condition. The lorries referred to were Nos. 7, 8 and 9, purchased in 1947; Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13, purchased in 1949, and No. 25 which was purchased second-hand in 1953. As each of the lorries averages 20,000 miles per year, they had all covered over 200,000 miles. The Chief Assistant County Engineer recommended that the most economical lorry to purchase would be a 7-ton diesel lorry. He estimated the net cost, allowing for an allowance on the old lorries, at £1,800 each. The Chief Assistant County Engineer estimated that the savings in repairs and fuel costs, etc., would offset loan charges on new lorries. It appeared, however, that the cost of maintenance might have been somewhat over estimated, but by far the greater part of the loan charges would be offset by savings in fuel and cost of repairs, etc. The Council agreed that tenders might be invited by public advertisement for the supply of 8 lorries of the type recommended by the Chief Assistant County Engineer. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Miley, the Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the purchase of the 8 new lorries would enable him to make available an additional lorry for use in West Wicklow.

#### ITEM No. 14—OVERHAUL OF SEWERAGE PURIFICATION WORKS AT BALTINGLASS AND BLESSINGTON.

The County Secretary stated that it was necessary to carry out extensive overhaul on the Sewerage Purification Works at Baltinglass and Blessington, and the estimated cost of the work at Baltinglass was £125 and at Blessington £40.

It was

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

Resolved:—

"That we hereby authorise the expenditure of £165 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of defraying the cost of overhaul of Sewerage Purification Works at Baltinglass and Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 15—POUND AT CARNEW—PROPOSED PURCHASE.

The County Secretary explained the proposal to offer a sum of £20 for the purchase of the Pound at Carnew and gave particulars of the Engineer's report in regard to the condition of the Pound. Councillor McCrea considered that an offer of £20 would be inadequate and suggested that a sum of £50 be offered. The Council decided to defer the matter for further consideration by the County Engineer.

#### ITEM No. 16—MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The County Secretary stated that the Circuit Court in Wicklow on 11th November, 1959, decrees were given against the Council in respect of malicious injury applications as follows:—

Mrs. Gregory, Newtownmountkennedy	...	£19	4	0
Thomas Crammond	...	£22	0	0

Kilbride Church, Bray	£15	10	0
Patrick Fagan, Avoca	£16	0	0
James Smullen, Greystones	£30	0	0

In the case of the award to Patrick Fagan, this was subject to an undertaking from the applicants that if the compensation was recovered from the culprits the amount would be refunded to the Council. The County Secretary stated that malicious injury claims had been received in respect of fires at Carnew from Mrs. Eva Biggs for £2,500, Mr. Luke Ashmore Warren for £2,500 and Mr. James Tyndall for £1,000. The Council noted the receipt of the claims.

**ITEM No. 17—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTRY DIVISION.**

The Council noted the following letter received from the Forestry Division, Department of Lands :—

Department of Lands,  
22 Upper Merrion St.,  
Dublin.  
19 Samhain, 1959.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to express his appreciation for the protection against fire afforded to State Forest property by the Fire Brigades under your jurisdiction during the prolonged dry spell this year. The Minister is of opinion that without such prompt assistance as was rendered by the Brigades on several occasions during the year much damage would have been caused to State property.

Mise, le meas,

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

The Council directed that the terms of the letter be brought to the notice of the members of the Council's Fire Brigades.

**ITEM No. 18—LETTER FROM COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS RE OLD BARRACKS AT GLENMALURE.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from a resident in Dublin who stated he was a frequent visitor to Glenmalure and considered it a pity that the Old Barracks at Glenmalure was not being preserved, as in his opinion it was a very historic place. The matter had been brought to the notice of the Commissioners of Public Works who had replied that they were of opinion that the Old Barracks had not sufficient interest to warrant it being taken into charge for preservation as a National Monument. The Council noted the Commissioners decision in the matter.

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

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council which had been held on 6th August, 1959.

**Shankill Road, Manor Kilbride :**

Councillor Miley referred to damage being caused to Shankill Road, Manor Kilbride, by army traffic and asked that representations be made to the Department of Defence on the matter.

**Tenders for Printing and Stationery :**

Tenders received for printing and stationery for the year to 31st December, 1960. were opened in the presence of the Council. Tenders were received from the following firms :—

Wicklow Press Ltd., Wicklow.  
Powell Press Ltd., 22 Parliament Street, Dublin.  
North Wexford Printing and Publishing Co., Enniscorthy.  
Arklow Printers Ltd., Arklow.  
Herald Works, Boyle, Co. Roscommon.

The Council agreed that the tenders be examined and recommendations submitted.