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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, 4th January, 1960, at 3 p.m.

The following members were present:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Wm. Cleary, John Quigley, Alan Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, W. Lawless, Edwd. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; Seamus O Maich, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson.

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

AGENDA:

1. Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of houses—Applications in respect of two houses at Coollattin Row, Carnew.
2. Supplementary Grant towards cost of erection of new house at Rathnaeoe, Blessington.
3. Water Supply Schemes—Report on meetings of members of Council for four Electoral Areas.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

ITEM No. 1—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES—APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF TWO HOUSES AT COOLLATTIN ROW, CARNEW.

The County Secretary stated that applications for Supplementary Grants had been received from Miss M. Farrar and Mrs. S. Loughlin, both of Coollattin Row, Carnew. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that neither of the houses complied with the requirements of the Council's Scheme in that the floor area was less than 500 sq. ft. The Department of Local Government had, however, paid grants in respect of the reconstruction of the houses. Under the terms of the Council's Scheme as adopted it would not be in order to pay Supplementary Grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby amend the Scheme of Supplementary Grants under the Housing Acts by the addition of the following to Condition No. 8 of the Scheme: "Where, however, a State Grant has been paid in respect of the Repair or Improvement of a house having a floor area of less than 500 square feet, the Council may at their discretion pay a Supplementary Grant subject to such condition, if any, which the Council may impose."

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That, having considered reports of the Assistant Co. Engineer on the reconstruction of houses of Mrs. Susan Loughlin, Coollattin Row, Carnew, and of Miss Marie Farrar, Coollattin Row, Carnew, we hereby approve of the payment of appropriate Supplementary Grants by the Council in respect of the Repair and Improvement of these houses.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TOWARDS COST
OF ERECTION OF NEW HOUSE AT RATHNABOE,
BLESSINGTON.**

The application of Mr. John Aylward, Rathnaboe, Blessington, for a Supplementary Grant towards the cost of erection of a new dwelling house was submitted. It was indicated that Mr. Aylward was a farmer with a Valuation of £15 15s. 0d., and that the total estimated cost of erecting the house was £1,150, towards which he was receiving a State Grant of £175. Under the terms of the Council's Scheme he would qualify for a Grant of £116 13s. 4d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grant of £116 13s. 4d. to John Aylward, Rathnaboe, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new house at Rathnaboe.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES—REPORT ON
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR
FOUR ELECTORAL AREAS**

The County Secretary stated that as arranged by the Council, meetings of members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas had been held to consider proposed Water Supply Schemes in the respective areas. Details of the Schemes proposed for each area were given to the Council. The Schemes proposed involved the improvement of 10 existing Schemes and extensions of mains from 16 existing Schemes, together with 3 proposed extensions from Dublin Corporation Mains. In addition, the Schemes included for proposed new small gravity supplies in 23 districts and supplies from tanks served by electric pumps from wells or streams in nine districts. The Council approved of the proposals and agreed that it would be desirable to proceed first with improvements and extensions of existing schemes. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the employment of temporary Engineers to assist the Assistant County Engineers in the making of surveys and preparing the necessary reports in regard to the proposed Schemes. Following a discussion on the matter, the County Engineer indicated that the employment of two temporary Engineers for a period of up to six months would be adequate. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., maintained that a Notice of Motion was required before two temporary Engineers could be appointed. The Council's Solicitor, who was present, advised that a Notice of Motion was not necessary in relation to the proposed employment of temporary officers.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we approve of the employment of two temporary Engineers for a period of up to six months for the purpose of making surveys and preparing reports on water supply schemes.

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

In regard to the proposed improvements to the Water Supply at Avoca and adjoining district, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the employment of a Consultant. The Council agreed that a Consultant be engaged and that applications be invited by advertisement.

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

The Council considered an application received for the erection of a Filling Station in Main Street, Kilcoole. Councillor Lawless suggested that there might be danger to traffic leaving the proposed station due to the camber of the existing public road and the width of the road. It was agreed to defer the matter for further examination by the County Engineer.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had met Mr. Sheane in regard to his application for approval to the erection of a Tractor Assembly Factory at Tighe's Avenue and had arranged a further meeting with him on the site with a view to seeking agreement in regard to the proposal.

DUMP AT TINAHELY.

Councillor Hadden stated that the dump at Tinahely was infested with rats. It was agreed to arrange for the Health Inspector to treat the dump.

COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME.

Councillor Lawless referred to delay in completion of vesting in certain cases and asked that every effort be made to expedite them.

ROAD WORKS AT KILTIMON.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Lawless, the County Engineer stated that the cost of the Road Works at Kiltimon to date amounted to £3,300, of which approximately £1,430 was in respect of labour.

DERELICT SITES AT STRATFORD.

Councillor Kehoe asked that report be submitted to the next meeting in regard to Derelict Sites at Stratford.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—"That I, or someone for me, will move that the Council take over and maintain as a County Road the lane leading from Townview, Tinahely, to Mangans and serving eight families."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th January, 1960, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Seamus O Maicin, 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 were present.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd and 9th November, 1959.
2. Application for Cinematograph Licence in respect of The Lake Cinema, Blessington.
3. Proposed closing of Putland Road, Bray, while Railway Bridge is being replaced.
4. Memorial from householders at Rathbawn, Knocknaboley and Rathshanmore in regard to the roads between (a) Rathshanmore Crossroads and County bounds at Ballasallagh Brook, and (b) between Mullins Crossroad and Knocknaboley Crossroads.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley re taking over as a public road, lane from Townview, Tinahely, to Mangans and serving eight houses.
- 5a. Reports of Co. Engineer on Road Works carried out to 31st Dec., 1959.
6. Proposed provision of additional public light at Tinahely.
7. Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme—Report on final costs and authorisation of Supplementary Loan.
8. Aughrim Sewerage Scheme—Report on final costs.
9. Derelict buildings at Stratford-on-Slaney.
10. To affix seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., in respect of loan of £3,450 for Electrical Installation at Courthouse, Wicklow.
11. To amend Polling Scheme for area of Rathmichael (Bray) consequent on passing of the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 1959.
12. To receive tenders for Household Refuse Collection Service for Greystones area.
13. To apply to the Minister for confirmation of Byelaws with respect to houses intended or used for occupation by members of the working classes, including agricultural labourers.
14. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd and 9th November, 1959.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge enquired if instructions had been issued to Doctors regarding the use of Loughlinstown Hospital. The County Manager emphasised that instructions were issued to all medical practitioners that as from 31st December, 1959, patients should be sent to other hospitals and not to St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.

ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Kevin P. Cunningham, 17, Woodbine Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, for a Licence in respect of the Band Hall, Blessington, to be known as The Lakes Cinema, Blessington. The Chief Fire Officer had reported that the premises had been reconstructed as a Cinema to his satisfaction, but recommended that no standing room be allowed in the Cinema.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That, having considered report of the Chief Fire Officer, we hereby authorise the issue of a licence under the Cinematograph Acts in respect of The Lakes Cinema, Blessington, subject to the condition that no standing room be allowed in the Cinema, and we direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Licence.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—BRIDGE AT PUTLAND ROAD, BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that C.I.E. had informed the Council that it would be necessary to close Putland Road, Bray, for a period of about a month while the Railway Bridge was being replaced. It was suggested that the portion of Putland Road from Strand Road to the junction with Meath Road be closed from 15th February to 14th March, inclusive. The County Secretary requested approval to the issue of the usual public notices, and stated that the matter would be submitted to the Council at the meeting to be held on 1st Feb., 1960. The arrangement was subject to the agreement of Bray Urban District Council. The Council agreed to the issue of the necessary public notice subject to the agreement of Bray Urban District Council.

ITEM No. 4—MEMORIAL FROM HOUSEHOLDERS AT RATHBAWN, KNOCKNABOLEY AND RATHSHANMORE REGARDING ROADS.

The County Secretary stated that a Memorial had been received from ratepayers in regard to the condition of roads between Rathshanmore Crossroads and County Bounds at Ballasalla and Mullins Crossroads, and Knocknaboley Crossroad. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the road received regular maintenance, but was not included in the Five Year Plan, and it seemed unlikely that it would be included for reconstruction in the coming year as there were other roads of more importance and in worse condition which should be given priority. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Local Roads Committee when considering the programme for roadworks for the coming financial year.

ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY RE TAKING OVER AS A PUBLIC ROAD OF MANGANS LANE, TINAHELY.

In connection with this Notice of Motion, the Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Local Roads Committee at the meeting to consider the programme of works for the coming financial year.

ITEM No. 5A—REPORTS OF COUNTY ENGINEER RE ROAD WORKS CARRIED OUT TO 31st DECEMBER, 1959.

The reports of the County Engineer on Road Works carried out during the quarters ended 30th September, 1959, and 31st December, 1959, had been circulated to the members. The Council noted the terms of the reports.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Kehoe regarding the Blessington-Baltinglass Road in respect of which it was proposed to send a deputation to the Minister, the County Secretary submitted the following letter which had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Department of Local Government,

Roads,

Custom House, Dublin.

6th January, 1960.

R.27/1/8.

Secretary,

Wicklow Co. Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 17th ultimo regarding a special grant for the improvement of the Baltinglass/Blessington road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that for the reasons set out in the Department's letter of 3rd July last, it is regretted that it is not possible to allocate a special grant for work on this road.

In the circumstances, I am to state that the Minister does not consider that any useful purpose would be served by his receiving a deputation, as suggested.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed): E. T. SHEEHY.

The Council noted the decision of the Minister in the matter.

Road to Glen of Imaal:

Councillor Timmins stated that he understood that the Department of Defence were in a position to find an alternative artillery range and to withdraw their objection to the proposal that a road be constructed between Glenmalure and the Glen of Imaal. The County Engineer stated that he had been in contact with officers of the Department of Defence on the matter, but had been informed that the Minister could not agree to the proposed road as it would pass through part of the Artillery Range and that there was a danger of unexploded shells in the area. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., confirmed the County Engineer's statement in the matter.

Dangerous Corner at Knockfodda.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., submitted a letter from Roundwood Labour Party in which it was suggested that improvement of Knockfodda Corner could be carried out for about £100, as compared with the Co. Engineer's estimate of £350. The County Engineer explained what was proposed to be done in his estimate, and stated that the cost would be £350 and that he hoped to have the work carried out within the year.

Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., asked that a report be submitted in regard to Blackberry Lane, Delgany, for examination by the Local Roads Committee in conjunction with the Estimates.

Rathdangan/Mullans Crossroad.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Kehoe, the County Engineer stated that the restoration work of this section of road would be carried out later.

Road from Shankill to Ballyvolan.

In reply to Councillor Miley regarding this road, which led to Kilbride Camp, the County Secretary stated that it was necessary to have a traffic count on the road for a full period of 12 months in order to determine what grant might be given by the Department of Defence towards the repair of the road. The Assistant County Engineer had been asked to arrange for installing a traffic counter.

ITEM No. 6—PROPOSED PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHT AT TINAHELY.

As requested by Councillor Hadden, the Assistant County Engineer reported that an additional public light was necessary at the lower side of the Square at Tinahely, where two roads met and where a telephone kiosk had recently been provided. The Council agreed that an estimate of the cost of providing the additional public light be obtained from the E.S.B.

Public Lighting at Blessington:

The County Secretary read a letter received from the E.S.B. in which it was indicated that the Board was not in a position to reduce the estimate of £128 for the erection of two public lights on the Kilbride Road and one lamp on Pole 53 in the Square, Blessington. The Council agreed that this figure was excessive. Councillor Quigley asked for a report regarding the provision of two public lights at Ballinaclesh.

In reply to Councillor Kehoe, who enquired regarding the provision of a light at the Bridge at Baltinglass, the Assistant County Engineer stated that he had asked the E.S.B. for a quotation.

ITEM No. 7—WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The County Secretary submitted report on the approximate final costs of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme which showed that the total extras on the Scheme amounted to £3,500. It would be necessary for the County Council to raise a Supplementary Loan of £2,450 and for Wicklow Urban District Council to raise an additional loan of £1,050. The extras arose in respect of the Contract for the Filtration Plant, which included a Prices Variation Clause, and which Contract had been signed in 1955, and also in respect of Rock Excavation in the Devil's Glen. The Co. Manager pointed out that the Extras represented only about 4 per cent. of the original Contract, which he suggested was very reasonable in view of the difficult terrain over which the work was carried out.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That, having considered report on final accounts for Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a Supplementary Loan of £2,450 repayable over a period of 25 years from the Commissioners of Public Works, subject to sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the total amount of Capital Indebtedness of the Council and the amount paid by the Council in respect of Interest on Loans, and urged that Interest rates should be substantially reduced in respect of Loans to Local Authorities. He asked that, in submitting the Estimates for the coming year, particulars be given of the amount of Interest payable on loans as included in the Estimates.

ITEM No. 8—AUGHRIM SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The County Secretary submitted report on the final costs of Aughrim Sewerage Scheme which showed that the total costs were £19,059 approximately and the Loan raised amounted to £18,817. Approval was requested for expenditure of £300 in excess of the amount authorised in the current year's Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That, having considered report on the total cost of Aughrim Sewerage Scheme, we hereby authorise expenditure of a sum of £300 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the balance of the cost of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—DERELICT BUILDINGS IN STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY.

The County Secretary read letter received from Mrs. M. Farrell, Stratford-on-Slaney, drawing attention to the derelict sites in Stratford-on-Slaney, and stating that some of the buildings were dangerous and that during recent storms, slates and stones were blown across the streets and were a danger to passers-by. The Council's Engineer reported that there were about five buildings that could be described as dangerous and unsightly in Stratford, two of which were two-storey houses with roofs in bad condition, and the other three single-storey, but the roofs in these cases had almost entirely collapsed and the buildings were not so dangerous. He had difficulty in establishing the owners of the buildings. Both the two-storey houses were the property of Mrs. John Murphy of Saundersgrove, Baltinglass, who stated that she had in mind to take off the slates for their saleable value whenever it would be convenient for her to do so. The Council deferred the matter in order to obtain further details from the County Engineer.

ITEM No. 10—ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AT COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

The County Secretary submitted Mortgage submitted from the National Bank, Wicklow, for sealing in respect of loan of £3,450 for the Electrical Installation at the Courthouse, Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That, pursuant to the Letter of sanction dated 25th November, 1959, to the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £3,450 be borrowed from The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the electrical installation at Wicklow Courthouse 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 Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank, Limited.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiry by Councillor Hadden regarding the cost of the work, the County Manager pointed out that there had been a fire at the Courthouse as a result of which the wiring of the premises had been examined by a Consulting Engineer and was found to be dangerous, and the Council had agreed that it was essential to have the premises re-wired.

**ITEM No. 11—AMENDMENT OF POLLING SCHEME
FOR AREA OF RATHMICHAEL (BRAY)**

The County Secretary stated that, consequent on the passing of the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 1959, the area known as Rathmichael (Bray) now formed part of the Constituency of Co. Wicklow: this area had previously been part of the Constituency of Dunlaoghaire and Rathdown. It was necessary to amend the Council's Polling Scheme by the deletion of reference to the Dunlaoghaire and Rathdown Constituency and the substitution of reference to the County Constituency of Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby amend the Polling Scheme for the area which comprises the Registration Unit or District Electoral Division of Rathmichael (Bray) by the deletion of the reference to the Dunlaoghaire and Rathdown Constituency and the substitution therefor of a reference to the County Constituency of Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 12—HOUSEHOLD REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE
FOR GREYSTONES/DELGANY AREA.**

In response to public advertisement, seven tenders received were opened in the presence of the members of the Council. The tenders received were as follows:—

Name of Tenderer	Amount
Seán Traynor, Delgany	£1,500
Wm. P. Gammell, Kilcoole	£800
John A. Connolly, Jun., and John Connolly, Sen., Blacklion, Greystones	£1,860
Matthew Wheatley, Kilpedder	£1,400
Peter Molloy, Ballinastoe	£1,040
	(£160 extra for tipper lorry)
William Keegan, Killincarrig	£2,300
John Murphy and Sons, Timmore, Newcastle	£1,800

The Council referred the tenders for examination by the Co. Engineer.

In reply to enquiry from a member, the County Manager stated that the collection of refuse in Kilcoole had originated about 25 years ago. At that time the County Medical Officer reported to the Board of Health in regard to overcrowding in the village, and recommended the provision of a dump. A tender was received for a dump and the owner also offered to collect the refuse. This tender was regarded as very reasonable and was accepted. The present cost was from £80 to £90 a year. The Council agreed that, following receipt of the County Engineer's report on the tenders, the members for the area would meet representatives of the Greystones District in regard to the proposed provision of domestic scavenging service.

**ITEM No. 13—BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO OVERCROWDING
OF HOUSES.**

The County Secretary stated that the Bye-laws which had been adopted by the Council at the meeting on 9th November, 1959, had been advertised for the necessary period of one month and application might now be made to the Minister for confirmation. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to his previous enquiry as to the liability of an owner in letting a house which subsequently became overcrowded, and enquired if a reply had been received. The County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received from the Department on this point. The Council agreed to defer the making of application for confirmation of the Bye-laws pending the receipt of a reply from the Department.

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

Use of Compressor for Re-laying Watermain.

Councillor Haughton referred to the use of Compressor at Rathdrum in connection with the re-laying of the watermain, and stated that the work was such that it could have been carried out satisfactorily by unskilled labour and would have provided some additional employment if the machine had not been used. He suggested that the employment of men on this work would not have involved extra cost. The Council agreed that the Engineering Staff should be informed that where works can be carried out by unskilled labour economically, that method should be used rather than use of machinery.

Hire of Machinery:

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked for a return of the cost of hire of machinery for the years from 1957 onwards.

Date for Estimates Meeting:

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to fix the date for the Estimates Meeting for the year 1960/61. In the current financial year the meeting was held on Monday, 23rd September, 1959. The Council agreed that the Estimates Meeting be held on Monday, 22nd February, 1960.

Grants for Reconstruction of Houses:

Councillor Hadden asked that a statement be submitted giving particulars of the cost of Supplementary Grants for reconstruction of houses.

Secondary Schools Scholarship:

Councillor J. J. McCrea raised the matter of Secondary Schools Scholarship held by Miss Mary Emily Doyle, Wicklow, and stated that certain subjects which this pupil wished to study were not available at the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, and that consequently she had arranged to attend at a School in Arklow. He asked that the Council reconsider the matter and approve of the payment of a higher rate of Scholarship in respect of her attendance at Arklow School. The County Secretary pointed out that the matter had been discussed at length at the previous meeting of the Council, and a proposal to amend the Scholarship Scheme so as to allow of the payment of an increased Scholarship in this case had been deferred. The Council could not reconsider the matter except by suspending Standing Orders which would require a Notice of Motion. Councillor J. J. McCrea handed in the following Notice of Motion, which was accepted by the Chairman:—"That I, or someone for me, will move that we suspend Standing Orders with a view to reconsidering the award of a Scholarship to Mary Emily Doyle.

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

1. "That I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that the Council consider taking over the road or lane at Kilballyowen, Aughrim, and
2. "That the Council make provision for lowering the Railway Bridge walls so as to give a view to motorists and others travelling to and from Aughrim."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st February, 1960, 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. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, 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 Engineers C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

AGENDA:

1. Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of houses, Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage facilities, etc.—Reports on present position.
2. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
3. Development at Brittas Bay—Application for reception of Deputation from Brittas Bay Development Association.
4. Closing of Putland Road, Bray, for purpose of works on Railway Bridge.
5. Claims in respect of Malicious Injuries.
6. Applications from Employees and other Unions for increases in remuneration.

ITEM No. 1—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

The County Secretary stated that as at 31st January, 1960, a total of 365 Supplementary Grants had been allocated by the Council, being 327 in respect of repair and improvements to houses, 18 in respect of provision of new houses, and 20 for provision of water supply and sewerage facilities. The total value of Grants allocated to date amounted to £24,304 and the total amount of loans raised was £25,000. The amount paid in respect of grants to date amounted to £14,424. The County Secretary stated that it was expected that the Council would be receiving applications for Supplementary Grants in respect of provision of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities to a large number of houses in West Wicklow. In the Manor Kilbride Scheme, 51 houses were being supplied with water and some also were providing sewerage facilities, and the total estimated cost of Supplementary Grants would be £3,050. A number of other Schemes in West Wicklow were being undertaken and the total estimated amount of Grants which would be payable by the Council amounts to £3,450, making a total in all of £6,500 as at present estimated.

The County Manager stated that the Council's Scheme of Supplementary Grants would expire on 31st March, 1960, and he suggested that the Council might consider renewing the Scheme for another year. He stated that very good work was being carried out under the Scheme and a considerable number of houses had been repaired and improved, and improved facilities had been provided. Councillor McCrea agreed that the Scheme was of great benefit and pointed out that houses in Carnew had been reconstructed and the Council had been saved the necessity for providing new houses to rehouse persons living in them. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that the Scheme was of great benefit and paid a tribute to Rev. Father Collins, C.C., who had organised the provision of water supply facilities for houses in Manor Kilbride. He pointed out, however, that in connection with such

increase in wages of road workers, that the Labour Court had made recommendations recently in respect of certain counties and had recommended an increase of 7s. 6d. per week. In regard to the applications from the Officials' Unions, the County Manager stated that increases in remuneration had been granted to officers of the Civil Service with effect from 15th December, 1959, on the basis of 8 per cent. of salary up to £400 per annum and 5½ per cent. of salary over £400. The cost of granting an increase of 7s. 6d. per week to road workers would be approximately 6d. in the £, and the cost of granting increases to officers of the Council on the same terms as that granted to the Civil Service would also be about 6d. in the £. The Council noted the applications received and decided to consider the applications at the meeting on the following Monday.

Maintenance of Wall around Burial Ground:

In reply to enquiry from a member of the Council, the County Manager stated that the Council in one recent case had agreed without admission of liability to share the cost of repairing a wall around a Burial Ground. He pointed out again that the law on the matter was that a person was required to fence his stock in to ensure that they did not trespass on adjoining lands. As regards yew trees in Burial Grounds, the County Manager stated that the Council had no responsibility for the planting of such trees. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that it would be desirable that all yew trees in Burial Grounds under the control of the Council be removed and burned.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—That a proper fire engine be based at Blessington, similar to that at Carnew.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th February, 1960, 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, 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 Assist. County Engineers C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey, and P. McGuinness, attended.

A G E N D A.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 7th and 14th December, 1959, and 4th and 11th January, 1960.
2. Renewal of Cinematograph Licences.
3. Resignation of member of Council.
4. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools—To consider applications under Council's Scheme.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea for suspension of Standing Orders with a view to reconsidering the award of a Scholarship to Mary Emily Doyle.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea, that the Council consider taking over of road or lane at Kilballyowen, Aughrim.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea, that the Council make provision for the lowering of the Railway Bridge walls so as to give a view to motorists and others travelling to and from Aughrim.
8. Applications for permission to erect a plaque on Bridge at Ballinglen.
9. Memorial in regard to Coolfancy-Milland-Rosnastraw Road.
10. Memorial in regard to (1) Road from Whitebridge, Avoca, known as Tignoney Road to Conary Crossroads, and (2) Road from Sulphur Brook, Avoca, to Tigroney Green.
11. Report on tenders received for Domestic Refuse Collection in Greystones area.
12. Public Light at Baltinglass Bridge.
13. Public Lighting at Ballinaclash.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that a proper fire engine be based at Blessington similar to that at Carnew.
15. Civil Defence—Letter from Department of Defence re proposed Order providing for removal of Bray Urban District from list of scheduled areas.
16. Letter from Irish Medical Association concerning the position under the Health Acts of persons who receive hospital and specialist services following road accidents.
17. Resolution from the Committee of Agriculture suggesting that all trees adjacent to roads be cut down and planting near roads discontinued.
18. Applications for increases in wages of road workers and staff.
19. Report in regard to expenditure on hire of machinery for years 1955-'56, 1956-'57, and 1957-'58.
20. Letters from the Department of Local Government regarding certain Road Works carried out in the current year.
21. Report on tenders received for supply of lorries.

22. Application from Institute of Public Administration for contribution towards expenses of the Institute.
23. 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 7th and 14th December, 1959, and 4th and 11th January, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor J. Everett referred to the supply of clothing for patients at Newcastle Sanatorium and thanked the County Manager for investigating the matter at his request. In reply to his enquiry the Co. Manager stated that clothing was issued at the discretion of the County Medical Officer. The Co. Manager stated that a greater amount was spent in Co. Wicklow on the provision of clothing than in any other County.

ITEM NO. 2—RENEWAL OF CINEMAGRAPH LICENCES.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had recommended the issue of Cinematograph Licences for St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew, and the Ormonde Cinemas at Baltinglass, Greystones and Rathdrum.

It was

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

Seconded by J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That having considered report of Chief Fire Officer we hereby approve of the renewal of Cinematograph Licences for the following Cinemas:

St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew.

Ormonde Cinema, Baltinglass.

Ormonde Cinema, Greystones.

Ormonde Cinema, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

The following letter received from Councillor Dr. Donnelly was submitted:—

The General Hospital,

Port of Spain, Trinidad.

January 7th, 1960.

Sir,

I submit this my resignation as a member of your Council. In doing so may I say that I hoped to resume my seat early this year but now I find that I can't be relieved from my present post until November, 1960.

My association with the Chairman and members has always been of the happiest. I am very conscious of the great honour they have done me by granting me leave of absence. Please convey my thanks to them. To your good self, the County Manager and staff I offer my thanks for your kindness and goodness during my year as a member.

I wish the Chairman and members and all associated with the Council a Holy and Happy New Year.

Sincerely

Brendan Donnelly, M.D.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we accept with regret the resignation of Councillor Dr. B. Donnelly as a member of the Council and hereby declare the office of Councillor vacant.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS.

The Council considered in Committee the applications from candidates to compete under the Council's Scholarship Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered applications received under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960, we approve of the applications submitted with the following exceptions:—

The following applications are refused as not complying with the terms of the Scheme:—

Thomas Patrick Byrne, 39, St. Michael's Tce., Arklow.

Alan Jos. Downes, 5, Fatima Tce., Bray.

Dolores Hall, 5, Maitland St., Bray.

Kevin F. Jones, 2, La Touche Place, Greystones.

Maria Patricia Kelly, 9, Magee Grove, Palermo, Bray.

Francis A. Mulcahy, Merville, Greystones.

Owen M. Neary, Beaconfield Cottage, Greystones.

Sean T. Sutton, Glencormac, Kilmacanogue.

Thomas Anthony Treacy, 30, Wolfe Tone Sq., N., Bray.

John James Treacy, 13, Florence Tce., Bray.

The following applications are deferred for further examination:—

Dermot Patrick Ennis, "Jubilee," Greystones.

Brigid M. Harmon, Ballingule.

James S. Hickey, 33, Main St., Arklow.

Brigid Margaret Murphy, 28, O'Byrne Road, Bray.

Margaret E. McDonald, Killincarrick, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA, FOR SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS WITH A VIEW TO RECONSIDERING AWARD OF A SCHOLARSHIP TO MARY EMILY DOYLE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the award of a Scholarship to Mary Emily Doyle.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education we hereby allow a Scholarship under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools for 1956 at the rate of £70 per annum to Miss Mary Emily Doyle in respect of her attendance at a Secondary School in Arklow and if necessary amend the Scheme accordingly.

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, P.C.; G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Macken, J. Smyth, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton—13.

Against—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; A. Hadden, P. Kehoe, J. Miley, H. J. Byrne—5.

The Resolution was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 5 votes against.

ITEM NO. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA, THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER TAKING OVER OF ROAD OR LANE AT KILBALLYOWEN, AUGHIRM.

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Local Roads Committee when the Road Works Programme for the coming year was being examined.

ITEM NO. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. MCCREA THAT THE COUNCIL MAKE PROVISION FOR THE LOWERING OF THE RAILWAY BRIDGE WALLS SO AS TO GIVE A VIEW TO MOTORISTS AND OTHERS TRAVELLING TO AND FROM AUGHIRM.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that before anything could be done at the turn at Aughrim Bridge the land owned by the Railway Company would have to be acquired by the Council as the work could not be done properly until the Railway Bridge was lowered considerably and to do this a lot of material would have to be dumped on the Railway Line. The Engineer estimated the cost of the work to be about £300. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the lowering of the walls and replacements with a wire fence so as to give additional vision for motorists at the corner would effect a considerable improvement, and asked that this be examined.

ITEM NO. 8—APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A PLAQUE ON BRIDGE AT BALLINGLEN.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Lacey Brothers Memorial Committee, Tinahely, for permission to erect a plaque on Ballinglen Bridge. The Committee had also drawn attention to the condition of the Bridge which it was stated was in need of repair. The Assist. Co. Engineer reported that the Bridge referred to was that on County Road 205, and that it would be necessary for the Memorial Committee to submit details of the plaque and the method of erection, so as to ensure that the plaque would not in any way obstruct road users. They should also be asked to give an assurance that any interference with the parapet wall would be made good. Regarding the condition of the bridge the Assistant County Engineer had arranged to renew two coping stones and to point up about 2 sq. yards of parapet wall and apart from these repairs the bridge was in good condition.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby grant permission to the Lacey Brothers Memorial Committee, Tinahely, for the erection of a Plaque on Ballinglen Bridge, subject to details of the Plaque and method of erection being approved by the County Engineer and subject to an assurance that any interference with the parapet wall of the bridge will be made good.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—MEMORIAL IN REGARD TO COOLFANCY-MILLAND-ROSTRAW ROAD.

The County Secretary submitted a Memorial which had been received from persons in the area asking that the road leading from Coolfancy through Milland and Rosnastraw be repaired and dangerous corners removed. The Council referred the matter for consideration by the Local Roads Committee in connection with the Road Estimates for the coming financial year.

ITEM NO. 10—MEMORIAL REGARDING ROADS FROM WHITE-BRIDGE, AVOCA, TO CONARY CROSSROADS, AND FROM SULPHUR BROOK, AVOCA, TO TIGRONEY GREEN.

The County Secretary submitted a Memorial received in regard to the need for repairs to roads at Avoca and Tigroney. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Local Roads Committee in connection with the Road Works programme for the coming financial year.

ITEM NO. 11—REPORT ON TENDERS RECEIVED FOR DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION IN GREYSTONES AREA.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that having examined the tenders submitted in respect of Domestic Refuse Collection in the Greystones-Delgany area he considered that the tender of William P. Gammell, 9 Cottage, Kilcoole, was adequate for carrying out of the work involved, and he recommended the acceptance of the tender in the sum of £800. On the suggestion of Councillor E. Byrne the Council decided to defer a decision on the matter for a month so as to enable the interested bodies in Greystones to submit their views regarding provision of a Domestic Refuse Collection Service.

ITEM NO. 12—PUBLIC LIGHT AT BALTINGLASS BRIDGE.

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had indicated that a public light at Baltinglass Bridge could be erected free of charge and that the annual charge would be £5 10s.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of an additional light on Pole No. 10 on the Bridge at Baltinglass, and note that no initial charge is being made and that the annual cost is £5 10s.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BALLINACLASH.

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had been asked to quote for the provision of 1 public light near the Post Office on an existing pole and their quotation was in the sum of £23 17s. 6d. It was considered that one light would be adequate for the village in view of the fact that Mr. Phelan's hotel premises on the opposite side of the Bridge provided adequate lighting for that side of the Bridge.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £23 17s. 6d. for the provision of 1 public light near the Post Office in Ballinaclesh on existing pole.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY, THAT A PROPER FIRE ENGINE BE BASED AT BLESSINGTON SIMILAR TO THAT AT CARNEW.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the provision at a later date of a self-propelled Fire Engine for Blessington.

Councillor Miley, in proposing the Motion, stated that a new Hotel had been opened in the area and that the Insurance Company concerned had stated that the Fire Brigade system was obsolete. The Co. Manager stated that the number of fires in the area over recent years had been few and suggested that the best manner of providing a fire service in Blessington would be by an arrangement with Naas Brigade. Since 1957 there had been only 3 fires in Blessington and these had been of a minor nature. The Co. Manager pointed out that the Rate in the £ for Fire Brigades in Co. Wicklow was 9d. as compared with a Rate of 1s. 8d. in the £ in Co. Wexford. The Co. Wicklow Rate was much higher than most other Counties. The Co. Manager further stated that the argument that a Fire Engine should be based at Blessington because of the erection of an Hotel was not a strong one, as if such were the case it could be argued that self-propelled engines should be provided to serve Newcastle for the Hospital and in other places where there were large establishments. He pointed out that the Insurance Companies had never offered to contribute anything towards the cost of the Fire Brigade Service. It was decided to adjourn the matter and to obtain a further report from the Chief Fire Officer in relation to the Fire Brigade Service for the area.

ITEM NO. 15—CIVIL DEFENCE.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Department of Defence indicating that as from 1st April, 1960, Bray Urban District would no longer be a Scheduled Area for the purposes of Civil Defence and in consequence it would be necessary for the Co. Council to provide in their Estimates for the Civil Defence Service for the Bray Area as well as for the rest of the County. The additional cost involved would be about £150. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 16—LETTER FROM IRISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONCERNING THE POSITION UNDER THE HEALTH ACTS OF PERSONS RECEIVING HOSPITAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES FOLLOWING ROAD ACCIDENTS.

The Council considered a letter received from the Irish Medical Association enclosing a copy of a letter which had been sent to the Secretaries of the Department of Local Government, Health and Justice. The letter referred to the evasion of responsibilities by Insurance Companies by having Local Authorities paying for medical treatment and maintenance which prior to the Health Act, 1953, the Insurance Companies themselves would have had to meet. The Council approved of the terms of letter to the Departments and noted that the Council had already drawn the attention to the Department to this position.

ITEM NO. 17—RESOLUTION FROM COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE RE CUTTING OF TREES ALONGSIDE ROADS.

The County Secretary submitted Resolution received from the Committee of Agriculture as follows: "That because of accidents which may occur and the damage and inconvenience caused by trees falling on to roads in stormy weather we suggest to the Co. Council that all trees adjacent to the roads should be cut down and that planting near the roads should be discontinued." Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he was surprised at the terms of the Resolution from a body which should be interested in afforestation and planting. Councillor Hudson stated that when the Committee wished to ensure was the removal of dangerous trees. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the matter had arisen following an accident near Rathdrum where a tree had fallen on to a car. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to return the Resolution to the Committee for re-consideration.

ITEM NO. 18—APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASES IN WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS AND STAFF.

The County Secretary stated that applications for increases in wages of road workers had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers in the sum of 16s. per week, and from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in the sum of 15s. per week. The Federation had also asked for the granting of 2 days holidays in lieu of the 6th January and 29th June which had formerly been Church holidays. The matter had been adjourned from the previous meeting of the Council. The County Secretary stated that applications had been received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, from the Irish Medical Association, Irish Nursing Association and the Workers Union of Ireland in relation to Assistance Officers for revision of remuneration of staffs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we grant an increase of 12s. in wages of Road Workers with effect from 1st April, 1960, and also approve of the granting of two extra days' holidays with pay to replace 6th January and 29th June formerly Church Holydays.

As an amendment, it was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we allow an increase of 7s. 6d. per week in wages of Road Workers with effect from 1st April, 1960, and allow 2 extra holidays with pay to replace 6th January and 29th June, formerly Church Holydays.

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

In Favour—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; A. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Macken, C. W. Hudson, H. J. Byrne—11.

Against—Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C.; E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Smyth, J. D. Haughton—7.

The amendment was declared passed by 11 votes in favour to 7 votes against, and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting. In regard to the applications for the Local Government Officials Union and other Associations on behalf of the staff the Co. Manager stated that the increase in remuneration recently granted to the Civil

Service was on the basis of 8 per cent. on the first £400 of salary and 5½ per cent. on the balance of salary. The estimated cost of granting increases on this basis would be approximately £6,000.

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—That having considered applications from Irish Local Government Officials' Union, Irish Medical Association, Irish Nurses Organisation and Workers Union of Ireland for revision of remuneration of staff we approve of the increases at the rate of 8 per cent. on the first £400 of salary and 5½ per cent. on balance of salary for officers of the Council with effect from 1st April, 1960, subject to the sanction of the appropriate Ministers.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 19—REPORT IN REGARD TO EXPENDITURE ON HIRE OF MACHINERY FOR YEARS 1955-'56, 1956-'57 AND 1957-'58.

As requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary submitted particulars of the cost of hire of Machinery as follows:—

1955-'56—£24,671 13s. 2d.

1956-'57—£31,821 2s. 9d.

1957-'58—£29,259 2s. 11d.

In 1958-'59 the cost of hired machinery amounted to £3,454 7s. 3d. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated he was glad to see that there had been a saving in regard to the hiring of machinery and thanked the County Manager and the officials responsible. The Co. Manager stated that the Engineering staff had been endeavouring to spread the Road Works over the year so as to provide more regular employment throughout the year.

ITEM NO. 20—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING CERTAIN ROAD WORKS CARRIED OUT IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Boithre, Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath

R/27/3/7.

23rd January, 1960.

Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1959-'60.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to schemes Nos. WC 6 and WC 4 being carried out under the above-mentioned grant and to state that the following comments arise as a result of a recent inspection of these works by one of the Department's Inspectors:—

Scheme No. WC 6.

It was evident that the gravel base in this scheme had been surface dressed while the moisture content in the gravel was too high for proper

compaction. Traffic has now cut and formed ridges in the surface and, approximately one-third of the length of the scheme has been surface dressed, the latter part of the work may be a total loss. It is understood that plant was not available for the execution of this scheme during the months from April to September, 1959; when plant was made available in October, 1959, it was apparently the intention to proceed with the scheme including the surface dressing work during the winter months; the work has now been abandoned until drying conditions improve. In addition to the loss incurred on the surface dressing already carried out on the scheme there is also the loss incurred in rectifying the portion of the gravel base which is laid in advance of the surface dressing and which is now torn up and potholing. I am to inform you that all additional expenditure arising out of the inefficient, uneconomical execution of the work will not be recouped out of the Road Fund.

Scheme No. WC 4.

Only the gravel base of this scheme has been laid and it is in similar condition to the base in Scheme No. WC 6. Chippings for surface dressing have been placed in small heaps on the roadside for hand spreading. At this stage work on the scheme had to be abandoned as surface dressing could not be carried out until drying conditions improve. In regard to this scheme also I am to inform you that all additional expenditure arising out of the inefficient and uneconomical execution of the work will not be recouped out of the Road Fund.

The failure of the Council to provide sufficient plant to enable the road programme to be carried out at the proper period of the year is apparently responsible for the conditions referred to in relation to the foregoing schemes.

I am at the same time to request you to furnish to the Department as soon as possible a statement setting out the position regarding the amount of work yet to be completed before the end of this financial year under (a) the current Road Works Scheme, (b) Main Road improvement Grant, (c) County Road Improvement Grant, (d) Tourist Road Grant. I am also to state in relation to the current year's schemes that it cannot be assumed that an extension of time will be granted to enable these works to be completed and to qualify for Road Fund Grant. Furthermore it should be clearly understood that losses arising out of the practice of executing works at an unsuitable time during the year will not be recouped out of the Road Fund.

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

Mise, le meas,

P. O'RIORDAIN.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that a copy of the letter should be circulated to the members. It was agreed that a copy of the letter and also a copy of the reply which the Co. Manager submitted to the Council would be circulated to the members. The reply sent to the Department by the Co. Manager was as follows:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Secretary, Department of Local Government, 28th January, 1960.
Custom House, Dublin.

COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1959-'60.

A Chara,

I have seen your letter of 23rd instant (Ref. 27/3/7), regarding the carrying out of Road Improvement Works during 1959, and pending the report of the County Engineer in this matter, I wish to make it clear that there was no question of Plant not being available and would like to know where you obtained your information to the effect that any of the defects in the work which you mention were due to the failure of the Council to provide sufficient Plant to enable the road programme to be carried out at the proper period of the year. The Council, I am convinced, is not short of Plant for Road Works provided the Plant be used with due economy and that adequate forethought be given to the planning of works over the entire year.

The comments in your letter, moreover, seem to overlook the instructions given to Local Authorities some years ago. At a conference in your Department it was indicated by the then Minister that he saw no reason why Local Authorities should not be able so to carry out their works during the financial year that pronounced peak and valley periods of employment would not arise. My recollection is that subsequently a circular to this effect was sent to Co. Councils by your Department. In previous years, as should be quite evident to your Department from returns submitted in respect of Wicklow County, there had been a marked falling-off in the numbers of workmen employed on roads from about November to the end of March. Some years ago your Department (in the absence of any other remedy) endeavoured to meet this depletion in employment by making Grants available under the Local Authorities Works Act for Road Improvements which were carried out in the winter period.

But the Grants under the Local Authorities Works Act no longer are available and consequently any Co. Council that has regard to the effect on the National Economy and on the employment position of its Road Programme must endeavour by every means to avoid peak and valley periods in employment.

Before the advent of the Local Authorities Works Act, Wicklow Co. Council, as a result of pressure in relation to the affording of employment, determined on a number of occasions to spend large sums, for which no provision had been made in the Rates, on the advance preparation of road materials. Somewhat similar action was taken at that time in other counties. It should be quite evident that any policy of this type would soon leave a Co. Council in a precarious financial position.

Regarding Plant I would stress that for some years the manner in which Plant was being used and the excessive hire of Plant involved the Co. Council in very considerable losses. I use the term losses advisedly as the amount by which the Machinery Expenses exceeded the sums which could be charged to works had to be charged directly as a loss against the General Purposes Account of the Co. Council in accordance with the requirements of your Department's Public Bodies Order.

It may interest you to know that the losses involved were:—

Year 1954/'55	£597 12 4.
" 1955/'56	£3,904 5 6.
" 1956/'57	£4,038 11 8.
" 1957/'58	£1,483 8 3.
" 1958/'59	£324 14 11.

The total losses in the four years to 31st March, 1958, it will be noted, came to £10,023 17s. 9d. If this were to continue there is no doubt but that the Council's finances would quite soon be in a very difficult condition.

Again it was becoming evident that excessive expenditure was being incurred on the hire of plant, especially the hire of lorries from Coras Iompair Eireann. It was found that in most instances the lorries being hired were not those belonging to the regular fleet of Coras Iompair Eireann, but were locally owned lorries in respect of which Coras Iompair Eireann issued Merchandise Plates. Members of the Council had queried why it was that the Co. Council had been hiring lorries to such an extent and in addition were making payments to C.I.E. which were in excess of what that Company was making to the local owners of the vehicles which were being used.

The position generally in relation to the use of Plant and Machinery and the progressive losses to which I have referred had become so serious that it was decided to assign the control and allocation of Plant to the Chief Assistant County Engineer and that the O. and M. Officer of the Council would be assigned special duties in connection with costings. Generally these two officers were instructed to ensure that the most economical and advantageous use of Plant would be made. It had moreover been understood by me that your Department was interested in Work Study and the endeavour to achieve the economic use of the rather scant resources available to Local Authorities. The position since special attention was given to the use of Plant and Machinery has radically altered. The serious losses which obtained in former years did not recur and it was possible to reduce very substantially the quite enormous hire charges which formerly had to be met. The position in relation to the hire of plant in recent years has been as follows:—

Year	Payments to C.I.E. for Lorry Hire	Payments for Other Plant	Total
1954/'55	£19,075 0 0	£16,415 4 5	£35,490 4 5
1955/'56	£10,159 11 6	£14,512 1 8	£24,671 13 2
1956/'57	£16,456 3 8	£15,364 19 1	£31,821 2 9
1957/'58	£7,478 18 4	£21,780 4 7	£29,259 2 11
1958/'59	Nil	£3,454 7 3	£3,454 7 3

It will be seen from the foregoing figures that considerable economy in the outlay on Plant has been effected in the last two years. Surely it should be scarcely necessary to point out that these reductions in Machinery expenses must inevitably have been reflected in the costs of the works, quite apart from the fact that the serious losses on Plant which had to be charged to General Purposes Account have been avoided in the last two years.

One feels at a loss, moreover, to understand why it is that your Department cannot appreciate that it is desirable not only in the interests of Wicklow Co. Council but in the interests of the National Economy as a whole that there should not be undue fluctuation in the quantum of employment being afforded on Road Works throughout the year. The position—as a result of the special attention given to the planning of the programme of works—has been reached that the fluctuation in employment over the course of the year is no longer of the pronounced character which formerly obtained.

For comparative purposes a statement is attached showing the number of workmen employed in each month in the years 1950/'51 and 1958/'59 on Road Works. In the first six months of 1950/'51 the average number was 528 but in the succeeding six months the average had fallen to 262. In 1958/'59, however, the average for the first six months was 390 and in six months October to March it was 406.

There is one final point I wish to make. One feels that whilst it is necessary that Plant and Machinery be available to the extent which will enable Road Works to be carried out efficiently and economically at the same time any excessive use of Plant can have a serious effect on the National Economy as a whole. Considerations of this character should not be viewed in any narrow light. The plant used by Co. Councils is very expensive; it has practically all to be imported with consequent repercussions on the National Balance of Payments. The fuel used for it, likewise, has to be imported. It consequently is essential for Road Authorities to ensure that such Plant as they purchase is essential to their requirements and can be used by them to such an extent that there will not be unduly long "stand-by" periods. There is nothing more wasteful than Capital Expenditure on Plant which can only have a comparatively limited use. It is because such close attention has been devoted to the costings of Plant and the use of it that undue expenditure on Capital repayments, when related to period of use, has been avoided in Wicklow County in recent years.

The issues raised in your letter are of such a serious character and seem to overlook so many considerations which should have been taken into account that I am submitting the matter specially to the next meeting of the County Council with my comments.

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M. FLANNERY,

County Manager.

The Co. Manager stated that he had carried out the wishes of the Council as regards the use of machinery and the hiring of machinery with a view to achieving economy in the use of machinery and providing as much employment as possible. He pointed out that the Council had had 500 men employed last Christmas which had been the largest number for very many years. The Co. Manager stated that in his opinion the matter appeared to have been prejudged by the Department as the Assistant County Engineer had assured him that the works would be completed before the end of the financial year and within the estimated amounts.

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PARTICULARS OF WORKMEN EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORKS IN YEARS 1950/'51 AND 1958/'58.

Month	1950/'51	1958/'59
April	599	335
May	537	404
June	492	412
July	558	409
August	501	392
September	483	388
October	285	396
November	250	394
December	227	496
January	293	393
February	234	381
March	286	380
Average for Year	395	398
Average for April to September	528	390
Average for October to March	262	406

ITEM NO. 21—REPORT ON TENDERS RECEIVED FOR SUPPLY OF LORRIES.

As the County Engineer had indicated that he would not be in a position to submit his recommendation regarding tenders received for the supply of lorries it was decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 22—APPLICATION FROM INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE EXPENSE OF THE INSTITUTE.

The County Secretary submitted application from the Institute of Public Administration for support from the Local Authorities. It was suggested that the Local Authorities might become corporate members of the Institute and contribute an annual subscription of say, £50. The Co. Secretary gave particulars of the services being provided by the Institute in the matter of publications and help in the training of Local Authority staffs. The Council decided not to make any subscription to the Institute.

APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the National Farmers Association, Wicklow County Executive, for the reception by the Council of a deputation before the Rate was struck on the morning of 22nd February, 1960. The Council agreed to receive the deputation. The Council agreed also that a copy of the Estimates when available be forwarded to the Association.

FORMER COURTHOUSE BUILDINGS AT NEWTOWNMOUNT-KENNEDY.

The Co. Manager stated that following further discussions with the owner of the premises it was proposed to acquire the Old Courthouse Building at Newtownmountkennedy for a sum of £450. The Council approved of the proposal to purchase the premises for the sum of £450.

SALE OF LANDS AT CHARVIE, RATHNEW.

The Co. Secretary stated that the Department of Health in letter of 30th January had indicated that the Minister had no objection to the sale of the site of Charvie, Rathnew, to Mr. D. R. Nuzum, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the sum of £1,750, the purchaser to be responsible for all legal costs. The approval of the Council was also requested to the whiting off of Revenue Account of the loss in the disposal of the site inclusive of Architect's Fees, etc., in respect of the former County Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

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

Resolved—That we note letter of 30th January, 1960, from the Department of Health indicating that no objection is raised to the sale of the site at Charvie, Rathnew, which was acquired for the purpose of a County Hospital to Mr. D. R. Nuzum, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the use of £1,750, the purchaser to be responsible for all legal costs. We approve of the whiting off from Revenue Account of the loss in the disposal of the site, inclusive of fees, etc., in respect of the County Hospital and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates.

Passed unanimously.

LOAN FOR EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY AT KILCOOLE TO NEW SCHOOL.

The Co. Secretary stated that the Mortgage had been received from the National Bank in respect of the loan of £370 to meet the Council's share of the cost of the provision of a connection from the Kilcoole Water Supply to the new National School.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction, dated 15th day of January, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £370 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the Council's share of the cost of connection of Kilcoole Water Supply to the new National School to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

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

In the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—That I or someone for me will move that the road up through Mullans to approximately J. O'Gorman's, be taken over.

In the name of Councillor P. Kehoe—That I, or someone for me, will move that a Sheep Dip Bath be erected at Rathdangan.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 22nd February, 1960.

The following members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, P.C., Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Seamus O. Maclin, John Smyth and C. W. Hudson.

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

DEPUTATION FROM NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Council received a deputation from the National Farmers' Association consisting of Major J. P. Kelly, Secretary, Miss E. F. Bobbett, A. Dunne, Ballyorney, Enniskerry, T. Graham, Cullen, Wicklow, and S. Burgess, Coolbeg. Major Kelly expressed thanks to the Council for receiving the deputation and stated that farmers were unable to meet an increase in rates and that should there be an increase unemployment would arise. In regard to the amount provided in the Estimates for Repairs to Cottages Major Kelly stated that it was the opinion of the Association that many of the Council tenants were in a position to pay an economic rent and that it was not equitable that small farmers should have to subsidise the rents of persons who were in a position to pay. He submitted graphs showing the rise in rates as compared with farmers' incomes and rates of wages of agricultural workers. The Association appreciated that the Council had little control over certain items in the Estimates and referred to the Health Services. He urged that more monies should be devoted to County Roads and less allocated to Main Roads. He congratulated the Council on the economies achieved in the use of machinery and saving in the Overdraft Interest as a result of spreading works over the year. Other members of the deputation also addressed the Council. The Chairman thanked the deputation for attending and for submitting their views. He said that the Council knew the task that lay before them and assured the members of the deputation that every item would be examined in detail and a reduction made if at all possible. He stated that farmers in the County could assist by not sending in memorials asking that additional roads be taken over and improved.

The Council decided to proceed with the examination of the Estimates seriatim.

ROADS

In reply to the Chairman the County Manager stated that at present 60 per cent. of the County Road Mileage had been reconstructed. Prior to 1949 less than 10 per cent of County Roads had been far surfaced and now the mileage of improved roads amounted to 537 out of a total of 896. Cllr. F. McCarthy proposed, seconded by Cllr. J. Quigley, that the Estimate for Roads as submitted by the County Engineer be approved. Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor Hudson, suggested that the Council should examine the Estimates for other Services first before deciding on the Estimate for Roads and pointed out that this had been the practice in previous years. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed to proceed with the examination of the Estimates for other Services.

HEALTH SERVICES

The County Manager referred to the provision for medicines and stated that it was found that increased provision was needed each year under this

reading. In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., who referred to a patient holding a Medical Card who was unable to obtain medicine required at the Dispensary and had to go to a chemist's shop, the County Manager explained that the District Medical Officers issued medicines from stocks at the Dispensary but it was not possible to have specialised medicines in stock at all times.

In regard to the provision for General Hospitals, Councillor E. E. Byrne referred to a statement which had been made at a meeting in Bray to the effect that people in the northern part of the County were being required to go to Wicklow Hospital for treatment consequent on the Council's terminating the arrangement with St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. He pointed out that this was a completely irresponsible statement as persons in Bray and the northern part of the County could avail of any hospital in Dublin. The County Manager stated that if the Council had not terminated the arrangement with St. Columcille's Hospital the Estimate for Health Services would have been increased by 1s. in the £.

In regard to Tuberculosis Hospitals the County Manager referred to negotiations with the Newcastle Sanatorium which had been reported to the Council at a previous meeting. It had been found that the incidence of the disease was now greater in the older age groups and these patients required longer treatment in hospital. He expressed regret that greater use was not being made by the public of the Mass Radiography service provided by the Council. Councillor Quigley suggested that the Mass X-Ray service be brought to the centres of employment where men were engaged and could be X-rayed on the spot and Councillor Brennan, T.D., suggested that in addition to the present system of advertising it might be desirable to have a public address system used in the town or village a day or two prior to the arrival of the Unit.

MENTAL HOSPITALS

The Council noted that the Demand from Grangegorman Mental Hospital showed an increase and that the rate in the £ for this service showed a rise of 4d. over the rate in the present year.

SANITARY SERVICES

The Council made no change in the Estimates for Sanitary Services.

HOUSING

The Council decided to reduce the provision for Cottage Repairs by a sum of £10,000. The Council decided also to omit provision of £550 for Travelling Expenses of Rent Collectors as this had not been sanctioned by the Department. It was agreed that every effort be made to expedite the vesting of cottages.

GENERAL PURPOSES

In regard to the Estimate for Fire Brigades the County Secretary stated in reply to Councillor Timmins and Councillor Kehoe that provision had not been made in the Estimates as submitted for a new fire engine for Baltinglass. On the proposal of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Kehoe, the Council decided to make provision for a new self-propelled engine for Baltinglass and increase the estimate for Fire Services by £300 to cover Loan Charges in respect of the purchase of the Engine.

Blind Persons Acts.

The County Manager mentioned that the County Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind had applied for an increase in the grant towards the remuneration of the Home Teacher. It would probably be

possible to increase the Grant somewhat within the provision submitted. The Council agreed that the Grant be increased and suggested an increase of £40.

Interest on Overdraft.

The Council decided to reduce the provision for Overdraft Interest by £500.

Malicious Injuries.

The County Manager stated that in addition to eight small claims there had been two recent Court proceedings which would require the Council to provide in the coming year the large amount of £2,500. These were Separate Charges and would be charged over the County-at-Large.

The Chairman stated that having allowed for the deductions made by Council in the Estimates there was still a further 9d. increase in the Estimated Rate as compared with that for the current year. The Chairman suggested that the Council might reduce the amount provided for Roads by an amount equivalent to 3.48d. to bring the Rate for Roads to the same figure as in the present year. Following a discussion on this point the Council agreed to the Chairman's suggestion. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that there was now only a difference of 2d. as between the proposed rate and that for the current year and suggested that the provision for Health Services might be reduced by the equivalent of 2d. in the £. The County Manager pointed out that it would be the Council's own responsibility if the necessary amount were taken from Health Services. The amount required would be £5,400 as there was a 50 per cent. Grant towards Health Services expenditure. Following a further discussion on the matter it was Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we reduce the Health Services Estimate by the equivalent of 2d. in the £.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager asked that the members give him their full support in endeavouring to achieve the necessary economies to keep within the reduced Estimate for Health Services and for Roads and the members assured the County Manager of their full co-operation and support in the matter.

Domestic Refuse Collection Service for Greystones/Delgany District.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Greystones and District Civic Association stating that the Committee had considered the Council's proposal in regard to the provision of a Domestic Refuse Collection System in the Greystones/Delgany District and that they could not agree to the Scheme which provided for a Separate Charge on the District. They stated that the proposals were satisfactory if charged on the County-at-Large but if not they were unacceptable. It was stated in the letter that the Association saw no reason why the Council provided and continued to provide a Refuse Collection for one built-up area at least as a County-at-Large Charge and refused to do the same for other built-up areas. The County Secretary stated that the place referred to was Kilcoole where the Council paid the rent for a dump and the wages of a caretaker. The total annual cost was £84 and for that sum domestic refuse was also collected. This service could not be compared with the service proposed for the Greystones/Delgany District. Councillor Byrne pointed out that the Council had decided to adjourn the matter for a month and suggested that replies from other

organisations in the area be awaited. The Council decided to take no action regarding the proposed scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea, Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates of Expenses as amended the Rates set forth in Column 13 of Table C and Column 15 of Table D to be Rates in the £ levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1961:—

Roads	...	...	9/10.47
Health	...	...	9/1.64
Mental Hospital	...	...	2/11.39
Public Assistance	...	...	1/3.42
Sanitary	...	...	3/0.71
Housing	...	...	2/10.51
General Purposes	...	...	5/4.86
Separate Charges	...	...
Vocational Education	...	...	1/1.381
Rathdrum and Wicklow	...	...
Joint Burial Board	...	...	0.745
Criminal Injuries:	...	...
County-at-Large	...	...	1.908
Bray U.D.	...	...	0.182
Avoca E.D.	...	...	1.902
Ballyarthur E.D.	...	...	2.977
Greystones E.D.	...	...	0.803
Kilmacanogue E.D.	...	...	0.506
Newcastle Lower E.D.	...	...	0.989

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea, Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1961, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	2,129	9,362	1,764
Health	5,546	24,387	4,596
Mental Hospital	1,805	7,935	1,495
Public Assistance	983	4,322	815
General Purposes	797	3,502	660
Separate Charges	97	469	81

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,
Wicklow.
12th February, 1960.

Estimates for Financial Year 1960/61.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and receipts of the County Council for the year

ending 31st March, 1961, 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 £950,966. Receipts are estimated at £436,775. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £514,191.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were:—Gross Expenditure £927,865; Receipts £425,540; Net amount to be met from Rates £502,325.

The total rate required for the coming year if these Estimates were approved would be 35/11d. in the £ which would be an increase of 1/4d. over that levied in the present year, which is 34/7d.

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	1960/61	Inc/Dec.
Roads	9/10.47	10/1.95	3.48 inc.
Health	9/7.67	9/3.64	4.03 dec.
Mental Hospitals	2/7.18	2/11.39	4.21 inc.
Public Assistance	1/3.24	1/3.42	0.18 inc.
Sanitary	3/0.34	3/0.71	0.37 inc.
Housing	3/0.38	3/8.68	8.30 inc.
General Purposes	5/1.72	5/5.21	3.49 inc.

The estimates for the coming year, as mentioned, would involve an increase of 1/4d. over the Rate in the current year and this variation is due to a number of items. In the first place there has been an increase in the Demand from the Mental Hospital Committee (Grangegorman) of 4d. It has been represented from time to time during the course of the year that greater provision should be made for housing Repairs and the amount to allow for this requires an additional Rate of 7d. Under the heading of General Purposes there is an increase of 2d., being the sum necessary to defray the cost of Local Elections in June, 1960.

But in addition to the foregoing items provision has been included in the Estimates for increases in the remuneration of all the Council's staff. Last year it became evident that a further round of increase in remuneration would result when following protracted negotiations and threatened strike action there were some last-minute settlements resulting in increases. Once agreements had been reached in some instances as a result of negotiations between Employers' Groups and Unions and increases agreed in a number of cases involving large-scale organisations and public companies to be followed later by awards made by the Labour Court, it became evident that Public Authorities would be confronted with demands for increases in wages and salaries. In recent decisions of the Labour Court increases for Roadworkers have been recommended in a number of Counties and it has also been ascertained that in the case of the Civil Service, as a result of lengthy negotiations, percentage increases on existing remuneration have been granted. The recent awards of the Labour Court recommended an increase of 7/6d. per week for Roadworkers and the allowance approved for the Civil Service is understood to be on the basis of 8 per cent on the first £400 of remuneration and 5½ per cent thereafter. In preparing the Estimates provision is being made for increases in accordance with these latter scales and they would involve in the case of Roads an additional 6d. in the £ whilst a similar sum (6d.) would be necessary to meet increases for all other persons in the employment of the Council. The gross amount involved by the increase for road workers would be £7,800 and after deducting that part which would be recouped from State Grants the net sum to be levied in the Rates would be £6,148. Again, in the case of officers and employees of the Council, the gross sum would be £9,079 but after allowing for recoupment from the Health Grant towards the cost of remuneration of those engaged in the Health Services

in Institutions and elsewhere the net amount required would be £6,323. When the provision in respect of revised remuneration of 1/- be added to the additional sums included for Mental Hospitals, Housing Repairs and Elections it will be found that the total increase in the Rate would be 2/1d., but it is not, however, necessary in the coming year to provide for a large debit balance in Health Services due to Hospital accounts (last year the debit was over £10,000) and in consequence the actual increase in rates for next year will be 1/4d.

ROADS

In the coming year the Rate for Roads is estimated at 10/2d. and if it had not been for inevitable wages increases it would have been practically the same as that in the present year. The amounts allowed as State Grants from the Road Fund in the coming year are exactly the same as the allocations for 1959/60.

Good progress was made in the present year in the Schemes for improving Main Roads and reconstructing County Roads. The usual maintenance, such as tar surface dressing, pothole repairs and drainage were carried out on Main and County Roads. A number of major improvements intended to make the roads safer for traffic have already been effected or at present are in hands. Some of these are:—

Bray/Wicklow/Arklow Road—Improvement of bad corner at Kiltimon Glen.
Roundwood/Glendaigh Road—Improving approach to Laragh Bridge.
Dublin/Bray Road—Removing dangerous corner at Castle Street, Bray.
Bray/Greystones Road—Widening and realigning Main Road between Redford and Windgates.

Wicklow/Arklow Road—Widening and improving Main Road north of Scratanagh.

Arklow/Wexford Road—New Tarmacadam Surface for Main Road at Kish.
Powerscourt Waterfall/Glenree Road—Complete reconstruction and widening.

This road, apart from serving residents alongside it, is regarded as an important Tourist route.

Blessington/Baltinglass Road—Widening and Improving Main Road between Tuckmill and Baltinglass and at Merginstown.

Ballyknocken/Lacken Road—Widening and Reconstruction.

Baltinglass/Tinahely Road—Improving corner at Portrushen, between Kiltegan and Hacketstown.

Aughrim/Carnew Road—Realignment of Main Road at Rosnastraw.

Tinahely/Shillelagh Road—Major realignment of Main Road at Forttown.

Greystones/Delgany Road—Improvement of corner near Clyda Hotel.

Wicklow/Bray Road—Widening of Main Road and reconstructing footpath at Kiladreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.

In the past few years increasing attention has been given to footpaths and new lengths of footpath have been provided in many parts of the County. The programme for the reconstruction of County Roads which was originally started in 1949 was continued in the present year and 60 miles of County Roads were completely reconstructed. Of these about 52 miles were surface dressed with tar for the first time. By the end of this year the number of miles of County Roads which will have been constructed under the programme started in 1949 will reach 431. Prior to 1949 less than 10 per cent. of the mileage (896) of County Roads had tar surfaces. As a result of the work undertaken in the past 10 or 11 years the mileage of improved County Roads now reaches 537 which is 60 per cent. of the total. As mentioned in reports in previous Estimates this Programme of Improvements could not have been undertaken at such a rapid rate if it had not been for

the availability of modern plant and the use of road construction techniques evolved in recent years. With modern techniques it is possible to reconstruct County Roads at a fraction of the cost which would obtain if traditional methods were to be used.

Whilst modern plant must be used in order to achieve greater output, whether this be in the quarries where stone is produced or on the actual roads where scarifying road shaping, rolling and other operations are undertaken, it has not been overlooked that it is essential at the same time to give the maximum employment at all stages of the work. The desirability of regular rather than casual or intermittent employment has also been borne in mind. Whereas in former years a fairly large number of workmen were employed in the months of April to September there was a marked falling off in the number for the remainder of the year. On looking through the records it is found that some 8 or 9 years ago there might have been somewhere about 500 men employed in the early part of the financial year but in the period November to March this would have fallen as low as 200. This was an unfavourable position from many points of view. From the social and economic standpoint this wide fluctuation in the numbers employed was obviously undesirable. The carrying out of some of the works in Winter undoubtedly poses some technical difficulties but the Engineering Staff have been coping adequately with these. Quite evidently the bad weather which must be expected during Winter is not as suitable for Road Works as the conditions expected between April and September. But it is essential that the Road Works Programme and the methods used should be adapted to the carrying out of works at a constant rate throughout the entire year so as to achieve regularity of employment as far as possible. If at times it might happen—and it is not admitted that it is occurring—that a job might not be completed quite as satisfactorily in Winter as in the high noon of Summer then surely this is a small matter compared to the grave disturbance caused by pronounced peak and valley periods in employment.

The Council had directed on a number of occasions that economy should be achieved in the use of machinery. This aim is clearly desirable as plant, none of which is made in this country, is extremely costly. Fuel for it has been continuously rising in price and spare parts in addition to being costly are subject to heavy duty. In consequence two members of the Council's staff—one from the Engineering side and one from the Accounting side—were entrusted with the task of securing that the maximum and most efficient use was made of the Council's own plant and that the hiring of machinery was avoided as far as possible. Here it should be mentioned that in former years considerable sums were spent annually in hire charges. It is felt only right that tribute should be paid to the manner in which the two officers concerned have discharged the duties assigned to them. They have been diligently carrying out the instructions of the Council and their efforts have resulted in both efficiency and economy in the use of Plant. Moreover, the assignment of plant to works and the careful planning of Schemes beforehand has ensured that regularity of employment can be maintained nowadays to a degree never possible in the past. It is notable that in each year the Council is asked to afford additional employment in mid-Winter. This in great measure is due to the fact that there is a contraction in seasonal employment and weather conditions may be unsuitable to some types of outdoor work such as building and farming operations. Consequently there is always a falling-off in employment at that time of the year. Notwithstanding that Grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts no longer are available and that the amounts received from State Funds for Special Employment Schemes is now almost negligible the Council in December, 1958, and again in December, 1959, were able to employ up to 500 men because of the manner

in which the Road Works Scheme had been planned beforehand to allow for such a contingency.

Apart from the effect on the Estimates of wages increases, there is not much variation from last year. Provision again is made for a loan charge to meet the cost of reconstructing the Road Bridge at Arklow. It is unfortunate that in the present year it was not possible to have a suitable Scheme settled for widening and improving the Bridge. The Loan Charges also provide for the construction of a new Road Bridge at Avoca to replace the existing structure known as the White Bridge. A new Bridge on County Road No. 154 is considered necessary at this latter place in order to facilitate the transport of ore for the Mining Company.

HEALTH SERVICES

For some years past the Estimates for Health Services always have shown an increase. For the coming year the rise is not as marked as in previous years but would have been much greater if it had not been for the action taken by the Council recently with a view to reducing the outlay on Hospital treatment. The Rate for the coming year for the Health Services is estimated at 9/3.64d. which is a reduction of 4.03d. on that for the present year notwithstanding that the gross amount required will be greater. The reason, however, for the rate being lower in the coming year is that in 1959 it was necessary to make special provision for a very large debit balance which had accumulated in the previous year because of an unforeseen rise in the cost of Hospital maintenance, especially in the case of St. Columcille's Hospital. If it had not been that the arrangement for sending cases to St. Columcille's Hospital had been terminated some time ago the Council would have had to provide for a large debit balance at the end of the present year and for much increased expenditure in the coming year.

The total cost of the Health Services, apart from Mental Hospitals, is estimated at £308,721. After taking into account the receipts from Government Grants of £142,711 and from other sources of £18,746 the net requirement will be £147,264. This will require a rate of 9/3.64d. in the coming year which is 4d. less than last year. In making any comparison it must, however, once more be stressed that the Estimate for the present year had to make a provision for a debit balance arising out of 1958/59.

The Health Services which the Council are 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. 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 latest information shows that the number of medical cards issued by the Council and which entitle persons and their dependants to all services free of cost covers 36 per cent. of the population. It is thought fit to mention here, however, that even though applicants sometimes may not be successful in the applications for Medical Cards there are services other than Dispensary treatment which are available to them without cost (or at a very low charge) such as Hospital treatment, Medical Care for Mothers and Infants with choice of doctor, and all types of Specialist Services.

General Medical Services:

The Estimate under this heading is £28,681 which is £1,000 greater than in the present year. The increase here is due to the cost of medicines. This is an item on which the expenditure has been increasing almost every year; for the coming year it is estimated at £5,000. This is an experience which is understood to be typical of other countries also and is probably to a great extent due to the fact that there is greater resort nowadays to new and costly types of medicines and drugs. Now this would be all to the good if it resulted in cases being treated at home rather than in hospitals but at the same time it is found that the number of hospital cases continues to rise. Another point, however, is that there may be some saving to the community as a result of the rapidity with which in some instances illnesses which formerly required lengthy treatment and long absences from work can now be cured with the use of modern drugs.

Institutional Services:

These are of two types:—

- Those provided by the Council in their own institutions, and
- Those afforded in Hospitals in Dublin.

Under this heading Sanatoria and Tuberculosis Hospitals are included. The total cost of treatment in Hospitals and other Institutions is estimated at £187,353; in the present year the Council allowed £178,590.

County Institutions:

The Council's own institutions, i.e., The District Hospital, Wicklow, The District Hospital, Baltinglass, and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, show no change from the present year apart from the provision to be made for increases in remuneration of the staffs employed in them which will be £2,276.

For some time the number of inmates in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, which is used for a home for aged and infirm people, tended to show a rise but in the past 6 or 8 months the number has begun to settle back again at an average of about 200. The closing of the Sanatorium at Rathdrum enabled the Council a few years ago to transfer all the patients from the Female Infirmary to the former Sanatorium buildings. This change relieved pressure on accommodation in other parts of the Home and has enabled the Council to provide more amenities and comforts for those with chronic illness. Some years ago Local Authorities were asked by the Department of Health to prepare Schemes for the improvement of conditions in Homes for the Aged. Such a Scheme in relation to the buildings at Rathdrum has been examined fairly thoroughly and last year outline recommendations for extensions and improvements were transmitted to the Department of Health. It is felt that that this outline Scheme could result in improved accommodation and amenities for patients. The Scheme had been approached with a view to making the fullest use of the existing buildings and services, and thereby avoiding high costs. But the advisability of proceeding with it at this stage would, it is felt, require to be reviewed seeing that it is now becoming evident that

there may be accommodation in excess of immediate or foreseeable requirements in other institutions in this County and elsewhere.

The costs of maintenance in County Institutions in the year ended 31st March, 1959, were:—

County Hospital, Wicklow	£8	6	8 per week.
District Hospital, Baltinglass	£9	18	1 per week.
St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum	£3	1	10 per week.

Fuel for County Institutions:

The Council again last year provided their own fuel from bogs in Glenmacnass and Ballinagee. In addition to new cutting of turf most of that which had remained on the bogs from the previous season was saved and drawn away. It is the practice also to supplement the Council's own turf supplies by purchasing some machine-won turf but only a very small quantity of coal is ever purchased nowadays either for institutions, offices, or any County buildings. The Council, in pursuing the policy of providing their own fuel to the maximum extent, always have had in mind the extent of the employment which this will afford.

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. The Estimate for these Extern General Hospitals is £118,800 which is £8,763 higher than in 1959/60. The increase is attributable to the necessity for making provision next year for an arrears payment due to a rise in costs in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, and of which the Council were only notified in November, 1959.

The continuous rise in the cost of treatment in Loughlinstown Hospital and the grave and disturbing effect on the Council's finances resulting from the retrospective character of every increase in charge led to a special investigation of the position some time ago. It will be recollected that when the Estimates for 1959/60 were being examined the Council decided that an effort would have to be made to bring to the costs of treatment in Loughlinstown Hospital at least that measure of stability or reasonably limited fluctuation which obtained in relation to their own institutions and most other Extern Hospitals. Negotiations with the Hospital authorities showed, however, that there would scarcely be much prospect of reaching the desideratum of even a limited stability in costs and the prospects rather seemed to be that charges for this institution would continue to rise out of proportion to that associated with other hospitals. Both the Consultative Health Committee, which is representative of the Council's Medical Advisors and Medical Practitioners in the County, and the members of the Council examined the matter fully a few months ago and decided that it would be advisable to terminate the existing arrangement for the treatment of patients from County Wicklow in St. Columcille's Hospital. Experience goes to show that adequate accommodation can be found elsewhere in other hospitals, one of the reasons for the relatively high cost in St. Columcille's Hospital being that the accommodation in it was not being fully occupied. Unused accommodation can very materially affect the level of costs in Hospitals as overhead charges do not normally decline with the number of patients. If the Council persevere had to continue to avail of St. Columcille's Hospital in the coming year the Estimates for Extern Institutions which are now being submitted to you would have been much higher.

Last year the outlay on treating patients in Newcastle Sanatorium had shown a rise and the Council at the Estimates meeting decided to arrange for an interview with the authorities of this Institution for the purpose of

discussing the trend of costs. This discussion was later held and an assurance given by the authorities of the Sanatorium that they would do everything possible to try to avoid increased charges. Their major difficulty, however, is the impact of overhead charges on a reduced bed occupancy. In the treatment of Tuberculosis it is still found that whilst there has been a general falling off in the incidence of the disease it is being found more in the older age groups and consequently sometimes may still require rather lengthy hospital treatment. It is felt that it is much to be regretted that greater use is not made by the public of the Mass Radiography Units which visit centres in the County from time to time and which could help to find chest ailments so much earlier with the result that there would be a much shorter period required for treatment and much less disturbance to the patient's normal life and activities.

There was an outbreak of fever last year in a part of the County and it was necessary to provide isolation and treatment for a number of cases in Fever Hospitals outside the County. The source of infection was eventually traced but the outbreak led to additional costs for hospital treatment.

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, which show practically no change. The total cost of Maternity and Child Health Services is estimated at £21,850.

Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases:

The total cost is £11,759 as compared with £13,622 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 diseases (mainly Tuberculosis) and their dependants is the most costly item in this group but now shows a reduction of £2,000. This is attributable to the gradual decline in the number of patients.

In the past 4 years B.C.G. Vaccination was provided for 7,756 children. Vaccination against Poliomyelitis was also introduced and up to the end of the calendar year 1959 over 5,000 children had been vaccinated.

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:

The total cost is estimated at £3,306, which shows practically no change. 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 at £5,150 is about the same as in the present year. The arrangements made by the Council for the provision of Specialist Services through the out-patient Clinics attached to Dublin Hospitals continues to operate satisfactorily. In the year ended 30th September, 1959, 3,081 persons attended these out-patient Clinics. A large proportion of these attendances, however, would have been for X-ray examinations.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:

The Scheme for making allowances to disabled persons was introduced five years ago and the number accepted as suffering from permanent disability and receiving such allowances now is 227; the cost for the coming year is again estimated at £12,000.

Boarding-Out of Children:

The total cost under this heading is estimated at £5,700, which shows a reduction of £630. Some years ago the number of children boarded-out ran at times up to almost 150 but at present the number is about 85. The reduction is quite evidently due to the effect of the Adoption Act. It always has been the policy of the Council to arrange for the boarding-out of children with foster parents rather than to send them to institutions and consequently there is only a very small number of children in approved schools nowadays.

Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients:

The cost again is £6,000 which was the sum allowed by the Council in last year's Estimates. It is proposed to purchase a new ambulance to replace the one in use at Baltinglass which nowadays is not satisfactory and is uneconomical to run. At present the Council maintains 4 ambulances.

Supervision of Food and Drink.

The sum required here is £2,350 which shows no change. The Council has two Health Inspectors who serve both the rural areas and the Urban Districts. These officers, apart from duties in relation to Water Supplies, Sewerage, Housing and Infectious Diseases also are required to see that there is compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations which control the manufacture and sale of Food and Drink. The duties formerly discharged by members of the Garda Síochána under the Food and Drugs Acts, i.e., the taking periodically for analysis of samples of Food and Drink when offered for sale, has been recently transferred to the Health Inspectors. This it seems, was an economy measure on the part of the Department of Justice with a view to reducing the costs of the Garda Síochána.

Contributions to Societies:

The Council at present is paying subsidies to six District Nursing Associations in the following areas—Arklow, Bray, Powerscourt, Kilbride and Boghall, Greystones, Newtownmountkennedy and Wicklow. The cost for the coming year will be £1,250.

Retiring Allowances:

These show a considerable rise as provision has to be made in respect of the retirement of 1 Medical Officer and 3 members of the nursing staff. In addition to pensions, retirement gratuities will be payable in these cases and the cost for the coming year is estimated at £5,573.

Receipts.

Of the total receipts of £161,457 the State Health Grants amount to £142,711. Generally the State recoups 50 per cent of the expenditure but it

should be stressed that Loan Charges are excluded. Roughly somewhat more than £20,000 of the Council's Health Expenditure is not accepted for Grant purposes.

Treatment in Hospitals and other Institutions:

It has been the practice to show the numbers of patients admitted to institutions for treatment. The figures below relate to the three years up to 31st March, 1959.

Year Ended	Council's Own Co. Institutions	General Hospitals (Extern)	Special Homes	Tuber-culosis Hospitals	Maternity Hospitals (Extern)
31/3/57	1,991	1,906	4	161	628
31/3/58	2,088	2,029	6	134	704
31/3/59	2,127	2,799	9	109	720

The continued upward trend in the number of patients being admitted to institutions is clear from these figures. In the admissions to General Extern Hospitals there has been an increase of nearly fifty per cent. in a few years. The number of admissions to Extern Maternity Hospitals came to 720 in 1958/59 and in the same period 207 were admitted to the Maternity Unit in Baltinglass Hospital making the total 927 (last year the figure was 872), which can readily be related to the average number of births in the County in the year, which is 1,200. An examination by the Chief Medical Officer of the admission to Maternity Hospitals shows that the numbers admitted because of social and domestic reasons only is usually high nowadays.

When the total number of hospital admissions is related to the population of the County as a whole it is found that institutional care and treatment is being widely availed of nowadays. As mentioned on previous occasions the figures for hospital admissions provide conclusive evidence as to the character and scope of the health services being provided, more especially as the cost of treatment in almost all these cases was met by the Council. The number who contribute anything towards the cost of hospital treatment nowadays is quite small.

The rate for Health Services, when Mental Hospitals are included in the present year came to 12/3d, which is more than one-third of the total levy.

MENTAL HOSPITAL

The Demand for the Mental Hospital is £90,681 and shows a rise of £7,982. The increase arises from the provision which had to be made for an increase in remuneration of all members of the Hospital staff and the requirements in relation to new accommodation. Some time ago the name of the Institution was altered from Grangegorman Mental Hospital to St. Brendan's Mental Hospital and the auxiliary hospital at Portrane is now called St. Ita's. It had for some time been accepted that the accommodation in the Institutions at Grangegorman and at Portrane was not adequate and last year the former Preventorium at Ballyowen, Lucan, which had been intended to cater for cases of T.B. in children was taken over for Mental patients. The taking over of additional accommodation in this way has helped to solve the overcrowding problems at St. Brendan's, Grangegorman and St. Ita's, Portrane, and may have enabled the Committee to avoid the alternative of erecting costly new buildings. One difficulty, however, is that control will have to be exercised over three institutions far removed from one another and it is hoped that this will not result in a rise in overheads and the cost of supervision.

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 £26,102 which would require a

rate of 1/3.42d. which shows practically no change. 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.

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 always is the repayments of loans for Water and Sewerage Schemes are expected to cost £42,635. There are receipts of £8,578 and the net cost is £34,057. The rate required would be 3/0.71d., which is almost the same as last year when it was 3/0.34d.

Public Lighting:

The Estimate of £3,600, which is the same as that allowed last year, is intended to meet the cost of lighting in 48 towns, villages and hamlets.

Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes:

The cost of maintenance of water supplies shows a rise of £600 but there is a reduction in loan charges which somewhat offsets it. The reason for the increase is the provision which has to be made for running and maintenance expenses of the East Wicklow Regional Scheme. The capital work on this scheme was completed in June, 1959, and it has been in operation ever since. The total cost came to £39,900 and the Scheme has been affording a supply not only to Rathnew, Ashford, Ballinlea and districts adjoining these villages but also to the town of Wicklow. Part of the cost is charged to Wicklow Urban Council. Consequent on the coming into operation of the Scheme the Council arranged to supply water to many Council cottages near Ashford. The work of making the installations at present is in progress. Last year when submitting the Estimates it was mentioned that with the completion of the Regional Scheme, 40 towns and villages in the County Health District of Wicklow would have been provided with piped water supplies and that furthermore sewerage disposal systems already have been provided in 23 towns and villages. The problem of trying to make water available for isolated dwellings in the countryside has also been receiving attention from the Council. In the past 10 years or so 117 pumps were provided at a capital cost of £31,000. But these were almost altogether restricted to making supplies available for Council cottages and as a rule did not assist in any way in finding a solution for the water supply needs of so many other members of the rural community. State Grants have been available for some time for the provision of water to farm dwellings whether through sinking pumps or by using sources such as streams or springs. The Council also is giving a substantial measure of assistance by making Grants available under the Housing Acts for improvements to rural dwellings through the installation of water and sewerage. The Council's assistance, it should be mentioned, is given both towards the cost of water supply and sewerage and the cost of the structures which as an extension to the dwelling will accommodate the new installations. In a few instances local residents have arranged through

local co-operation to tap sources of water and to lay distribution pipes. In this way they are providing a valuable amenity at quite reasonable cost after the Grants available from the State and the Council have been taken into account. The guidance and inspiration afforded by a local clergyman in arranging for one of these Schemes is quite notable and deserves to be specially recorded. Recently the Council agreed that a special survey should be carried out at an early date with a view to determining where local sources of water supply and groups of dwellings might serve towards the provision of small District Schemes.

Dumping Grounds:

In the Estimates provision has been included for a new Dumping Ground at Enniskerry which may involve costs in the making of a suitable approach road.

Amenity Schemes.

During last Summer a number of works of improvement were carried out in Greystones. The work of repairing the pier—a rather complex task as it was dependent on tides and weather—was completed, the total cost coming to over £2,000. The approach to the Harbour was laid out as a new grass lawn together with parking space and kerbing. A new shelter was erected and new stores for fishermen provided. Car Parking facilities were provided not only at the Harbour but also along the Marine Road which runs alongside the sea. Most of this road was also reconstructed and new footpaths laid down. Much thought was given to the details of the work such as the type of materials for the new structures, painting, colour finishes, etc., with a view to achieving a pleasant and enlivening appearance suitable for a seaside resort. Towards the cost of the shelter, the stores for fishermen and some other improvements at the Harbour a generous measure of assistance was given by An Bórd Fáilte. Mention also must be made of the help and guidance which was afforded so readily to the Council by the officials of An Bórd.

During the past year the roadway at Brittas was widened and it probably will be possible to make further improvements of this type in that area in the coming financial year. As mentioned, however, on a number of occasions, it is felt that local interests involved at this place should help by agreeing on a type of development which would be in the long-term interests not only of the district itself but of the community as a whole. It is evident that ribbon-building alongside the existing narrow roadway or a succession of Caravan Sites with all their attachments greeting the visitor to the seaside will scarcely lead to a successful development of this very attractive district. Future development to be of a standard consonant with the natural attractions and advantages of the area will require a far-sighted policy on the part of local interests quite apart from any assistance which the Local Authority may be in a position to afford.

HOUSING

The total cost of Housing for the coming year is £119,958 and after deducting Receipts estimated at £73,635 the net requirement is £46,323; the rate required would be 3/8.68d. The amount allowed by the Council last year was £110,504 and the increase in the coming year is almost altogether due to the additional provision which is included in the Estimates now submitted to you for repairs to Council houses. The amount allowed by the Council last year for repairs was £10,060. Of this latter sum, £2,600 was required to meet Loan Charges (some years ago the Council borrowed £20,000 for Repairs) so that the amount available for current repairs is only £7,400.

During the past year it was represented on a number of occasions that greater progress would have been made with the tenant Purchase Scheme

if repairs could have been carried out. At the same time it should be mentioned that it had been the practice to reserve as far as possible the Repairs provision in the Estimates for the carrying out of repairs to cottages in respect of which purchase applications had been received. But if more rapid progress is to be made in effecting repairs on cottages for which applications to purchase have been made then it can only be done by increasing the allocation in the Annual Estimates. This is the reason for the inclusion of £17,360 for this purpose. The loan which the Council borrowed in 1955 will not be repaid for another 6 years and having regard to the comparatively small number of houses which were repaired with the proceeds of that loan it certainly could not be regarded as good policy to arrange for another on similar terms.

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 892. From 1st April, 1959, up to the present date 95 houses were so vested.

The Contract System for carrying out repairs was used in most parts of the County in the present year. The only areas in which it did not apply were West Wicklow and parts of South Wicklow. It operates on the basis of a Priced Schedule of Repairs which the Contractor may accept or quote at a percentage addition or at a discount. This system simplifies the giving of instructions to contractors, the pricing of jobs, estimating of costs and paying for work done. It has been working quite satisfactorily in the areas where it has been tried in the past few years. The results obtained have been quite good and there have been no difficulties whatever with contractors.

The difficulty in relation to the cost of repairs is quite evident and results from the fact that whereas costs of maintenance have increased enormously in the past 20 years most of the rents still remain at the same level as they had been 20 or 30 years ago.

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.

After the passing of the Housing Act, 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 and reference already has been made to it when dealing with Sanitary Services.

So far the total number of reconstruction grants which have been approved is 327 and a large number of new applications is still being examined. The number of special grants made to persons with limited incomes towards the cost of new houses was 18. 20 Grants for the provision of water and sewerage facilities have been allocated and a large number of new applications is being received.

The activities of the Council in assisting Schemes for Reconstruction Repairs and Improvements requires the borrowing of a further loan of £7,000 and in consequence the amount required by way of loan charges for the making of Housing Grants is £1,855, an increase of over £900.

The total amount so far borrowed including the £7,000 just mentioned, is £25,000 but this will have assisted in improvements and better amenities for almost 400 houses. It will readily be seen that this capital outlay, however, is only a very small fraction of the expenditure which would have to be

incurred by the Council in providing a similar number of new houses—400 new houses could cost up to £500,000. The total Housing indebtedness of the Council for new houses is £915,925 and all these have entailed large subsidies from the Rates, which expressed as a rate usually reaches about 3/- in the £. So far the commitments in respect of the Reconstruction, Repair and Improvement of a large number of dwellings involve a charge on the Rates of 1½d. in the £. Moreover, once a Grant of this type is made the Council is involved in no further commitments.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loans:

The total number of loans is 97 but the Loan Charges of £6,700 involved no cost to the Rates as they are met in full by the repayments from borrowers.

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 £21,150; Chargeable to County Health District, £51,701. The corresponding charges in the Estimates for the present year were £18,393 and £49,860. The rate required would be 5/5.21d. as compared with 5/1.72d. in the present year—that is an increase of 3.49d. There is a reduction in the requirements for Overdraft Interest but the costs of Civil defence and Fire Brigades show increases; otherwise the sums to be provided show little variation from the present year. Provision, however, has to be made for Elections which will be held in June next.

Overdraft Interest:

The provision included for Overdraft Interest is £5,000 which shows a reduction of £1,000 on that of the present year. One of the reasons for the reduction in the amount chargeable for Interest is that the Council's Road Works have been carried out on a more regular basis throughout the year. Formerly the greater part of the expenditure was in the early part of the financial year and this inevitably led to heavy payments and overdraft accommodation at a time when rates had not come in. Moreover, Road Grants are usually received much in arrear of the time at which the expenditure is incurred.

Committee of Agriculture:

There is an increase here of £1,031; the total requirement is £8,248 which represents a rate of 8d. in the £ or 1d. more than in the present year. The increase, it seems from the details which have been received, is due to the provision made by the Committee for acquiring the premises used by them as offices.

Fire Brigades:

There is an increase of £600 here due to higher outlay on maintenance and also to Loan Charges for a new Fire Engine for Carnew. Some time ago the Council agreed that prices be obtained for a new Fire Engine for Baltinglass. Whilst quotations have not yet been received it seems that the

cost would be up to £1,300. As, however, no decision had been taken to purchase this equipment Loan Charges in respect of it have not been included in the Estimates.

Civil Defence:

In the current year the provision made for Civil Defence was £1,039 and after allowing for State recoupment the net cost was £456. This is a service which at present is expanding considerably and the Council has been urged in a number of circulars from the Department of Defence to provide for new equipment and services and more intensive training. The cost for the coming year is estimated at £1,635 but the State Grant would reduce this to £744, so that the net increase is £288. Recruitment to the various services had not been as satisfactory as might be expected and it is to be hoped that from now onwards more people will come forward to join this voluntary organisation which will have to be relied on to such a great extent in the event of any emergency.

Elections:

In the coming year it will be necessary to provide for Elections; this occurs every 5 years. The amount required will be £2,000.

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 Demand received from the County Committee is £14,528 which is an increase of £1,172. The rate required will be 1/1.38d. The Demand of the Committee, in fact, has not yet been received and the details now given are based on advance information obtained from the Committee. It is understood, however, that the increased amount required is due to provision having to be made for increases in remuneration.

Malicious Injuries Decrees:

There are eight Malicious Injuries decrees to be provided for, coming in all to £294. One is chargeable to the County-at-Large and the others to various Electoral Districts. But in addition to these it is now found that two recent Court proceedings will require the Council to provide as a County-at-Large Charge in the coming year alone the large amount of £2,500 for the alleged malicious destruction of property by fire in Carnew area. It is most unfortunate that the criminal activities of some persons who have not been apprehended should have led to such a heavy charge on the rates. There is a very grave danger to the community here, in that if unscrupulous malefactors find that they can carry out such crimes and escape the consequences of justice others may be encouraged to attempt this type of crime.

Rates Increase:

In brief the items accounting for the higher outlay shown in these Estimates are:— Mental Hospital, Elections, and—that which is responsible for the greater part of it—increases in remuneration. It was announced early last year that there would be applications for increase in wages and these were pressed forward in the following months. Once they were agreed to by some organisations involving rather large numbers of employees it only took a short while for increases to be granted throughout trade and industry generally. Having regard to these happenings it was only to be expected that those in the employment of local authorities would seek revision of remuneration conforming to the general pattern.

During the year much attention has been given towards ensuring that the provision made in the Estimates would not be exceeded and the trend

of expenditure on the hospitals and other health services has been carefully followed in this respect. Members already will also be aware of the efforts made to secure efficiency in the use of the Council's Road-making plant.

There is, it is felt, evidence of the improvements which are being effected as a result of the Council's activities. Most of the secondary roads in the County have in a short time been brought up to a standard which would have been unthought of some years ago. The main routes continue to be made safer for the heavy traffic nowadays using them. Having undertaken a large-scale housing programme the Council is now through a policy of Supplementary Grants helping numerous owners to improve, reconstruct and repair dwellings. Many rural dwellers are being given assistance towards installing water supplies. Whilst the Health Services are costly the range of treatment they are providing will be seen in the details already given, whilst the reduction in mortality is further evidence of the long-term effects.

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 22nd February, 1960.

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

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

WICKLOW CO. MANAGER.

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Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

ROADS Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary Road Works:				
Maintenance and reconstruction	82,534	82,534	73,391	69,783
Loan Charges	2,231	2,231	3,326	3,326
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	26,700	26,700	55,300	55,300
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	3,248	3,248	4,607	4,607
Travelling Expenses of County Engineer and Assistants	950	950	1,800	1,800
Salaries—Clerical Staff—County Engineer's Office			1,905	1,905
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers			534	534
do. Servants	2,800	2,800	2,181	2,181
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
Increases in Remuneration	253	253	459	459
	£119,696	£119,696	£146,263	£142,655

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

ROADS: Nature of Income:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas Do Not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	33,013	33,013		
do. Special Grant	26,700	26,700	55,300	55,300
Other Receipts:				
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 Co. Engineer and Assist. Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	2,226	2,226	3,369	3,369
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
	£63,164	£63,164	£63,119	£63,119

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

HEALTH	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure	£	£
GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:		
Salaries—District Medical Officers	16,970	16,970
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Medicines	5,000	5,000
Medical and surgical appliances	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	2,711	2,711
Insurances, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	1,500	1,500
	£28,681	£28,681
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:		
District Hospital, Wicklow	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
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	64,750	59,333
Maternity Hospitals	10,500	10,500
Tuberculosis	32,500	32,500
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
	£118,800	£113,383
MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
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	2,500	2,500
Child Welfare Service	1,850	1,850
School Health Service	2,750	2,750
	£21,850	£21,850
C/fd.	£237,884	£232,467

HEALTH—(Contd.)	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£
	237,884	232,467
TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:		
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	900	900
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	300	300
Notification and prevention of disease	150	150
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases	3,000	3,000
	£11,759	£11,759
DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL SERVICES:		
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	50	50
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	50	50
	£3,306	£3,306
SPECIALIST SERVICES:		
Salaries and fees	200	200
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre expenses	3,500	3,500
X-ray services	750	750
Other Expenses:		
Analysis of Specimens	700	700
	£5,150	£5,150
REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS:		
Cash Grants and other expenses	12,000	12,000
	£12,000	£12,000
BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN:		
Maintenance, clothing and education	5,250	5,250
Approved Schools	450	450
	£5,700	£5,700
C/fd.	£275,799	£270,382

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

HEALTH—(Contd.) Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
B/fd.	£ 275,799	£ 272,382
AMBULANCE SERVICES AND TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS:	6,000	6,000
SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND DRINK	£6,000	£6,000
	2,350	2,350
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETIES (Dist. Nursing Association)	£2,350	£2,350
	1,250	1,250
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:	£1,250	£1,250
Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	3,300	3,300
do. General Office Staff	3,580	3,580
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
	£10,190	£10,190
ASSESSMENT — NURSES ACT, 1950	10	10
	£10	£10
RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES	5,573	5,573
	£5,573	£5,573
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Fees and travelling expenses: Mental Treatment Act	400	400
Proportion of Salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	1,191	1,191
LOAN CHARGES:	500	500
	£2,091	£2,091
Increases in Remuneration	5,458	5,458
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£308,721	£303,304

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the local Financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1961.

HEALTH:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£
Government Grants—Health Grant	142,711	140,003
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services	8,000	8,000
Extern Institutions	1,000	1,000
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	250	250
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	6,150	6,150
Contributions to Superannuation.	1,124	1,124
Miscellaneous	400	400
	£161,457	£158,749

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money supplied to Joint Committee:	£ 90,681	£ 90,681

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Grant under Health Act, 1947	42,763	42,763

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial
Year ending 31st March, 1961.

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	4,875	4,875
Retiring Allowances	251	251
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,700	1,700
Increases in Remuneration	342	342
TOTAL:	£27,353	£27,353

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	775	775
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	100	100
Repayment of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	66	66
TOTAL:	£1,251	£1,251

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial
Year ending 31st March, 1961.

SANTARY: Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries—Office Staff	1,111	1,111
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	2,380	2,380
Shops Acts—Inspectors	6	6
Analyst—proportion of salary	50	50
Superannuation	11	11
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Sanitary Conveniences —Repairs and Maintenance	8,600	8,600
Dumping Grounds — Repairs and Maintenance	600	600
Burial Grounds—Maintenance	1,600	1,600
Public Lighting	3,600	3,600
Maintenance of Open Spaces	450	450
Loan Charges:		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	19,765	19,765
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
Increases in Remuneration	255	255
	£42,635	£42,635

SANTARY Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants — Contributions to Loan Charges.	5,318	5,318
Water Undertakings	2,500	2,500
Burial Fees	550	550
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuation	30	30
	£8,578	£8,578

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

HOUSING: Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers Acts:		
Salaries	£ 1,679	£ 1,679
Retiring Allowances	474	474
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (Portion)	4,057	4,057
Rent Collectors Poudage	3,950	3,950
Cottage Repairs	17,360	7,360
Loan Charges	66,800	66,800
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Cottages	13,550	13,550
Other Labourers Acts Expenses	305	305
Travelling Expenses of Rent Collectors	550	
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	6,700	6,700
Office Expenses	300	300
	500	500
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants	1,855	1,855
Increases in Remuneration	378	378
Total for Housing Charges:	£119,958	£109,408

HOUSING: Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Labourers Acts:		
Rents of Labourers Cottages	£ 38,250	£ 38,250
Housing Subsidy	27,935	27,935
Other Receipts	400	400
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	6,700	6,700
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	200	200
	150	150
Total for Housing Receipts:	£73,635	£73,635

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money supplied to Co. Committees of Agriculture			£ 8,248	£ 8,248
Public Libraries			5,483	5,483
Town and Regional Planning Acts			20	20
Tourist Development	500			
Scholarships: Secondary	2,195			
University	1,500			
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes		5,000	5,000	
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses		8,474	8,474	
Cost of Rate Collection—Commission and Assessment		11,421	11,421	
Cost of Rate Collection — Superannuation		1,379	1,379	
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions		1,200	1,200	
Tramway Employees Pensions		700	700	
Pensions:				
Late Union Officers				130
Late R.D. Council's Officers				1,300
Co Officers and Servants				200
Franchise and Jurors Lists				200
Valuation				200
Legal Expenses				750
Coroners and Inquests				800
Postage and Telephones				800
Printing, Stationery and Advertising				800
	£11,682	£11,682	£45,105	£45,105

C/fd.

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

	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/fd.	11,682	11,682	45,105	45,105
Elections	2,000	2,000		
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	416	416		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	295	295		
Fire Brigades			10,335	10,635
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 Schemes	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	1,635	1,635		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	746	746		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,265	1,265		
C/fd.	£24,506	£24,506	£56,024	£56,324

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

	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/fd.	24,506	24,506	56,024	56,324
General Cattle Diseases Fund	340	340		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
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	509	509	469	469
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			550	550
Travelling Expenses:				
County Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft				
General Account			5,000	4,500
Miscellaneous	30	30	300	300
Materials Expenses (Balance)				
Machinery Expense (Balance)				
Increases in Remuneration do. (Rate Collectors)	340	340	894	894
			700	700
Total	£30,197	£30,197	£65,462	£65,262

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.
GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

GENERAL PURPOSES:	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
Nature of Income:	£	£	£	£
Grants—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes	2,000	2,000	5,000	5,000
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	64	64	100	100
Licence Fees:				
Poison	6	6	7	7
Cinematograph				
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	50	50		
Public Libraries			180	180
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments:				
Franchise and Jurors Expenses	385	385		
Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	891	891		
Fire Brigades — Contributions by Urban District Councils			2,450	2,450
Diseases of Animals:				
(a) General	373	373		
(b) Sheep Dipping	633	633		
(c) Compensation — Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts — Contributions from Urban Dist. Councils			97	97
C/fd.	£5,602	£5,602	£7,834	£7,834

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.
GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.

GENERAL PURPOSES—Contd.	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
Nature of Income:	£	£	£	£
B/fd.	5,602	5,602	7,834	7,834
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			639	639
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
	£9,047	£9,047	£13,761	£13,761

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1961.

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
Vocational Education Committee:	£	£	£	£
Demand	14,528	14,528	30	30
Repayment of Loans	2,438	2,438	192	192
Retiring Allowances	837	837	20	20
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	182	182	354	354
Criminal Injuries:			230	
County-at-Large	2,584	2,584		
Bray Urban District	41	41		
Avoca D.E.D.			26	26
Ballyarthur D.E.D.			39	39
Greystones D.E.D.			50	50
Kilmacanogue D.E.D.			23	23
Newcastle D.E.D.			29	29
Total for Separate Charges:	£20,428	£20,428	£521	£521

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961.

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas Do Not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Recoupment from Department of Education—One half expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	£	£		
	1,219	1,219		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions:				
Department £400				
Leitrim £10				
Sligo £7				
Kildare £53				
Carlow £1	471	471		
Superannuation contributions	200	200		
	£1,890	£1,890		

SEPARATE CHARGES—Contd.

REVENUE CHANGES—County

Services	Chargeable to the whole County	Chargeable to the Co. Health District	Applicable to the whole County	Applicable to the Co. Health District
Roads	119,696	142,655	63,164	63,119
Health	303,304		158,749	
Mental Hospitals	90,681		42,763	
Public Assistance	27,353		1,251	
Sanitary		42,635		8,578
Housing		109,408		73,635
General Purposes	50,197	65,262	9,047	13,761
Total	£571,231	£359,960	£274,974	£159,093

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE £ 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.			Co. Health District	Calculation of Net Sum Required to be Raised			
	Chargeable to the whole County	Chargeable to the Co. Health District	Applicable to the whole County	Applicable to the Co. Health District	Chargeable to the whole County	Chargeable to the Co. Health District	Urban District of Arklow	Urban District of Bray	Urban District of Wicklow		Estimated Balance (if any) in favour of Co. Health District at close of financial year	Estimated Balance (if any) against Co. Health District at close of current financial year	Amounts Leviable off County Health District	Rate in the Pound in Co. Health District
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Roads	119,696	142,655	63,164	63,119	56,532	79,533	2,129	9,362	1,764	122,813			122,813	9/10.47
Health	303,304		158,749		144,555		5,444	23,938	4,512	110,661		3,000	113,661	9/1.64
Mental Hospitals	90,681		42,763		47,918		1,805	7,935	1,495	36,683			36,683	2/11.39
Public Assistance	27,353		1,251		23,102		983	4,322	815	19,982	4,000		15,982	1/3.42
Sanitary		42,635		8,578		34,057				34,057		4,000	28,057	3/0.71
Housing		109,408		73,635		35,773				35,773			35,773	2/10.51
General Purposes	50,197	65,262	9,047	13,761	21,150	51,501	797	3,502	660	67,692	454		67,238	5/4.86
	£571,231	£359,960	£274,974	£159,093	£296,257	£200,867	£11,158	£49,059	£9,246	£427,661	£4,454	£7,000	£430,207	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 £247,854 1s. 10d.

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 March, 1960, 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, 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 J. Smyth.

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

AGENDA:

1. Scheme of Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and for provision of new houses and Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage facilities—To consider extension of Scheme for further year.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant towards erection of new dwelling-house.
3. Proposed sale of Vested Cottage at Tigroney, Avoca.
4. Byelaws re Overcrowding—(a) Reply from Department of Local Government (b) To apply to Minister for confirmation of Byelaws.
5. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
6. Use of Land for Caravans.
7. Report of County Engineer on tenders received for purchase of lorries.

ITEM NO. 1—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had considered the matter of the extension of the Schemes for the making of Supplementary Grants for the repair and improvement of houses and the erection of new houses and for the provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities and had deferred a decision until after the Estimates Meeting. The Council had adopted the Estimates as submitted in respect of Loan Charges for Loans for Grant purposes. The present position in regard to these Grants was as follows:—

	Grants provisionally allocated	Estimated Amount	Grants Paid	Amount
Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses	341	£22,667	237	£14,245
Grants for New Houses	18	£2,224	14	£1,786
Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage facilities	32	£1,307		£782
Totals:	391	£26,198	269	£16,813

The County Secretary stated that the loans raised by the Council to date amount to £25,000 and it would be noted that grants provisionally allocated exceeded this sum by £1,198. It would be necessary, therefore, during the coming financial year to raise a further loan but it was suggested that a decision as to the amount of the loan might be deferred for some months in order that a more accurate estimate of the amount required could be submitted.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and seconded by Cllr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby extend for a further year to 31st March, 1961, the operation of Schemes for the making of Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of houses, towards provision of new houses and Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage facilities.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that it will be necessary to raise an additional loan at a later date for the purpose of paying Supplementary Grants.

ITEM NO. 2.—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TOWARDS ERECTION OF NEW DWELLINGHOUSE.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Michael Norton, Ballinastocken, Vallemount, had applied for a Supplementary Grant towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse and that the estimated cost of construction was £1,200. He was receiving a State Grant of £175 and would be eligible under the Council's Scheme for a Grant of £175.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we approve of payment of a Supplementary Grant of £175 to Michael Norton, Ballinastocken, Vallemount, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse in accordance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3.—PROPOSED SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT TIGRONEY, AVOCA.

The Council considered application of Peter O'Neill, Tenant Purchaser of cottage No. 207/8 Tigroney East, Avoca, for consent to the sale of his interest in the cottage to his nephew, Sean Treacy, Tigroney, Avoca, for the sum of £200. It appeared that Mr. O'Neill was employed in the hotel at Avoca and was provided with living accommodation in the hotel where he had to reside. Mr. Treacy was a postman and was married with one child. There appeared to be no objection to the sale provided that it was clearly understood by the Vendor that the Council had no further responsibility for providing housing accommodation for him.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Macken and Seconded by Cllr. J. Smyth.

Resolved—That we hereby consent to the sale by Peter O'Neill, tenant purchaser of cottage No. 207/8, Tigroney East, Avoca, of his interests in the cottage to Sean Treacy, Tigroney, Avoca for a sum of £200. It must be clearly understood by the vendor that Council has no further responsibility for providing housing accommodation for him.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4.—BYELAWS RE OVERCROWDING.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government in regard to an enquiry submitted as to the liability of the owner of a house in respect of the house becoming overcrowded was submitted:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
20th February, 1960.

H27/3/1.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 17th November last regarding byelaws made under section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and to state that the byelaws are intended to enable a housing authority to take such action as may be appropriate in certain circumstances to prevent the recurrence of overcrowding in houses in which overcrowding has been relieved.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that the Department's letter did not appear to deal specifically with the point which had been raised by the Chairman of the Council but it would be noted that the onus to take action lay on the housing authority and consequently they would be in a position to exercise their discretion in any case where such was necessary. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, agreed that the reply did not deal with the query he had raised. An owner could let a house with due regard to provisions regarding overcrowding and due to circumstances outside his control the house might subsequently become overcrowded and he wished to ensure that the owner would not be held responsible for such overcrowding. He considered that the matter should be made clear in the Byelaw. The Council agreed that a further letter be addressed to the Department asking for a detailed reply to the point raised. The Council deferred the making of application to the Minister for confirmation of the Byelaws pending receipt of a further reply. The Council also asked that a copy of the Department's letter together with a copy of the Byelaws be circulated to the members.

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

The Council considered applications of Mr. Richard Doyle, Central Bar, Carnew, for permission to erect Petrol Pumps outside his premises and of Mr. J. B. Naylor, Kiltillahane Engineering Works, Carnew, for permission to erect Petrol Pump at Brunswick Row, Carnew. In the case of Mr. Doyle's application it was proposed to erect the pumps on the edge of the footpath. In Mr. Naylor's application it was proposed to erect the pump and a kiosk on the Green at Brunswick Row which was Council property. The County Manager pointed out that it was not the policy of the Council to approve of the erection of petrol pumps on roadsides or footpaths except when it was desired to add another pump to an existing one for the sale of another type of petrol. The Council agreed that permission for the erection of pumps in these cases should be refused.

PROPOSED MOTEL AT KILLARNEY ROAD, BRAY.

The Council considered an application for approval in principle to the erection of a Motel on lands of Mr. P. J. Mullen at Killarney Road, Bray. The County Medical Officer in his report stated that he had previously reported on this site in connection with an application for approval to the erection of 10 houses on the site 5 years ago and that the same objections arose in regard to the present proposal. There would be 16 semi-detached chalets on the site and it did not seem possible to provide a proper sewerage disposal system. A number of Septic Tanks would not be desirable and it would not be possible to link up this field with any future main drainage system. It was noted also that the proposal embodied a filling station at the side of the main road. The Council noted that no details were given as to the manner of construction of the chalets or other buildings and deferred the matter in order that some particulars could be obtained in relation to the standard of construction of the proposed buildings.

FACTORY AND HOUSE AT TIGHE'S AVENUE FOR MR. ROBERT SHEANE.

The County Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Sheane in which he stated that he had entirely given up the idea of building due to having to comply with all these regulations, etc. He added that he had more or less decided to erect similar buildings in County Wexford. The County Secretary pointed out that members of the Council for the Wicklow area with the County Manager and County Engineer had met Mr. Sheane on the proposed site and had agreed with him on the siting of the proposed factory and house. Mr. Sheane had been asked to submit a Site Plan to scale confirming the agreed siting of the buildings but had not done so.

ITEM NO. 6—USE OF LAND FOR CARAVANS.

The County Secretary submitted application received from Messrs. S. G. Rutherford and Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Josephine Leahy for a proposed Caravan Site on her lands at Brittas Bay the development of the site to be carried out by Messrs. Sprite (Sites) Ltd. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that this proposal be referred to the Committee which had been appointed by the Council with members of the three Urban District Councils to consider the matter of the development of Caravan Sites in County Wicklow. The Council agreed that a meeting of the Committee be arranged for 3 p.m. on Monday, 21st March, 1960.

ITEM NO. 7—TENDERS FOR LORRIES.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer's report on the tenders received for the purchase of lorries had been received only immediately prior to the meeting and consequently there had been no opportunity of examining the report. In his report he recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins for 8 Commer Tipping (Diesel) Lorries, in the sum of £15,464. This tender exceeded the lowest tender received by £2,384. Details of the reasons why the County Engineer had recommended the tender had not been given. The Council noted that there was a difference of views between the County Engineer and the Chief Asst. County Engineer in regard to the tenders and decided to defer the matter for further examination.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th March, 1960, 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 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 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. Hickey and P. McGuinness were present.

AGENDA:

1. Overdraft on General Account and Capital Account for quarter to 30th June, 1960.
2. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960—To consider applications deferred from previous meeting.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1960—Letter from school regarding approved subjects for the purpose of the Scheme.
4. Resignation of Member of Council.
5. To consider filling vacancy on Council.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—That road through Mullins to approximately J. O'Gorman's, be taken over as a public road.
7. Replies received in regard to proposed Domestic Scavenging Service in Greystones/Delgany area.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe—That Sheep Dipping bath be erected at Rathdangan.
9. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Kehoe—That steps be taken to provide a Dispensary at Rathdangan.
10. Water Supply to Council houses at Sruaghan.
11. Letter from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee re resignation of permanent whole-time teacher and payment of Superannuation allowance and lump sum.
12. Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas, Weights and Measures Section, re examination and overhaul of local standards and working standards of weight and measure for County Wicklow.
13. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for 1960.
14. To authorise expenditure in excess of amounts provided in Estimates under certain headings.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley—Requesting Agricultural Wages Board to raise the wages of all agricultural workers in the Shillelagh area to the same level as that operating in remainder of County and Counties Kildare, Louth and Meath.
16. Letter from Bray Urban District Council re silting of Dargle River near Bray Bridge, and asking if a Grant could be obtained under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, for this work.
17. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

CEMETERY FENCE:

Councillor P. McCarthy enquired regarding the condition of the cemetery wall at Kilqueeney, Avoca, and asked whether the wall had been repaired so as to prevent cattle getting into the cemetery. The County Manager stated that the Council made an offer to the owner without prejudice to share equally in the cost of repair work. He pointed out that there was no legal obligation on the Council to erect a fence and they were not bound to make such an offer. Councillor Hadden suggested that the Engineer should submit a report and an estimate of the cost of the fence, and the County Manager pointed out that this was not the duty of the Council.

ITEM NO. 1—OVERDRAFT.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., 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, 1960, shall not exceed £20,382.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., 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, 1960, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1960.—TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

The County Secretary submitted further information which had been received in regard to certain applicants for permission to compete under the Council's Scholarship Scheme, and stated that Dermot Patrick Joseph Ennis, Jubilee, Greystones, Bridget Mary Harmon, Ballingule, and Margaret Elizabeth McDonald, Killincarrig, Delgany, were eligible under the terms of the Scheme. Following a discussion in regard to the application of James Solomon Hickey, 33, Main St., Arklow, and having considered the information submitted and the representations of Councillor Cleary, the Council agreed that this application would also be accepted. The Council noted the special circumstances in regard to the application of Bridget Margaret Murphy, 28, O'Byrne Road, Bray, whose father had been working in Canada during the year to 31st December, 1959, and noted that in a similar case which had occurred in the previous year, the Council had agreed to allow the candidate to compete.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

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

Resolved—That, having considered further application for permission to compete under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1960, we hereby approve of the acceptance of the following applications:—

Dermot Patrick Joseph Ennis, Jubilee, Greystones.

Bridget Mary Harmon, Ballingule.

James Solomon Hickey, 33, Main Street, Arklow.

Margaret Elizabeth McDonald, Killincarrig, Delgany.

Bridget Margaret Murphy, 28, O'Byrne Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1960.

The Council considered letter received from the Mistress of Schools, St. Mary's College, Arklow, asking that the subject General Science be included as an approved subject for the purpose of the University Scholarship Scheme. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided that no alteration could be made in the Scheme for the present year, but that the subject would be included as an approved subject for subsequent years.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That, having considered letter from the Mistress of Schools, St. Mary's College, Arklow, we approve of the subject of General Science being included in the list of approved subjects for the purpose of the University Scholarship Scheme, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

The Council Secretary submitted letter of 21st February, 1960, from Councillor W. Lawless submitting his resignation from the County Council, and expressing thanks to the Chairman for his patience with him at all times and wishing him and the members of the Council every success in the forthcoming Elections in June. Councillor Edward Byrne expressed appreciation of the work done by Councillor Lawless as a member of the Council, and stated that it should be put on record the valuable assistance he had given to the Council during the period of his membership. The Chairman and other members of the Council also paid tribute to the work done by Councillor Lawless.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby accept with regret the resignation of Councillor William Lawless from membership of the Council, and hereby declare the office of the Councillor vacant.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—TO CONSIDER FILLING VACANCY ON COUNCIL.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Hon. Chairman, County Wicklow Executive, Fine Gael, stating that it was not the intention of his organisation to nominate anybody for co-option until further notice. The Council decided not to take any action in regard to the filling of the vacancy.

**ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR
A. H. HADDEN—THAT ROAD THROUGH MULLINS TO
APPROXIMATELY J. O'GOEMAN'S, BE TAKEN OVER
AS A PUBLIC ROAD.**

The Council agreed to refer this matter for examination by the Local Roads Committee in connection with the Roads Works Programme for the coming year. Councillor Hadden explained that, although there was a gate at one end of the lane, there was another entrance which was unobstructed and would shorten the distance which it was proposed to take over.

**ITEM NO. 7—REPLIES RECEIVED IN REGARD TO PROPOSED
DOMESTIC SCAVENGING SERVICE IN GREYSTONES/DELGANY
AREA.**

The County Secretary stated that, in addition to the letter from the Greystones and District Civic Association which had already been submitted to the Council, letters had been received from the Fine Gael branches for Greystones and Delgany, and from the Cottage Tenants of Greystones and surrounding districts. The letter from the Greystones Fine Gael Branch stated that the branches opposed the proposal to provide a Domestic Scavenging Service in Greystones if the cost were to be levied on the area, and referred to a similar service being provided in Kilcoole at no extra charge. The letter on behalf of the Cottage Tenants also protested against any increase in the rates for the purpose of a refuse collection in the area. The Council noted the terms of the letters received and decided to take no further action in regard to the proposed provision of a domestic refuse collection service.

**ITEM NO. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR
P. KEHOE—THAT SHEEP DIPPING BATH BE ERECTED.
AT RATHDANGAN.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Kehoe, the Co. Sec. stated that the Council had expended monies in Jan., 1947, and in Nov., 1958, on repairs to the bath of Mr. J. Harmon, Ballingule, Rathdangan, which catered for the greater number of sheep dipped in the area. 2,229 sheep had been dipped in this bath in the previous year. There were three other private baths—one at Cornaan, one at Kyle, Balinglass, and one at Barraderry, Kiltegan, which would also serve the area. Councillor Kehoe stated that there was need for a bath in Rathdangan village which would be more convenient for sheep owners in the district. It was agreed to defer the matter for a report from the Veterinary Inspector.

**ITEM NO. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR
P. KEHOE—THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE A
DISPENSARY AT RATHDANGAN.**

In reference to the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Kehoe, the County Manager stated that the Council had never at any time erected a special building for use as a sub-Dispensary and, accordingly, there could be no question of making such an arrangement in respect of Rathdangan. No provision had been made in the Annual Estimates for the erection of such a building. It was considered that the arrangements which had been made for the holding of a sub-Dispensary in a Council cottage were quite satisfactory, having regard to the very limited number attending and to the fact that a Dispensary was held only once in each week. He suggested that if there was a more suitable place, the local Councillors might submit their recommendations.

**ITEM NO. 10—WATER SUPPLY TO COUNCIL HOUSES
AT SRAUGHAUN.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported on this matter some while ago, and had stated that when putting in a valve in the supply it was found that the pipe was very badly corroded, and that this was the cause of leakages. The Engineer stated that the cost of providing a new 1" plastic pipe would be £470, but if a 3" main were to be provided to cater for fire precautions the cost would be £1,200. Councillor Timmins suggested that it would be cheaper to provide a new water main. It was decided to adjourn the matter for a further report from the Assistant County Engineer.

ITEM NO. 11—RESIGNATION OF TEACHER.

The County Secretary stated that Miss A. Reeves, who had been a permanent whole-time teacher of Domestic Science under the Vocational Education Committee, had resigned as from 11th January and was entitled to payment of a lump sum of £1,087 16s. 3d. and Superannuation Allowance at the rate of £361 per annum as from the date of her resignation. Provision had not been made in the current year's estimates to meet the cost of this payment.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That, having considered letter from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee regarding the resignation of Miss Annie Reeves as permanent whole-time teacher of Domestic Science from 11th January, 1960, we hereby authorise expenditure of £1,170 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of defraying the cost of lump sum payment and Superannuation allowance to Miss Reeves.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 12—EXAMINATION AND OVERHAUL OF LOCAL
STANDARDS AND WORKING STANDARDS OF WEIGHT
AND MEASURE.**

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce stating that it would be necessary to have the local standards and the working standards of weight and measure (including balances) for County Wicklow examined and overhauled in Dublin during the year 1960/61, in accordance with the Weights and Measures Act, 1878 to 1936. It was anticipated that the work involved would occupy about seven weeks and the total cost would be £195 10s. The total cost of the last complete examination of the standards amounted to £196 5s. 0d. The Department requested authority for expenditure of £195 10s. 0d. on the work, the amount to be recouped by the Council to the Department during the year 1960/61. The County Secretary stated that previously this work had been carried out over a period of years and the full cost consequently had not to be met in one year. Provision had not been made in the Estimates for the coming year to meet the full cost of the work as now estimated. The County Manager explained that the master standards were maintained in Dublin and that it was necessary to have the local standards checked against the standards in Dublin periodically.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That, having considered letter of 25th February, 1960, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, we approve of arrangements proposed by the Department for examination and overhaul of local standards and working standards of weight and measure in County Wicklow, and authorise expenditure of £195 10s. 0d. in excess of the amount provided in the Estimate for the year 1960/61 to defray the cost of such examination and overhaul.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13—SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY SCHEME FOR 1960.

Draft Scheme under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Acts for the year 1960 was submitted to the Council. The Draft Scheme was similar in terms to the Scheme operated in 1959. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Secretary stated that there had been 71 applicants in 1957 and the amount outstanding on foot of advances amounted to £11 7s. 9d. In 1958 there had been 48 applicants and the amount outstanding was £11 15s. 0d. For last year there had been only 39 applicants and at the present date a sum of £386 14s. 3d. was outstanding.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Macken;

Seconded by Councillor A. Hadden:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt Scheme for the making of loans under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Acts as submitted to this meeting and on terms similar to those in the Scheme operated in the year 1959.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 14—AUTHORISATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE.

The County Secretary stated that it had been ascertained that a formal authorisation by the Council of expenditure was required in respect of works the cost of which was fully covered by grants or repayments to the Council. For example, the expenditure on reconstruction of the road to the T.V. transmitter at Kippure, although fully recoupable to the Council by the Commissioners of Public Works, required authorisation by the Council. Similarly, expenditure on Tourist Road Grants or on works towards which grants were made available by An Bord Fáilte also required a formal authorisation by the Council. Particulars of the amounts requiring authorisation for the years 1956/7, 1957/8, 1958/9 and 1959/60 were submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the Estimates for the respective years as set out hereunder for the purposes as indicated:—

	Roads	Sanitary Services	Housing Services	General Purposes
1956/57	£23,815	£1,800	£3,004	£1,031
1957/58	£17,325		£3,159	
1958/59	£20,038			
1959/60	£53,440			

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY RE WAGES OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN SHILLELAGH AREA.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor Quigley—That we request the Agricultural Wages Board to raise the wages of all agricultural workers in the Shillelagh area to the same level as that operating in the remainder of County Wicklow and in Counties Kildare, Louth and Meath. Councillor McCarthy stated that if the Council proposed to send a Resolution on the subject he would second it. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to take no action at present.

ITEM NO. 16—LETTER FROM BRAY U.D.C. RE SILTING OF DARGLE RIVER, NEAR BRAY BRIDGE, AND ENQUIRING IF GRANT COULD BE OBTAINED UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949, FOR THIS WORK.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Bray Urban District Council asking if the County Council could obtain a grant under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, to deal with a very considerable silting of the Dargle River at its northern bank between Bray Bridge and Bray Golf Club. The County Secretary stated that it did not seem that any grants were being made available for works under the Act in the present year. The Council agreed that application be made to the Department for a grant for the purposes indicated.

WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The County Secretary stated that Mortgage from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Supplementary Loan of £2,450 to meet the balance of the Council's share of the cost of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme was available for sealing by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £2,450 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878-1952, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935-1957.

Passed unanimously.

RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS.

Councillor J. J. McCrea asked if the Council would not accept the decision of the Department in regard to applications for State Grants as sufficient approval for the payment of Supplementary Grants by the Council. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had prepared a Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants and that it would be necessary to ensure that applications came within the terms of the Council's Scheme. He mentioned that the Department might allow certain items which were not covered by the Council's Scheme. As regards the matter of applications, where the floor area of the house was under 500 sq. feet, there would be no undue delay, as the matter would be brought to the notice of the Council at their next meeting for the purpose of obtaining the Council's approval.

TURF PRODUCTION.

In reply to enquiries from members, the County Manager stated that the matter of the production of turf during the coming year would be included on the Agenda for the April meeting.

SUPPLY OF CLOTHES FOR PATIENT IN SANATORIUM.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a patient in the Sanatorium had written in December asking for the supply of clothing, but the letter had not been acknowledged. He asked that the matter be investigated and that particulars of the duties of the Assistant County Medical Officer and the hours of attendance of staff, etc., be submitted to the Council.

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 some member in my name, will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the road from Whiterock to Mullins approximately half-mile be taken over as a public road.

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea:—That I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Council take over and maintain as a County road, road serving a number of families at Knockatomcoyle.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th April, 1960, 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, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., S. O'Maicin, J. Smyth, 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.—Application for Supplementary Grant for reconstruction of house at Carnew.
- 2.—Proposed provision of Cottage at Johnstown South, Arklow—Correspondence re acquisition of site.
- 3.—Vested Cottage at Tombrean, Carnew—John Kearney, deceased.
- 4.—Application to purchase vacant cottage at Cappagh, Aughrim.
- 5.—Report regarding erection of T.V. aerials on chimneys of Council cottages.
- 6.—Application for licensing of Slaughterhouse at Greystones.
- 7.—Report of Special Committee on licensing of Caravan Sites.
- 8.—Town and Regional Planning Acts and Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act—Applications in regard to Caravan Sites at Brittas Bay.
- 9.—Contracts for Repairs to Cottages for year 1960-'61.

ITEM NO. 1—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSE AT CARNEW.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having noted report of Assistant County Engineer C. Boyle of 21st March, 1930, we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant for repair and improvement of house under the Council's Scheme to Edward Behan, Cooliatin Row, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—PROPOSED PROVISION OF COTTAGE AT JOHNSTOWN SOUTH, ARKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that an offer of £30 had been made to Mr. Leslie Hill, Johnstown House, Arklow, for a half acre of ground as a site for a cottage for Mr. Thomas Ward. Mr. Hill had refused the offer of £30 and stated that he considered the land was worth far more. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that Mr. Hill be asked to state what price he was seeking for the purchase of the half acre.

ITEM NO. 3—VESTED COTTAGE AT TOMBREAN, CARNEW.

The County Secretary stated that a cottage at Tombrean, Carnew, had been vested in the late John Kearney, deceased. A nephew, Thomas Kearney, claimed to be entitled to the Tenant Purchaser's interest in the cottage. It appeared that there had been much competition for the grazing of the plot and that one person had actually placed a lock on the gate. At various times the Rent Collector had found animals grazing on the plot. A letter had been received from a firm of Solicitors acting for Thomas

Kearney asking for confirmation that they were entitled to take out Administration in his name. Members of the Council stated that there were several members of the family who were interested in the cottage and the Council agreed that the matter might be adjourned to enable the local members to see if some agreement could be reached among the members of the family and a suitable proposal made to the Council for the transfer of the interest in the cottage.

ITEM NO. 4—APPLICATION TO PURCHASE VACANT COTTAGE AT CAPPAGH, AUGHIRM.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Mr. James Merrigan, Cappagh, Aughrim, to purchase a Council cottage at Cappagh which had been vacant for a considerable time. The cottage was situated adjoining an outfarm on the property of his father on which there was no habitable dwelling house. This cottage had been advertised on many occasions but no application had been received for it and it had now been vacant for a period of 12 months. It had been erected in 1898. The Assistant Co. Engineer had inspected the cottage and reported that it contained a kitchen and two small bedrooms and also an old loft approached by a ladder from the kitchen. The roof and walls were sound and the cottage would need to be plastered internally and a new floor put into one of the bedrooms. A new front door is also needed and repairs to the windows and out-offices. He estimated the cost of repairs at £90. He saw no objection to the sale of the house if a reasonable price were got for it. The Council agreed that offers be invited by public advertisement for the purchase of the cottage subject to the sanction of the Minister being obtained to its disposal. It was agreed also that the Minister be asked to convey sanction to the disposal of any other cottages in a similar manner where the Council found it impossible to obtain tenants.

ITEM NO. 5—REPORT REGARDING ERECTION OF T.V. AERIALS ON CHIMNEYS OF COUNCIL COTTAGES.

The Council considered report from one of the Rent Collectors in regard to the erection of T.V. Aerials on the chimneys of Council Cottages. It was noted that 31 aerials had been erected on cottages in his district and in no case had the permission of the Council been sought or granted. It was suggested that having regard to the danger which ensued to the chimney stack and roof of cottage in a case where a T.V. Aerial was erected on the chimney stack it should be required that the tenant would effect an insurance indemnifying the Council against loss or damage to the chimney or roof of the house in the event of the aerial collapsing and also indemnifying the Council against any responsibility for accidents to third parties which might arise if the aerial collapsed in bad weather. In reply to enquiry from Councillor Haughton if the Council could arrange for some Insurance Company to provide cover through the Council for tenants erecting T.V. aerials the Co. Manager stated that such a scheme would not be satisfactory and would lead to a lot of difficulty for the staff.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That tenants of Council cottages having T.V. aerials erected on chimney stack or roof of cottage effect an insurance indemnifying the Council against loss or damage to the chimney or roof of the house and against any responsibility for accident to third parties which might arise as a result of the collapse of T.V. aerial.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—APPLICATION FOR LICENSING OF SLAUGHTERHOUSE AT GREYSTONES.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. William Fenelon to convert existing out-offices at Greystones into a slaughterhouse. The Assistant Engineer had no objection to the proposal nor had the County Medical Officer, the Veterinary Inspector or Health Inspector. The site plan was submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That having considered reports of Council's Engineer, County Medical Officer and Veterinary Inspector we approve of proposal of Mr. Wm. Fenelon to convert existing out-house at Greystones into a slaughterhouse.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LICENSING OF CARAVAN SITES.

The County Secretary submitted a report of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider Caravan Sites. The Council decided to adjourn the matter in order that the report could be circulated to the members and to have it considered at the meeting of the Council to be held on 11th April, 1960.

ITEM NO. 8—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SANITARY SERVICES) ACT, APPLICATIONS IN REGARD TO CARAVAN SITES AT BRITTAS BAY.

The Council considered the application by Messrs. S. G. Rutherford & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Leahy for a grant of permission under Town and Regional Planning Acts and for a licence under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act for a Caravan Site at Brittas Bay. The County Secretary stated that the proposals provided for the provision of 150 caravans on the site together with a shop and petrol filling station and other structures. The matter had been referred for the opinion of the Committee appointed by the Council to consider the matter of caravan sites and the Committee had recommended that the application be refused. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which the Co. Manager explained the reasons for the Committee's recommendations.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor A. Hadden;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Committee of representatives of County Council and Urban District Councils and reports of County Medical Officer we recommend that the application of Messrs. S. G. Rutherford & Co., Solicitors on behalf of Mrs. Josephine Leahy for a licence for the use of lands at Brittas for caravans be refused and that permission for proposal under Town and Regional Planning Acts be refused.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—CONTRACTS FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES FOR YEAR 1960-'61.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to invite tenders for the repairs to cottages for the coming financial year in respect of 10 separate districts in the county. It was proposed to include separate districts based on Carnew, Shillelagh, and Tinahely as had been arranged in the previous financial year. The Council agreed that tenders be invited as had been recommended.

LOAN FOR DEFRAYING BALANCE OF EXPENDITURE ON PROVISION OF PUMPS AND WELLS AND MINOR WATER SUPPLIES.

The County Secretary submitted Mortgage received from the National Bank, Ltd., for loan of £1,766 for sealing by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 8th day of March, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £1,766 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of pumps and wells and minor water supplies in Wicklow County to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

PLAYGROUND AT BALLYGANNON, RATHDRUM.

Councillor Haughton stated that there was a portion of land at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, which had not been built on and which he understood had been intended for use as a playground but was at present let. He asked if further consideration could be given to making this plot available for a playground for children in the area. It was agreed that the matter be examined. The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman, in the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne and Jas. O'Toole, T.D.—That we or some members of the Council will move at the next meeting of the Council that two lights be erected at a point or points between Enniskerry Village and Kilgarron Housing Scheme.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th April, 1960, 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, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., S. O'Maicin, J. Smyth, and J. D. Haughton. An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assist. County Engineer and Assist. 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 1st and 8th Feb., 1960.
- 2.—University Scholarship Scheme, 1960—To consider applications to compete under the Council's Scheme.
- 3.—Vacancy on Council—Letter from Bray Branch of the Labour Party.
- 4.—To fix date for Local Elections.
- 5.—Application from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for closing of public road at Enniskerry for purposes of Annual Hill Climb on 30th Apl., 1960.
- 6.—To declare the following roads to be public roads:—
 - (a) Road from Ballinderry-Knockrath Road No. 124 at Ballydowling to Rathdrum-Laragh Road No. 122 at Knockrath Post Office—1,500 lineal yards.
 - (b) Road from Bolinass to Knockfodda from junction with Roundwood-Ballyduff-Ashford Road to junction with Ballyduff-Tomriland Road at Bolinass—approximately 1½ miles.
- 7.—To consider the giving of public notice for the taking over as Public Roads the following roads:—
 - (a) Portion of Road from Whiterock to Mullins, approximate distance of half mile from Whiterock.
 - (b) Continuation of Three Wells Road at Aughrim, a distance of 440 yards north-east.
 - (c) Road near Ballinteskin from junction with Road 106 to junction with Road 108-9 at Gormanstown.
 - (d) Road at Knockatomcoyle.
- 8.—Letter of appreciation from Greystones and District Civic Association re improvement of road from Lower Windgates to Bridge at Redford.
- 9.—Letter dated 21st March, 1960, from Department of Local Government regarding road administration in County Wicklow (copy of letter enclosed).
- 10.—Report re tenders for purchase of lorries.
- 11.—White Paper issued by the Government giving proposals for Road Traffic Legislation, 1960 (copy circulated).
- 12.—Letter from Irish Transport and General Workers Union rejecting offer of wages increase for roadworkers and allowance of two days holidays and referring these matters to the Labour Court and letter from the Labour Court re Conciliation Conference.
- 13.—Turf Production, 1960.
- 14.—Letters from Irish Local Government Officials' Union and Irish Medical Association and Irish Nurses Organisation re increases in remuneration and asking that these be applied as from 15th December, 1959.

- 15.—Report of Special Committee regarding Caravan Sites (copy circulated).
 16.—Brittas Bay Development Plan.
 17.—Proposed Water Supply for Sanitary Convenience at Glendalough.
 18.—Notice of Motion in the name of the members of the Council for Bray Electoral Area that two lights be erected at a point or points between Enniskerry Village and Kilgarron Housing Scheme.
 19.—Report of Chief Fire Officer regarding Blessington Fire Brigade.
 20.—Letter from Department of Agriculture re proposed amendments of Sheep Dipping Orders, 1937 and 1948.
 21.—Report re duties of Assistant County Medical Officers.
 22.—Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM NO. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 1st and 8th February, 1960.
 Passed unanimously.

CLERK TYPIST AT BLESSINGTON.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Miley enquired why a Notice of Motion which he had handed in regarding the position of Miss M. Mason at Blessington was not included on the Agenda. The County Secretary stated that as had been explained to Councillor Miley this was a matter for the County Manager and it was not possible to allow Miss Mason increments on her scale on account of her previous temporary service. The Co. Manager explained that recruitment to posts as Clerk-Typists was normally by open competitive examination but in this case on account of Miss Mason having had previous temporary service with the Council and with the Assist. County Engineer the Department had agreed to her being appointed permanently. It would not be possible, however, to allow her additional increments on her scale in relation to her previous temporary service.

ITEM NO. 2—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1960.

The Council considered in Committee the applications to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme. The Council noted that two candidates were not eligible as the parents' means exceeded the amounts specified in the Scheme. The Council approved of the remaining candidates subject in the case of candidate Brendan J. Haughton to confirmation of income of parent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the following applications to compete under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme, 1960:—

Constance Mary Browne, Baltinglass.
 Maire Anne Ferguson, Kilpedder Camp, Kilpedder.
 Brendan J. Haughton, Seaview Road, Wicklow, subject to confirmation of income.
 Hugh Patrick Horan, Grove Farm, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder.
 Mary Josephine Mullen, Humewood, Kiltegan.
 Patrick Joseph McLoughlin, 1, Seapoint Tce., Bray.
 Brigid J. A. Nolan, 70, Lr. Main St., Arklow.
 Laurence O'Duffy, 8, O'Connell's Tce., Arklow.
 Dermot B. Quigley, 34, O'Byrne Road, Bray.
 Laurence P. Tallon, Emoclew, Arklow.
 Michael Jos. Tuite, Marlton Road, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—VACANCY ON COUNCIL.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Labour Party, Bray Branch, in reference to the resignation of Mr. William Lawless from the Council and asking that as Mr. Lawless had held the seat in the Labour interest and as the Local Elections were imminent that the Council take no steps to fill the vacancy. The Council agreed that no action be taken to fill the vacancy.

ITEM NO. 4—TO FIX DATE FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby determine that 29th June, 1960, shall be the date for the election of County Councillors in the current year.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—APPLICATION FROM IRISH MOTOR RACING CLUB, LTD., FOR CLOSING OF PUBLIC ROAD AT ENNISKERRY FOR PURPOSES OF ANNUAL HILL CLIMB ON 30th APRIL, 1960.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;
 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 30th April, 1960, 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 Mrs. Ledwidge;
 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 30th April, 1960, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. during the period when such road is closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS.

The County Secretary stated that notice of the Council's intention to declare two roads, one at Ballinderry and one at Bolina's, to be public roads had been given and the Council had deferred making the declaration pending provision being made for carrying out works on these roads. The Local Committees at the recent meetings had provided monies for works on the two roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCrea;
 Seconded by Councillor Smyth:

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare the following roads to be public roads:—

(a) Road from Ballinderry-Knockrath Road No. 124 at Ballydowling to

the Rathdrum-Laragh Road No. 122 at Knockrath Post Office a distance of 1,500 l. yards.

- (b) Road from Bolinass to Knockfodda from junction with the Roundwood-Ballyduff-Ashford Road to junction with Ballyduff-Tomriland Road at Bolinass a distance of approximately 1½ miles.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—TO CONSIDER THE GIVING OF PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE TAKING OVER AS PUBLIC ROADS OF THE FOLLOWING ROADS—PORTION OF ROAD FROM WHITEROCK TO MULLINS, APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF MILE FROM WHITEROCK: CONTINUATION OF THREE WELLS ROAD AT AUGH- RIM 440 YARDS NORTH EAST: ROAD NEAR BALLINTESKIN FROM JUNCTION WITH ROAD 106 TO JUNCTION WITH ROAD 108/9 AT GORMANSTOWN: AND ROAD AT KNOCKATOMCOYLE.

In regard to these roads the County Secretary stated that provision had been made by the Local Committee for expenditure of monies for the repair of portion of road at Whiterock, Three Wells road at Aughrim and road at Gormanstown. In regard to the road at Knockatomcoyle the Engineer had reported that this road had been recently reconstructed with the aid of a grant under the Rural Improvements Scheme and was now in good repair generally but the dry stone retaining walls which support the adjoining lands had collapsed on to the road at several points and this had not yet been put right. This would affect the drainage and there was danger of further deterioration of the supporting banks. Councillor McCrea suggested that the Council might give the necessary public notice of intention to take over the road and re-consider the matter before making the formal declaration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of public notice being given of our intention to take over as public roads the following roads:—

- Portion of the road from Whiterock to Mullins, being approximately ½ mile in length from the junction of this road with the Main Road No. 208 at Whiterock East.
 - Continuation of Three Wells Road No. 146 at Aughrim for a distance of 500 yards north-east.
 - Road at Gormanstown from junction with Road 106 near Ballinteskinn to its junction with Road 108-9 at Gormanstown, approximately 1 mile in length.
 - Laneway at Knockatomcoyle from junction with County Road 246 at Knockatomcoyle towards Carrick—Approximately 750 yds. in length.
- Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8—LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM GREYSTONES AND DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

The Council noted with thanks the letter of 15th March, 1960, from Greystones and District Civic Association stating that the Committee had noted with deep approval the scheme of the improvement of the road down Lower Windgates to the Bridge and conveying to the Council, its officers and all concerned, their appreciation and congratulations for the planning of the Scheme and efficient way in which it is being carried out.

ITEM NO. 9—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING ROAD ADMINISTRATION.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members:—

R. 27/3/7
R. 27/4/7
R. 27/2/5
R. 27/9/8

Department of Local Government,
Roads,
Custom House,
Dublin.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

21st March, 1960.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence on various matters of road administration in County Wicklow and to reply as follows:—

County Road Improvement Grant, 1959/'60.

With reference to the County Manager's letter of 28th January last regarding two schemes carried out by the County Council under the above, it is noted that a report from the County Engineer is being obtained and that a reply will then be furnished regarding the specific queries raised on these particular schemes.

The interim reply does not deal with the particular schemes mentioned and the general remarks in it appear to be largely based on misconceptions, while some are irrelevant. The letter notifying Road Fund Grants in 1959-'60, as in other years, advises county councils that "subject to the over-ruling principle of securing economy, the county councils' road programme should be devised so that reasonably regular employment will be afforded and a substantial drop at the end will be avoided." The grants are also subject to the condition that an adequate return is obtained for expenditure and the general administration of road work is satisfactory. These conditions are necessary because the Minister is responsible for expenditure out of the Road Fund and must see that the best possible value is obtained for that expenditure. If on any particular scheme wasteful or inefficient work is carried out regard must be had to that fact when the council's claim for recoupment is being considered.

As the use of plant is an important feature of modern road administration, it follows that the most efficient use possible should be made of it. It does not necessarily follow that this is being done because there is a surplus on the Machinery Expenses Account in any particular year, or because a particular item of plant has not been hired. The ultimate test is the final cost of road operations in which plant charges form only one item. These final costs are relatively high in Co. Wicklow and indeed in the case of surface dressing, unit costs are the highest in the country.

Questions regarding the machinery expenses account and machinery charges can be dealt with as a separate issue. In this connection, it will be noted that information sought on 28th July last regarding the county council's proposed charges for the period from 1st August, 1959, have not been furnished although four reminders were sent to the Council.

Main Road Upkeep Grant, 1959-'60.

The correspondence reveals the continuance of serious defects in road administration in Co. Wicklow, notwithstanding letters addressed to the Co. Council in recent years. Three schemes (IMR-213B, JMR-243 and IMR-213A) were not alone started but completed before documents were submitted to the Department. Another scheme (AMR-24) was started. In at least the last-mentioned case, a decision was taken by the local authority to start the work before a proper estimate was available. They allocated £4,000 for the scheme and the estimate now submitted shows a total of

£5,489. In effect, the local authority and the Department are being committed to schemes without having the opportunity of considering their relative value in the light of a reasonable estimate. Unless schemes are properly planned in advance and satisfactory documents submitted to the Department and approved in advance, no guarantee can be given that, in future, recoupment will be made in respect of any work undertaken on such schemes.

As regards schemes IMR-213B, JMR-243 and IMR-213A, the Department wrote on 16th May, 1959, asking the submission of documents for these works. No reply was received but the works were started and completed. The Co. Council were asked on 11th January, 1960, why this was done. The explanation furnished on 15th and 25th January cannot be accepted as satisfactory in view of the fact that the Co. Council's attention had been drawn to similar occurrences in previous years. The technical documents submitted on 22nd December, 1959, for schemes IMR-213B and JMR-243, which had already been completed by then, are in order and, as a special concession, the works will be accepted for grant purposes.

Scheme IMR-213A appears to be only part of a scheme intended to be carried out over a period. The full scheme should have been designed in advance and a proper estimate prepared to enable the desirability of doing it to be considered. The request to have this year's expenditure of £2,000 accepted for grant purposes cannot be considered until proper documents (including an estimate) for the entire project have been submitted for examination.

Schemes AMR-26, AMR-5 and AMR-5A are approved. As stated above, scheme AMR-24 was started prior to approval by the Department, and is now approved only on the basis set out above in regard to IMR-213B and JMR-243.

The Co. Council were asked on 16th May, 1959, to furnish observations on this year's road works provision for surface-dressing and the advisability of an extended use of dense tar surfacing. A reply was not received until late in January, 1960, and the matter can be considered now only in relation to future years. It is noted from the Co. Engineer's report that he is alive to the need for an adequate programme of surface-dressing to deal with the growing mileage of rolled county roads. The need for this treatment, to preserve the new capital assets financed by Road Fund Grants, has been stressed in the Department's letter notifying grants each year. In this connection consideration should be given to the need for securing economies and thereby securing the maximum results from expenditure. It will be noted that the costs of surface-dressing as carried out by Wicklow Co. Council at present are the highest in the country. It is understood that, even in Co. Wicklow, chippings suitable for county road surface dressing can be purchased at approximately one-third of the cost (ex-quarry) of the chippings produced by the County Council.

The suggestion regarding dense tar surfacing was made to assist the Council in reducing the cost of operations, some of which are financed with the aid of Road Fund Grants. Experience has shown that a maintenance free life of 20 years can be expected from such a surfacing. It is understood that recent costs for it in Co. Wicklow were about 5/6d. per sq. yard. While the initial cost of bituminous macadam is lower (approximately 4/- per sq. yard) a one seal treatment must be applied within 5 years, followed by surface-dressing, the cost of these subsequent operations being approximately 2/- per sq. yard. The bitumen macadam would then require further maintenance treatment not necessary in the case of dense tar surfacing because of the superior strength and tough quality of the latter. It is noted that the Co. Engineer favours dense tar surfacing, but

considers that the Council's own plant would not be adequate for its production. Further consideration should, however, be given to taking the necessary steps for the use of this material, in view of the economies afforded.

Main Road Improvement Grant, 1957-58.

With regard to the requisitions submitted by the Co. Council for payment of the final instalment on foot of the above grant, I am to state that the Council were reminded on 15th October, 1957, that work should not commence on any scheme until all the necessary documents had been submitted to the Department and approved. The Council applied on 25th June, 1958, for an extension of time to 31st July for schemes No. N.M.4 and N.M.6, and Forms 11 and plans for scheme No. N.M.3 were submitted for the first time. The Department approved of the extension for schemes Nos. N.M.4 and N.M.6 but queried the position regarding scheme No. N.M.3 (for which an extension had not been sought). On 10th October, 1958, documents were submitted for N.M.3 and N.M.4, revising the amounts allocated for these schemes to £360 and £1,381, respectively. This was the first submission of Form 11 for scheme No. N.M.4, and the scheme had already been executed. As regards scheme No. N.M.3, which was executed between 15th August, 1958, and 30th September, 1958, the Council now state that in the application of 25th June, 1958, for extension of time, N.M.6 should have read N.M.3. Even on this basis, the position is unsatisfactory in that the extension of time approved was to 31st July, whereas work on scheme No. N.M.3 continued up to 30th September, 1958. It is clear that attention was not given to the Department's request that works should be designed and planned in good time and adequate estimates, etc., based on design submitted at an early date. As indicated above work should not be commenced on schemes in respect of which grants are proposed to be claimed until the approval of the Department has been obtained. In the circumstances, the amount of recoupment claimed is being reduced by £849 15s. 0d. (£360 in respect of N.M.3 and £489 15s. being over-expenditure on N.M.4).

Tourist Roads Grant, 1960-61.

As to your letter of 29th January, requesting a special grant of £20,000 for the improvement of certain roads of tourist value in 1960-61, I am to state that consideration of the request is being deferred until the Minister is satisfied that steps will be taken to bring road administration in County Wicklow up to a reasonable standard.

I am to request that this letter be brought to the attention of the county council.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: E. T. SHEEHY.

Councillor McCarthy said that normally a matter of this sort should be worked out between the Co. Manager, the Engineering staff and a representative of the Department. The Co. Manager pointed out that the letter was in effect a criticism of the Council's own policy and that of course the policy in relation to road works was determined by the Council. Apparently this policy was not entirely acceptable to the Department. Chippings used for road works were produced by the Council's own staff in the Council's quarries and the Council had in recent years expended substantial sums in providing machinery for the production of stone. The costs of road works were affected by the cost of production of chippings, the cost of tar, wages of workers, machinery and other matters, and all these would need to be taken into account if a comparison in costs with other Counties was required. The rate of wages for instance in Co. Wicklow was higher than in most other Counties. The cost of production of stone varied as between the different quarries and the cost charged to the

Road Works was also affected by the cost of transport from the quarries. The Council's Engineers considered that the stone used in Co. Wicklow was of high quality and more durable than in most areas and in consequence gave a longer period of wear. As a result it was necessary to surface dress roads in Co. Wicklow only every 7 or 8 years in many cases instead of 5 years which might be necessary if the stone were not of similar wearing quality. It had been the Council's policy for many years past to produce all road materials required and a substantial capital investment had been made in the acquisition of plant for this purpose. The Council also bore in mind that the production of materials by the Council staff resulted in the provision of very necessary employment. As regards the cost of surface dressing in the various areas the Co. Manager stated that the costs in the Southern and Western areas were the highest and the cost in the South-East was the lowest as that area was the nearest to the Council's principal quarry. In regard to the preparation and submission of documents to the Department the Co. Manager stated that the Council's Engineering staff consisted of the Co. Engineer and Chief Assistant and four Assistant Co. Engineers. The Department had been urging that the Council appoint a special technical engineer for the preparation of documents but it seemed doubtful if there was necessity for such additional Engineer. The Co. Manager pointed out that the Council, when an Assistant Co. Engineer had retired some years ago, had sought to reduce the number of Assistant Co. Engineers to three and had only agreed to the continuance of four Assistant Co. Engineers following strong representations from himself. In former years the Road Works Scheme had been prepared and considered by the Council during the month of November and in consequence the Co. Engineer was in a position to have all necessary plans prepared and forwarded to the Department before the end of the financial year in respect of the works to be carried out in the following financial year. For some years past it had been the practice of the Council to deal with the estimate for road works in conjunction with the Estimates for other services and it was not until following the determination of the Estimates that meetings of the local committees could be arranged and the Road Works programme for the following year determined. In consequence it was not until the end of March that full details of the programme for the following year were available. The Council's Engineers, however, could not delay the starting of work pending consideration by the Department of detailed documents in all cases as otherwise there would be a lack of employment. In regard to the programme of resurfacing of roads the Co. Manager pointed out that the Council had been concentrating on the taking over of additional roads for reconstruction to the greatest extent possible and in consequence the greater proportion of the monies available were devoted to the reconstruction of roads rather than to surface dressing in some years. This again was the policy of the Council. As regards the works already carried out by the Council the Co. Manager stated that the standard appeared to be high and the work was carried out with reasonable speed. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that he would like to challenge the Department in regard to the matter of the roads in Co. Wicklow and stated that no other County in Ireland had advanced so far with their Road Works Programme as Co. Wicklow. He stated that the Council had nothing to apologise for, that they had provided sufficient money each year to qualify for whatever road grants were available and that the standard of work done was very satisfactory. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., supported Councillor McCrea's views and agreed with the policy of the Council to provide as much employment by production of materials as was possible. Councillor Miley stated that the cost of producing chippings at Blessington would be cheaper than using Newtown Quarry and asked that this be examined. He also suggested that the Council had no Engineer qualified to supervise Machinery. He referred also to the best time for preparation

of chippings and stated that tarring should be done in the Summer time. The Co. Engineer referred to the time at which the Road Works Scheme was considered by the Council and agreed with the Co. Manager that it was not possible to have all documents in respect of the works prepared and submitted to the Department before the commencement of the financial year. He referred to the extent of work required in the preparation of documents and stated that the Engineering Staff was not sufficient to enable these documents to be submitted as promptly as required by the Department. In regard to the cost of chippings in West Wicklow the Co. Engineer pointed out that the chippings in Newtown Quarry were of a hard type and that it was a difficult quarry to work. The chippings available in Blessington were of a softer material. He stated that he would go into the question of reducing costs with the County Manager.

Councillor Miley asked that particulars be submitted of the mileage of roads still to be tarred in each Engineer's District and total mileage in each area. The Co. Manager stated that these particulars would be submitted, but pointed out that in addition it was necessary to take into account the population and valuation in the respective areas and the traffic density on the roads. The Council agreed that the matter be left to the Co. Manager and Co. Engineer to submit replies to the Department.

ITEM NO. 10—REPORT RE TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF LORRIES.

The County Secretary stated that a further report from the Co. Engineer had been received only shortly before the meeting and there had not been time for its examination by the Co. Manager. The Co. Engineer explained that he had been absent attending a special course in University College in Dublin during the previous week and could not complete and submit his report at an earlier time. The Council decided to adjourn the matter.

ITEM NO. 11—WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT GIVING PROPOSALS FOR ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION, 1960.

A copy of the White Paper had been circulated to each member of the Council. The Council decided to adjourn this matter for consideration at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19th April, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

ITEM NO. 12—LETTER FROM IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION REJECTING OFFER OF WAGES INCREASE FOR ROAD WORKERS AND ALLOWANCE OF TWO DAYS HOLIDAYS AND REFERRING THE MATTERS TO THE LABOUR COURT, AND LETTER FROM THE LABOUR COURT RE CONCILIATION CONFERENCE.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union stating that their members after due consideration had rejected the Council's offer of 7s. 6d. per week wage increase for roadworkers and allowance of two days holidays in lieu of 6th January and 29th June, both offers being regarded as most inadequate in prevailing circumstances. The Union stated that they were referring both matters to the Labour Court for public investigation. The Co. Secretary submitted letter from the Labour Court enquiring if the Council would be prepared to be represented at the Conciliation Conference in regard to this dispute. The Co. Secretary stated that the Federation of Rural Workers in letter of 3rd March, 1960, had accepted on behalf of their members the 7/6d. increase in wages for roadworkers and the allowance of 2 days holidays in lieu of 6th January and 29th June and that they thanked the Council for these. The Council agreed that the Council's officers attend at the Conciliation Conference.

ITEM NO. 13—TURF PRODUCTION, 1960.

Report of Co. Engineer indicating that he proposed to cut approximately 350 to 400 tons of turf on Ballinagee Bog and from 750 to 1,000 tons on Glenmacnass Bog during the 1960 season was submitted. The figures of production would depend on favourable weather conditions. The County Engineer also stated in his report that it was not proposed that any turf be cut by the Council on Farbreaga Bog due generally to the difficulty of obtaining men in the area and because it was felt that private cutting was being interfered with. The Co. Secretary stated that in the 1958 season it had not been possible to take turf off the bogs due to the bad weather conditions in that year, but in 1959 turf had been produced and a good part of the previous year's production had been saved. The total quantity produced over the two years was 1,910 tons at a cost of £5 12s. delivered. The full requirements of the Council for Institutions was approximately 3,000 tons in a year. The Council approved of the Co. Engineer's recommendation for the production of turf and urged that the maximum quantity consistent with weather conditions be produced. Members of the Council also asked that turf be produced on Farbreaga Bog and asked that particulars of the cost of production of turf on Farbreaga as compared with the costs at Glenmacnass and Ballinagee be submitted.

ITEM NO. 14 — LETTERS FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION, IRISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND IRISH NURSES' ORGANISATION RE INCREASES IN REMUNERATION AND ASKING THAT THEY BE APPLIED AS FROM 15th DECEMBER, 1959.

The Co. Secretary submitted letters from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, Irish Medical Association and Irish Nurses' Organisation asking that the increases in remuneration recently granted be applied from 15th December, 1959, and pointing out that these increases had been applied generally from that date. The Chairman pointed out that a decision had been taken on this matter within the last few months and that it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders if it were to be considered. Councillor McCarthy stated that he would hand in a notice of motion for the next meeting of the Council for the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of discussing the recent increase in wages and salaries.

ITEM NO. 15—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE REGARDING CARAVAN SITES.

A copy of the report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council in regard to Caravan Sites had been circulated to the members. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for consideration at the meeting to be held on 19th April, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

ITEM NO. 16—BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

A report on the discussions between the Architect for the Brittas Bay Development Association and the Council's Officers had been circulated to the members. The Council decided to adjourn this matter for consideration at the meeting of the Council to be held on 19th April, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

ITEM NO. 17—PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY FOR SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT GLENDALOUGH.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

JTO'B/BH.

Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer,
Co. Council Offices, Rathdrum.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

19th October, 1959.

Re Public Convenience at Glendalough.

Dear Sir,

I recently visited Glendalough area and investigated the question of

providing water supply to the Car Park and also the proposed Public Convenience in the vicinity of the Royal Hotel. I was accompanied by two Engineering Inspectors from Bórd Fáilte.

An adequate water supply can be obtained from the Mountain stream at Lugduff at the rear of the Forestry premises and with the laying of 1½" plastic pipe there is sufficient fall and volume for the purpose intended. The pipe would be laid down along the Upper Lake and branched over to the Public Convenience and Car Park providing two fountains, one on the Car Park and the other adjoining the lake side. The estimated cost of this would be £480 for 700 lin. yards.

I am taking the matter up with Bórd Fáilte asking for a free Grant towards the costs.

With regard to the Public Convenience, a site was examined near the Royal Hotel Bridge on the eastern side of the river and seems to be suitable. Access can be obtained from the Main Road near the Royal Hotel Corner and the structure would be screened by the existing trees. It is necessary, however, to get an Agreement from the owner of the land, Mr. J. P. Wynne, and this I am arranging to do.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Note.—Your letter dated 17th inst., refers to a source 200 yards away, but this almost dried up in 1959.

The Co. Secretary stated that enquiry had been made from Bórd Fáilte as to whether a grant could be made available towards the cost of providing a water supply but the Board had replied stating that unfortunately with the curtailed funds to do such works they could not offer assistance. It was stated that they appreciated the merit of the proposed water supply, however, and would keep the matter under review. The Co. Secretary stated that it would be desirable to provide a water supply as at present it was necessary for an employee of the Council to spend considerable time in pumping water for the public convenience.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Smyth;

Seconded by Councillor Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of a water supply for Sanitary Convenience at Glendalough in accordance with recommendation of the Co. Engineer, and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £480 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 5 years to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 18—PROPOSED LIGHTS BETWEEN ENNISKERRY VILLAGE AND KILGARRON HOUSING SCHEME.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of quotation being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of two public lights at points recommended by the Assist. County Engineer between Enniskerry Village and Kilgarron Housing Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 19—REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER REGARDING BLESSINGTON FIRE BRIGADE.

Councillor Miley asked that this matter be deferred and that a copy of the report of the Chief Fire Officer be sent to him. The Council agreed to defer the matter.

ITEM NO. 20—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN SHEEP DIPPING ORDERS, 1937, AND 1948.

The Council decided to refer the Department's letter to the Committee of Agriculture for the Committee's observations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Sheep Dipping Orders.

ITEM NO. 21—REPORT RE DUTIES OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICERS.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the duties of the Assistant County Medical Officers giving details of the numbers of Clinics under the Child Welfare Service, the number of disabled persons in receipt of allowances, the number of children vaccinated against Poliomyelitis, the number of Tuberculin Tests and vaccinations and details of School Medical Inspections giving the number of children examined. The Council noted the particulars submitted. Councillor Everett referred again to the matter of the supply of clothing to patients in Newcastle Sanatorium and stated that a person with considerable means had been able to obtain clothes whereas others who were in need had difficulty in getting them.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN SCHOLARSHIP.

The Co. Secretary stated that a reply had been received from the Department of Education in regard to the Resolution passed by the Council to increase the value of the scholarship held by Mary Emily Doyle from £25 to £70, and stating that such proposal would not be in accordance with the terms of the Scholarship Scheme and that the Minister regretted that he did not consider the circumstances of the case such as would justify his approving of an amendment of the Scheme to provide for payment of the scholarship at the higher rate of £70.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

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

"That I or someone for me will move that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of discussing recent increase in wages and salaries of employees."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m., on 19th April, 1960, to consider certain items which had been adjourned from the meeting held on 11th April, 1960.

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, M. Deering, J. Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., S. O. Maicin, J. Smyth and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer, J. P. Caffrey, were present.

AGENDA:

1. White Paper issued by the Government giving proposals for Road Traffic Legislation, 1960.
2. Report of Special Committee regarding Caravan Sites.
3. Brittas Bay Development Plan.
4. Proposed Purchase of Lorries—Letter from Tenderer.

ITEM NO. 1 — WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT GIVING PROPOSALS FOR ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION, 1960.

A copy of the White Paper had been furnished to each member of the Council. The Council considered in detail the proposals set out in the paper including 1 Speed limits; 2 Driving Tests; 3 Tests of Vehicles; 4 Fines on the Spot for Minor Offences; 5 Compulsory Insurance covering passengers, etc. In regard to the matter of driving tests some members felt that these tests would not be effective in reducing road accidents. Members did agree that it was desirable that new drivers be tested on their knowledge of the Rules of the Road. The Council discussed in particular the proposed arrangement for Fines on the Spot for minor offences but did not reach agreement as to whether this proposal would be desirable or otherwise. The County Manager stated that the Council's views on the matter would be forwarded to the Dept. of Local Government.

ITEM NO. 2—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE REGARDING CARAVAN SITES.

A copy of the report of the Special Committee and a copy of the Appendices to the report had been circulated to the members of the Council. The Co. Manager drew attention to the details given in Appendix A in regard to the percentage of persons from different areas who had used the Caravan Sites in the County. It would be noted that about 10 per cent. of the persons visiting the sites were from Great Britain. The County Manager referred also to the report of the County Medical Officer which had been given as Appendix E to the Committee's Report and to the comments of the Secretary of the Caravan Club which were quoted in the report. He felt sure that the Council would wish to facilitate genuine mobile caravanners and ensure that they would not be squeezed out of Caravan Sites as it was stated had happened in parts of England. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the possibility of the owner of a Caravan Site restricting access to the site to

caravans of a certain make for instance. It was agreed that this was a matter which it was desirable to examine. Councillor Haughton disagreed with the imposition of any further restriction on caravans and felt that control given under existing legislation was sufficient. Councillor Miley, referring to a particular application for a Caravan Site at Brittas, stated he had had a discussion with a representative of the promoters who had assured him that there would be no fixed caravans on the site if permission were given and that the firm developing the site would provide their own water supply and sewerage system. The County Manager pointed out that this particular application had been dealt with on the basis of the documents submitted and referred to the views expressed by the County Medical Officer in regard to that particular proposal.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., and Seconded by Councillor S. Macken.

Resolved—That having considered report of Committee of representatives of County Council and of the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow in relation to Caravan Sites we hereby approve of the following recommendations made by the Committee:—

1. That the licensing period under Section 34 (4) of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, be restricted to the period 1st April to 31st October in any one year.
 2. That the period during which a caravan or temporary dwelling may be placed on a site without a licence be 12 days and that an unlicensed site shall not be used for caravans or temporary dwellings for more than 24 days in all in any consecutive period of 12 months, and that Section 34 (10) of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, be amended accordingly.
 3. That sub-section 16 (b) of section 34 of the Act be amended by the insertion of 7 days in place of 48 hours in that sub-section.
 4. That the licence for any particular site outside an Urban District should not be for a greater number of caravans than 50 and that the number of caravans per square mile in any area outside of an Urban District shall not exceed 100 with the further provision that in the area within a half mile of the coastline the density of caravans or temporary dwellings shall not exceed 50 per square mile.
 5. That all caravans be mobile and capable of being moved at any time from licensed property.
 6. That in respect of unlicensed sites the Local Authority be empowered to proceed against owners, occupiers or any other person having an interest in the site or in such temporary dwellings and that the provisions of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, be amended accordingly.
 7. That every caravan on any licensed site have clearly shown on it the name and address of the owner.
 8. That no caravan be placed within 100 yards of any dwelling unless with the permission of the owner of such dwelling.
 9. That in considering applications for licences the Sanitary Authority shall have regard to the effect on amenities including the possibility of the value of adjoining properties being adversely affected or of injury being done to scenic values.
- Passed, Councillor Haughton dissenting.

ITEM NO. 3—BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

A copy of the report of the discussion between the Architect for the Brittas Bay Development Association and Council's officers in regard to proposed development plan for Brittas Bay had been circulated to the members of the Council. The Council decided to receive a deputation from the association on the subject at the meeting to be held on 2nd May, 1960. The Council asked that a list of the members of the Association be obtained from their Secretary.

ITEM NO. 4—PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LORRIES.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 13th April received from the Abbey Service Garage (Wicklow) Ltd. stating that owing to the long delay they had now decided to withdraw their tender. The firm had been informed that the matter would be considered again at the meeting of the Council and it was hoped that a final decision on the tenders received could be taken. The County Manager, in reply to members, stated that it must be agreed that there had been a long delay in dealing with the matter as tenders for the lorries had been opened on the afternoon of 18th January, 1960, and no report had been received from the County Engineer on the matter until 7th March, 1960. This report was not considered adequate and the County Engineer submitted further reports on 14th March and 11th April. The County Manager stated that from the reports available and from enquiries made from other Local Authorities and other users of trucks that there were not adequate reasons for refusing the lowest tender and accepting a tender at a cost of £2,384 higher. Moreover, it had been found that the Chief Assistant Engineer who had special duties in relation to machinery had considered that the lowest tender could be accepted and had expressed the view that the Ford Thames Diesel Truck could be expected to give satisfactory performance. At the request of members of the Council the County Secretary read the reports of the County Engineer of 7th March, 1960, 12th March, 1960, and 8th April, 1960. The County Manager submitted details of replies received from five Local Authorities which had been using Ford Thames Diesel Trucks and reports from three local users of both Ford and Commer Trucks. These reports indicated that the Ford Thames Diesel Truck had been found satisfactory. The County Engineer stated that he was satisfied that the best value would be obtained by the Council in purchasing the Commer trucks at the figure of £15,464 for the 8 trucks. The County Manager drew attention to the view that might be taken by the Local Government Auditor if a tender in the amount of £2,384 more than the lowest tender was accepted without adequate cause.

It was proposed by Councillor Miley, Seconded by Cllr. Haughton.

Resolved—That we accept the recommendation of the County Engineer for the purchase of Commer Lorries and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £15,464 repayable over a period of five years from the Council's Treasurer to defray the cost of the lorries.

A vote having been called for, the members voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C., G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Macken, J. D. Haughton—12.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Kehoe, J. Everett, T.D., J. Smyth and H. J. Byrne—4.

The Resolution was declared passed by 12 votes in favour to 4 votes against. The meeting then terminated.

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 May, 1960, 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 Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, Mark Deering, J. Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, Seamus O Maicin, John Smyth and J. D. Haughton. The County Manager, Co. Secretary, Co. Engineer, Chief Asst. Co. Engineer and Asst. County Engineers C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey, P. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

AGENDA

1. To receive tenders for repairs to cottages for period to 31st March, 1961.
2. Reception of Deputation from Brittas Bay Development Association in relation to Preliminary Report and Draft Plan for Brittas Bay Area.
3. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
4. Letter from Special Employment Schemes Office re proposed repair under Rural Improvement Scheme of accommodation road at Ballyknocken.
5. To affix seal of the Council to Mortgage for loan of £745 for Baltinglass Water Supply.

ITEM NO. 1—TENDERS FOR REPAIRS TO COTTAGES FOR PERIOD TO 31st MARCH, 1961.

Eleven tenders received in response to public advertisement for repairs to cottages during the period to 31st March, 1961, were opened in the presence of the members. The tenders were from the following in respect of the Districts indicated:—

Name and Address of Tenderer.	District Nos.
Peter Murphy, Cooldross, Kilcoole— 25 per cent. over Standard Rate.	1, 2 and 3
Patrick Callaghan, 7 Pairc Muire, Tullow—5 per cent. over Standard Rate.	7 and 10
W. and G. Connolly, Putland Road, Bray—50 per cent. over Standard Rate.	1
Chris O'Toole, Wicklow—50 per cent. over Standard Rate.	1, 2, 3 and 4
John Kehoe, Mill St., Tullow—10 per cent. over Standard Rate.	5, 6, 7 and 8
Myles Richards, Coolflake, Rath- drum—20 per cent. over Standard Rate.	5
P. W. Chambers, Killickabawn, Delgany—30 p.c. over Standard rate.	1, 2 and 3

McNully Bros., 3 Railway Road,
Dalkey—25 p.c. over Standard
Rate. 1

David Lee, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum
—20 p.c. over Standard Rate. 4

O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon 1 (5 p.c. over Std. Rate).
2 (Standard Rate).
3 (5 p.c. over Std. Rate).

Thos. J. Keenan, Lourdes Crescent,
Aughrim—25 p.c. over Standard
Rate. 6, 7 and 8.

The Council agreed that the tenders be referred to the County Engineer for his recommendation. The County Secretary pointed out that no tender had been received for District No. 9, Blessington Area. The Council approved of repairs being carried out in this area by Direct Labour for the period to 31st March, 1961.

ITEM NO. 2—DEPUTATION FROM BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

The Council received a deputation from the Brittas Bay Development Association which was comprised of Messrs. C. J. Cooney, J. O'Higgins, A. McDaniel, G. Staunton, W. Staunton and W. A. Maguire, Architect. A copy of the report of the discussions between Mr. W. Maguire, Architect on behalf of the Association, with officers of the Council had been circulated to the members. Mr. Maguire expressed thanks for the reception of the deputation and for the discussions with the County Manager and the officers of the Council. He stated that major problems in relation to the Brittas Bay Area were 1, Water Supply and 2, Drainage. In regard to the water supply he stated that the bungalows at Brittas Bay were supplied with water from their own pumps but it had been found that supplies often broke down. As regards the supply of water he suggested that Potters River might be used as a source and also referred to the possible source on Mr. McDaniel's lands. Mr. Maguire asked for the co-operation of the Council with the Association in preparing a set of principles to cover the provision of service facilities and to act as guide for those who might be intending to invest in promoting holiday accommodation in Brittas. Mr. O'Higgins, referring to the Caravan Sites, agreed that control of such sites was most desirable and referred to Caravans which had been placed near his premises. He stressed the need for adequate supervision of health facilities and referred to the possibility of an outbreak of fire and suggested that there should be special safeguards in this respect. Otherwise, he stated, grass could be burned which provided protection against erosion by winds. In regard to roads he objected to the extent of widening proposed at one part which would involve the cutting of trees on his holding. Mr. McDaniel stated that the Association had recently purchased the lands owned by Mrs. Leahy and would be prepared to sell part of this land to the Council for the purposes of a Car Park and public access to the sea. He referred also to the possibility of water being available on the hill behind his hotel.

Mr. Staunton considered that a Sanitary Convenience should be provided at Brittas Bridge and stated that the bridge was too narrow and was a danger to traffic.

The Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, expressed thanks to the deputation for attending and conveying their views regarding the development at Brittas Bay. He stated that the interests of Brittas Bay were receiving much attention by the Council and pointed out the difficulties in regard to finance.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor McCrea it was stated that the deputation generally was in favour of the provision of extra Caravan accommodation at Brittas Bay, Mr. Maguire pointing out that the orderly development of Caravans was not objectionable. Councillor McCrea pointed out that in one application received by the Council it had been proposed to provide 170 Caravans.

Mr. O'Higgins stated that property owners and some land owners in Brittas Bay were not members of the Association but would be concerned with the development of Caravans Sites and it would be desirable to obtain their views.

ITEM NO. 3.—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The Co. Secretary stated that it had been found that a structure was being erected on the Little Sugarloaf during the Easter week-end without any permission having been given by the Council and it was necessary to serve a Prohibition Order immediately on the owner. Plans had since been received in respect of the structure and these were submitted. The structure consisted of the placing of a bedroom overhead an existing one-roomed building and the plans were regarded as unsatisfactory and permission for the work had been refused. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 4—LETTER FROM SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES OFFICE RE PROPOSED REPAIR UNDER RURAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME OF ACCOMMODATION ROAD AT BALLYKNOCKEN.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 11th March, 1960, from the Special Employment Schemes Office regarding proposed repair under the Rural Improvement Scheme of accommodation road in the townland of Ballyknocken at an estimated cost of £145. There were five dwellings on the road including two Council cottages and a State Grant of £130 was being made available. The local contribution was £15 and it was suggested that the Council might contribute £4 towards the local contribution.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That having considered letter of 11th March, 1960, from Special Employment Schemes Office and recommendation of Assistant County Engineer we approve of a contribution of £4 being made by the Council towards the cost of repair under the Rural Improvement Scheme of the accommodation road at Ballyknocken serving 3 Council cottages.

Passed unanimously.

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ITEM NO. 5—BALTINGLASS WATER SUPPLY.

The County Secretary submitted for sealing by the Council, Mortgage for loan of £745 in respect of Baltinglass Water Supply.

LOAN OF £745—BALTINGLASS WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

It was proposed by Councillor Kehoe, seconded by Councillor Miley

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £745 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952 and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1957.

Passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On the Proposal of Councillor M. Deering, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the relatives of the late The O'Mahony who had died in Argentina.

NEW WATER SUPPLIES.

Referring to enquiry from Councillor McCrea the County Manager stated that the Health Inspectors had been examining the proposals put forward by the Committees of the Council and these would be grouped and recommended by the County Medical Officer in order of priority. When this had been done Temporary Engineers whose employment had been approved by the Council would be engaged to make the necessary surveys. Report from one of the Health Inspectors had been received and it was expected that the other report would be available shortly. Councillor Haughton referred to an application for an extension of the water supply in Glenealy to serve four ex-service-men's houses. It was stated that this proposed extension of the main together with proposed further extension would be considered with the proposals for new water supplies generally.

ROAD SIGNS.

Councillor S. Macken drew attention to the need for additional road signs in the Kilbride-Barndarrig Area. Having mentioned certain places where signs were needed he also referred to the desirability of signposting the newly reconstructed roads at Barniskey from which a fine view of the surrounding country could be obtained. Councillor Hadden also drew attention to a dangerous corner at Ballyrahan Hill and suggested that a white board with an arrow pointing towards the Main Road should be provided. Councillor McCrea stated that the Council should again approach the landowner with a view to acquiring land to ease this corner.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th May, 1960, 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, Seamus O Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., Seamus O Maicin, J. Smyth 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 consider Resolution proposed in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in regard to acceptance of tender for supply of lorries (copy of notice circulated to each member).
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 22nd February, 7th March and 14th March, 1960.
3. To receive Deputation from Greystones District in relation to Refuse Collection Service and other matters.
4. To receive Deputation from Bray and District Trades Council in regard to Hospital Services for Bray and District.
5. Application for Extension of University Scholarship.
6. Letter from the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., re Annual Veteran Car Run, 1960.
7. Application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads in Bray on Sunday, 11th September, 1960, in connection with Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.
8. Application from M.G. Car Club (Irish Centre) for closing of road from Laragh to Drumgoff in Glenmalure on Saturday, 18th June, 1960 for the purpose of Motor Car Hill Climb.
- 8a. Proposal to Close Road at Ballinglen on 19th June, 1960, in connection with Memorial.
- 8b. Proposal to close roads at Blessington on 15th and 16th July on the occasion of Regatta at Blessington Lake.
9. Correspondence regarding proposed abandonment of Old Road at Killarney Road, Bray.
10. Report regarding mileage of a.l roads and of tarred roads in each Engineering District.
11. Recommendation of County Engineer re employment of Technical Assistant and purchase of chippings.
12. Sale of C.I.E. Station and Store at Dunlavin.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of discussing recent increases in wages and salaries of employees.
14. Limitations on payment of certain temporary allowances to officers

15. Letter from Department of Finance in regard to proposals submitted by the Council in response to invitation for suggestions relating to State Investment in Public Projects of Economic Merit.
16. Report of Chief Fire Officer on Fires.
17. To receive tenders for Supply of Fire Engine for Baltinglass Fire Station.
18. Report of Chief Fire Officer regarding Blessington Fire Brigade.
19. Water Supply at Stratford.
20. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley that house be built for Nicholas Neill who has a large family and a site for a house to be built on his brother's farm.
21. Sale of Dispensary and Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry.
22. Report regarding numbers who availed of Mass Radiography Service during the last four years.
23. White Paper issued by the Department of Health on problem of the Mentally Handicapped.
24. Proposed Disposal of Lands at Charvie, Rathnew.
25. Report of Veterinary Inspector in regard to suggested provision of Sheep Dipping Bath at Rathdangan.
26. Letter from Department of Local Government re deductions from amount of Agricultural Grant paid to the Council for year to 31st March, 1960.
27. Minutes of meetings of County Councils' General Council held on 10th December, 1960.
28. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM NO. 1—RESOLUTION IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 4 OF CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, a copy of the Notice of Motion signed by Cirs. J. Miley, P. McCarthy and J. D. Haughton requiring that the tender in the sum of £15,464 for the supply of 8 Commer Trucks be accepted had been circulated to the members. In reply to an enquiry by Cir. McCarthy the County Manager explained the procedure and pointed out that this was necessary in order to give effect to the Council's Resolution at the previous meeting in regard to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins, Ltd., in the sum of £15,464 for the supply of 8 Commer Trucks. In reply to enquiry by Cir. Hadden as to the question whether any surcharge would arise the Co. Manager stated that he could not say what view a Local Government Auditor would take on the matter. The Auditor might hold that the Council were quite correct in accepting the recommendation of the Co. Engineer for the acceptance of this tender. At the request of Cir. P. Brennan, T.D., the Council's Solicitor explained the reason for the submission of the Resolution to the Council.

It was proposed by Cir. J. J. McCrea, and Seconded by Cir. J. Miley.

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that the tender of Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins, Ltd., Wicklow, in the sum of £15,464 for the supply of eight Commer Trucks be accepted as recommended by the County Engineer in his reports of 7th March, 1960, 12th March, 1960, and 8th April, 1960.

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, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C., G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Macken, J. D. Haughton—13.

AGAINST—Councillors A. Hadden, P. Kehoe, J. Smyth and H. J. Byrne—4. The Resolution was declared carried by 13 votes in favour to 4 votes against.

ITEM NO. 2—MINUTES.

It was proposed by Cir. J. McCrea, seconded by Cir. J. O'Toole.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 22nd February, 7th March and 14th March, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes Cir. J. Everett, T.D., asked regarding the supply of clothes for patients in Newcastle Sanatorium and stated that the Council's nurse had gone to one person who had ample means and had told him he could apply for clothes. He stated that the Nurse had informed patients in Newcastle Sanatorium that clothing would not be supplied unless they held a Medical Card. The Co. Manager stated that the County Medical Officer was responsible for allocation of clothing to patients and took into account their need. The case mentioned would be enquired into.

ITEM NO. 3—DEPUTATION FROM GREYSTONES DISTRICT.

The Council received a deputation from the Greystones District in regard to the Refuse Collection Service and other matters. The deputation consisted of Mr. H. A. O'Brien, Mr. J. Lynch and Mrs. Pennycook. Mr. Lynch stated that the question of urbanisation of the area had been shelved. He stressed the need for the provision of a Refuse Collection Service but said that the cost should be spread over the County Health District. He referred to rubbish being dumped around cottages and said that a "No Dumping" sign at Grattan Park had been covered over by weeds and briars. Tenants at St. Brigid's Park were unable to till their plots on account of having to bury the rubbish in their plots. He also stated that repairs were required to the roads at St. Brigid's Park and that a light was needed and referred also to delay in the vesting of cottages. Mrs. Pennycook spoke of the Cafe green under the harbour and asked that improvements be made to the paths and to the approaches to the harbour. Mr. O'Brien referred to discussion with officials of the Department of Local Government in regard to proposals for urbanisation at Greystones and Refuse Collection Service, etc. He also stressed the need for the provision of a Refuse Collection Service and asked as to the possibility of reducing the charges for water in the area. He referred to the charge for water made in Bray. In regard to the cost of the Refuse Collection Service he pointed out that this was provided for £84 in Kilcoole as a County at Large Charge but would cost £800 in Greystones. He suggested that this would be a relatively small sum if charged on the County at Large. He submitted a photograph taken recently showing dumping on a plot at Greystones. He referred also to the recommendation of an eminent surgeon in representations which had been made by Dr. Donnelly in regard to the need for Refuse Collection Service. In reply to enquiry from Mr. O'Brien the County Secretary stated that the charge for water in the Greystones area was 1/8d. in the £ on the Poor Law Valuation with a charge of

6d. per 1,000 gallons for any excess water consumed more than 30 gals. per day per head. The charge was payable to Dublin Corporation. The Chairman of the Council thanked the deputation for attending and stated their views would receive consideration.

ITEM NO. 4—DEPUTATION FROM BRAY AND DISTRICT TRADES COUNCIL IN REGARD TO HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR BRAY AND DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Bray and District Trades Council stating that as no arrangements had been made for the deputation to travel to Wicklow the notice of the meeting on that date was too short and that the position would have to be further examined by the Trades Council at its next meeting after which the Secretary would communicate with the County Council again. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 5—APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

The County Secretary submitted application from Mrs. Margaret O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray, for an extension of the University Scholarship awarded to her son, Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan, in 1957. Mr. O'Sullivan was pursuing a course in medicine at U.C.D. and had secured 2nd class honours in all his examinations so far. The County Secretary stated that the Scholarship Committee of the Council at their meeting on 7th December, 1959, had considered the matter of the period during which Scholarships would be tenable and had recommended that no change be made in the Council's Scheme in relation to the tenure of Scholarships, i.e., that the Scholarships continue to be tenable for 3 years subject to extension at the discretion of the Council where the Council were of opinion that the circumstances warranted an extension, the extension was recommended by the University at which the student was attending and provided that the student was in whole-time attendance at the University. Mrs. O'Sullivan, in her application, stated that she was a widow and that it would not be possible to continue her son's education if the Scholarship were not extended.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That having considered application of Patk. O'Sullivan, Hillsdene, Vevay Road, Bray, for extension of University Scholarship, we hereby approve of the extension of the Scholarship for the Scholastic Year, 1960/61.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—LETTER FROM LEINSTER MOTOR CLUB, LTD., RE ANNUAL VETERAN CAR RUN, 1960.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Veteran Car Section of the Leinster Motor Club, Ltd., in which it was stated that the Annual Veteran Car Run, 1960, was due to take place on 24th June and that the route was as follows—Start at Donnybrook Bus Garage - Enniskerry - Kilmacanogue - Newdownmountkennedy - Ashford - Glenealy - Rathnew - Beshive - Wicklow - Kilcoole - Greystones - Bray (Finish). The Committee intended to have tests at the Murrough, Wicklow, and stated that these should prove an attraction to visitors and residents alike. The Committee hoped that the members of the County Council would

have no objection to their proposals and that they would be able to count on co-operation. The County Engineer had reported that he saw no objection to the proposal. The Council agreed that there was no objection to the proposed route for the Annual Veteran Car Run.

ITEM NO. 7—APPLICATION FROM BRAY AMUSEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY.

The County Secretary submitted application from Bray Amusements Committee for the closing to public traffic of public roads at Bray for the purposes of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on 11th September, 1960, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The roads proposed to be closed were similar to those closed in previous years for this purpose.

It was proposed by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, Seconded by Clr. E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to consider the closing to public traffic roads at Bray for the purpose of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race, on 11th Sept., 1960, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. as requested by Bray Amusements Committee.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8 — APPLICATION FROM M.G. CAR CLUB (IRISH CENTRE) FOR CLOSING OF ROAD FROM LARAGH TO DRUMGOFF IN GLENMALURE ON SATURDAY, 18th JUNE, 1960, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB.

The Council considered letter from the M.G. Car Club (Irish Centre) for closing of the road from Larragh to Drumgoff in Glenmalure on Saturday, 18th June, 1960, for the purpose of Motor Car Hill Climb. The Co. Engineer had stated that he saw no objection to the proposal. The Co. Secretary pointed out that this was portion of the Military road which was used by tourists to a considerable extent and while only portion of the road would be used for the purposes of the Hill Climb it would be necessary to close the entire road from Laragh to Drumgoff.

It was proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, Seconded by Clr. J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to consider the closing of the road from Laragh to Drumgoff on 18th June, 1960, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., in connection with the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8a.—PROPOSAL TO CLOSE ROAD AT BALLINGLEN ON 19th JUNE, 1960, IN CONNECTION WITH LACEY BROTHERS MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Lacey Brothers Memorial Committee for the closing of roads leading to Ballinglen Bridge from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, 19th June, 1960, in connection with the Commemoration Ceremonies organised by the Committee. The Co. Engineer had submitted particulars of the roads which would require to be closed but suggested that the period of closing might be reduced. Following a discussion on the matter it was proposed by Clr. J. Quigley.

Seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to consider the closing of public roads leading to Ballinglen Bridge from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, 19th June, 1960, in connection with the Commemoration Ceremonies organised by the Lacey Brothers Memorial Committee.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8b.—PROPOSAL TO CLOSE ROADS AT BLESSINGTON ON 15th AND 16th JULY ON THE OCCASION OF REGATTA AT BLESSINGTON LAKE.

The County Secretary submitted an application from the Metropolitan Regatta Council for the closing of roads at Blessington on 15th and 16th July in connection with the Regatta to be held at Blessington Lake. Clr. Miley stated that it would be necessary to close the road from Red Lane across Blessington Bridge to Woodend as it was necessary that the Bridge itself be closed to public traffic. The Regatta Council had agreed that there would be no difficulties in relation to local traffic.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Miley, Seconded by Clr. M. Deering.

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to consider the closing of roads from Red Lane via Blessington Bridge, to Woodend from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 15th July, 1960, and from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 16th July, 1960, in connection with the Irish Amateur Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9 — CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF OLD ROAD AT KILLARNEY ROAD, BRAY.

The County Secretary submitted correspondence with owners of land at Killarney Road in regard to the Council's proposal to abandon the old section of the Main Road. Some of the landowners had agreed to the proposals but one person had indicated that she was not prepared to accept any responsibility in regard to the old section of road and expected that the Council would continue to maintain it. The Council, however, could not continue to maintain the road if it were abandoned. The Council had been asked to arrange for the abandonment of the road and its closing off because of nuisance from itinerants. The Council noted that in the circumstances it would not be possible to proceed with the proposal for abandoning the road. Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., drew attention also to a section of old road at Clash which was constantly occupied by itinerants and asked if arrangements could be made for the abandoning of that section of road. The Council agreed that the matter be examined.

ITEM NO. 10—REPORT REGARDING MILEAGE OF ROADS AND TARRER ROADS IN EACH ENGINEERING DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the mileage of roads in each Engineer's District together with particulars as to the extent of tarred roads in each district had been circulated to the members of the Council. At the request of Councillor Miley it was decided to adourn this matter to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 11—RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY ENGINEER RE EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANT AND PURCHASE OF CHIPPINGS.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a report dated 30th April, 1960, in which he recommended that a Technical Engineering Assistant be immediately employed to carry out survey work for major road Works proposed to be carried out during the present year in west and south Wicklow areas. It was stated that the services of the officer would be required for about 6 months and that he should be employed in preparation of surveys and plans for all road alignment and improvement schemes so that these proposals and plans would be ready in good time and well ahead of the programme. The remuneration of the officer would be chargeable to the Grants. The County Engineer also reported that the production of chippings from Ballinclare Quarry would not be sufficient to enable full tar surface dressing programme to be completed within the target date recommended by the Co. Engineer which was the end of July and certainly not after the end of August. He stated that permission should be given to purchase of round pebble type chippings alternatively to the crushed whinstone product so as to enable the tar surface dressing to get under way in the north district of the Council. Clr. J. J. McCrea stated that he opposed strongly any proposal to purchase chippings and considered that the Council's own quarries should be used for the production of all material. Clr. Kehoe stated that Newtown Quarry was not in production and that work there should be resumed. Clr. Miley also urged that a crusher be made available in Blessington and stated that work on the production of materials should have been started several months earlier. In reply to enquiry regarding Newtown Quarry the County Engineer stated that the machinery was obsolete. Clr. J. Everett, T.D., stated that he objected to bringing in chippings from outside the County when they could be produced in quarries in the County. The County Engineer stated that the position was that machinery was not in order and some of the machinery was also under repair. He stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer would be in a position to give the details.

The Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the machinery was not obsolete. Machinery at Tomacork was at present under repair and Ballinclare Quarry had been at work throughout the previous twelve months and had produced 17,000 cubic yards of chippings during that year. He explained that there were difficulties in connection with machinery in Newtown Quarry as parts had to be obtained from the United States but it was hoped to resume work there very shortly. The Co. Manager stated that the Council's Road programme commenced on 1st April in each year and monies only became available as from that date. It was not possible to arrange for the production of materials for that year in advance of the monies becoming available. He pointed out that it was necessary for the Council to live within their budget for each year. In regard to the County Engineer's recommendation that the tar surface dressing be finished by the end of July he feared that this might result in a reduction in employment towards the end of the year. It had been the Council's policy to endeavour to maintain constant employment for workers throughout the year. The County Manager also pointed out that the Council had been able to absorb certain recent wages increases without an increase in Rate consequent on economies in road administration. The County Engineer stated that he had always advocated a regular road staff to be employed for the whole year on road works. In regard to letters received from the Department of Local Government in relation to the road administration

he stated that he would submit his report on these points. He referred to the Dept.'s statement that work was not done at the appropriate time of the year but was of opinion that if work were properly regulated it would be possible to carry out all surface dressing early in the year and still maintain employment. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to adjourn the discussion in regard to the matter of chippings to the next meeting and that a report be circulated to the members in regard to the production of chippings in the Council's quarries and the matters raised in the discussion.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Miley, Seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer we approve of the employment of Technical Engineering Assistant for a period of six months for the purpose of carrying out survey work on preparation of Plans for major road works in the current financial year.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 12—SALE OF C.I.E. STATION AND STORE AT DUNLAVIN

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from C.I.E. stating that the Secretary was prepared to recommend to the Board that the Station be offered to the Council at a price computed by the Board's Valuer and based on the prices obtained recently for Tullow, Rathvilly and Baltinglass Stations, and that C.I.E. would be glad to know if the Council would be prepared to purchase the station on those conditions. If the Council agreed plans would be prepared showing the ground available for disposal and a valuation be obtained from the Board's valuer. The County Engineer has recommended that the premises should be acquired by the Council provided a satisfactory price could be negotiated. He stated that the buildings could be used as a storage depot and Fire Station. The Council decided that C.I.E. be requested to state a price which they would require for the Station and Store and on receipt of this information the matter would be further considered.

ITEM NO. 13.—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR McCARTHY FOR SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING RECENT INCREASES IN WAGES AND SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES.

In regard to the Notice of Motion in his name Clr. McCarthy enquired if the Conciliation Conference in connection with the application of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for a further increase in the wages of roadworkers had yet been held. The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to attend a Conciliation Conference but that the date had not yet been fixed. At the suggestion of Clr. McCarthy the Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next meeting pending the result of the Conciliation Conference.

ITEM NO. 14—LIMITATIONS ON PAYMENT OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY ALLOWANCES TO OFFICERS.

The County Secretary stated that it was understood that the Minister was now prepared to remove certain limitations which had been placed on the payment of temporary allowances to some officers of the Council. The Council decided to defer the matter pending the consideration of Clr. McCarthy's notice of Motion in regard to the recent increase in wages and salaries of employees.

ITEM NO. 15—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL FOR STATE INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC PROJECTS OF ECONOMIC MERIT.

The following letter received from the Department of Finance was submitted to the Council:—

An Roinn Airgeadais,
Sraid Mhuirbhtean Uacht.,
Baile Atha Cliath.

12 Albreen, 1960

D.5/1/59.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of 24th October, 1959, enclosing proposals submitted by your Council in response to the invitation for suggestions relating to State investment in public projects of economic merit. The Minister wishes to express his thanks to your Council; the large number of suggestions from local authorities clearly indicates the desire on the part of public bodies actively to assist in the Programme for Economic Expansion.

The proposals from your Council, together with those from other local authorities, have been examined by the Economic Development Branch of this Department in consultation with the Departments concerned. The Minister has considered the report submitted by the Branch and wishes me to advise you as follows regarding your Council's proposals.

The establishment of a large-scale nursery at Aughrim would be desirable but most of the land in the district is high and unsuitable for a mechanised nursery; an offer of land received last year had to be rejected for this reason. There is already a small scale nursery at Glenealy and the Department of Lands is investigating the possibility of acquiring additional land in that district for nursery purposes.

With reference to the suggestion that industries based on the use of timber be established in Co. Wicklow, I am to say that the establishment of an industry in any locality is primarily a matter for private enterprise and the initiative of local people. Before any useful official action can be taken on such suggestions, it is necessary to have a specific proposal in reasonable detail. Experience has shown the effectiveness of local development groups, in association with persons of industrial experience in attracting new industries to particular localities. If specific proposals in reasonable detail are submitted, they will receive careful consideration. With regard to the suggested greater use of timber and timber products I am to say that the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands maintains continuous contact with the interest concerned to ensure that as extensive use as is practicable in existing supply conditions will be made of native timber.

With regard to tourist development, the general suggestions made by you for the improvement of facilities will be notified to Bórd Fáilte. As regards suggested additional roads for tourist purposes and the improvement of existing roads, I am to state that a general review is at present being made of tourist development schemes to amount of money available for tourism can best be allocated among the different types of tourist development schemes. Your Council's proposals will be considered in this review. In view of the proximity of Dublin Airport, the provision of an airfield in Co. Wicklow would not be justified on economic grounds.

The proposal that swimming pools be provided in Blessington and other inland towns is not of a type that would warrant its adoption as an important public project of economic merit. As you are no doubt aware, loans for such pools are available from the Local Loans Fund in suitable cases and State contributions towards loan charges—related to the circumstances of each particular case—may be paid.

With regard to the suggested drainage of lands in the Kilcoole/Newcastle area, the possibility of including this area in a scheme for the drainage of a number of intermediate rivers is being investigated by the Office of Public Works.

With regard to your Council's suggestions regarding mineral deposits, it is understood that the Wicklow Mining Company is already operating on lead deposits at Glendalough. Funds have been allocated for grants towards the cost of prospecting for and development of minerals by private interests. Where there are likely to be commercially workable deposits of minerals in an area and their development is desirable in the national interest the Minister for Industry and Commerce would be prepared to consider applications for financial assistance in respect of suitable schemes of exploration for development. The development of such deposits, however, is primarily a matter for private interests.

With regard to the production of souvenirs by the Arklow Pottery Company, this matter might be taken up with the Company itself. Bórd Fáilte, who are charged with the development of the souvenir industry, are willing to give technical and marketing advice to persons interested in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

C. H. MURRAY.

The Council noted the terms of the letter from the Department of Finance.

ITEM NO. 16—REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN REGARD TO FIRES.

The County Secretary stated that it was desired to bring to the notice of the Council some fires which had occurred recently. A fire had taken place at Tempelyon in which about 60 tons of hay was lost. The fire took place in the early hours of the morning and had been attended by the Wicklow Fire Brigade. The Dunlavin Fire Brigade had attended a fire which had occurred at Dwyer's Cottage, Knockenarrigan and the brigade had saved the complete contents of the structure. The cause of the fire appeared to be a chimney fire which had set fire to the thatch. There had been also a fire at the bakery premises of Messrs. A. B. Brennan, Main St., Arklow, which was attended by the Arklow, Wicklow and Rathdrum Brigades and also by the Gorey Brigade. The bakehouses and stores were completely destroyed and 90 per cent. of the Café and Shop were severely damaged by fire and water. There had been considerable danger of the fire spreading to adjoining premises and to a timber yard at the rear of the bakery but these premises had been saved. The fire appeared to have been caused by an electric motor overheating and the fact that the structures were old and contained a considerable quantity of timber and large stores of sugar had been the cause of rapid spread of the fire. The Council noted the reports in regard to these fires. Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., congratulated the firemen and the brigades concerned on their work at the fires.

ITEM NO. 17.—TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF FIRE ENGINE FOR BALTINGLASS FIRE STATION.

Tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the members. Only two tenders were received, which were as follows—

From Coleborn and Hopkins, Ltd., Wicklow—£1,370 17s. 6d.

From Coolock Motors, Malahide Rd., Dublin—£1,397 0s. 0d.

The Council agreed that the tenders be referred to the Chief Fire Officer for his recommendation.

ITEM NO. 18—REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER REGARDING BLESSINGTON FIRE BRIGADE.

The County Secretary submitted the report of the Chief Fire Officer regarding Blessington Fire Brigade as requested by Clr. Miley. In his report the Chief Fire Officer stated that the light trailer pump was purchased in 1942 by the Council and had now become obsolete and spares could not be obtained on the market. There was no means of towing the pump to a fire and thus it could serve only the town. During the previous 9 years the Brigade received only 6 calls and the cost last year for the Station was £267 5s. 7d. plus Insurances and Overheads. The Chief Fire Officer referred to an offer which had been received from Kildare County Council that a fire brigade service would be provided for the Blessington area and adjoining district from Naas for an annual charge of about £100 plus the net cost of fire calls. The Fire risk in Blessington was only that of a normal rural town and it was by no means a high risk area. In his opinion it was not economical and waste of money to maintain a fire station under the conditions that exist at present in Blessington and he recommended that the Council should consider making arrangements with Kildare County Council to provide a Fire Brigade service for this area. The Chief Fire Officer pointed out that the Council might consider whether there were not too many fire stations in the County and gave particulars of the situation in 1940 and the present position in regard to service. The Council now had five stations equipped with self-propelled appliances and this increased the efficiency and radius of operation of these stations. Clr. H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that since there were only 6 fires in 9 years in the area the offer of Kildare Co. Council should be accepted. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter for a further report.

ITEM NO 19.—WATER SUPPLY AT STRATFORD.

The Co. Secretary stated that the matter of proposed extensions at Stratford Water Supply had been considered by the Local Committee in connection with the general scheme for the improvement of water supplies and had been included as one of the proposed Schemes. The extensions under consideration were one at Stratford to serve three houses and one at Manger to serve five houses. These Schemes would be considered in conjunction with the general matter of the improvement of water supplies. In regard to the matter of derelict sites at Stratford the Co. Manager stated that the Council was doing everything possible to attend to this matter.

ITEM NO. 20.—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLR. MILEY RE BUILDING HOUSE FOR NICHOLAS NEILL.

In accordance with Notice of Motion is was proposed by Councillor Miley, Seconded by Councillor Kehoe.

Resolved—That a house be built for Nicholas Neill who has a large family and has a site for a home to be built on his mother's farm.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. O'Neill had applied for the provision of a new cottage on his mother's farm at Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, and the matter had been considered by the Local Housing Committee on 10th July, 1958, when it was decided that since Mr. O'Neill was employed in Baltinglass he would be offered the tenancy of a Council cottage at Raheen which was then vacant. Mr. O'Neill did not accept the Council offer. Houses had also become vacant at Parkmore, Baltinglass, since the date of Mr. O'Neill's application but he had not applied for these. The Co. Manager pointed out that persons could not have new houses built for them on particular sites when they were not prepared to accept vacant Council houses. A vote having been called for on the matter it was found that the members present voted as follows—

IN FAVOUR — Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Quigley, P.C., G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, J. Macken—7.

AGAINST—Councillors A. Hadden and H. J. Byrne—2.

The Resolution was declared passed by 7 votes in favour to two against.

ITEM NO. 21 — SALE OF DISPENSARY AND DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT ENNISKERRY.

The County Secretary submitted two letters received from Messrs. Strutt and Parker, Lorts and Warner, 41, Berkeley Sq., London regarding the sale of the Powerscourt Estate and offering the Council an opportunity of purchasing the premises in their occupation as follows—

The Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry for the sum of £1,500.

Dispensary and Caretaker's Residence at Enniskerry, £110.

In April, 1959, the Council had approved of the renewal of the lease of the Dispensary Residence in Enniskerry which had fallen in at a revised rent of £70 per annum, the Council to be responsible for external repairs. The Council's Solicitor had advised on the matter and stated that in his opinion the Council could not be put out of the premises as they were protected by the Rent Restrictions Acts. As regards the offer the figures appeared to be based on a twenty year purchase of the rent which seemed to be excessive. The usual terms were a ten to twelve year purchase that were approved by the Courts in cases where the Courts were administering an Estate. The Council's Solicitor stated that this was the period auctioneers normally worked on and suggested the Council should negotiate on this basis. The Council agreed that the Agent of the Estate be informed that the Council considered that the amount sought was excessive in each case and that it be pointed out that the normal basis in such cases was a ten year purchase period. The Chairman pointed out that the building was an old one and that this was a factor that must be borne in mind. He pointed out that to his own knowledge sales in the City of Dublin had been made on the basis of ten years purchase. The Co. Secretary also submitted letter from the Arts Council referring to the fact that

Powerscourt Demesne was for sale and expressing the hope that the Council would see fit to do all in their power to have its scenic and other amenities preserved. The Council agreed that the Arts Council be informed that the Council had always been interested in the preservation of scenic and other amenities.

ITEM NO. 22.—MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE.

The Co. Manager stated that the Co. Medical Officer had reported on the numbers who had availed of the Mass Radiography Service during the past four years which were as follows: 1956—3,931, 1957, 3,115, 1958—2,246, and 1959—3,472. He stated that the maximum number of persons were not availing of the service and that was one of the reasons why the report was being brought to the notice of the Council. The County Medical Officer was anxious that publicity be given to the matter and that more people be induced to avail of the service. Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that vans with loudspeakers should be used in each area prior to a visit of the Mass Radiography Service and also if possible the van to be stationed in a central part of the town or village.

ITEM NO. 23.—WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON THE PROBLEM OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had issued a White Paper on the problem of the mentally handicapped, that is those persons who by reason of arrested or incomplete development of mind are incapable of adapting themselves to their environment and require special care and supervision. It was stated that there may be as many as 24,000 mentally handicapped persons in the country of whom about 7,000 may require institutional care. The White Paper gave particulars of the accommodation at present available and further accommodation in prospect and referred to the difficulty of staffing of established institutions. There were many problems in regard to this matter and the Minister for Health proposed to set up in the near future a commission of enquiry to examine these problems. It was agreed that copies of the Paper be obtained and circulated to the members.

ITEM NO. 24.—PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT CHARVIE, RATHNEW.

The County Secretary stated that the offer for the purchase of lands at Rathnew had been withdrawn as the prospective purchaser was unable to make satisfactory arrangements regarding finance. Arrangements had been made for the letting of the grazing of the lands in the sum of £110 for the period of 11 months ending 31st March, 1961. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 25.—SUGGESTED PROVISION OF SHEEP DIPPING BATH AT RATHDANGAN.

A report of the Veterinary Inspector in regard to a suggestion that a Sheep Dipping Bath be provided at Rathdangan was submitted. The Veterinary Inspector stated that a new dipping bath at Rathdangan would be of advantage having regard to the large number of sheep in the area and the pressure on the existing bath at Ballingquille. The County Secretary pointed out that the Department of Agriculture proposed to alter the Sheep Dipping Regulations in 1961 and the new arrangements which involved two separate dipping periods might

reduce the pressure on the existing bath at Ballingule on which the Council had expended monies on repairs in recent years. Members of the Council suggested that dipping inspectors should be instructed to ensure that not more than 300 to 500 sheep are dipped in one mixture of dip and that the bath is properly cleaned before a new mixture is provided. The County Secretary stated that it was not the practice of the Council to build Sheep Dipping Baths but the Council had some years previously made a Grant available towards the cost of the erection of a bath by a private individual who would make the bath available for public dippings. The Council agreed that an estimate be obtained from the Engineer of the cost of erecting a Sheep Dipping Bath at Rathdangan.

ITEM NO. 26.—DEDUCTIONS FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that a sum of £995 15s. 5d. which was deducted from the amount payable to the Council in respect of Agricultural Grant represented a net draw from the Grant to meet the deficiency in the guarantee fund caused by the non-payment in County Wicklow of Land annuities and purchasers' half-yearly payments under the Land Reformation Act, 1941. The amount deducted would be paid to the Council when the outstanding annuities, etc., had been paid. In reply to enquiries from members the Co. Manager stated that the Council did not know if the arrears arose from new divisions of land or were on land divided some years ago. It was agreed that further enquiries would be made in the matter.

ITEM NO. 27.—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 1959.

The Minutes of the meeting of the County Council's General Council held on 10th December, 1959, were submitted. The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow County Council proposal in regard to the preservation of existing rights of way, particular rights of access to beaches, forests, etc., had been adjourned. A Resolution had been passed that camping within a distance of one mile from any State Forest be prohibited. The Council noted the submission of the Minutes.

NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., in relation to the erection of a Bridge over the River at the County boundary on the Tombrean/Donishal Road and requesting that Wexford County Council contribute their share, the report of the Assistant County Engineer on the matter was submitted. The Asst. County Engineer stated that the stream crossed County Road No. 223 at the County boundary and he considered that a culvert constructed by means of 3" diameter reinforced pipes would suffice. It would be necessary, however, to raise the road on each side in order to obtain cover for the pipes and the necessary filling would be approximately 800 cubic yards and the total cost £450. He considered that the construction of a culvert was very necessary to facilitate local traffic and recommended that Wexford Co. Council be asked to pay 50 per cent. of the cost. The County Engineer agreed with the report of the Assistant. The Council agreed that Wexford County Council be asked if they would be prepared to meet 50 per cent. of the cost of this work.

ITEM NO. 28.—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Child Welfare Centre at Bray.

Chairman asked that consideration be given to painting the Child Welfare Centre at Bray.

Courthouse, Tinahely.

Councillor Hadden stated that interior decoration was needed.

Wall at Blessington.

Councillor Miley asked if the main wall in front of the Catholic Church in Blessington could be repaired and it was agreed that the Engineer be asked to report.

Railway Service at Woodenbridge.

At the suggestion of Councillor Quigley it was agreed that a letter be addressed to C.I.E. asking if arrangements could be made for the morning train to Dublin to stop in Woodenbridge Station at least during the Summer months.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Miley, that I or someone for me will move at the next meeting that each area will be allocated two new lorries when purchased.

In the name of Councillor P. McCarthy, that I or someone for me will move at the next meeting that the road known as the continuation of Monument Lane, Templarney, be taken over and maintained as a County Road.

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea, that in view of the increased cost of living, I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting that the means test for holders of medical cards be reconsidered.

In the name of Councillor J. Haughton, that in view of the hardships imposed by the differential rents system on members of the community, I or someone for me will move at the next meeting that (a) where the present income of a husband and wife with no family is under £6 10s. 0d. per week the rent will be revised to the amount payable prior to the first revision under the differential rents scheme, and (b) the allowance in respect of each and every child under the age of 16 years for the purpose of assessing the rent payable should be increased to £40 per annum.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow Co. Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th June, 1960, at 3 p.m.

The following members attended:

In the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Councillor J. J. McCrea took the Chair.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Paul Kehoe, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., S. O. Maicin, J. D. Haughton.

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

AGENDA:

1. Application for Supplementary Grant towards cost of erection of new house at Tuckmill, Baltinglass.
2. Proposed disposal of cottage at Cappagh, Aughrim.
3. Proposed sale of vested cottage at 19, Ballywaltrim, Bray.
4. Proposal to provide new cottage at Johnstown, Arklow, for Mr. Thos. Ward.
5. Proposed Housing Scheme for Carnew—Recommendations of Local Housing Committee.
6. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. D. Haughton re amendment of Differential Rent System.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. Application for Transfer of S.D.A. loan on house "Dun Muire," Dargle Road, Bray.
9. Letter from Brittas Bay Development Association re development at Brittas Bay.
10. To consider declaring the following roads to be public roads:
 1. Portion of Road from Whiterock to Mullins from junction with Main Road No. 208 at Whiterock East.
 2. Continuation of Three Wells Road No. 146 at Aughrim, a distance of 500 yards north-east.
 3. Road at Gormanstown from junction with Road 106 near Ballintekin to junction with Road 108/9 at Gormanstown.
 4. Road at Knockatomcoyle from junction with County Road 246 at Knockatomcoyle towards Carrig, a distance of approximately 750 yards.
11. Proposed closing of portion of road from Laragh to Drumgoff on 18th June, 1960, in connection with the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb.
Proposed closing of roads at Ballinglen in connection with Commemoration Ceremonies to be held on Sunday, 19th June, 1960, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 13th May 1960

ITEM NO. 22—PROPOSALS ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGERS' REPORTS

At the meeting of the Council held on Monday 13th June 1960, the following proposals were considered:

1. Application for Supplementary Grant towards cost of erection of new house at Tuckmill, Baltinglass.

2. Proposed disposal of cottage at Cappagh, Aughrim.

3. Proposed sale of vested cottage at 19, Ballywaltrim, Bray.

4. Proposal to provide new cottage at Johnstown, Arklow, for Mr. Thos. Ward.

5. Proposed Housing Scheme for Carnew—Recommendations of Local Housing Committee.

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4. Road at Knockatomcoyle from junction with County Road 246 at Knockatomcoyle towards Carrig, a distance of approximately 750 yards.

11. Proposed closing of portion of road from Laragh to Drumgoff on 18th June, 1960, in connection with the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb.
Proposed closing of roads at Ballinglen in connection with Commemoration Ceremonies to be held on Sunday, 19th June, 1960, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ITEM NO. 1 — APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TOWARDS COST OF ERECTION OF NEW HOUSE AT TUCKMILL, BALTINGLASS.

The Council considered the application of Mr. Patrick J. Hanlon, Tuckmill, Baltinglass, for a Supplementary Grant towards the cost of a new house. If Mr. Hanlon were treated as a farmer he would be entitled to a Supplementary Grant equal to 66½ per cent. of the State Grant and amounting to £183 6s. 8. Mr. Hanlon had obtained a loan of £1,000 from the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. When applying for the loan his annual income was stated to be £500, part of which was derived from work as tillage contractor. It seemed reasonable to treat Mr. Hanlon as a farmer in relation to his application for a Grant. If it were taken that the major portion of his income were derived from other sources the maximum amount of grant would be £91 13s. 4d.

It was proposed by Clr. Kehoe, and seconded by Clr. Deering.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of payment of a Supplementary Grant of £183 6s. 8. to Mr. Patrick J. Hanlon, Tuckmill, Baltinglass, in respect of the erection of a new house.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2.—PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF COTTAGE AT CAPPAGH, AUGHHRIM.

In regard to the Council's proposal to dispose of the Cottage at Cappagh, Aughrim, for which it had not been possible to obtain a tenant, the County Secretary submitted the advice of the Council's solicitor in the matter and pointed out that the Solicitor had advised that the Council must first offer the cottage to the person from whom the land on which the cottage was erected had first been acquired. If the person who originally owned the lands did not accept the offer the cottage had then to be offered to his successor, i.e., the present occupier of the holding. If this person also refused the offer the Council could then invite tenders for the sale of the cottage. The County Manager explained that this provision in the Law had probably been made to prevent Local Authorities acquiring land and possibly using it for other purposes. Having regard to the changed circumstances which now operated the County Manager suggested that the Council might suggest to the Minister that the Act be amended. The Council agreed that representations on the matter be made to the Department of Local Government.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Quigley and seconded by Clr. J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That having noted advice of Council's Solicitor we approve of vacant cottage at Cappagh, Aughrim, being offered to the Cunningham Estate for the sum of £100 and if this offer is not accepted within a reasonable time we approve of the cottage being offered to Mr. Joseph Langrell, the present occupier of the holding.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3.—PROPOSED SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT 19 BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY.

The Council considered the application of John James Reilly, Tenant Purchaser of 19, Ballywaltrim, Bray, for the consent of the Council to the sale of his interest in the cottage for the sum of £50 to Mr. Eugene Corrigan, 9 Fitzwilliam Tce., Bray. Mr. Corrigan is a barman employed

in the Esplanade Hotel, Bray, and it is understood that he was a native of the County and had resided at Kindlestown up to about six months previously. The cottage had been erected in 1949 and had been vested in the tenant as from 1st December, 1959.

It was proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, and seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal by Mr. John James Reilly of his interest in vested cottage No. 308/4 at 19, Ballywaltrim, Bray, to Mr. Eugene Corrigan, 9 Fitzwilliam Tce., Bray, for the sum of £50.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4.—PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE NEW COTTAGE AT JOHNSTOWN, ARKLOW, FOR MR. THOMAS WARD.

In accordance with the decision of the Council at previous meeting, an enquiry had been addressed to Mr. Leslie Hill, the owner of the lands at Johnstown, Arklow, on which the Council wished to provide a new cottage, as to the price he required for the site. Mr. Hill in reply had stated that he would require a sum of £85 but as the plot was now sown with Winter wheat the Council could not enter into possession until the crop was removed. Following a discussion in regard to the prices paid for sites on previous occasions it was

Proposed by Clr. P. McCarthy, seconded by Clr. Quigley.

Resolved—That having considered letter from Mr. Leslie Hill, Johnstown House, Arklow, we approve of an offer of £50 being made to him for the acquisition of a half acre of land required by the Council as a site for a new cottage.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5.—PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME FOR CARNEW—RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL HOUSING COMMITTEE.

The Council considered the recommendations made by the Local Housing Committee following their meeting at Shillelagh on 16th May, 1960, at which applications for the provision of new houses at Carnew had been considered. The Council noted that the Committee recommended the provision of 6 houses for specified applicants and that these were necessary in five cases on the grounds of unfitness of present accommodation and in one case on the grounds of over-crowding. The Council noted that the Committee had recommended approval of the site at Brunswick Row, Carnew, containing 1 a., 0 r., 13 p., and that the value was estimated at £100. The County Secretary pointed out that in the event of the Council proceeding with the Housing Scheme on the site it would be necessary to adopt a graded rents scale and it was likely that the rents of the houses erected on the site would approximate to those erected in Blessington Housing Scheme. Clr. J. J. McCrea stated that he had been speaking to a relative of the owner of the site and had been told that the site would not be available. An alternative site had been suggested and had been examined by the County Engineer who considered it would be suitable. It was agreed that the Council would get in touch with the owner of the alternative site with a view to reaching agreement on its acquisition for the purpose of the Housing Scheme.

ITEM NO. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. D. HAUGHTON RE AMENDMENT OF DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SYSTEM.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Clr. J. Haughton, seconded by Clr. Quigley.

Resolved—That (a) where the present income of a husband or wife with no family is under £6 10s. per week the rent will be revised to the amount payable prior to the first revision under the Differential Rents System and (b) the allowance in respect of each and every child under the age of 16 years for the purpose of assessing the rent payable should be increased to £40 per annum.

The County Secretary stated that the proposed revision of the Graded Rents Scheme would effect a reduction in the income from Rents equivalent to about £1,850 per annum or approximately 2d. in the £ on the Rates. The County Secretary stated that it would seem that this was a matter which should properly be dealt with at the Estimates meeting of the Council having regard to its effect on the finances. Clr. Haughton referred to the grant of increases in wages to workers and suggested that it was not reasonable that the Council should increase rents following such increases in wages which he suggested were granted on account of the cost of living. Clr. McCarthy stated that he had dissented from the adoption of the Graded Rents System from the start. The County Manager pointed out that if the Motion were carried it would be necessary to provide monies to meet a loss in rents which would result. He explained that the reason why the Differential Rents System had been introduced was that it enabled the Council to let new houses at a lower rent than would otherwise have had to be charged.

He pointed out that the economic rent of houses being provided in a town such as Aughrim would be in the region of 45s. per week and were it not for the Differential Rents System the Council would have had to charge much higher rents on these newer houses. The number of cases in which rents had been adjusted because of increased wages was very small. In 60 per cent. of the cases there had been no change and in 20 per cent rents had been reduced. Were it not for the Differential Rents System it would not be possible to meet periodical cases of hardship when they arose. As regards the general level of rents the County Manager pointed out that 40 or 50 years ago it had been regarded as reasonable that a person could pay one-sixth of his income in rent. There was no case in Co. Wicklow of a person earning £6 having to pay rent of anything approaching £1 and in most cases rents did not reach 10 per cent. of the income. If Clr. Haughton would submit particulars of any special cases he would have them examined.

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, P.C., J. O'Toole, T.D., E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Macken, J. D. Haughton—8.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., A. Hadden, G. Timmins, P. Kehoe, M. Deering, J. Miley, Mrs. M. Ledwidge—7.

The Resolution was declared passed by 8 votes in favour to 7 votes against.

The County Manager pointed out that any alteration of the Scheme would require the sanction of the Minister.

ITEM NO. 7 — APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that there were no items for consideration by the Council under this heading.

ITEM NO. 8—APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF S.D.A. ON HOUSE, "DUN MUIRE," DARGLE ROAD, BRAY.

The Council deferred for consideration at the next meeting the application of Mr. Edmund R. Cushman, for the transfer to him of the Mortgage on the house known as "Dun Muire," Dargle Road, Bray, in respect of which the Council had made a loan to Mr. James J. Ivers.

ITEM NO. 9—LETTER FROM BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, RE DEVELOPMENT AT BRITTAS BAY.

The Council considered letter of 3rd June, 1960, from the Brittas Bay Development Association in which the Association thanked the Council for having received their Deputation on 2nd May. The Association drew attention again to the need for Public Conveniences to be erected as soon as possible at Haughton's Bridge, Brittas Bridge and Ballinacarrig. It was stated also that Public Lighting was a necessity, particularly at Brittas Bridge, Ballinacarrig and Rockfield. The Association, while fully realising the cost of a water supply to the area were anxious to know something definite from the Council as to when and how a water supply could be provided. It was stated also that the Association did not agree with the recommendation of the Committee of the County Council and Urban District Councils in regard to the restriction of Caravans. The County Secretary stated that no provision had been made in the Council's Estimates for the current year to meet the cost of the works referred to. Report of the County Engineer of 13th June, 1960, was also submitted to the Council and in the report the County Engineer referred to the matter of water supply and stated that the only source which offered any attraction was the Potter's River and gaugings had been taken on this some years ago but were unsatisfactory. The stream which originated in the Barnbawn/Glencally district was liable to contamination and would be difficult to purify. The County Engineer had also investigated the proposal that water be obtained from the hill over Ballinacarrig but to investigate this fully he would require the employment of a water diviner. Allowing for present and future development he estimated that 70,000 gallons per day would be required and the total length of watermain would be 10,000 lineal yards and he estimated the total cost at £38,110. In regard to access to the sea and Car Parks, etc., the County Engineer had investigated the land purchased by the Association from Mrs. Leahy and recommended that a total of 7 acres be acquired. He stated that the ground would need to be levelled off as it was located through sandhills but that this would not present any great difficulty. The County Engineer referred to Road Works which were being carried out in the present year in the Brittas Area and stated that he proposed widening a strip of land between Cornagower and Haughton's Bridge to provide car parking facilities and he estimated the cost of improvements of the entire length of road at approximately £10,000, of which £2,000 had been provided in the last financial year and a further amount in the current year. As regards Sanitary Conveniences the County Engineer reported that plans had been prepared for conveniences at Brittas Bridge and Haughton's Bridge and he had discussed the acquisition of land with owners who were agreeable thereto. He estimated the costs at £2,500 for Brittas Bridge and £2,000 at Ardinary and suggested that a Grant might be obtained from Bord Failte. The Co. Engineer also recommended the provision of Public Lighting at points near McDaniel's crossroads, Brittas Bridge and Brittas Catholic Church. On the suggestion of the

Chairman it was decided to defer the matter for consideration by the incoming Council.

The County Manager stated that there were many places in the County where improvements were now being sought but, in fact, the Council had no funds with which to carry out such works. It had occurred to him that having regard to the standard which roads in the County had now reached there might be some possibility of reaching an agreement with the Department of Local Government whereby grants from Motor Taxation would be devoted to maintaining the roads and a part of the amounts provided by the Council towards the maintenance of roads could be diverted for the provision of amenity scheme in various towns and villages. If funds could be made available in this way the Council might be in a position to provide domestic scavenging systems in towns and villages, Car Parks, Public Conveniences and arrange for tree planting in streets and many other desirable improvements.

ITEM NO. 10—DECLARATION OF ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's intention to declare the following roads as public road:—

1. Portion of the Road from Whiterock to Mullins.
1. Continuation of Three Wells Road at Aughrim.
3. The Road at Gormanstown, and
4. Road at Knockatomcoyle.

In view of the report of the Assistant County Engineer at a previous meeting regarding the drainage of the road at Knockatomcoyle and the need for restoration of walls adjoining it it would not be possible to take over this road at present.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Miley, seconded by Clr. J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we hereby declare the following roads to be public roads:

1. Portion of Road from Whiterock to Mullins approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in length from junction of the road with Main Road No. 208 at Whiterock East.
2. The continuation of Three Wells Road No. 146 at Aughrim for a distance of 500 yards in a north-easterly direction.
3. Road at Gormanstown from junction with Road 106 near Ballintesteen to its junction with Road 108/9 at Gormanstown, approximately 1 mile in length.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 11—CLOSING OF ROADS.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's intention to close to public traffic portion of the old Military Road at Drumgoff in Glenmalure to the junction with Rathdrum/Laragh Road near Laragh from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 18th June, 1960, for the purpose of a motor Car Hill Climb and also for the closing to public traffic of roads at Ballinglen in connection with the Commemoration Ceremonies to be held on 19th June, 1960, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

It was proposed by Clr. J. D. Haughton, seconded by Clr. Edward Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic portion of the Old Military Road from Drumgoff Bridge in Glenmalure to Junction with Rathdrum/Laragh Road near Laragh from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 18th June, 1960, and hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on this road while closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Quigley, seconded by Clr. J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Sunday, 19th June, 1960, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.:

1. Aughrim/Preban/Ballinglen Road.
2. Moyne/Ballinglen Road.
3. Tinahely/Ballinglen Road.
4. Coolalug/Drummin/Ballinglen Road.

The following alternative routes are available:

From Aughrim via Togher and Tinahely Main Road, and from Knockanna via Crossbridge and Tinahely Road.

Passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY FOR CAR PARK AT GLENDALOUGH.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the provision of a water supply to serve the Sanitary Convenience at the Car Park at Glendalough and had authorised the borrowing of the necessary money, amounting to about £480. It was desirable that this water supply be provided as soon as possible and it was suggested that the Council might instead authorise the expenditure from Revenue of the sum required, £480, to enable the work to be proceeded with without delay.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the expenditure of £480 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimates to meet the cost of providing water supply for Sanitary Convenience at Car Park, Glendalough.

Passed unanimously.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT.

The County Manager informed the Council that Mr. Joseph Brazil who had had a serious illness recently, had submitted his resignation from the post as Law Agent, which he had held for 28 years. Owing to ill-health Mr. Brazil had found it necessary to retire from the post. The Chairman stated that he was expressing the view of all the members in saying that they were very sorry to hear of Mr. Brazil's resignation and that his health had not been good. Mr. Brazil had given great service to the Council and had always been very satisfactory. Clr. J. Everett, T.D., stated that Mr. Brazil had been a most courteous, painstaking and conscientious official and he hoped in his retirement would enjoy a long and happy rest. In regard to the position of a Solicitor the County Manager stated that under the present arrangements if a new Solicitor were to be appointed he would have to be wholtime Solicitor to the Council and this would involve the provision of offices and equipment and the recruiting of a Law Clerk and possibly a Clerical Officer or a Clerk-Typist. As an alternative it could be arranged that a Solicitor be engaged on a Bill-of-Costs basis. It seemed a preferable arrangement that Mr. McCarroll, Mr. Brazil's partner, would be engaged on a Bill of Costs basis and it was felt that this would be a more economical and a more effective method to employ. The Council noted the Manager's proposals in regard to the engagement of a Solicitor and agreed that the Manager would make the most suitable arrangements in the matter.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor Hadden the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the Chairman, Clr. H. J. Byrne, on the recent death of his sister-in-law.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow Co. Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th June, 1960, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended: Councillors H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, S. O'Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Ed. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., S. O'Maicin, J. D. Haughton.

The Co. Manager, Co. Secretary, Co. Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer and Assist. Co. 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 4th, 11th and 19th April, and 2nd May, 1960.
2. To authorise overdraft on General Account and Capital Account for quarter to 30th September, 1960.
3. Letter from Scholarship Holder expressing appreciation for assistance provided by the Council.
4. To determine and make County Rate for service of financial year ending 31st March, 1961, and 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. Applications for closing of roads (a) at Bray on 11th September, 1960, for purpose of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race, and (b) at Blessington on 15th and 16th July, 1960, in connection with various Amateur Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake.
6. To approve of Revised Five Year County Road Improvement Plan.
7. Road Administration—Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Road Administration in County Wicklow and recommendation of the Co. Engineer for appointment of additional Technical Engineering Assistant.
8. Report regarding mileage of all roads and all tarred roads in each Engineering District.
9. Letter from Department of Local Government notifying additional Road Grants for 1960/61, and recommendation of County Engineer.
10. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy, "that road known as continuation of Monument Lane, Templerainey, be taken over and maintained as a County Road."
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley, "that each area be allocated with two new Lorries when purchased."
12. Report of Conciliation Conference at Labour Court regarding dispute between the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the Council in relation to rates of wages of road workers, and substitution of two days in lieu of two former Church Holydays.
13. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for suspension of Standing Orders for purpose of discussing recent increases in wages and salaries of Council Staff.
14. Letter from Bray and District Trades Council regarding Hospital Services for Bray and District.
15. Health Authorities Act, 1960.
16. To authorise Supplementary Loan to defray balance of cost of alterations and extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital.

17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea, "that in view of the increased cost of living that the Means Tests for Holders of Medical Cards be reconsidered."
18. White Paper issued by the Department of Health in regard to the problem of the Mentally Handicapped (copy circulated to each member).
19. Proposed Improvements at Enniskerry—Letter from An Bórd Fáilte.
20. Erection of Cottages at Kirikee—Report of County Engineer.
- 21.—Application for Transfer of S.D.A. Loan on House, Dun Na Muire, Dargle Road, Bray.
22. Proposed contribution towards Board for acquiring and equipping Workshop for the employment of the Blind.
23. Recommendation of Chief Fire Officer on Tender received for the Fire Engine for Baltinglass.
24. Report on Rate Collection for 1959-'60.
25. Letter from Co. Council's General Council stating that Council's letter regarding power of Local Authorities to preserve rights of way was adjourned.
26. Malicious Injury Claim in respect of stolen motor car.
27. Letter from C.I.E. re Council's request that morning train from Ross-lare stop at Woodenbridge.
28. Water Supply at Sroughawn, Baltinglass.
29. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

An apology for inability to attend owing to illness was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, expressed thanks to the members for their kind expression of sympathy to him on the death of sister-in-law.

The Council noted letter from Mrs. Patricia Page conveying her thanks to the members of the Council for their sympathy on the death of her father, The O'Mahony.

ITEM NO. 1—MINUTES.

It was Proposed by Councillor McCrea; Seconded by Councillor Ledwidge:
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 4th, 11th and 19th April, 1960, and 2nd May, 1960.
Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—OVERDRAFTS.

It was Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.; Seconded by Clr. Hadden:
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, 1960, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was Proposed by Clr. P. Brennan, T.D.; Seconded by Clr. A. Hadden:

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 Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th September, 1960, shall not exceed £21,880.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the Overdraft for Capital Account the County Secretary stated that about £9,000 of this Overdraft was in respect of Reserve Stocks of building materials. The Council had found it difficult to dispose of these stocks. The Council recommended that tenders might be invited for the stocks or as an alternative arrangements might be made for the sale of the stocks by auction. It was suggested by some of the members that in view of the number of houses being repaired with the aid of grants suitable stocks could be offered in small lots.

ITEM NO. 3—LETTER FROM SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from Mr. John Kane, Junior, former Scholarship Holder of the Council. Mr. Kane had obtained a Secondary School Scholarship in 1955.

Paire Abhandale,
Bothar Cill Airne, Bri Cualann.

The County Manager, 6th June, 1960.
Courthouse, Wicklow.
A Dhuine Uasal,

Having now completed my Secondary Education I would like to tender my gratitude to you, your Council and the taxpayers for the invaluable assistance rendered to me over the past five years through your Scholarship Scheme. I would like to give a special work of thanks to K. J. Brangan, Esq., the County Secretary, for all his assistance. Trusting you will convey my thanks to the above-mentioned.

Is mise, le meas,

SEAN O'CATHAIN (John Kane, Junr.)

ITEM NO. 4—DETERMINE AND MAKE COUNTY RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1961, AND SIGN AND SEAL RATE BOOKS AND AUTHORISE AFFIXING OF SEAL TO RATE COLLECTORS' WARRANTS AND SIGN AND SEAL THE DEMANDS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

It was Proposed by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge; Seconded by Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.:

Resolved—That we now adopt the rates for the services of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1961, 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, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

It was Proposed by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge; Seconded by Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1961, as follows: Arklow, £11,379 2s. 2d.; Bray, £46,439 18s. 0d.; Wicklow, £9,330 6s. 0d.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT BRAY AND BLESSINGTON.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given of the Council's proposal to close to public traffic certain roads at Bray on 11th September, 1960, for the purpose of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race. The Town Clerk, Bray, had received a Petition signed by over 100 people protesting against the proposal and this had been considered at a meeting of Bray Urban District Council. Bray U.D.C. had, however, decided to proceed with the closing of the road concerned in Bray.

It was Proposed by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge; Seconded by Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the following roads at Bray from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 11th September, 1960, and authorise the holding of a Cycle Race on the roads while so closed to public traffic:

Strand Road from corner of Albert Avenue to corner of Putland Road; Putland Road;

Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to Town Hall;

Main St. from Town Hall to junction with Quinsboro Road, south side; Adelaide Rd. from junction with Florence Rd. to Albert Avenue, and Albert Avenue.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notices had been given in regard to proposals to close roads at Blessington on 15th and 16th July, 1960, in connection with the Irish Amateur Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake. The Garda Authorities had indicated that there was no objection to the proposal.

It was Proposed by Clr. Miley; Seconded by Clr. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road from Red Lane, Blessington, via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 15th July, 1960, and from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 16th July, 1960, in connection with the Irish Amateur Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta, to be held at Blessington Lake.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for the closing of the road over the bridge at Wicklow towards the seafront on Monday, 1st August, 1960, from 12 noon until 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of the 83rd Annual Regatta. The Council agreed the necessary public notice should be given.

ITEM NO. 6—REVISED FIVE-YEAR COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

The County Secretary stated that the revised Five-Year County Road Improvement Plan as prepared by the County Engineer after consultation with Local Committees had been circulated to the members. Particulars of the changes made in the plan were submitted.

It was Proposed by Clr. McCrea; Seconded by Clr. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of revised Five-year County Road Improvement Plan as amended at 31st March, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett T.D., referred to the Knockatemple Road and urged that repairs to this be carried out soon. He also pointed out that repairs were urgently needed to the road at St. Brigid's Terrace, Rathnew. Members of the Council enquired as to when the County Road Programme would be fully completed.

ITEM NO. 7—ROAD ADMINISTRATION — LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT AND REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER AND RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY ENGINEER FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT.

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

Department of Local Government,
(Roads), Custom House, Dublin.

R.27/3/7.

4th June, 1960.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Department's letter of 21st March on various matters of road administration in County Wicklow, which was discussed with the County Manager and the County Engineer recently. For his part the Minister is anxious to avoid involving the Council in the loss of the various grants mentioned in the letter and he would be prepared to reconsider the decision to withhold the various sums concerned if an assurance is given by the Co. Council that reasonable steps will be taken to remedy the defects in their road administration. The grants involved are:

- (a) Schemes NM3 and NM4 under the 1957/'58 Main Road Improvement Grant, on which sums amounting to £360 and £489 15s. 0d. respectively are being withheld.
- (b) Tourist Road Grant of £20,000 for 1960/'61.

Further, the full cost (£2 000) of Scheme IMR-213A was withheld pending approval of a comprehensive scheme for the project of which this work formed a part.

The matters in respect of which road administration in County Wicklow calls for improvement are as follows:

- (1) The need for advance planning of Schemes. Failure to do so had resulted in works being undertaken at the wrong time of the year, and had encouraged the Co. Council to start, and in some cases complete them, without approval. It is understood that the County Council have agreed to the appointment of a technical assistant for advance planning. It should be possible in future to plan schemes in good time, and they should not be started without approval.
- (2) High costs of various operations in County Wicklow. The Council's desire to spread and maintain employment and to confine expenditure on materials to Co. Wicklow are fully appreciated. At the same time, the Minister is answerable for expenditure from the Road Fund and must ensure that schemes are carried out efficiently at reasonable cost. It was suggested to the County Manager and the County Engineer that the road operations of the Council should be reviewed to see if a revised programme could be devised, which while giving a reasonable spread of employment during the year, will ensure that works which are unsuitable for execution in the Winter time are not carried out in that period. Surface dressing and gravel roads should be done in the Summer, and it is desirable also that excavations be done then. Maintenance work such as drainage, setting back fences, footpaths, and preparation of

materials could usefully be done in the Winter time. In other respects also costs could be reduced. Material suitable for county roads can be obtained in Co. Wicklow in some areas at about 1/3rd of the cost of Co. Council material. The Co. Engineer was to review quarry equipment to see if costs could be reduced. Also, while relying on their own transport equipment for most of their operations, the Council should be prepared in special circumstances, where failure to do so involved holding up a job or slowing down output from expensive plant, to hire extra lorries. The assurance referred to above should cover:

- (i) the proper advance planning of schemes, and the cessation of the practice of starting schemes without approval;
- (ii) every effort being made to reduce costs while preserving a reasonable balance of employment.

Mise, le meas,
E. T. SHEEHY.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:

Courthouse, Wicklow.
18th June, 1960.

County Secretary.

Road Administration (Wicklow County Council).

A Chara,

I beg to acknowledge your Memo of 7th instant with regard to letter dated 4th instant Ref. R.27/3/7 received by you from the Department of Local Government in above.

The works approved by the Council for execution in this year's Road Works Scheme are listed in the statement prepared by me and a copy of this list is attached hereto for your information.

The Assistant County Engineers, each for the Engineering District under his supervision have prepared official Forms 11 and 11a setting out details of the proposals for items of Tar Surface Dressings and other works, such as, Sand gravel Roads, etc., where the cost of such works is met from Special Road Fund Grants (viz., 100 per cent. Main and County Roads) or by the 6 p.c. - 40 p.c. Main Road Improvement Grant.

The works for which the necessary forms have been submitted to the Department are marked with the letter "X" on the said List.

Certain of the works so listed have already been sanctioned by the Department and those I have marked with the letter "A" in addition to letter "X."

It is understood that the remainder of the letter "X" will shortly be approved.

All the Engineers fully appreciate the position wherein the works in no case are to be commenced without sanction.

I have marked with the letter "P" the work proposals which require Design Plans (e.g., Alignments, Corners, etc.), in addition to the usual details in Forms 11 and 11a.

Again I have added the letter "A" to the letter "P" to show that the works have received L.G.D. sanction—some of the latter are, of course, "continuation" works (e.g., Kiltimon).

Three Conferences at Which all the Assistant County Engineers were present were arranged by me in my Office since April last and a very full and frank discussion developed on each occasion. Each Engineer stated his difficulties and proposals for carrying out the Road Works appropriate to his area.

The costings of the various operations involved were particularly referred to and plans were submitted, examined and agreed upon so that the Schemes could be pursued with improved economy and the observations of the Department of Local Government in this connection were carefully noted.

The deliberations revealed that the former Cost of Tar Surface Dressing could be reduced by providing lower-priced stone chippings in Quarries, obtaining increased Transport facilities so as to ensure adequate quantity delivered in good time to the operations when being carried out on the road, greater care in the rate of spread of Binder, and above all, the execution of the projects at the proper period of the year and in weather appropriate thereto.

This year there are scheduled 140 miles of Tar Surface Dressing—thus far to date approximately 50 miles have been completed.

I am satisfied that each Engineer with the Chief Assistant is giving his very best effort to fall in with the requirements of the Department and all concerned in effecting efficient results and the costs are being reduced substantially.

The operations in each of the 3 major Quarries were examined (viz., Ballinclare, Tomacork and Newtown-Donard), and recommendations were made by me as to the requirements in each case and agreed upon.

Amongst the many proposals in this regard was the introduction of the large quantities of material in lesser time heretofore, thus giving a substantial pile up of stone well ahead of crushing requirements.

In addition all quarry plant has been examined for overhaul and a deal of work has been done under this heading.

Adequate equipment for excavation, loading and transport from Quarry Face to Crusher chute must be and will be provided.

In this connection it must be noted that Plant which might be regarded in 1947 up to 1954 as "modern," could not possibly maintain its efficiency in the same manner in 1960—I again recommend that a Mechanical Engineer be employed to investigate and report on the efficiency of our Plant in general.

I may state here that all are concerned with the matter of holding the production of chippings to our own Quarries as far as possible.

In this regard allow me to contradict the suggestion emanating from irresponsible and vexatious sources of which I am aware, that it was intended by me to close down Ballinclare Quarry—the statement is false and unfair.

It has been stated that because I, as County Engineer, took samples of materials from the stock piles for examination and that because I criticised its composition, grading and also the quantity of Fine Dust therein, I was therefore determined to refuse to accept the product.

Most certainly I made objection to the large deposit of Dust in and on the material and support in my opinion is given by Assistant Engineers and workers, but after efforts were made immediately to improve the product and whilst I am still not altogether satisfied, the result was not altogether unsatisfactory.

There is no necessity or responsibility whatsoever on me, as County Engineer, to defend my action to anybody in this regard and I refer to it only to assure the workers involved who appreciate my concern and approval for their work at all times.

I may say also in passing that samples of chippings were taken from this Quarry as from others by other officials on many occasions without comment.

Further I must now say that there is a more serious aspect of the "Dust" problem in this Quarry—the effect it will have and may have had already on the health of the workers.

For a considerable time I have drawn attention to this and I have asked that measures be taken to control or eliminate it altogether.

Authority must be given to set up a "Dust" Control Plant in the Quarry at the earliest possible moment.

To return to the question of Costings—the Department's letter states that material suitable for County Roads can be obtained in Co. Wicklow in some areas at about one-third of the cost of Co. Council material. This view is acceptable only in so far as "Pebble" chippings in the Greystones, Kilcool and Newtown Districts are concerned—but this type of chipping would not give the same wearing life as the Ballinclare Whinstone Chipping and whilst suitable to an extent on "County" Roads (which is presupposing a small traffic intensity) could hardly be regarded as altogether desirable for all of the roads described officially as "County" in those districts—many of those roads, as the Council will be aware, in the areas named carry traffic almost as destructive as on main or link roads.

In the Western District—there is no doubt that both Whinstone Chippings and the Pebble Chippings can be obtained at a cheaper cost from sources other than Co. Council operations. The "Hard" Whinstone product would come from another County—the "Pebble" can be got near Blessington.

Tarmacadam certainly in that area must be obtained outside the County at present—we have no Tarmac Making Plant in West Wicklow, nor is our small unit in Eallinclare adequate to supply all needs and transport would defeat the economy anyway.

If the Council would purchase a large Mobile Plant for general use in the County turning out 250 or 300 cu. yards per day, it would be of great advantage in costing and keeping work in the County. Such a Plant would probably involve an expenditure of about £20,000.

The Department's letter refers particularly to two items: (a) Advanced Planning—I consider that the proposed Road Works be examined by the Co. Council in the month of December instead of, as at present, in March—it would be expected and a lesser amount not be given for Roads than the present year and works could be agreed upon then, thus ensuring that adequate time would be available to get the details approved by the Department at least 4 weeks before the end of the financial year.

For major jobs involving alignment, etc., special Technical Engineering Assistance is, I understand, now being accepted as necessary.

If the Council holds proposals for Schemes in readiness for immediate submission to Department when required, I am aware that it is likely that extra special Grants may be forthcoming from time to time.

Preparations of Road Materials in Quarries, in anticipation of Works, to be undertaken in the next following financial year should be carried out in January, February and March or in some cases in November and December.

(b) Costings—reduction whilst maintaining reasonable balance of Employment. The Department suggests the Maintenance work such as drainage, fences, footpaths, and preparation of materials could usefully be done in Winter time. These points were fully discussed at the Conference with the Assistant Engineers referred to above and were appreciated and it was agreed that it is and will be possible to maintain in full employment all over recognised "permanent" or quasi permanent road workers. The utmost care and co-operation of each Engineer is necessary to effect this, but I am satisfied that this will be forthcoming.

The 1960/'61 Tar Surfacing in Northern Area it is hoped will finish about mid or end of July—the costings as reported by the Assistant show a reduction of substantial rate—a report on this will be issued later.

Certain portions of 1959/'60 works are not yet completed, but will be by 30th June next—viz., Lough Dan (Tourist Grant), Tarring and sand-gravel. Roads in Eastern Engineering District—Ogles Corner (Bray)—Brittas Bay Road 105 (Part).

Tar Surfacing in the Eastern Area will finish probably by end of August, but there are 18 miles of sand-gravel roads also to be done in that district.

Sufficient plant and transport to carry out those works have been agreed upon with the Chief Assistant who will work out the details.

Mise, le meas.

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

P.S.—Since writing above I have received copy of a report from Chief Assistant to you dated 18th instant in which he gives details of the facts maintaining in the Quarries in each area and the steps he is taking to reduce costs in accordance with my instructions. His report is satisfactory.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary.

Addendum to Report re "Roads Administration"—Supplies and Chippings, A. Chara,

North-East Area: In the district of Enniskerry, Bray, Greystones, whinstone chippings can be procured at a lesser cost than ex our Quarry, but the margin is very small and again it is felt that the rate of output could be improved ex Ballinclare. Pebble type chippings can be procured at a cost of about 6s. 6d. per ton ex Kilquade as against 15s. 6d. per ton ex Ballinclare.

South-East Area: Supplies of chippings can be obtained more economically from Ballinclare although again, it is hoped that existing rates will progressively reduce.

Southern Area: Chippings can be obtained from outside sources at a lesser cost than what we can produce at present in Tomacork Quarry, but with the efforts now being made and new arrangements having been agreed, it is felt that the cost will be reduced at that quarry to a more economic limit.

Western Area: The position in this area has already been defined in previous correspondence.

Mise, le meas.

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

Particulars of the report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer of 17th June, 1960, regarding the Co. Council Quarries (amount of output, etc.), was also submitted to the Council. Councillor McCrea stated that there was no Council in Ireland had a more efficient service or a better road service than Wicklow and he did not agree with the terms of the Department's letter. He stated that good and efficient work had been carried out but did agree that Quarries should be worked earlier in the Spring to supply material. He did not approve of the importing of materials into the County and agreed that surface works should be done in the Summer season. Councillor Miley criticised the manner in which certain work had been carried out and stated that there had been excessive bleeding of tar on roads. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that the Council had a right to be proud of the extent of roadwork carried out by their staff. He suggested that it would be worth considering making arrangements to produce chippings in the January to March period. The Co. Manager pointed out that if it were desired to prepare materials in the Spring so as to have on hands for the following year it would be necessary to provide the monies to cover the cost as this had not been provided for in the current year's programme.

It was Proposed by Clr. Haughton; Seconded by Clr. P. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 4th June, 1960, from the Department of Local Government regarding Road Administration we hereby assure the Minister for Local Government that there will be proper advance planning of Scheme and the cessation of the practice of starting schemes without approval and that every effort will be made to reduce costs while preserving a reasonable balance of employment.

Passed unanimously.

The Council considered the application of the Co. Engineer of 10th June, 1960, for the appointment of a temporary Engineering Assistant for the South-Eastern District and part of the northern area. In reply to enquiries from members the Co. Engineer stated that a temporary technical assistant for which approval had been given would be employed in the Western District and the Southern District.

It was Proposed by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge; Seconded by Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.:

Resolved—That having considered report of the Co. Engineer of 10th June, 1960, we hereby approve of the engagement of a second Temporary Engineering Assistant for the purpose of preparation of surveys and plans for road improvement works subject to the cost of his employment being chargeable to Road Grants.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Clr. McCrea; Seconded by Clr. Hadden:

Resolved—That we adjourn consideration of the appointment of a second Technical Assistant to the next statutory meeting.

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

In Favour—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C., A. Hadden, G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. Miley, Edward Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Macken—11.

Against—Councillors J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. D. Haughton and H. J. Byrne—4.

The amendment was declared carried by 11 votes in favour to 4 votes against and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

ITEM NO. 8—REPORT REGARDING MILEAGE OF ALL ROADS AND ALL TARRED ROADS IN EACH ENGINEERING DISTRICT.

Particulars had been circulated to the members of the mileage of all roads in each Engineering District and also of the mileage of tarred roads in each of the four areas. The Co. Secretary stated that in considering mileage of roads account should also be taken of populations and of valuation and the figures for the four areas were as follows:—

	Miles per 1,000 of Population	Valuation per mile of road
Northern Engineering District	17.5	£34.5
South-Eastern Engineering District	35.37	£19.47
Southern Engineering District	34.74	£15.73
Western Engineering District	37.44	£17.82

The Council noted the details submitted.

ITEM NO. 9—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOTIFYING ADDITIONAL ROAD GRANTS FOR 1960/'61.

The Co. Secretary submitted letter of 28th May, 1960, from Department of Local Government indicating that the Road Grants for the current financial year had been increased and the revised grants were as follows:

County Road Improvement Grant—£60,000 (increase of £4,700).
Main Road Improvement Grant—£29,000 (increase of £2,300).

The Co. Engineer had recommended that monies might be allocated as follows:—

Main Roads—£2,300 to Main Road No. 385, Hollywood Cross to Blessington, Dublin County Bounds, West Wicklow.

County Roads—£2,700 to County Road between Aughavannagh-Rathdangan, Southern Area; £800 to County Road No. 141, Moneymeen-Greenane; £1,200 to County Road No. 90, Garryduff-Cronebyrne.

It was Proposed by Clr. Quigley; Seconded by Clr. P. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Co. Engineer's recommendation for the allocation of the additional monies given by way of Road Improvement Grants for the year 1960-'61 as follows:

2,300 to Main Road No. 385, Hollywood Cross-Blessington, Co. Dublin Bounds, West Wicklow.

£2,700 to Southern Area—County Road between Aughavannagh-Rathdangan (Mullans Cross).

£800 to County Road No. 141, Moneymeen-Greenane.

£1,200—County Road No. 90, Garryduff-Cronebyrne.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR McCARTHY THAT ROAD KNOWN AS CONTINUATION OF MONUMENT LANE, TEMPLERAINEY, BE TAKEN OVER AND MAINTAINED AS A COUNTY ROAD.

In regard to this Notice of Motion the County Secretary informed the Council that it was the practice of the Council that where roads were proposed to be taken over they would be considered by the Local Roads Committee at the Estimates each year and if the Committee found it possible to make suitable provision for the repair of the road and recommended that it be taken over the Council would then consider the matter. Councillor McCarthy noted the procedure and agreed that the matter be referred to the Local Roads Committee when considering the Estimates for the following year.

ITEM NO. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MILEY THAT EACH AREA BE ALLOCATED TWO NEW LORRIES WHEN PURCHASED.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer has submitted his recommendations in regard to the allocation of new lorries and under these proposals there would be two of the new lorries allocated to each area.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins, Ltd., in regard to their tender for the eight new Commer lorries and pointing out that the price had been increased as from 1st June by a sum of £25 per lorry. The firm also asked that an allowance be granted in respect of the additional mileage covered by the lorries being traded in during the period from the submission of their tender. The Council was not prepared to agree that any additional allowance be given in respect of the lorries being traded in but agreed that the increase in price since the date of tender, amounting to £25 per lorry, might be paid subject to the sanction of the Minister. The Council noted that it had been specified in the tender that the tender was subject to the price ruling at date of delivery.

ITEM NO. 12—REPORT OF CONCILIATION CONFERENCE AT LABOUR COURT RE RATES OF WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS.

The County Manager's report on the discussion at the Labour Court with representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in regard to the dispute in relation to the rate of wages of roadworkers and the substitution of two days in lieu of two former Church Holydays. It was indicated by the Union representatives that eight Councils had granted increases in wages ranging from 8s. to 10s. 6d per week, whereas the increase in Co. Wicklow amounted to 7s. 6d. per week. The Co. Manager pointed out that the Council had followed the general wage trend as expressed in Labour Court awards. The Unions, however, contended that in many instances the Labour Court had recommended that the increase be granted from 1st January, 1960. The Unions also referred to further increases of 2s. which had been granted in Kildare and Carlow. Following prolonged negotiations the Co. Manager stated that he was prepared to recommend to the Council and had so indicated to the Union officials that a further increase of 1s. per week in wages of roadworkers with effect from 1st April, 1960, might be granted. As regards the matter of holidays the Co. Manager had indicated that while the Council had granted the two extra days holidays to take effect as from 1st April, 1960, the Council was not prepared to grant these holidays retrospectively.

It was Proposed by Clr. P. Brennan, T.D.; Seconded by Clr. J. Quigley:
Resolved—That having considered report of Conciliation Conference of Labour Court in regard to dispute between the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the Council in relation to rates of wages of roadworkers and substitution of two days in lieu of two former Church Holydays, we hereby approve of a further increase of 1s. per week in wages of roadworkers with effect from 1st April, 1960, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such increase in wages.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. McCARTHY FOR THE SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING RECENT INCREASES IN WAGES AND SALARIES OF COUNCIL STAFF.

In the absence of Councillor McCarthy it was agreed that this matter be adjourned.

ITEM NO. 14—LETTER FROM BRAY AND DISTRICT TRADES COUNCIL REGARDING HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR BRAY AND DISTRICT.

The Council agreed that this matter be adjourned for consideration by the incoming Council.

ITEM NO. 15—HEALTH AUTHORITIES ACT, 1960.

The County Secretary gave particulars of the Health Authorities Act, 1960, which would come into effect on 1st July, 1960. The provisions under which Wicklow Co. Council obtained representation for three members on the Dublin Health Authority in relation to matters affecting the Mental Hospitals was noted by the Council.

ITEM NO. 16—SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN RE BALTINGLASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the extensions and alterations to Baltinglass District Hospital amounted to £101,941 1s. 11d. The original loan raised by the Council amounted to £27,900 and it was now necessary to raise a further loan of £6,166 16s. 8d. to defray the balance of the Council's share of the cost. Grants of £61,660 had been received and a further grant of £6,214 5s. 3d. had been applied for. The cost per week for maintenance of a patient was £9 18s. 0d. and the cost of the Supplemental Loan would be approximately 2s. 11d., making the total cost about £10 1s. per week.

It was Proposed by Clr. Miley; Seconded by Clr. Quigley:

Resolved—That we note the report on total cost of improvements and extensions to Baltinglass District Hospital and hereby authorise the borrowing of a supplementary loan of £6,166 16s. 8d. from the Local Loans Fund repayable over a period of 27 years to meet the balance of the Council's share of the cost of the works.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 17—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. J. McCREA THAT IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED COST OF LIVING THAT THE MEANS TESTS FOR HOLDERS OF MEDICAL CARDS BE RECONSIDERED.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, it was decided to defer consideration of the Motion in his name in relation to the Means Test for holders of Medical Cards.

ITEM NO. 18—WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

A copy of the White Paper had been circulated to each member. The Council noted that a Committee was being set up to examine the best methods of providing treatment for the mentally handicapped.

ITEM NO. 19—PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT ENNISKERRY—LETTER FROM AN BORD FAILTE.

The County Manager stated that the Assistant County Engineer, Mr. P. T. Hickey, had prepared estimates of the cost of providing amenities at Enniskerry. It had been suggested that the field known as the Bog Meadow might be acquired and that a riverside walk might be provided with shelter and seating in a new park at the Meadow and a cafe and shelter with public conveniences in a new building in the park. Provision was also made for a small Car Park and provision of Tennis Courts, Putting Greens, etc., and drainage of the Park and planting. The total estimated cost was £7,220 and to this must be added the cost of acquisition and fencing the Bog Meadow which contained approximately 8 acres. The total estimate, therefore, was in the region of £8,000. An Bord Failte had indicated that they would be prepared to make a grant of 50 per cent. of the cost if the Council would contribute the balance and be responsible for maintenance. The Council agreed in principal with the proposed provision of Amenity Schemes at Enniskerry but asked that the Local Association be asked to assist in the acquisition of the Bog Meadow and enquire as to the minimum cost at which the land might be acquired from the Powerscourt Estate.

ITEM NO. 20—ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he was arranging for proceeding with the Scheme for the erection of three cottages at Kirikee, the Scheme being under the Control of the Assistant County Engineer for the area with the Chief Assistant Co. Engineer available to advise. He proposed to also have the Clerk of Works assist the Assistant Co. Engineer. The Council noted that the Scheme would be put in hands at once.

ITEM NO. 21—APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF S.D.A. LOAN ON HOUSE, DUN MUIRE, DARGLE ROAD, BRAY.

It was Proposed by Clr. Haughton; Seconded by Clr. Miley:

Resolved—That we approved of the transfer of a loan in respect of house known as Dun Muire, Dargle Road, Bray, from Mr. James Ivers to Mr. E. R. Cushnahan, subject to the completion of the necessary Mortgage.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 22—PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS BOARD FOR ACQUIRING AND EQUIPPING WORKSHOP FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE BLIND.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 5th March, 1960, from Department of Social Welfare in regard to the proposed contribution by the Council towards the cost of the Board for the Employment of the Blind. The Council had agreed to contribute towards the cost an amount equivalent to 1d. in the £ in the Rates subject to a similar contribution being made by the State. In the letter referred to it had been indicated that the Exchequer contributed about £3,000 a year in capitation grants to the board out of a total of £18,500 approximately for the maintenance and employment of Blind persons in institutions, and also met the cost of pensions for the Blind amounting to approximately £500,000 in the current year. The Exchequer had also provided a grant of £15,000 to meet the Board's initial expenses. The Department asked that the Council might reconsider their decision in the matter. The County Secretary submitted particulars of the amounts provided in the public Estimates for Blind Welfare during the years 1956/'57-1960/'61. The amount provided in the latter year was £14,500 as compared to £18,500 for the year 1956/'57. The operations of the Board commenced on 1st January, 1958, and the Council's share of the cost to date if the Council agreed to the proposal would be £367 7s. 7d. equal to approximately .35d. in the £. It was indicated by the Council that they did not agree with the Department's proposal and felt that it should be referred back to the Department of Social Welfare.

ITEM NO. 23—RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER ON TENDER RECEIVED FOR THE FIRE ENGINE FOR BALTINGLASS.

Having considered recommendation of Chief Fire Officer, it was Proposed by Clr. Timmins; Seconded by Clr. Miley:

Resolved—That having considered report of Chief Fire Officer we approve of the acceptance of tender of Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins in the sum of £1,370 17s. 6d. for the provision of self-propelled Fire Engine for Baltinglass Fire Station and hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £1,370 17s. 6d. from the Council's treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, repayable over a period of 5 years with interest at the appropriate rate.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 24—REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION FOR 1959/'60.

The County Secretary submitted report on the Rate Collection for 1959-'60 and stated 97.64 per cent. had been lodged as compared with 98.37 per cent. in the previous year. .39 per cent. of the Rates had been written off as irrecoverable as compared with .26 per cent. in the previous year and 1.97 per cent. had been carried forward as compared with 1.37 per cent. in 1958/'59. The reduction in the collection, however, was not a substantial one. The Council noted the report on the collection.

The County Secretary stated that Collector P. Burke had submitted his resignation due to ill-health. In accordance with the Council's Resolution the Rates for this area will be collected from the office during the year 1960/'61. The Council noted the arrangements for the collection of rates.

ITEM NO. 25—LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL RE POWER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PRESERVE RIGHTS OF WAY.

The County Secretary stated that in letter received from the County Councils' General Council it was stated that the Council's letter in regard to the power of Local Authorities to preserve existing rights of way, particularly rights of access to beaches, forests, etc., had been adjourned. The Minister had been requested to receive a deputation in connection with the Council's motion regarding the changing of statutory dates for collection of rates. The Council noted the position in regard to these matters.

ITEM NO. 26—MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM IN RESPECT OF STOLEN MOTOR CAR.

The County Secretary stated that the Council, together with Dublin Co. Council, had received a claim for Malicious Injury in the sum of £450 in respect of damage to a Motor Car which it was stated had occurred between Clarendon St., Dublin, and Roundwood. From enquiries made it had been ascertained from the Gardai Authorities that the car had been stolen in Dublin City, had been driven to Roundwood where it was involved in a slight accident and subsequently driven back to Dublin where it was involved in a further and serious accident. It had been ascertained that the damage caused in the accident which occurred near Roundwood would only amount to about £2 in value, but that the car received extensive damages in the second accident in Dublin. Dublin Co. Council had been informed of the position and that Wicklow Co. Council did not accept any liability in relation to the damage. It seemed unreasonable that a Local Authority should be liable to pay compensation in respect of damage caused to a stolen motor car which it was presumed was covered in the ordinary way by the insurance of the car. The Council agreed that it was not reasonable that Local Authorities should have to meet claims of this character and noted that in this particular case there would not appear to be any liability falling on the Council.

ITEM NO. 27—LETTER FROM C.I.E. RE COUNCIL'S REQUEST THAT MORNING TRAIN FROM ROSSLARE STOP AT WOODENBRIDGE.

The Council noted the following letter received from C.I.E. indicating that in the circumstances they were unable to agree to have the train stop as requested at Woodenbridge:

TTR.7/1249. C.I.E. Traffic Department,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Operating Division,
Courthouse, Wicklow. Amiens St. Station, Dublin.
16th May, 1960.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 12th instant, to our Secretary requesting that the 6.40 a.m. train from Rosslare should stop each morning at Woodenbridge for the Summer service period commencing on 13th June next.

It is regretted that it is not practicable to accede to this request. Stops on the 6.40 a.m. train were withdrawn some time back at some of the smaller stations—including Woodenbridge—only after careful consideration in an effort to accelerate schedules. We were subjected to severe criticism from many people who maintained that overall journey time showed up our service in a very bad light. You will understand that as this is the boat train service from Rosslare we were, and are, very anxious to give the best possible run to Dublin, particularly as it is considered in well-informed circles that by doing so we should greatly improve passenger traffic through Rosslare Port. Your Council draws attention to the fact that the train stops at Inch and Killurin. There is a significant traffic from the former point and Killurin is not suitably served by 'bus.

Your application has received sympathetic consideration, but in the circumstances I am sorry that I cannot agree to have the train stop as requested at Woodenbridge.

Yours faithfully,

C. KIRWAN, Operating Superintendent.

ITEM NO. 28—WATER SUPPLY AT SRUAGHAUN, BALTINGLASS.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had confirmed that there was no reason why this water supply scheme should be carried out as a matter of urgency, and stated that in his opinion it should be included in the general scheme for the provision and improvement of water supplies. In regard to supply of water to lands for livestock no supplies of this nature had been granted by the Council in recent years unless on a metered basis and an annual charge was made where a meter was installed. In the case of 3 connections from the Sraughaun Supply which were for the watering of livestock only, it was stated that these should be metered. Councillor Timmins urged that this scheme be proceeded with and stated that in this case there was an existing pipeline serving a number of houses and that it was a matter of relaying the pipeline. The Engineer had estimated the cost at £1,200 for providing a 3" main. The County Manager, however, again emphasised that no special provision had been made for this work in the Estimates and that it should be dealt with in conjunction with other water supply Schemes.

WATER SUPPLY AT KILMACOO, AVOCA.

Councillor Haughton handed in a letter received from James Kennedy, Kilmacoo, Avoca, asking that a water supply be provided for five Council cottages and it was agreed that this matter be examined by the County Engineer.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council, following the Local Elections, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 noon on Wednesday, 13th July, 1960, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

The following members attended: Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, C. W. Hudson, James D. Haughton, James Gregory.

All the members present signed the declaration of acceptance of office prior to the commencement of the meeting.

AGENDA.

1. To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year and until a successor shall have been appointed.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
4. Appointment of County Vocational Education Committee.
5. Appointment of County Library Advisory Committee.
6. Appointment of three representatives on Dublin Health Authority.
7. Appointment of three representatives on County Councils' General Council.
8. Appointment of representative on Irish Tourist Association.
9. Appointment of seven representatives with the Chairman, as representatives on the Ratdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
10. Appointment of two representatives on Arklow Harbour Authority and two representatives on Wicklow Harbour Authority.
11. To constitute the members of the County Council as Old Age Pensions Committee for County Wicklow.
12. Appointment of members of nine Old Age Pension Sub-Committees for County Wicklow.
13. Appointment of Consultative Health Committee.
14. Appointment of Public Assistance Committees.
15. Appointment of Local Housing Committees.
16. Appointment of Visiting Committees for the Council's Institutions.
17. To appoint members of the Council as nominated members to witness the affixing of the Seal of the Council.

ITEM NO. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That Councillor J. J. McCrea 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.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That Councillor P. Brennan be elected as Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

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

For Councillor McCrea—Councillors McCrea, McCarthy, Miss M. Walsh, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, M. Deering, H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., R. Miley, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory—13.

For Councillor Brennan—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., A. H. Hadden, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge—6.

Councillors Hipwell and Temple did not vote.

Councillor McCrea was declared elected Chairman by 13 votes in his favour to 6 votes for Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. Councillor McCrea signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair. Councillor McCrea expressed thanks to the members for electing him as Chairman.

ITEM NO. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council.

ITEM NO. 3—APPOINTMENT OF CO. WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The County Secretary stated that the Committee of Agriculture should consist of not less than 12 nor more than 16 members of the Council. It was essential that at least one person from each Electoral Area be included in whose appointed. The Committee could be composed either wholly or partly of members of the Council. A list of those persons who had constituted the Committee of Agriculture was submitted. The County Secretary also submitted letter from the National Farmers' Association requesting the Council to give their kind consideration to the appointment of more working farmers on the County Committee of Agriculture. It was stated that the rural organisations in Wicklow very much appreciated the appointments of W. H. Meredith and Andrew Kehoe made by the previous Council, and that the Wicklow Executive, National Farmers' Association, would supply a list of suitable farmers for consideration by the Council. Having selected twelve members of the Council as members of the Committee, the Council then considered the appointment of four additional persons from the following names which had been proposed and seconded:—

Messrs. W. H. Meredith, Andrew Kehoe, Joseph Kavanagh, Paul Kehoe, Norman Walker, Thomas O'Reilly, James Hanlon, James Macken and Garrett Nolan.

The County Secretary pointed out that since no member of the Council selected was from the Bray Electoral Area, it would be essential that one of the remaining members to be selected would be from the Bray area. The Council accordingly agreed on the selection of Mr. Malachy Brennan and agreed to select the remaining three members by ballot, each member to vote for three of the candidates. The Council agreed that Mr. Vincent King, Staff

Officer, would act as scrutineer. The ballot resulted in the selection of Mr. W. H. Meredith, Glenealy, Joseph Kavanagh, Kilpipe, and Paul Kehoe, Baltin-glass.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—

Councillor C. W. Hudson, Councillor G. Timmins, Councillor M. Deering, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Councillor J. J. McCrea, Councillor A. H. Hadden, Councillor J. Quigley, Councillor James Miley, Councillor P. McCarthy, Councillor M. Walsh, Councillor R. Miley, Councillor J. O'Neill, Mr. Malachy Brennan, Mr. W. H. Meredith, Mr. Joseph Kavanagh, Mr. Paul Kehoe.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the former membership of the Vocational Education Committee. The County Secretary also submitted letter received from the Hon. Secretary, Irish National Teachers' Organisation applying for representation of the organisation on the Vocational Education Committee, and submitting the name of Mr. John Barry, Church Hill, Wicklow. The Council agreed to the re-appointment of the six existing members on the Committee, i.e., Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, J. J. McCrea, G. Timmins, and James Miley. For the remaining two appointments of members Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Edwd. Byrne, J. Temple and Miss Mary Walsh were proposed and seconded, and the Council agreed that a poll be taken to determine which two would be selected. As a result of the poll, Councillor Edward Byrne received the majority of the votes and was deemed appointed. Councillors P. Brennan and M. Walsh received an equivalent number of votes and a further ballot was taken to determine which of these Councillors would be selected. A vote having been taken, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

For Councillor Brennan—P. Brennan, T.D., J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. B. Hipwell—6.

For Councillor Miss M. Walsh—J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Miss M. Walsh, J. Quigley, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, M. Deering, H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, J. Temple, J. Everett, T.D., R. Miley, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory—15.

Miss M. Walsh was appointed to fill the remaining appointment for a Councillor. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to re-appoint the representatives of the clergy on the Committee—Very Rev. Perkins, P.P., Aghrim, replacing Very Rev. W. Lillis, former P.P. of Aghrim, who had been appointed to Dublin. The members of the clergy appointed in addition to Very Rev. Fr. Perkins were Very Rev. J. Pigott, P.P., Arklow; Very Rev. T. Power, P.P., Wicklow; Rev. C. F. W. St. J. Tamplin, M.A., Wicklow; Rev. D. McDermott, C.C., Baltinglass. For the remaining vacancy on the Committee, the following persons were proposed and seconded:—Mr. Sean Barry, Wicklow; Mr. George Flood, Wicklow, and Mr. Matthew Kavanagh, Arklow. A vote having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

For Mr. Barry:—P. Brennan, A. H. Hadden, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, C. W. Hudson—8.

For Mr. Flood:—J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, H. B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., R. Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory—8.

For Mr. Kavanagh—Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, M. Deering, H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne—5.

Mr. Kavanagh being eliminated, a further vote was taken as to whether Mr. Barry or Mr. Flood would be appointed, and this vote resulted as follows:

For Mr. Barry:—P. Brennan, A. H. Hadden, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, C. W. Hudson—8.

For Mr. Flood:—J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, H. B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., R. Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, M. Deering, H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne—13.

Mr. George Flood was elected to the remaining place on the Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons as the Council's representatives on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:—Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, J. J. McCrea, G. Timmins, J. Miley, Very Rev. Fr. Piggott, P.P., Rev. Canon Tamplin, Very Rev. Father Power, P.P., Rev. D. McDermott, Very Rev. Fr. Perkins, P.P., Aughrim, Councillor E. Byrne, Councillor Miss Walsh and Mr. George Flood.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—APPOINTMENT OF CO. LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that Wicklow U.D.C. had recommended the following members of the Urban District Council for appointment to the County Library Committee:—Councillors C. W. Hudson, Thomas Conroy and James Kelly.

The Irish National Teachers' Organisation had asked for representation of the organisation on the Library Committee and had submitted the name of Mr. Francis Kearney, Kincora, Newcastle. The names of the former members of the Library Committee were submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Library Advisory Committee:—Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, C. W. Hudson, T. Conroy, J. Kelly, P. Brennan, T.D., H. B. Hipwell, Miss M. Walsh, Very Rev. Fr. Power, Canon Tamplin, E. Kavanagh and Mr. Francis Kearney.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY.

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with the Health Act, 1960, Wicklow County Council were entitled to appoint three members of the Council to represent the Council on the Dublin Health Authority. The members appointed would be entitled to be present at meetings of the Dublin Health Authority when it is considering business at any such meeting relating to the Mental Treatment Act, take part in discussions and to vote in like manner as if they were members of the Dublin Health Authority.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following members to represent Wicklow County Council on the Dublin Health Authority:—Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, E. Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent the Council on the General Council of County Councils:—Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Councillor J. J. McCrea, Councillor G. Timmins.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO 8—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea as representative of Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE CHAIRMAN AS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD.

The County Secretary submitted list of the former representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, J. Haughton, P. Brennan, T.D., J. Gregory, R. Miley and E. Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 10—APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES ON ARKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES ON WICKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY.

The names of Councillors J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy and P. Brennan were proposed and seconded as representatives for Arklow Harbour Authority. A vote having been called for, each member to vote for two candidates, the vote resulted as follows:—

For J. J. McCrea:—P. McCarthy, M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea, J. Quigley, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, M. Deering, H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, J. Temple, J. Everett, T.D., C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory—14.

For P. McCarthy:—P. Brennan, T.D., J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, Miss M. Walsh, J. Quigley, P.C., A. Hadden, G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, J. Temple, J. Everett, T.D., R. Miley, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory—20.

For P. Brennan:—P. Brennan, T.D., J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. B. Hipwell, R. Miley—6.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent Wicklow County Council on Arklow Harbour Authority:—Councillor J. J. McCrea and P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent Wicklow County Council on the Wicklow Harbour Authority:—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Councillor C. W. Hudson.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 11—TO CONSTITUTE THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AS OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE FOR CO. WICKLOW.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson:

Resolved—That all the members of the County Council for the time being be appointed to constitute the County Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 12—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF NINE OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES FOR COUNTY WICKLOW.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Rev. John O'Connell, Newtownmountkennedy; Mr. John Kavanagh, Season Park, do.; Mr. Joseph D. Dunne, do.; Mr. John Egan, do.; Mr. Joseph Doyle, O'Neill Park, do.; Mr. Edward Power, Church Road, do.; Mr. James Gregory, Kilpedder; Mr. M. J. Brennan, Roundwood; Mr. Thos. Timmons, Knockfodda, Roundwood.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Rev. G. O'Mahony, C.C., Ballyconnell, Tullow; J. J. McCrea, Carnew; P. Brennan, T.D., do.; Very Rev. Fr. Kelly, P.P., Tomacork, do.; Alan H. Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely; Denis Kealy, Shillelagh; Rev. Mr. Evanson, do.; Patk. Scantlan, do.; Sean Kenny, do.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Rev. W. Breen, C.C., St. Peter's Presbytery, Bray; Rev. T. A. G. Barrett, 5 Alexandra Tce., do.; Miss Margt. Kelly, 3 Eglinton Road, Bray; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, 29 Dargan St., do.; Seosamh O Cionnaigh, Radairc Sein All Bri Cualann; H. J. Byrne, Wilton, Meath Road, Bray; H. E. Hipwell, 113 Main St., Bray; P. Savage, Adelaide Road, Bray; E. E. Byrne, 1 Roselawn Park, Boghall, do.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Rev. Canon Frazer, Donaghmore Rectory, Donard; Rev. D. McDermott, C.C., St. Joseph's, Baltinglass; Rev. A. J. Kehoe, C.C., Kiltegan; Rev. J. S. C. Stronge, The Rectory, Dunlavin; Mr. M. O'Kelly, The Grove, Hollywood; Mr. A. Toomey, Donard; Mr. Godfrey Timmins, Weaver Sq., Baltinglass; Mr. Paul Kehoe, Weaver Sq., do.; Mr. Michael Patterson, Main St., Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Miss M. G. Hoyne, Coolgreany Road, Arklow; Mr. Wm. Cleary, 2 O'Connell Tce., do.; Mr. P. McCarthy, 43 Rory O'Connor Place, do.; Mr. J. E. McElheron, 2 South Quay, do.; Very Rev. J. Pigott, P.P., do.; Rev. J. Poyntz, Rectory, do.; Mr. Ml. Cavanagh, 1 St. Mary's Tce., do.; Mr. T. J. Birthistle, 5 Main St, do; Mr V. G. Byrne, Woodenbridge Hotel, Woodenbridge.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Canon Tamplin, Wicklow; Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride; C. W. Hudson, M.C.C., Church St., Wicklow; Edward Kavanagh, Castlefield, do.; Philip Doyle, 1 Summerhill, do.; Thomas Conroy, 17 St. Dominick's Road, do.; Joseph Jacob, Senior, Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

It was noted that there are two vacancies on the Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Mr. Joseph Ryder, Quill Farm, Kilmacanogue; Mr. Christopher Murray, Argyll, Esplanade, Bray; Mr. Norman Walker, P.C., Annacrevy, Enniskerry; Mr. John Brady, Church Road, Greystones; Mr. G. V. Evans, Farrankelly, Delgany; Mr. Wm. Foley, No. 17 Cottage, Kilcoole; Rev. Fr. Cullinane, C.C., Kilmacanogue; Rev. Fr. Foley, C.C., Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

It was noted that there is one vacancy on the Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Mr. James Miley, Blessington; Mr. Myles Balfe, do.; Mr. John Byrne, Burgage, do.; Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, Ballyknocken, Vallemount; Mr. L. Byrne, Blessington; Col. M. Gilheany, Knockieran, do.; Very Rev. J. Moynihan, P.P., Vallemount; Mr. Michael Clarke, Lacken, Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

It was noted that there is one vacancy on the Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—Rev. Canon R. K. W. Lowe, M.A., The Rectory, Rathdrum; Mr. G. F. Doyle, N.T., Brewery Place, do.; Councillor J. D. Haughton, Corner House, do.; Thomas Barry, Barry's Hotel, do.

Passed unanimously.

It was noted that there are five vacancies on the Committee.

The Council agreed that the Sub-Committees be asked to recommend suitable persons to fill any vacancies on the Sub-Committees and that these recommendations be then submitted to the Council.

ITEM NO. 13—APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that the names of Drs. T. P. Fyans and W. T. Micks had been put forward by the Co. Wicklow Branch, Irish Medical Association as representatives of doctors practising in the County.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following members to form the Consultative Health Committee, together with the County Medical Officer, Medical Officer, St. Colman's Hospital, and Doctors T. P. Fyans and W. T. Micks representing the Co. Wicklow Branch of the Irish Medical Association: Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, J. Gregory, and Mrs. Ledwidge.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 14—APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the members of the Council elected for the Arklow Electoral Area together with the members of Arklow Urban District Council as the Public Assistance Committee for the Arklow Electoral area, including Arklow Urban District.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the members of the Council elected for the Baltinglass Electoral Area as Public Assistance Committee for that area.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the members of the Council elected for the Bray Electoral Area together with the members of the Bray Urban District Council as Public Assistance Committee for Bray Electoral Area, including Bray Urban District.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the members of the Council elected for the Wicklow Electoral Area together with the members of Wicklow Urban District Council as Public Assistance Committee for Wicklow County Electoral Area, including the Urban District of Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple asked the arrangements made for calling of meetings of Public Assistance Committees and stated that as a member of Bray U.D.C. he had not received notices of these meetings. The County Secretary stated that it would be ensured that all members of the Urban District Councils would be notified of meetings of Public Assistance Committees for their areas.

ITEM NO. 15—APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL HOUSING COMMITTEES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby constitute Local Housing Committees for each of the four Electoral Areas to be composed of the members of the Council elected for the respective Electoral areas.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 16—APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES FOR THE COUNCIL'S INSTITUTIONS.

The Council decided to appoint all the members of the Council as visiting Committee for each of the Council's Institutions.

ITEM NO. 17—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS NOMINATED MEMBERS TO WITNESS THE AFFIXING OF THE SEAL OF THE COUNCIL.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint each member of Wicklow County Council to be a nominated member for the purpose of witnessing the affixing of the Seal of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

DATE OF MEETING.

At the suggestion of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council agreed that in future the monthly meeting of the Council would be held at 2.30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month instead of at 11 a.m.

The Council decided that a meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 18th July, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th July, 1960.

The following members were present: Councillors J. Quigley, J. D. Haughton, J. Temple, J. Miley, M. Deering, P. Brennan, T.D., and J. H. O'Connell.

The County Secretary stated that the names of the members of the Public Assistance Committee for Wicklow County Electoral Area, including the Urban District of Wicklow, had been appointed.

The County Secretary also stated that the names of the members of the Local Housing Committees for each of the four Electoral Areas had been appointed.

The County Secretary further stated that the names of the members of the Council as visiting Committee for each of the Council's Institutions had been appointed.

The County Secretary also stated that the names of the members of the Council as nominated members to witness the affixing of the Seal of the Council had been appointed.

The County Secretary further stated that the Council had agreed that in future the monthly meeting of the Council would be held at 2.30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month instead of at 11 a.m.

The County Secretary also stated that the Council had decided that a meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 18th July, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The County Secretary further stated that the Council had appointed each member of Wicklow County Council to be a nominated member for the purpose of witnessing the affixing of the Seal of the Council.

The County Secretary also stated that the Council had appointed all the members of the Council as visiting Committee for each of the Council's Institutions.

The County Secretary further stated that the Council had appointed the members of the Local Housing Committees for each of the four Electoral Areas.

The County Secretary also stated that the Council had appointed the members of the Public Assistance Committee for Wicklow County Electoral Area, including the Urban District of Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th July, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, Michael J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory. *AND H.B. HIPWELL*

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

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

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 9th May, 1960.
2. Filling of vacancies on Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
3. Letter from University Scholarship Holder expressing appreciation for assistance provided by the Council.
4. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1961—To determine Scheme.
5. Application for closing of road at Wicklow for Annual Regatta on 1st August, 1960.
6. To authorise affixing of Seal of the Council to loan of £15,464 for the purchase of 8 lorries.
7. Dumping Grounds—Proposal to publish list of Dumping Grounds.
8. Application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of erection of house at Glen of the Downs.
9. Letter from Department of Agriculture regarding proposed amendment of Sheep Dipping Orders regulating the dipping of sheep, together with recommendation from the County Committee of Agriculture.
10. Sale of C.I.E. Stores at Dunlavin—Letter from C.I.E. indicating amount which would be required for the purchase of the premises.
11. Caravan Sites—Circular of 23rd June, 1960, from the Department of Local Government (Copy of circular circulated to each member).
12. Application for licence for Caravan Site at Johnstown.
13. Letter from Brittas Bay Development Association regarding improvements at Brittas Bay and applying for provision of public lighting.
14. Additional Medical Officer, Bray Dispensary District.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy for suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of discussing recent increases in remuneration of Council staff.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea—"That in view of the increased cost of living, the means test for holders of Medical Cards be reconsidered."
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne—"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering Resolution of the Council at its meeting on 13th June, 1960, relating to the application of the Differential Rents scales."
18. Report of Chief Fire Officer regarding Blessington Fire Brigade.
19. Arrangements regarding seeking and reception of Tenders.
20. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 9th May, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to an enquiry by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., regarding the issue of clothing to patients in Newcastle Sanatorium, the County Secretary stated that the Council had found that in one case a person had been supplied with clothing and from investigations made, there was some doubt whether he was entitled. The Co. Manager pointed out that these matters had been raised at meetings over a number of months past, and any instance in which a particular mention had been made had been investigated. In the particular case referred to by Councillor Everett, the Council's officials were not aware of the true financial position. The County Manager pointed out that the County Medical Officer had commented on the expenditure on clothing in County Wicklow and it had been noted that this was relatively higher than other counties, and this had been mentioned to the Council at previous meetings. The County Medical Officer had also drawn attention to the fact that the arrangements for the issue of clothing to T.B. patients was initiated as a war-time measure when clothes could only be got with coupons, and even if coupons were available, patients might have had great difficulty in getting supplies of clothing. The system of supplying clothing had, however, been continued even though maintenance allowances were now available.

ITEM NO. 2—FILLING OF VACANCIES ON O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEES.

The County Secretary stated that there were vacancies on the Rathdown No. 2, the Rathdrum, Naas No. 2 and Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees. Recommendations had not yet been received, however, from the Sub-Committees for the filling of the vacancies. The Council agreed that the Sub-Committees be asked to submit their recommendations and the matter then be submitted to the Council.

ITEM NO. 3—LETTER FROM UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Mr. David H. Herman, Braeside, Westfield Park, Bray, in which he informed the Council of his having obtained a Bachelor of Engineering Degree with Honours, and expressed his thanks to the Council for giving him the opportunity with the aid of a Scholarship of obtaining a University Education. He stated that he would like to obtain a post in Ireland, where he hoped to be of some use to the community and repay them at least to some extent for their generosity. The Council expressed their appreciation of the terms of the letter.

ITEM NO. 4—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1961.

The County Secretary submitted details of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools and stated that the Scholarship Sub-Committee when considering the University Scholarship Scheme had recommended that the limits of means for the purposes of the Secondary Scholarship Scheme should also be increased by an amount of £35 instead of £25 in respect of each child. The only other suggested changes in the Scheme from the previous year were the appropriate changes of the dates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Deputy Everett:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools for 1961 in similar terms to that operated in the year 1960, but subject to the following amendments:—

1. Article 4(b) of the Scheme in relation to means of parents or guardians to read as follows:—

Derive an annual income from all sources not exceeding:

- (i) £475 in the case of a family of 1 child.
- (ii) £510 in the case of a family of 2 children.
- (iii) £545 in the case of a family of 3 children.
- (iv) £580 in the case of a family of 4 children.
- (v) £615 in the case of a family of 5 children.
- (vi) £650 in the case of a family of 6 children.

The annual income limit shall be extended by an amount of £35 in respect of each additional child over 6 children.

2. The latest date for receipt of completed application forms under Article 11 of the Scheme shall be 5th January, 1961.
3. The date 1961 shall be substituted for the date 1960 where such occurs in the Scheme, and the date 1960 shall be substituted for the date 1959 where such occurs in the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT WICKLOW, FOR ANNUAL REGATTA ON 1st AUG., 1960.

The County Secretary submitted application from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for the closing of the road over the Bridge at Wicklow towards the seafront on Monday, 1st August, 1960, for the purposes of the 83rd Annual Regatta from 12 noon until 4.30 p.m. The County Engineer had indicated that there was no objection to the proposal and the Garda Authorities had also indicated that there was no objection. The necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Deputy P. Brennan:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the closing of portion of Road No. L 29b across the Bridge known as the Stone Bridge over the Leitrim River in the Urban District of Wicklow from the Bridge to the north end of Leitrim Place, from 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. on 1st August, 1960, in connection with the Annual Regatta.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF LORRIES.

The County Secretary submitted Mortgage received from the National Bank for sealing by the Council in respect of loan of £15,464 for the purchase of eight lorries.

It was

Proposed by Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 10th day of June, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £15,464 be borrowed from The National Bank, Limited, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of eight lorries, to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the

Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7—DUMPING GROUNDS.

The County Secretary stated that in a letter received by the Council a request had been made that a list of dumping grounds which could be used by the public be published. The County Medical Officer agreed that it would be desirable to publish a list of dumping grounds. In reply to enquiries from members, the County Manager stated that it had not been possible to obtain a suitable dumping ground as yet in Baltinglass, Dunlavin or Enniskerry. In the case of Dunlavin, Councillor Miley suggested that there was a suitable site on the old Railway Line. Councillor E. Byrne stated that the "No dumping" sign at Kindlestown had been overgrown with weeds and asked that this be attended to. Councillor Quigley complained of an odour from a dump in Avoca. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that arrangements for fencing the dumping ground at Carnew be completed as soon as possible. In regard to Tinahely Dumping Ground, Councillor Holden stated that it was infested with rats and said that it was desirable that this dumping ground be fenced. The County Manager stated that the Council had difficulty in finding dumping grounds and again suggested that it was time that rural authorities might as a matter of policy provide monies for the provision of refuse collection services in towns and villages with some reduction in the amounts provided at present for road works. In reply to Councillor Haughton regarding reduction in the arrangement for cleaning streets in Rathdrum, the Co. Manager pointed out that such a service was not a statutory one and was carried out from the provision made for roads. The Council agreed that there was no objection to the publishing of a list of dumping grounds.

ITEM NO. 8—APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS RE ERECTION OF HOUSE AT GLEN OF THE DOWNS.

Having considered report regarding the application of Mr. Edward Ryan, Glen of the Downs, Deigany, for a loan in respect of the erection of a new house at Glen of the Downs,

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a loan of £1,500 to Mr. Edward Ryan, Glen of the Downs, Deigany, in respect of the erection of a house at Glen of the Downs.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RE AMENDMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING ORDERS.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Agriculture had written in regard to proposed amendments in the Sheep Dipping Orders which would provide for two periods for sheep dipping. The County Committee of Agriculture had recommended that the second period be extended to the end of November. Councillor Hadden suggested that it would be advisable to have the first period put forward to commence on 1st June. The Council decided to refer this

suggestion again to the Committee of Agriculture, for their opinion. Councillor Haughton enquired as to whether proposed new arrangements would entail additional expense on the Council, and the Co. Secretary stated that Sheep Dipping Inspectors would have to act for longer periods with the separate dipping operations. It was agreed that the Department be informed that the Council generally approved of the proposed arrangements.

ITEM NO. 10—SALE OF C.I.E. STORES AT DUNLAVIN.

The County Secretary stated that in reply to enquiry from the Council, the Secretary of C.I.E. had written to state that he was prepared to recommend the sale of the buildings at Dunlavin to the Council for the sum of £1,000 and wished to know if the Council were prepared to purchase at that figure. The County Manager stated that he understood from the County Engineer that these premises might be useful for storage in the area. He pointed out, however, that there was a very historic building in Dunlavin, the Courthouse, and if any monies were available it would seem desirable that they be used to restore that building. The Council agreed that no action be taken regarding the Railway Stores.

ITEM NO. 11—CARAVAN SITES—CIRCULAR FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the circular from the Department of Local Government dated 23rd June, 1960, had been circulated to each member of the Council. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, said that the views expressed by the Department corresponded with those put forward by the Council. Councillor Haughton did not agree with the Chairman and suggested that the Department took a more favourable view of the development of caravan sites than the committee appointed by the Council. He stated that many people had been perturbed regarding the Council's attitude to the question as reported in the Press. The County Manager stated that a mistaken impression might be given by Councillor Haughton's remarks, and pointed out that the Circular from the Department of Local Government called for more stringent conditions in relation to water supplies and sewerage disposal and control of caravans generally. He pointed out that the Committee appointed by the Council were not opposed to the development of caravanning, but were concerned that caravans be properly sited and wished to ensure that the amenities of an area were not adversely affected. Councillor Hipwell suggested that the Special Committee which had been set up by the County Council and the three Urban District Councils be called together again to consider the terms of the Department's circular and to submit their recommendations. The Council agreed that this be done, any vacancies on the Committee to be filled by the respective Local Authorities. It was agreed that a copy of the report of the Special Committee be sent to each new member of the Council.

ITEM NO. 12—APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR CARAVAN SITE AT JOHNSTOWN.

The Council considered an application for granting of a licence for a caravan site at Johnstown, Arklow, and noted that the site did not comply with some of the requirements of the Department's recent circular. The County Manager suggested that the licence might be given in respect of the current season subject to the limitations suggested by the County Medical Officer and by the Health Inspector.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That, having considered report of the Health Inspector and County Medical Officer, we approve of the granting of a licence in respect of Caravan Site of Mr. Desmond Sharpe at Johnstown, Arklow, in respect of seven caravans only, four in the upper area and three in the mid area of the site, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Medical Officer in relation to distance from the road, repair of hedge, improvement of entrance, arrangements for disposal of litter and refuse and water sampling.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13—LETTER FROM BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS AT BRITTAS BAY, AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 22nd June, 1960, from Brittas Bay Development Association in which reference was made to the question of public sanitation at Brittas and it was stated that in the opinion of the Association the position of prime importance for a sanitary convenience would be at Brittas Bridge, rather than at Haughton's Bridge. The Association also stressed the importance of public lighting and stated that in their opinion the most important points would be at Brittas Bridge and also at McDaniel's Hotel in Brittas, the Church and Rockfield Hotel. The County Secretary stated that the provision of three public lights at the points recommended by the County Engineer would amount to £135. He pointed out that the valuation of house property adjacent to the junction of the road from Jack White's Cross with the Brittas Road at Cornagower exceeded the valuation of property at Brittas Bridge. The County Manager stated that he felt that the lights should be provided where the Council received the greatest contribution from rates and agreed that one of the three lights should be sited at the Church. Cllr. Haughton stated that the majority of people congregated at the Bridge at Brittas and that a light should be placed there. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., it was agreed that the local members would enquire into the matter and would submit their recommendation as to the most suitable place for public lights. In regard to the proposal to provide public lights at Brittas Bridge, the County Manager pointed out that a light at this place would serve two shops and a caravan site, and that he felt it was the responsibility of shopkeepers to provide lights to serve their own customers.

ITEM NO. 14—ADDITIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER, BRAY DISPENSARY DISTRICT.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the Age Limit Order recently made by the Minister for Health, Dr. H. J. Raverty, District Medical Officer for Bray, would now continue in office until 31st December, 1960, and would not be obliged to retire from 1st July, as had been provided in the previous Age Limit Order. It was considered necessary that in the meantime an additional District Medical Officer be engaged for the Bray Area to assist Dr. Raverty.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the employment of a temporary District Medical Officer for the Bray Dispensary District to assist the District Medical Officer for the area for the period to 31st March, 1961, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this temporary appointment.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple stated that there was a need for examination and re-organisation of Medical Services in Bray, and suggested that a sub-committee be appointed of the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, together with the members of the Bray Urban District Council, to consider the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we appoint a sub-committee to consist of the members of the Bray U.D.C. and members of the County Council for the Bray Electoral Area to consider the re-organisation of medical services in Bray.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. MCCARTHY FOR THE SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING RECENT INCREASES IN REMUNERATION OF COUNCIL STAFF.

In accordance with Notice of Motion,

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of discussing recent increases in wages and salaries.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated he was not prepared to support the matter unless payment of roadworkers from 15th December was also considered. He stated he objected to preferential treatment being given to one portion of the staff. Councillor McCarthy pointed out that the matter of roadworkers had been settled by a Conciliation Conference at the Labour Court and had been agreed by the Union representatives. He objected to the matter of roadworkers' wages being associated with applications which had been made by the Union and Associations representing other sections of the staff. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Temple and declared passed, Deputy Everett dissenting. At the request of Councillor McCarthy, the Co. Secretary read the correspondence received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, the Irish Nurses' Organisation and the Irish Medical Association asking that the increases of remuneration be applied as from 15th Dec., 1959, pointing out that these increases corresponded to the increases granted to the Civil Service which had been granted from 15th December. The County Secretary stated that the cost of the payment from 15th December instead of from 1st April would amount to £2,433 gross the net cost, allowing for Grant being £1,685.

Councillor McCarthy stated that this increase in remuneration and its application from 15th December, 1959, was put forward by Unions and Associations representing members of the staff, and was in accordance with the agreement reached with the Departments concerned and corresponded to what had been granted to the Civil Service.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That, having considered applications from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, the Irish Medical Association and the Irish Nurses' Organisation, we hereby approve of the payment of increases in remuneration at the rate of 8.4 per cent. on the first £343 15s. 0d. of salary and 5.3 per cent. on balance of salary with effect from 15th December, 1959, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for the year 1960/61 to meet the cost of the revision of remuneration, and that we rescind the Resolution passed by the Council on 8th February, 1960.

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. Temple—5.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, G. Hadden, G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. Deering, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory—14.

The Resolution was declared defeated by 14 votes against to 5 in favour.

ITEM NO. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLR. J. J. MCCREA—THAT IN VIEW OF INCREASED COST OF LIVING, THAT THE MEANS TEST FOR THE HOLDERS OF MEDICAL CARDS BE RECONSIDERED.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that in his opinion the scale used as a guide by the Council in considering applications for medical cards required to be reconsidered and he felt that it should be revised upwards by 20 per cent. Councillor McCarthy seconded the proposal. Councillor Hadden said that as far as he was aware, persons had not to pay for hospital treatment where the income was substantial. The County Manager stated that each application for a medical card was considered on its merits. There was no fixed scale and the schedule referred to by the Chairman was used as a general guide in considering the applications. As there was no general free medical service, it was essential that discretion be used in regard to the issue of Medical Cards which entitled the holder and his dependants to all medical services free of charge. In this County the percentage of the population holding Medical Cards was about 36 per cent., and this compared reasonably with the general average for the country, so that it seemed that the system followed corresponded generally with that throughout the country. The County Manager emphasised that the fact that a person did not hold a medical card did not mean

that he was not entitled to free hospital treatment, and in fact practically all weekly wage earners received free hospital services. The County Manager pointed out that if there were substantial increases in the numbers entitled to Medical Cards, it would result in increased cost of Health Services and would restrict the private practice for Medical Officers. Councillor Brennan, T.D., stated that any special cases reported to the County Manager had been dealt with very fairly, and suggested that if the Manager agreed to be more generous generally in regard to applications it would meet the case.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor McCarthy:

Resolved—That we recommend an increase of 20 per cent. in the scale to which regard is had when considering applications for Medical cards.

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, P.C., E. Byrne, J. Temple, J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory—8.

AGAINST—Councillors M. Walsh, A. Hadden, G. Timmins, M. Deering, H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell—6.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge and R. Miley did not vote.

The Resolution was declared passed by 8 votes in favour to 6 votes against.

ITEM NO. 17—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLR. H. J. BYRNE—"THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSE OF RECONSIDERING RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 13th JUNE, 1960, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SCALES."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Hadden:

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the Resolution of the Council at its meeting on 13th June, 1960, relating to the application of the Differential Rents Scales.

The Council agreed to the suspension of Standing Orders, and the Motion was declared carried. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that unfortunately he had been unable to be present at the previous meeting at which the matter of Differential Rents had been discussed and that if he had been present he would have voted against it. As the Resolution had been passed by a narrow margin, he felt that it should be reconsidered. He felt that the principle of Differential Rents was a good one in that a person with the lowest income paid the minimum rent and a person with the bigger income could pay more without imposing any hardship. On the suggestion of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., supported by Councillor E. E. Byrne, it was agreed that the matter be deferred and that each member be supplied with the particulars of the Differential Rents Scales applying to the various cottages.

**ITEM NO. 18—REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
REGARDING BLESSINGTON FIRE BRIGADE.**

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had reported that the trailer pump at present at Baltinglass was of a large type which would not be suitable for Blessington. The appliance weighed over 1½ tons and could not be used at Blessington as there was no towing vehicle available in the town. The Chief Fire Officer had nothing to add to his report of 3rd March, 1960, in regard to Blessington Fire Brigade. In that report he had indicated that during the past nine years the brigade had received only six calls and that the cost of upkeep of the station was £267 5s. 7d., plus insurance and overheads. He pointed out that the fire risk in Blessington was only that of a normal rural town and was by no means a high risk area. In his opinion it was not economical to maintain a fire station under the conditions existing in Blessington and he recommended that the Council should consider the offer from Kildare County Council to provide a service from Naas and also for the portion of the County east of Blessington for a sum of £100 plus the net cost of fire calls per year. The Chief Fire Officer also pointed out that prior to 1940 there were no self-propelled fire engines in the County, Bray having only a tender for personnel but not a pump, and Wicklow and Arklow only hose and ladder brigades. During the war self-propelled appliances were stationed at Rathdrum and Dunlewin and trailer pumps provided in eight other stations. These stations were established for emergency precautions but after the war were all kept in service for normal fire cover. Since 1950 the Council had provided fire stations with self-propelled appliances where only trailer pumps had existed and thus increased the efficiency and range of operation of such stations. Councillor Miley stated that the engine at Blessington was completely obsolete and they required a new one and they felt that a brigade was necessary for the town. Councillor J. Miley submitted a letter which was read by the Chairman and had been sent by Rev. E. H. Despard, Rector of Blessington, expressing appreciation of the services rendered by the Blessington Fire Brigade at a fire in the Church. The Council agreed that the Fire Officer be asked to reconsider the matter of the transfer of the trailer pump from Baltinglass to Blessington when the self-propelled appliance was provided at Baltinglass.

**ITEM NO. 19—ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING SEEKING
AND RECEPTION OF TENDERS**

The County Secretary stated that it was provided by the City and County Management (Amendment) Act that, following the election of each new Council, the Council decide as to whether or not any formal regulations should be made in regard to the seeking and reception of tenders. The County Secretary explained the procedure which had been adopted by the Council in regard to tenders under which the tenders for works were opened in the presence of the members of the Council at a meeting or in the case of urgency and with the agreement of the Council, in the presence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the same procedure being followed in relation to the seeking, reception and examination of tenders as has been operated by the Council in previous years.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 20—PUMP AT FASSAROE

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that the pump at Fassaroe serving Council cottages was out of order and asked that the matter be attended to as soon as possible.

X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

In reply to Councillor Haughton regarding X-Ray equipment at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, the County Manager stated that the Department of Health had indicated that repairs to the existing plant would not be justified and that the purchase of new equipment would not be approved for the institution. The County Manager explained that a higher standard in regard to X-ray plant and staff was now required and it would be necessary that a trained Radiographer and Radiologist be available if the Council were operating their own plant. He stated that the matter would be brought before the Consultative Health Committee at their next meeting for further consideration.

NEWTOWN QUARRY.

Councillor Miley asked that particulars of the cost to date in the present year be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

1. In the name of Councillor J. J. McCea:—"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the remuneration of graveyard caretakers be considered."
2. In the name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C.:—"That I, or someone for me, will move that the Council request the County Medical Officer to report on the suitability of the following Council cottages for human habitation owing to their state of repair: Messrs. Joseph Murphy's, Askinagap, Thomas Nolan, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Charles Parle's, Ballycoogue."
3. In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That I, or someone for me, will move that the Council request the Agricultural Wages Board to raise wages of all Agricultural workers in the Shillelagh Area to the same level as that operating in the remainder of the County other than in and around the Urban District of Bray."

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, 8th August, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended—Councillors J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, Jas. Miley, Michael J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA:

- 1.—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne for suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of reconsidering Resolution of the Council at meeting on 13th June, 1960, relating to application of Differential Rents Scales (Copies of scales circulated to each member).
- 2.—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting report of County Medical Officer in regard to three cottages at Askanagap, Roddenagh Road and Ballycoogue.
- 3.—Letter from Commission on Itinerancy requesting information and views of the Council on the problem of Itinerancy.

ITEM NO. 1.—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLR. H. J. BYRNE FOR SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECONSIDERING RESOLUTION RE APPLICATION OF DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SCALES.

A copy of the scale of differential rents applying in the County had been circulated to each member. The Council at the previous meeting had agreed to the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of reconsidering the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council on 13th June, 1960.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. M. Deering.

Resolved—That we hereby rescind Resolution passed at the meeting of this Council on 13th June, 1960, relating to the application of the Differential Rents Scales.

Clr. H. J. Byrne stated that he had moved the Resolution because he believed that the Differential Rents system was in the best interests of the persons in the Lower Income Group and that it was only right that tenants who had a higher income should pay a higher rent than those in the Lower Income Group. Councillor Haughton, referring to the original Resolution pointed out that it was not proposed that the Differential Rents System be abandoned but that the present scales be revised by increasing the allowances for dependants, etc. In the course of the discussion members of the Council suggested that the scales be revised by extending the allowance for dependants to cover a greater

number than four dependants, the exclusion from reckoning as income of any part of Old Age Pensions or Social Welfare Benefits and that provision be made for an allowance where the tenant had to travel to work. The County Manager pointed out that any changes proposed to be made in the scales of rents would require the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. He was prepared to see what could be done as regards revised scales in the manner suggested by the members, i.e., as regards the exclusion of Old Age Pensions, Social Welfare Benefits and the extension of allowances for dependants and the making of an allowance for travelling to work.

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

IN FAVOUR—Clrs. P. Brennan, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell—10.

AGAINST—Clrs. J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, J. O'Toole, T.D., E. Byrne, J. Temple, J. Everett, T.D., R. Miley, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory—11.

The Resolution was declared defeated by 11 votes against to 10 in favour.

ITEM NO. 2 — NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLR. J. QUIGLEY REQUESTING REPORT OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER REGARDING COTTAGES AT ASKINAGAP, RODDENAGH ROAD AND BALLYCOOGUE.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. Quigley the County Secretary submitted report of the County Medical Officer of 3rd August, 1960, in which he stated that he had inspected the cottages occupied by Thomas Nolan, Rednagh Road, Aughrim and Christopher Parle, Ballycoogue, and that both cottages were fit for human habitation. With regard to Parle's cottage some repairs to floors were needed and there were other minor repairs and the Asst. County Engineer was arranging for the Contractor to have these carried out. In the case of Thomas Nolan's cottage there was a leaking valley which caused rain to come down in the hall and one room. He pointed out that grass was growing in the eaves gutters and this could have been removed easily by the tenant. He was unable to get to the Askinagap Cottage but assumed the position was similar to that of the cottages of Nolan and Parle. The County Medical Officer stated that in more than 30 years of Public Health work he could not recall having found a Council house unfit for human habitation. Many had needed repairs either genuine or defects due to depredation of tenants and many had been badly kept. He stated that he should not regard this inspection as a precedent and that the inspection of cottages and scheduling of repairs was a matter for the Engineering Department. Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that the Council had decided in the Estimates to reduce the provision for Cottage Repairs but that it would probably be necessary to reconsider the matter in the near future as more cottages were being neglected and more repairs would have to be done. The Chairman suggested that tenants should be advised to vest their cottages and subsequently obtain grants for reconstruction. In regard to queries concerning delay in vesting of cottages the Co. Manager pointed out that there were delays in regard to legal matters in some cases.

ITEM NO. 3.—LETTER FROM COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY REQUESTING INFORMATION AND VIEWS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE PROBLEM OF ITINERANCY.

A copy of the Circular received from the Commission on Itinerancy dated 20th July, 1960, had been circulated to the members of the Council. The report of the Chief Medical Officer was submitted to the Council and in his report the Chief Medical Officer expressed the view that the first essential in dealing with the problem was one of education of the children. He considered also that suitable camps should be provided throughout the country with water and sewage disposal available and that camping on the roadside be prohibited. Some limit should also be placed on the number and type of animals which itinerants might have with them. He stressed the urgency of the problem. The County Secretary stated that itinerants did not apply for Medical Cards but obtained services from the District Medical Officers when required. They did not as families usually seek accommodation in the County Home. Hospital and Specialist Services were provided for itinerants without charge, and services in respect of motherhood for itinerant women were also provided. The demand for hospital services for itinerants seemed remarkably small having regard to their apparent numbers. The Council has endeavoured to induce members of the itinerant class to settle down in Council cottages but it was found that these persons left the houses after a very short time and it seemed practically impossible to entice them to adopt a fixed residence. In the course of the discussion some members felt that camping on roadsides or public places should be strictly prohibited and considered that if there were severe penalties for any infringement itinerants would have to live in specially designated camping sites or would have to settle in houses. Members agreed that the roadsides were frequently left in a most unsightly condition by itinerants and that this gave an unfortunate impression to tourists. Two members of the Council also complained of damage done to their lands by itinerants who broke down fences and trespassed on their properties. Some members also considered that an eventual solution to the problem could be found through the education of children of itinerants. The Council agreed that the views of the members and information supplied by the Council's staff be transmitted to the Commission on Itinerancy.

Meeting of County Council.

The Council agreed that since the following Monday, 15th August, was a Church Holyday the meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 22nd August, 1960.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 22nd August, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., F. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D., H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Houghton and J. Gregory.

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

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

AGENDA:

1. To fill Vacancies on Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.
2. Renewal of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools.
3. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960: to consider results of examination and award of Scholarships.
4. University Scholarship Scheme, 1960.
5. Application from the Motor Enthusiast's Club, Dublin, for closing to public traffic of road between Willow Grove and Ballinastoe, for the purposes of Annual Hill Climb on Saturday, 10th September, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
6. Report of Chief Assistant County Engineer regarding vandalism causing damage to machinery.
7. Erection of New White Bridge at Avoca—Acceptance of Tender, and authorisation of borrowing.
8. To authorise affixing of Seal to Mortgage for Loan of £1,370 17s. 6d. for Purchase of Fire Engine for Baltinglass.
9. Dispensary and Dispensary Residence at Enniskerry — Proposed purchase from Powerscourt Estate.
10. Fix date for Meeting of Caravan Committee.
11. Amendment of Sheep Dipping Orders—Recommendation of Committee of Agriculture.
12. Sheep Dipping Scheme—Payment to owners of Baths and remuneration of Sheep Dipping Inspectors.
13. Insurability of Temporary Officers—Decision of Department of Social Welfare in regard to member of Nursing Staff, etc.
14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea, that the remuneration of Graveyard Caretakers be considered.
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Mr. J. Quigley that the Council requests the Agricultural Wages Board to raise wages of Agricultural workers in Shillelagh area to the similar level as that operating in the remainder of the county other than in and around the Urban District of Bray.

16. Resolution submitted by Clr. J. Everett, T.D.
- (a) That the Council recommends County Manager to have roads in village of Rathnew repaired as already provided in the Estimates as complaints already reported by tenants of St. Brigid's Tce., as to flooding and inconvenience caused to children and to Doctors attending sick patients.
 - (b) That the Council recommends County Manager to make arrangements to have a Pump erected for supply of water to three cottages at Kilnamanagh, Glenealy, as at present only source of water available is on the Forestry Department Lands, a long distance from the Cottages.
17. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils General Council held on 5th May, 1960.
18. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of the Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, a vote of sympathy was passed with the wife and relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Jacob, Fatima, Rathnew, a former member of the Council. The County Manager associated himself with the vote of sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D., a vote of sympathy was passed with the wife and relatives of the late V. Rev. Canon Campbell, Rector of Bray.

ITEM NO. 1—TO FILL VACANCIES ON OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. Quigley.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to fill three vacancies on the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees—Very Rev. Thomas Power, P.P., The Abbey, Wicklow; Rev. John Hans, C.C., The Presbytery, Wicklow; Mr. George Flood, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Quigley, seconded by Clr. J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to fill two vacancies on the Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee—V. Rev. Michael Cusack, P.P., Rathdrum, V. Rev. F. R. Perkins, P.P., Aghrim.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to fill three vacancies on Naas No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee—V. Rev. A. Crinnion, P.P., Blessington; Miss Rosanna O'Reilly, Ballyknockan, Vallemount; Mr. Sean Newman, Manor Kilbride, via Dublin.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Clr. G. Timmins, seconded by Clr. J. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following person to fill the vacancy on Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee—Mr. Joseph O'Neill, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2 — RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further twelve 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 Co. 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. Mary's, Arklow.

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 E. O'Sullivan, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.

Mary C. Conroy, St. Ann's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. Miley.

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., Sec. School, Mt. Merrion, Dublin.

Michael Joseph Tuite, De La Salle College, Wicklow.

Patrick F. Whelan, Patrician Brothers Boarding School, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

Catherine P. Olohan, St. Ann's Day School, Dominical 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 Clr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. Miley.

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 Sec. School, Wicklow.
 Thomas Byrne, St. Peter's College, Wexford.
 Winifred Hogan, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Catherine Harmon, 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.
 Terence Hammond, St. Brendan's, C.B.S., Bray.
 John Shelton, Presentation College, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. Miley.

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 Co. Council's Secondary Schools' Scholarship Scheme, 1959. Satisfactory reports on the conduct and progress of these pupils to be received from the Superiors of their schools:

Bernardine M. O'Hara, Colaiste Na Toirbirte, Mount Mellick.
 Patricia M. Dunican, Loreto Secondary School, Bray.
 Helen M. Cleary, St. David's Secondary School, Holy Faith Convent.
 Anthony F. Killeen, St. Brendan's Sec. School, Bray.
 Aidan J. Troy, St. Brendan's Sec. School, Bray.
 Eugene P. O'Neill, Presentation College, Bray.
 Jacqueline A. Moran, Holy Faith Convent, Greystones.
 Mary K. O'Toole, Convent of Mercy, Carlow.
 Mary F. Mercer, Loreto Convent, Bray.
 Mary C. Merrigan, St. Ann's, Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
 Laurence O'Rourke, St. Brendan's, Bray.
 Mary N. Wedick, Scoil Caithriona, Eccles St., Dublin.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3 — SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1960: TO CONSIDER RESULTS OF EXAMINATION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

The results of the examination for Scholarships under the Council's Scheme were submitted to the Council.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we note results of examination under the Scholarship Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1960, and approve of the award of Scholarships as follows, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education:—

Category 1 (a)

Patricia M. Byrne, 40 Grattan Park, Greystones.
 Patrick I. Byrne, Ballymaconey, Rathdangar.
 Theresa M. Ni Dhonnchadha, Slievecorragh, Hollywood.
 Mary C. Jacob, Rathnew.
 Margaret P. Wheatley, 2 New Road, Kilcoole.
 Seamus J. Byrne, Dunlavin Upper, Dunlavin.

Category 1 (b)

Seamus Hickey, 33 Main St., Arklow.
 Maire F. Kiernan, "Dromard," Parnell Road, Bray.
 Cecil J. Killacky, Pembroke Vale, Herbert Road, Bray.
 Margaret C. Hammond, 6 St. Kevin's Tce., Bray.
 Marie T. Byrne, 33 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.
 Sean O'Laol, 34 St. Michael's Tce., Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

On the proposal of Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D., Seconded by Clr. H. J. Byrne, the Council requested that Miss Maire F. Kiernan, Dromard, Parnell Road, Bray, be granted a residential scholarship as it was stated she intended to pursue her Secondary School course in a convent in Longford in which a member of the community was a relative of hers. The Council were assured that the matter would be examined in detail.

ITEM NO. 4.—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1960.

The Council were informed that eleven applicants had been approved to compete under the Scheme and of these six had qualified at the Leaving Certificates examination. Scholarships were awarded to the three candidates who obtained the highest marks in accordance with the terms of the Scheme. One of these candidates had opted to pursue a course in General Agriculture in the University.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Clr. A. H. Hadden.

Resolved—In accordance with the terms of the Wicklow County Council University Scholarship Scheme, 1960, we hereby approve of the award of Scholarships to the following candidates, who obtained first, second and third place, respectively, in order of merit.

Quigley, Dermot Blase, 34 O'Byrne Road, Bray.
 McLoughlin, Patrick Joseph, 1 Seapoint Tce., Bray.
 O'Duffy, Laurence, 8 O'Connell Tce., Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5.—APPLICATION FROM THE MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB, DUBLIN, FOR CLOSING TO PUBLIC TRAFFIC OF ROAD BETWEEN WILLOW GROVE AND BALLINASTOE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANNUAL HILL CLIMB ON SAT., 10th SEPTEMBER, FROM 2 p.m. TO 6.30 p.m.

An application had been received from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Mount Errol, Donnybrook, Dublin, for the closing of part of County Road No. 39, Willow Grove/Ballinastoe, to public traffic on Saturday, 10th September, 1960, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. The Acting Co. Engineer and the Chief Supt. of the Garda Síochána indicated that there is no objection to the closing and legal requirements having been complied with.

It was proposed by Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D., seconded by Clr. H. J. O'Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of road described hereunder from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 10th September, 1960, for the purpose of the holding of the Annual Motor Car Hill Climb by the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, and further approve of the holding of the said Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.

"Portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two roads at Carrigower being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road."

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6.—REPORT OF CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER REGARDING VANDALISM CAUSING DAMAGE TO MACHINERY.

The following report submitted by the Chief Assistant Co. Engineer regarding damage to County Council property was read:—

Courthouse,
Wicklow,
30th July, 1960.

County Secretary.

re/Machinery.

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I wish to report that between the hours of 12.15 p.m., Saturday, 23rd instant to 7 a.m. Monday, 25th instant, a mobile Compressor working at Kiltimon had the locks on the steel covers broken and the electrical control panel and heavy duty battery badly damaged. These parts were protected by the steel cover. I estimate the cost of repairing the damage to the panel and replacing of battery to be £75.

Full details were given to the Gardai at Newtown by J. Quinn, Ganger, on Monday, 25th instant at 11 a.m.

I also wish to report that a large quantity (approx. 40 gals.) of diesel oil which was contained in a steel drum at Sallygap Quarry was stolen during Wednesday night, 27th instant. A hole was driven into the drum and as there was no sign of oil around it, it is assumed that it was poured into a receptacle direct. The oil was there for the purpose of supplying a Chaseside shovel which was working in the Quarry.

The result of all this continuous vandalism is that all Co. Council Machinery and equipment has to be withdrawn from the sites into depots every long week-end, or at holiday period and at a considerable expense to the Council.

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R. L. Farrell

Chief Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Council having examined the report were of the opinion that the precautions being taken in order to prevent a recurrence of these happenings were adequate and that there was nothing further that could be done in the matter. Members of the Council expressed regret and indignation that such a type of vandalism should be so prevalent in County Wicklow particularly during holiday periods and long week-ends.

ITEM NO. 7.—ERECTION OF NEW WHITE BRIDGE AT AVOCA—ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER AND AUTHORISATION OF BORROWING.

The County Manager referred to recommendation of the Consulting Engineer and Manager's Order of 26th July, 1960, approving of the acceptance of the tender of Cementation Company (Ireland) Ltd. in the sum of £17,165 16s. 11d. and to Department's letter dated 8th August, 1960, Ref. E.28/18/6 in which it was stated that there was no objection to the acceptance of this tender. The Council were further informed that the estimated all-in cost of the erection of the proposed bridge was £20,000. Of this sum the Department had agreed to contribute £12,000 or 60 per cent. of the cost whichever is the lesser. St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, have agreed to contribute £4,000 towards the cost thereby leaving the sum to be met by Wicklow County Council at £4,000.

It was proposed by Clr. P. McCarthy, seconded by Clr. J. Quigley.

Resolved—That having duly noted terms of letter from Department of Local Government dated 8th August, 1960 (Ref. E.28/18/6), we hereby approve of the acceptance of the Revised Tender of the Cementation Company (Ireland) Ltd., in the sum of £17,165 16s. 11d. and we hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £4,000 to be taken from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years. The raising of such Loan to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8.—TO AUTHORISE AFFIXING OF SEAL TO MORTGAGE FOR LOAN OF £1,370 17s. 6d. FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE FOR BALTINGLASS.

It was proposed by Clr. G. Timmins, seconded by Clr. M. Deering.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of Wicklow County Council to Mortgage for Loan of £1,370 17s. 6d. for purchase of Fire Engine for Baltinglass.

Passed Unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9.—DISPENSARY AND DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT ENNISKERRY—PROPOSED PURCHASE FROM POWERS-COURT ESTATE.

The County Manager referred to this matter having been considered by the Council at its meeting on 9th May, 1960, and that as a result the County Secretary had written to Messrs. Strutt and Parker, Lofts and Warner, Land Agents, Surveyors and Auctioneers, 41 Berkeley Sq., London, informing them that the matter had been brought to the notice of the Council and pointing out that the purchase price requested by them in each case represented about 20 years purchase of the existing rent. He further stated that in this country purchases of this character are usually based on a 10-year purchase of the rent. In view of this he asked that further consideration might be given to the amount of the offer having regard to the general practice in relation

to number of years of purchase of rent in such cases. Messrs. Strutt and Parker, Lofts and Warner informed the Co. Secretary per letter of 30th May, 1960, that the contents of his letter were noted and that the letter was sent to the Powerscourt Estate Office where all offers and negotiations are being recorded for the time being. The Powerscourt Estate Office per letter of 26th July, 1960, stated that they had been in communication with Messrs. Strutt and Parker, Lofts and Warner and with Viscount Powerscourt regarding acquisition by the Council of the fee simple interest in these properties and have informed us that the Estate will be prepared to accept £75 for the Dispensary and £1,000 for the Doctor's residence. The Council, having fully considered the matter, decided that an offer based on a 10-year purchase of the existing rent should be made, i.e., that we offer £700 for the Dispensary Residence and £55 for the Dispensary and adjoining cottage. While the matter was under discussion the Co. Manager gave the position regarding repairs being carried out at present to the Dispensary Residence. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that as there was some doubt that the Doctor would live in the Residence if we purchased it that we might in the first instance enter into an agreement with him to the effect that he will live in the residence.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered the matter of the purchase of the Powerscourt Dispensary Residence, Dispensary and Nurses' Residence at Enniskerry, we hereby approve of the purchase of these premises. We further approve of an offer of £700 being made for the Dispensary Residence and an offer of £55 for the Dispensary and Nurses' Residence.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 10.—TO FIX DATE FOR MEETING OF CARAVAN COMMITTEE.

Prior to fixing a date for the meeting of the Caravan Committee of Wicklow County Council and the Urban Councils of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow, the Council decided to appoint members of Wicklow County Council to the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Clr. G. Timmins.

Resolved—That Chairman (Clr. J. J. McCrea), Clr. H. J. Byrne and Clr. J. Miley represent the County Council on the Caravan Sites Committee.

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided that the next meeting of the Caravan Committee should be held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 3 p.m., on Monday, 29th August, 1960.

ITEM NO. 11.—AMENDMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING ORDERS—RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The Council were informed that the Department of Agriculture had per letter of 31st March, 1960, Ref. 8/1/76, stated that the Minister for Agriculture had under consideration the amendment of the Sheep Dipping Orders 1937 and 1948 which regulate the dipping of sheep throughout the country. These Orders require that all sheep shall be

dipped either with an approved "single dipping" type dip or "double dipping" type during the period from 1st August to 31st October each year and that sheep may not be moved into or exposed for sale in any market, fair or sale yard during the months of September or October unless accompanied by a certificate or other prescribed documentary evidence of dipping. The County Manager explained to the Council that in view of two dippings instead of one it might be anticipated that Sheep dipping Inspectors would claim that their work was doubled if such an Order were made by the Department of Agriculture and that this would involve the Council in practically double the present cost of operating the Sheep Dipping Orders. The Chief Agricultural Officer per letter of 27th July informed the Council that Clr. A. Hadden's suggestion that the first dipping period should commence on 1st June had his Committee's approval. Members of the Council, having discussed the matter at length decided that, in view of the probable extra cost of operating the Scheme if two dippings were to be carried out, the matter be deferred until such time as the Acting County Secretary would be in a position to prepare a detailed statement of the extra cost involved. Members of the Council requested that a report be furnished in due course on the condition of Sheep Dipping Baths in the County.

The Council were further informed that the Department of Agriculture per letter of 13th August, 1960, Ref. 8/27/33, stated that the Minister for Agriculture referred to the Diseases of Animals Act, 1960, which has recently become law and that the Act provides that as from 1st April, 1961, each Local Authority will bear directly the expenditure incurred by it in the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1957 instead of, as hitherto, having half the expenditure recouped from the General Cattle Diseases Fund. This expenditure arises from (i) the remuneration of local authority veterinary inspectors for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts; (ii) the Sheep Dipping Orders, 1937 and 1948 and (iii) administrative expenses arising from this work.

The Act also abolishes the General Cattle Diseases Fund as from the 31st March, 1963, but provision is made for replenishing the Fund in the meantime by assessments of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £ on the Rates at a time to enable outstanding claims and claims arising up to the 1st April, 1961, to be met. After the 31st March, 1963, local authorities will no longer have to contribute to the Fund.

Recoupment in full will continue to be made by the Department in respect of compensation paid for animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926.

ITEM NO. 12.—SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME—PAYMENT TO OWNERS OF BATHS AND REMUNERATION OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

This matter was also deferred until such time as the detailed statement required in respect of Item No. 11 was furnished and until it was determined the extra work if any that would be involved if two dippings were to be carried out. The County Manager further referred to letter of 13th August, 1960, Ref. 8/27/33, from Department of Agriculture in which reference was made to the Diseases of Animals Act, 1960, which has recently become law, which Act provides that as from 1st April, 1961, each Local Authority will bear directly the expenditure incurred by it in the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1957 instead of, as hitherto, having half the expenditure recouped from the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

ITEM NO. 13. — INSURABILITY OF TEMPORARY OFFICERS — DECISION OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN REGARD TO MEMBER OF NURSING STAFF, ETC.

The Co. Manager explained that certain officers of Wicklow County Council on termination of their permanent appointments on reaching the age limit were retained in office for some time and were given all the facilities during their temporary employment that appertained to their permanent office, and in respect of whom contributions under the Social Welfare Acts (Widows and Orphans Pensions) were paid. He further explained that after the lapse of some considerable time the Department of Social Welfare decided that Social Welfare cards should be stamped in the appropriate weekly amounts in respect of these officers. The Council took the matter up with the Department of Social Welfare and appealed against the decision. The Appeal, however, was not upheld and in the circumstances it is found that these officers will now have to have appropriate cards stamped in respect of the period of their temporary employment. The Council, having discussed the matter, it was suggested that the Acting County Secretary should write to the Department of Social Welfare and ask them in view of the particular circumstances appertaining in the case of these officers that the requirements of the Department of Social Welfare should be waived in these instances.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That as these contributions are now being sought in a belated manner the Council feels that retrospective contributions should not be sought in their cases.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 14.—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLR. J. J. MCCREA THAT THE REMUNERATION OF GRAVEYARD CARETAKERS BE CONSIDERED.

The Council requested that particulars of present salary being paid to Burial Ground Caretakers and Registrars be circulated to the members and deferred further consideration of this item until such time as these particulars were in their hands.

ITEM NO. 15.—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY THAT THE COUNCIL REQUESTS THE AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD TO RAISE WAGES OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN SHILLELAGH AREA TO THE SIMILAR LEVEL AS THAT OPERATING IN THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNTY OTHER THAN IN AND AROUND THE URBAN DISTRICT OF BRAY.

It was Proposed by Clr. J. Quigley, Seconded by Clr. P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That we hereby request the Agricultural Wages Board to increase the wages of Agricultural Workers in the Shillelagh area to the same level as that operating in the remainder of the county other than in and around the Urban District of Bray.

Passed, Councillor Hadden dissenting.

ITEM NO. 16.—RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D. (a) THAT THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS COUNTY MANAGER TO HAVE ROADS IN VILLAGE OF RATHNEW REPAIRED AS ALREADY PROVIDED IN THE ESTIMATES, AS COMPLAINTS ALREADY REPORTED BY TENANTS OF ST. BRIGID'S TCE. AS TO THE FLOODING AND INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO CHILDREN AND TO DOCTORS ATTENDING SICK PATIENTS, and (b) THAT THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS COUNTY MANAGER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE A PUMP ERECTED FOR SUPPLY OF WATER TO THREE COTTAGES AT KILNAMANAGH, GLENEALY, AS AT PRESENT ONLY SOURCE OF WATER AVAILABLE IS ON THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT LANDS, A LONG DISTANCE FROM THE COTTAGES.

(a) The Acting County Engineer submitted a report to the effect that he had examined the cul-de-sac at St. Brigid's Tce., Rathnew, and stated that the cost of reshaping and surface dressing would be approximately £100. He pointed out that there is no provision in the present year's estimates for this work. The Acting County Engineer informed the members that he would give the matter of repairing this cul-de-sac road his consideration and if at all possible he would try to have some work done during the present financial year.

(b) It was agreed by the Council that this matter be considered when consideration is being given to new schemes suggested by the Department for the provision of water supplies in rural areas. The Co. Manager informed the meeting that we had appointed two temporary Engineers for this purpose and that both were taking up duty during the month of September and that the necessary survey work would commence as soon as these officers took up duty. At this point members of the Council mentioned various places in Co. Wicklow which they thought should receive priority, when the survey was being carried out. Councillor Haughton asked that priority be given to a water supply for cottages at Bahana, Rathdrum, at Corballis, Rathdrum, and also for cottages in Glenealy District. Councillor Temple pressed for priority for water supply to the Boghall and Kilcoole areas. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that with a view to providing a piped water supply at Monastery, Enniskerry, that Dublin Corporation be asked to co-operate in providing this supply by allowing Wicklow Co. Council to connect to their main. Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., asked that priority be given to the provision of a piped water supply to residents in the Boghall area. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., requested that a pump be provided for residents at Dunbur.

ITEM NO. 17.—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON 5th MAY, 1960.

The members of the Council noted the Minutes of the meeting of the General Council of Co. Councils held on 5th May, 1960, and asked that the Acting County Secretary write to the Secretary of the General Council of Co. Councils asking him to clarify and indicate the points raised by members of Wicklow Co. Council in connection with rights of way to the sea coast.

ITEM NO. 18.—ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGERS ORDERS.

At the request of the members it was agreed to circulate to them copy of circular from Department of Agriculture re making of grants available to Local Authorities for carrying out of schemes of culvert improvement consequential on land project operations.

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 September, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and in his absence Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The following members attended: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA.

1. Letter from Department of Local Government (L. 11/60) dated 17th August, 1960, re grants and loans for Private Housing and the execution of water and sewerage programmes by Local Authorities.
2. Application from Thomas Byrne, Knockadozen, Rathdrum, for Supplementary Reconstruction Grant.
3. Blessington Water Supply—Report of Assistant County Engineer.
- 4.—Disposal of Unoccupied Cottage at Slievefeore, Killahurler, Arklow.

ITEM NO. 1.—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE GRANTS AND LOANS FOR PRIVATE HOUSING AND THE EXECUTION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAMMES BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

The Council considered letter dated 11th August, 1960, which had been addressed by the Minister to each member. The County Secretary stated that to date Supplementary Grants to a total of £35,995 representing 491 grants had been allocated and a sum of £23,172 had been paid to date in respect of 342 grants. Applications on hands but not yet dealt with were estimated to amount to £6,465. Of the grants allocated 416 were for repair and improvement of houses, 21 for new houses and 54 for provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities. Loans raised by the Council to date amounted to £25,000 and consequently it would be necessary to raise a further loan at an early date for the purposes of the Schemes of Supplementary Grants. The matter of the additional loan will be submitted to the Council at an early date. Councillor Timmins referred to the position where an applicant having obtained approval from the Department to an estimate of the works subsequently carried out additional works and asked if the Council could accept the Council Engineer's certificate of the revised cost of the works for the purpose of determining the Supplementary Grant which might be paid. It was agreed that the matter be examined.

In regard to new water supply Schemes the County Secretary stated that a temporary Engineer to assist in the making of the surveys required would take up duty on 12th September, 1960. So far it had not been possible to recruit a second temporary Engineer.

ITEM NO. 2—APPLICATION FROM THOMAS BYRNE, KNOCKADOZEN, RATHDRUM, FOR SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANT.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Scheme for Supplementary Reconstruction Grants provided that a dwelling when completed should exceed 500 sq. ft. in floor area but the Council had agreed that where a State Grant had been allocated the Council might pay a Supplementary Grant even though the dwelling was less than 500 sq. ft. In the case of this application the floor area of the house would be 450 sq. feet.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Brennan, T.D.; seconded by Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £60 to Thomas Byrne, Knockadozen, Rathdrum, in respect of reconstruction of his house and note that the house when completed will not exceed 500 square feet in floor area.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—BLESSINGTON WATER SUPPLY — REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER.

The County Secretary submitted report of 20th August, 1960, from the Assistant County Engineer regarding the necessity for improving the source of water for Blessington by taking in a supply of water from a stream at Lugnagun which was providing water to drive an electricity generating station the property of Dr. Seaton who would seem to have established certain water rights on the river. The quantity of water which the Council would require would represent only a fraction of Dr. Seaton's requirements for electricity generation and it seemed that an arrangement might be come to with Dr. Seaton to allow the Council to take a minimum of 30 gallons per minute from the stream. Water from the stream could be piped to the existing filtration plant but some enlargement of the filters would be necessary. The Council considered in Committee suggestions as to the matter of payment of any compensation to Dr. Seaton.

It was proposed by Clr. Miley; Seconded by Clr. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of payment of compensation to Dr. Seaton, Blessington, in respect of the taking of a supply of water from a stream at Lugnagun for the purpose of improving Blessington Water Supply.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the amount of any compensation payable be determined by the County Manager.

ITEM NO. 4—DISPOSAL OF UNOCCUPIED COTTAGE AT SLIEVEFEORE, KILLAHURLER, ARKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that the cottage at Slievefeore had been vacant for a number of years and that it had not been possible to secure a suitable tenant. An application had been made for the tenancy by Mrs. Sheila Caulfield, who had purchased a farm at Killahurler and installed in the dwelling house on the farm her farm steward. She sought the tenancy of the cottage as she would be resident in the country for only 2 or 3 months in each year and thought it more suitable that her steward should occupy the farm house. The local Housing Committee had agreed that the Cottage

be let to Mrs. Caulfield if she paid an economic rent and kept the house in repair. The Department had indicated that the Letting could not be made but that the Council might dispose of the cottage in accordance with Section 7 of the Labourer's Act, 1896. The Council would have to fix a reserve price and offer the cottage at this price to the owner of the lands from whom the site was originally acquired or to his Successor in Title. Should he not avail of the offer the cottage and plot must then be offered to the occupier of the holding from which the site was originally taken or his successor in Title. It would be necessary, therefore, to offer the cottage and plot to the Successor in Title, being the Earl of Carysfort, for the sum of £220, and if not accepted the cottage should then be offered to John Hegan the original occupier, or to his successor in title. Should both these not accept the offer the Council should then dispose of the cottage by sale.

The Council noted that it had not been possible to obtain any tenant for this cottage and agreed that arrangements be made for its disposal in accordance with Section 7 of the Labourer's Act, 1896. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., objected to the disposal of the cottage in this way, and it was

Proposed by Clr. Hipwell; Seconded by Clr. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of offering the vacant Council cottage at Slievefeore, Killahurler, to the successor in Title to the Earl of Carysfort and failing his acceptance to Mr. John Hegan.

Passed, Councillor Deputy Everett dissenting.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council considered application of George S. Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen, for a loan of £1,400 in respect of erection of a house at Ballinglen. It was noted that Mr. Kidd was a farmer with a valuation of £45 15s. It was stated by members of the Council that Mr. Kidd was getting married within the next few weeks. A letter from Messrs. Edward W. Warren and Son, Solicitors, had been received stating that the lands were being transferred by Mr. Kidd's father to him and that a certified copy of the Folio would be submitted when Mr. George S. Kidd was registered as owner. The Council recommended that a loan of £1,000 might be made to Mr. George S. Kidd subject to compliance with the requirements of the Scheme.

REPAIR OF COTTAGES.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that in respect of the Wicklow area with which he was concerned a list be submitted to each Housing Meeting of cottages to be repaired in the following month with the details of cost and also a list of those repaired in the previous month with costs. He asked also that particulars be submitted of the number of cottages referred to the Council's Engineers for repairs for the purpose of vesting and particulars of the number of maps required for vesting of cottages. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that these particulars be furnished in respect of all areas. The Council agreed that the details requested be submitted in future to the Housing Committee of the Council.

VESTING SCHEME.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that a Scheme for the vesting of cottages be submitted in respect of the houses erected under the 1952 Scheme as soon as possible.

The Council also asked that particulars be submitted of the number of maps prepared by the special Engineer who had been engaged by the Council together with an indication of the number of maps which would be required for the vesting of cottages.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF COTTAGE AT EADESTOWN, STRATFORD ON SLANEY.

Councillor Miley referred to the application of Nicholas O'Neill, Eadestown, Stratford, for the erection of a cottage for him on his mother's land at Eadestown and urged that this be proceeded with. The County Manager pointed out that the Council's officers felt that it would not be desirable to erect an isolated cottage at this place and pointed out that Mr. O'Neill had been offered the tenancy of a house in Baltinglass but had not been prepared to take it. In view of the representations which had previously been made by the Council the County Medical Officer had been asked to forward a report in regard to the application and the site proposed, but this had not yet been obtained. Councillor Miley asked that the report be submitted to the Council immediately.

ENNISKERRY DISPENSARY RESIDENCE.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Hipwell, the Co. Manager outlined the arrangements being made for repairs. A special report on the condition of the premises had been submitted. The report showed that extensive repairs would be required. It was estimated that these repairs would cost about £1,400. The Co. Manager stated that he had specially interviewed the Department who agreed that the repairs were necessary and approved of the expenditure, one-half of which would be recouped from the Health Grant. The work would be carried out as soon as possible.

The Council noted and approved of the arrangements which had been made.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill handed in the following Notice of Motion: "That the Council amend the present regulations in order to give cottage tenants the option of transferring the tenancy to a son or daughter or near relative provided they hold the necessary qualifications under the Act."

In reply to enquiry from the Chairman, Councillor O'Neill stated that where a vested cottage was transferred to another member of the family on the death of the original vested owner, Probate or Letters of Administration had to be taken out and the cottage registered in the successor's name and that this involved expense. It was explained by the Chairman that in his view the Council could not take any action in this regard and that as a valuable asset was being transferred in this way it was imperative that the proper legal formalities be carried out. Councillor O'Neill noted the position in the matter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th September, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended: Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, Ml. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Hyrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy 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 June, 20th June and 13th July, 1960.
2. Overdraft on General Account and Capital Account.
3. Filling of vacancies on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
4. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1961—To determine to carry into execution the Scheme as approved.
5. University Scholarships 1960—Letter from Scholarship holder indicating he is not accepting the scholarship awarded.
6. Road from Knockieran to Lugnagun Great, Blessington—Memorial received and report of Engineer.
7. Application for consent of Council to sale of vested cottage at Ballywaltrim, Bray.
8. Application for Supplementary Grant for repair and improvement of house at Carnew.
9. District Hospital, Wicklow—Proposed employment of additional wardmaid.
10. Application from Vallemount Parish Council for grant in respect of enlargement of hall.
11. Resignation of clerk-typist and authorisation of marriage gratuity.
12. Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union regarding date of payment of temporary allowance to officers.
13. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Council's Solicitor, on the death of his aunt.

ITEM NO. 1--MINUTES.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Quigley, seconded by Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 13th June, 20th June and 13th July, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Clr. McCarthy referred to representations he had made regarding the road from Arklow Rock to Ashwood. He stated that he had asked that portion of this road be widened but had received a reply from the Engineer indicating that monies were not available for this work in the present year. Councillor McCarthy contended that the work should be carried out, and

It was proposed by Clr. McCarthy, seconded by Clr. Quigley:

Resolved—That repairs be carried out to road from Arklow Rock to Ashwood, Road 188.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary explained that monies had not been allocated for this particular work and if the Council wished to have it carried out it would be necessary to transfer monies from some other road.

ITEM NO. 2 — OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Miley:

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 31st December, 1960, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. Miley:

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 Council's Capital Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1960, shall not exceed £12,380.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3—FILLING OF VACANCIES ON RATHDRUM O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Clerk to the Sub-Committee conveying the Sub-Committee's recommendations for the appointments of Mr. John Pratt Whelan, Lower St., Rathdrum; Mr. W. Field, Ballyhad, Rathdrum, and Mr. John McDonald, Brewery, Rathdrum, to fill the remaining vacancies on the Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee in place of the late Rev. Mr. Phillips, Mr. S. Hetherington and the late Councillor C. M. Byrne.

It was proposed by Clr. J. D. Haughton, seconded by Clr. J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to fill vacancies on the Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:

Mr. John Pratt Whelan, Lower St., Rathdrum.

Mr. W. Field, Ballyhad, Rathdrum.

Mr. John McDonald, Brewery, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1961.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Department of Education conveying the approval of the Minister to the draft Scholarship Scheme as submitted by the Council and asking that the Minister be informed whether the Council had determined to carry into execution the Scheme as approved.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby determine to carry into execution the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1961, as approved by the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1960.

The County Secretary submitted letter from Mr. Patrick J. McLoughlin to whom a Scholarship under the University Scholarship Scheme had been awarded, indicating that he was not accepting the award of the Scholarship. The County Secretary stated that under the terms of the Scheme the remaining Scholarship would be awarded to Mr. Laurence Patrick Tallon, Emoclew, Arklow, who had indicated that he intended to pursue a course for a degree in Agricultural Science.

It was proposed by Clr. Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Clr. H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we note that Mr. Patrick J. McLoughlin is not accepting the award of a University Scholarship under the Council's Scheme for 1960 and we hereby approve of the award of the remaining scholarship to Laurence Patrick Tallon, Emoclew, Arklow, for the purpose of enabling him to pursue a course for a degree in Agricultural Science.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—ROAD FROM KNOCKIERAN TO LUGNAGUN GREAT, BLESSINGTON.

The County Secretary submitted petition received from Rate-payers, residents and users of the road leading from Knockieran to Lugnagun Great, Blessington, asking that the road be included in the coming year's Estimates for priority attention under the Road Works Scheme in West Wicklow. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that about three miles of the road were involved and that the existing road was in fair condition but was the last remaining gravel road in the vicinity. Of the 17 persons who signed the petition, 15 represented householders on the road and the remaining two were landowners who used the road in connection with stock, etc. He stated that he would bring the matter to the notice of the Councillors in West Wicklow when the Roads meeting took place. The Council noted that the matter of giving priority to repairs to this road would be considered by the members of the Council for the Balinglass Electoral Area in conjunction with the Road Works Programme for the coming year.

ITEM NO. 7—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from James Turner, tenant purchaser of cottage No. 309/4 at Ballywaltrim, Bray, for the consent of the Council to the sale of his interest in the cottage to Mr. Fred Cowan, 15 St. Patrick's Square, Bray, for the sum of £50. Mr. Turner was employed by the E.S.B. as a Car Driver at South Lotts Road, Dublin, and wished to dispose of his interest in the cottage as he had acquired a Tenant Purchase house in Dublin. The Local Housing Committee had considered the matter and recommended that consent might be given.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.:

Resolved—That having considered application of Mr. James Turner, tenant purchaser of cottage No. 309/4 at Ballywaltrim, Bray, we approve of his selling his interest in the cottage to Mr. Frederick Cowan, 15 St. Patrick's Square, Bray, for the sum of £50.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSE AT CARNEW.

The County Secretary stated that a grant had been allocated by the Department of Local Government for the repair and improvement of a house at Schoolheight, Carnew, for Mrs. Annie Brennan, although the floor area of the house was somewhat less than 500 sq. feet. The Council's Engineer had reported that the floor area was 480 sq. ft. The amount of the grant was £100 and subject to the approval of the Council a Supplementary Grant of £100 could be made by the Council. It was proposed by Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That having noted that the Department of Local Government have allocated a Grant of £100 for the repair and improvement of a house at Schoolheight, Carnew, for Mrs. Annie Brennan, we approve of payment of a supplementary grant of £100 in respect of the house which has a floor area of 480 square feet.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 9—DISTRICT HOSPITAL, WICKLOW—PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL WARDSMAID.

The County Secretary stated that following representations from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union that the existing staff was inadequate and that some were obliged to work long hours the matter had been investigated by the Head Nurse and by the County Accountant and it was found that to meet the requirements of the Union and provide a reasonable standard of working hours it would be necessary to employ an additional wardmaid. The present domestic staff numbered five and there were seven nurses, including the Head Nurse. The remuneration of a wardmaid was approximately £260 per year.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Quigley, seconded by Clr. P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That subject to the approval of the Minister for Health we agree to the employment of an additional wardmaid for the District Hospital, Wicklow, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the employment of an additional wardmaid.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 10—APPLICATION FROM VALLEYMOUNT PARISH COUNCIL FOR GRANT IN RESPECT OF ENLARGEMENT OF HALL.

Letter dated 15th August, 1960, from Very Rev. J. Moynihan, P.P., Hon. Secretary, Valleymount Parish Council, stating that the Parish Council had enlarged the hall in Valleymount and wished to apply for the appropriate grant as per Section 54 of the Local Government Act, 1955, was submitted. It was stated in the application that the purpose of the hall was to further the social amenities of the locality. The County Secretary stated that the Valleymount Parish Council had been declared an approved local Council at the meeting of the County Council on 17th June, 1957, but in conveying the decision to the Parish Council it had been indicated that the County Council would not make available any financial assistance, and this had been acknowledged by the Parish Council. It did not appear that any Local Authority had availed of the Section to make grants to Parish Councils. Following a discussion on the matter the Chairman suggested that the matter of making any grant available would be deferred to the Estimates meeting as no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates and the Council agreed to this proposal.

ITEM NO. 11—RESIGNATION OF CLERK-TYPIST AND AUTHORISATION OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY.

The County Secretary stated that Miss M. Mason, clerk-typist, Blessington, was resigning with effect from 1st October, 1960, in view of her forthcoming marriage. Having regard to her period of service with the Council and previous temporary service, one-half of which was reckonable for the purposes of a marriage gratuity it appeared that she would be entitled to a gratuity of £194 5s.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Miley, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Toole, T.D.:

Resolved—That we note the resignation of Miss M. Mason, clerk-typist, Blessington, with effect from 1st October, 1960, in view of her forthcoming marriage and approve of the payment of a marriage gratuity in accordance with Sections 22 and 13(4) of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, of £194 5s. and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this payment.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 12—LETTER FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION REGARDING DATE OF PAYMENT OF TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 3rd September, 1960, from the General Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union in which it was stated that it was understood that the Temporary Allowance, 1959, had been paid by the Council only from 1st April, 1960, contrary to the practice in other Local Authorities which had been sanctioned by the Ministers of the various Departments concerned. It was requested in the letter that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council which he understood would take place on the 12th September. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he had received a letter from the General Secretary of the Union asking that the Council would agree to receive a deputation from the Union in regard to the matter. Following a discussion on the subject it was proposed by Cllr. J. Temple, seconded by Cllr. J. Quigley, that the Council receive a deputation at their next meeting and the Council agreed that a deputation be received at the meeting to be held on 10th October, 1960.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

The County Secretary informed the Council that a claim had been received for £650 in respect of the destruction by fire of a house at Carriglineen, Knockrath, Rathdrum, on the night of Tuesday, 16th August, or the morning of 17th August, 1960. From enquiries made it seemed that hay had been put both in and outside the house and that the hay had then been set on fire and it seemed that some persons who had been using the land had set fire to the house as it was known that the owners intended re-occupying the house which had not been occupied for several months. The house was situated in a very isolated place and not near any pathway that would be used by hikers or itinerants. It seemed clear that the fire was malicious.

The Council noted the position in the matter.

COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE.

Councillor Haughton enquired as to the position regarding the erection of three cottages at Kirikee. It was stated that a report on the matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

BRIDGE AT WICKLOW.

Councillor Haughton referred to the allocation of £2,000 for work to be carried out on the Bridge at Wicklow and enquired when the work would be commenced. The County Manager stated that the Bridge had been examined by the Consulting Engineer some while ago but he had reported that it did not appear to be in urgent need of repair. Councillor Haughton asked that the County Engineer submit a report on the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

ROAD AT KNOCKNADRUCE.

Councillor Miley stated that he understood that there had been a saving in the Estimate for work on the road at Knocknadrucce and asked that any monies available be transferred to enable work to be carried out on the Tournant Road. It was agreed that if there were any question of monies being available for other works that this would be reported to the local members at their next meeting.

INCREASES IN PRICES OF FLOUR AND BREAD.

It was proposed by Cllr. Haughton, seconded by Cllr. Deering:

That we register a protest against the recent increase in flour and bread. Councillor Haughton stated that it was a disgrace that this should happen so shortly after an increase in wages. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that it must be presumed that the increase resulted from the increase in wages.

The Resolution was passed, Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

ITEM NO. 13—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAY AND WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE AT KIRIKEE AND BORROWING BY FURTHER LIEN.

The Deputy County Manager referred to the Supplementary Grant considered by the Council at the meeting held on the 11th September in regard to the amount of Supplementary Grant available to the Council up to 31st August and stated that there was a grant of £1,000. He stated that the Council had a liability of £1,000 and that the Council should be able to pay the grant by the 31st August and that the Council should be able to pay the grant by the 31st August and that the Council should be able to pay the grant by the 31st August.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chambers, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd October, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, T.D.; Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Henry J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, Roger Miley, C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The Deputy County Manager, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness were present.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

AGENDA.

1. Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage facilities—To authorise borrowing of further loan.
2. Erection of three cottages at Kirikee—Report of Co. Engineer.
3. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Aughrim Parochial Committee regarding provision of houses at Aughrim.
4. Report regarding vesting of cottages and preparation of maps for the purposes of vesting.
5. Particulars of Repairs carried out to cottages during the month of September, 1960, and details of cottages to be repaired during October.
6. University Scholarships 1960—Letter from Scholarship holder indicating that he is unable to accept the award of a Scholarship.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with Mrs. Noonan and her family on the death of Mr. Patrick Noonan, representative of the "Wicklow People." Councillor Everett in proposing the Resolution, referred to his long association with Mr. Noonan and to his efficiency and courtesy in discharging his duties as reporter for the "Wicklow People." All the members of the Council paid tribute to the high regard in which Mr. Noonan was held and expressed their sympathy with Mrs. Noonan and his family on his death. The Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the County Manager and the members of the staff generally, asked that they be associated with the terms of the Council's Resolution.

On the proposal of Councillor Deering, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Council with Councillor J. Miley on the death of his mother, and the Secretary was asked to convey the Council's expression of sympathy to Councillor Miley.

ITEM NO. 1—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES AND PROVISION OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES.—TO AUTHORISE BORROWING OF FURTHER LOAN.

The Deputy County Manager referred to the report which had been considered by the Council at the meeting held on 5th September, 1960, in regard to the amount of Supplementary Grants allocated by the Council up to 31st August, and stated that these amounted to a total of £35,995. Loans raised by the Council to date amounted to £25,000 and consequently a further £11,000 was required to meet grants already

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

The County Secretary informed the Council that a claim had been received for £550 in respect of the destruction of a house at Carrigrohane, Keshkarris, Rathfriland, on the evening of Tuesday, 16th August, or the morning of 17th August, 1960. On enquiries made it seemed that the house had been put on fire by a person who had been using the land on which the house stood and that the fire had been put out by the fire brigade. It was known that the person who had been using the land had not been occupying the house which had not been occupied for several years. The house was situated in a very isolated place and not near any public road which would be used by the fire brigade. It was suggested that the fire was malicious.

The Council noted the claim in the matter.

COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE.

Councillor Haughton enquired as to the position regarding the erection of three cottages at Kirikee. It was stated that a report on the matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

allocated. The applications on hands for grants were estimated to amount to about £6,500. It was suggested that the Council might agree to the borrowing of a further loan of £25,000 for the continuation of the Scheme. In reply to an enquiry by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Deputy County Manager stated that the Council's Scheme of Grants for Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage facilities did not provide for the making of a Supplementary Grant for a private water supply where the supply was obtained merely by making a connection to an existing public water supply, even though the premises might be more than the required distance of 100 feet from the main. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion for the amendment of the Council's Scheme to allow the making of Supplementary Grants in such instances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved that we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £25,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years for the purpose of defraying the cost of Supplementary Grants under the Housing (Amendment) Acts.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT KIRIKEE.

Report of County Engineer of 29th September, 1960, to the effect that the work on the site at Kirikee was proceeding satisfactorily with foundation being excavated for three houses, and that the bulk of the necessary materials was on the site and every effort was being made to have the houses completed as expeditiously as possible, was submitted to and noted by the Council.

ITEM NO. 3.—LETTER FROM HON. SECRETARY, AUGHHRIM PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE REGARDING PROVISION OF HOUSES AT AUGHHRIM.

The following letter from the Hon. Secretary, Aughhrim Parochial Committee, was submitted to the Council:—

Aughhrim Parochial Committee,
Co. Wicklow,
School House,
Aughhrim Co. Wicklow.
26th Sept., 1960.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I have been asked to convey to the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council the fact that there is at the moment a very definite shortage of Housing Accommodation in Aughhrim and District.

To discuss this matter a public meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, Aughhrim, on Thursday, 1st September, 1960.

The Very Rev. P. J. Perkins, P.P., Aughhrim, presided, and also present was Councillor John Quigley, P.C.

Councillor Quigley explained the procedure to be adopted to have new Council houses built in Aughhrim, and also outlined the obligations and commitments to be undertaken by those who sign agreements to be appointed tenants of Council houses. Having heard Councillor

Quigley's explanation and the presiding Chairman's exhortation to consider matters very carefully, nine of those present signified their willingness to accept the tenancy of Council houses if built in Aughhrim or district. The names of those concerned are given in an accompanying sheet.

Mise, le meas,
Signed: THOMAS C. HERR,
Hon. Secretary.

K. J. Brangan,
Secretary Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer would be asked to report on the housing needs of the applicants and generally on the matter of the need for new houses in the Aughhrim area. The Council noted that the County Medical Officer would examine the matter.

The Deputy County Manager stated that in May last applications were received for the tenancy of a vacant cottage at Ballishal, Aughhrim, and that there were seven applicants, three of whom appeared on the list submitted by the Aughhrim Parochial Committee.

ITEM NO. 4—REPORT RE VESTING OF COTTAGES AND PREPARATION OF MAPS FOR THE PURPOSES OF VESTING.

The Deputy County Manager stated that of the total of 3,312 cottages, 940 had been vested to date and that a further 40 would be vested as from 1st November, 1960. Applications for vesting amounted to 1,053 divided between the Engineers' districts as follows: Southern area, 194; South-Eastern Area, 211; Western Area, 235; Northern Area, 413. Particulars regarding maps prepared for the purpose of vesting cottages by the temporary Engineer engaged some years previously for the purpose were given to the Council. The Council asked that particulars be submitted in regard to the maps which would be still required for the purpose of vesting of remaining cottages with a view to consideration of engaging a temporary Engineer for the purpose of completing the preparation of all maps.

ITEM NO. 5—PARTICULARS OF REPAIRS CARRIED OUT TO COTTAGES DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1960, AND DETAILS OF COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING OCTOBER 1960.

Particulars of repairs carried out to cottages in September, 1960, had been circulated to the members and also the particulars of the cottages to be repaired during the month of October. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that repairs to cottages of Mason at Ballinahinch and Melia, Milltown, Rathnew, be included for carrying out during the month of October. He stated that Mr. Gregory of Ashtown did not require repairs carried out, but wished to have his cottage vested.

ITEM NO. 6—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1960.

The Deputy County Manager submitted letter received from Mr. L. G. O'Duffy, 8, O'Connell Tce., Arklow, indicating that he was unable to accept the University Scholarship which had been awarded to him. The Deputy County Manager stated that the next qualified candidate would be Michael Joseph Tuite, Marlton Road, Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Deputy O'Toole:

Resolved—That, having noted letter from Mr. L. G. O'Duffy, 8, O'Connell Tce., Arklow that he is unable to accept University Scholarship awarded to him in the current year, we hereby approve of the award of the Scholarship to the next qualified candidate being Mr. Michael Joseph Tuite, Marlton Road, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY AT FASSAROE.

Councillor Temple asked that a report be submitted in regard to a water supply for eight cottages at Fassaroe. He stated that he understood that the owner would not allow the Council to take a supply to the cottages and that they obtained water from a well in a field in which cattle were grazing. Councillor Quigley, referring to the flooding at Aughrim, suggested that lowering one bank of the river would reduce the danger of flooding and asked that a report be obtained on the matter from the Council's Engineer. A report was also requested in regard to Ballymanus Bridge which had been damaged by the floods.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

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 erect an extra public light in the vicinity of the Parochial House, Avoca.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I, or someone for me, will move that the Council take over and maintain the road serving Meath's Jubilee and Fogarty's Row, Killacoran.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I, or someone for me, will move that the Council request the Co. Engineer when preparing his Roads Scheme for 1961/'62, to set aside a sum to be expended on cul-de-sac or non-county roads in Arklow Electoral Area.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That I, or some member on my behalf will move that the Engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate of cost providing the residents in Rathnew village with water, also a sewerage scheme, and that a report be submitted by the County Medical Officer as to the sanitary conditions existing. The reports to be submitted by next meeting of Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th October, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, Miss M. Walsh, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, C. W. Hudson, J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton.

The Deputy County Manager, Deputy County Engineer and Asst. County Engineers C. Boyle, J. P. Caffrey and P. McGuinness attended.

AGENDA:

- 1.—To confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 18th July, 8th and 22nd August and 5th September, 1960.
- 2.—To receive deputation from Irish Local Government Officials' Union regarding Temporary Allowance, 1959, etc.
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- 7.—Public Lighting at Blessington — Letter from E.S.B. regarding estimates for provision of three public lights.
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- 11.—Retirement of Rate Collector.
- 12.—Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM NO. 1—Minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. W. Hudson, seconded by Cllr. Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 18th July, 8th and 22nd August and 5th September, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—Deputation from Irish Local Government Officials' Union regarding Temporary Allowance, 1959, etc.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Wood, representing the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, were received by the Council. Mr. Casey thanked the Chairman and the members of the Council for receiving the Deputation. He referred to the sanction given by the Minister for the payment of of the last round of increases to officials of Local Authorities and stated that the Minister had indicated that the payment could be made effective from 15th December, 1959, the date from which revision of

remuneration was allowed to the Civil Service. In the case of Wicklow County Council the Council had decided to approved of the payment as from 1st April, 1960, but had not agreed to the payment of arrears from 15th December, 1959, as no provision had been made in the estimates for that year to meet this payment. He pointed out that the Union had not been in a position to make an application to the Council for payment of the increased allowance at a time early enough to have the amount provided in the Estimates for the year 1959/60. Having referred to the desirability of maintaining uniformity of salary scales between all Local Authorities and to the harmonious relationship which had always existed between the Council and the Union he asked that the Council might reconsider the matter and agree to allow the payment of revised rates of remuneration from 15th December, 1959. Clr. J. J. McCrea, Chairman, informed the Deputation that the matter would be reconsidered by the Council but pointed out that as the Council had already taken a decision it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders. He thanked the members of the deputation for their attendance. In reply to enquiries from members as to the provisions of Standing Orders the County Secretary read the relevant provisions concerning the suspension of Standing Orders. Clr. McCarthy stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion for the next meeting for the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of reconsidering the position of salaries and remuneration to the Council's staff.

ITEM NO. 3—Letter from Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., re Council's Quarry at Ballinclare.

The following letter from Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., was submitted:—

Roadstone, Ltd.,
Naas Road,
Dublin.
3rd October, 1960.

Our Ref. DR/FH.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
The Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We acquired the old Parnell Quarries at Arklow last year with the intention of developing an export trade to England. We now intend to proceed with this scheme and plan to start production towards the end of next year.

The success of this proposal could depend on the availability of a home market trade absorbing about 25 per cent. of the output and as the only output for material in the area would be your County Council, we submit the following for your consideration.

That this Company would be willing to enter into an agreement with your Council to supply your requirement of stone at the following ex Arklow Quarry prices, and would undertake not to increase these prices for a period of five years.

- Crushed stone or chippings ... 9/- to 14/- per ton.
- Tar or Bituminous Macadam ... 29/- to 39/- per ton.
- Other types or grades of material at mutually agreed rates.

We would agree to purchase the Council's quarry plant at Deputy's Pass at a valuation, and would be prepared to offer alternative employment at Arklow to County Council quarry workers employed there.

Our proposal also includes a Concrete Block Factory and the development of macadam surfacing work on drives, paths, yards and playgrounds.

The number of men required is estimated as follows:—

1.—Quarry, Crushing Plant and Macadam Plant	...	15
2.—Concrete Block Factory	...	5
3.—Contract work, lorry drivers, etc.	...	8
		28

We would also expect to employ an additional 10/20 men for making granite kerbs and setts for which there is a large demand in England.

Our investment at Arklow will be approximately £100,000 and will create a permanent basic industry there with a high adult male labour content.

When you have had an opportunity of examining our proposal, we would very much appreciate the consideration of the matter by your Council.

Yours faithfully,
Roadstone, Ltd.
Signed: D. ROCHE.

The County Secretary stated that as it had been expected that a proposal was being made by Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., in regard to the quarry the County Engineer had submitted a report which, however, was based on what had been anticipated would be the proposals. The County Engineer, however, had not seen the letter of 3rd October, 1960, the terms of which differed from what he understood to be the firm's proposals. The following letter of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Roads, Department,
Wicklow.
28th September, 1960.

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

re/ Ballinclare Quarry and Roadstone.

Dear Sir,

Having read the proposals submitted by Messrs. Roadstone in June, 1960, in which that firm indicate their desire to purchase this Quarry I wish to say that I approve and recommend in principle.

The arrangement I feel would result in a considerable saving in expenditure to the Wicklow County Council.

The fact that an agreed stabilised price for the supply of Road Materials would be maintained over a number of years would certainly be attractive. It would eliminate the anxiety and responsibility of maintaining our Plant and Machinery and avoid the necessity for renewals, which, having regard to the age and condition of such equipment, is most surely due within the next few years or even months.

An agreed price for materials also will result in more funds being available for other Road operations "in the field," and consequently more economical employment of funds at my disposal.

At any time, of course, if we so desire, or the necessity arises, we can always open up alternative quarries.

The Roadstone proposal also visualises an extensive and possibly increasing export Trade from this country to England and the most obvious Port for this from Ballinclare is through the Wicklow Harbour—thus again encouraging employment at that venue.

Before entering in agreement finally, however, there are many items upon which agreement would have to be reached with the Company and the Council.

- (a) The question of maintaining in employment the present Quarry personnel and the taking over of County Council responsibilities in regard to Superannuation, pensions, etc. Wages would have to be held to at least County Council rates.
- (b) Prices ex quarry and for delivery on roads would have to be agreed upon and I suggest that a 10 years fix on these should not be unreasonable, subject to factors beyond the control of the Company, e.g., wages, fuel, etc., but always to be the subject of negotiation and approval by the County Council.
- (c) The existing liabilities, such as loan charges, valuation of machinery and payment for same and the question as to whether we should hold any of the latter for our own use would have to be determined by conference.
- (d) The matter of acquisition of the mineral Rights and Royalties with landowners would be one for the Company and our commitments in this regard would have to be determined.

Viewing the proposal broadly I consider it to be well worthy of favourable consideration by the Council and an opportunity which should not be avoided if at all possible.

Yours faithfully,

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

Following a discussion on the matter in which members pointed out that the proposals submitted by Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., did not indicate whether Ballinclare Quarry would be continued in operation, the Council agreed that the copy of Messrs. Roadstone's letter and a copy of the County Engineer's report together with a copy of his report on the terms of the letter of 3rd October, 1960, from Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., be circulated to the members and that the matter be resubmitted to the Council at the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 4—Letter from Department of Agriculture re effect of Diseases of Animals Act, 1960, and letter re assessment under General Cattle Diseases Fund.

The County Secretary stated that as from 1st April, 1961, the Council would not receive recoupment of half of the cost of the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts. At present the Council received recoupment of one-half of the expenditure on the remuneration of Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors for duties under these Acts, half the cost of the Sheep Dipping Scheme and also half of the administrative expenses arising from the work. In the present financial year the total expenditure under these headings was estimated at approximately £2,000 and the recoupment amounted to £1,000. As from 1st April next, therefore, the Council would have to bear an additional £1,000 per annum based on the present expenditure under these headings. The amount of the assessment in respect of the General Cattle Diseases Fund in most years amounted to the equivalent of ½d. in the £ or about £360 but in some years there was a double assessment raised amounting to approximately £720. The Fund would be abolished as from 31st March, 1963, and after that date the Council would not have to meet assessments for the purpose of replenishing the Fund. It was estimated that assessments of up to a total of 2d. would be necessary to meet outstanding claims and claims arising up to 1st April, 1961, and these would amount to in all about £2,100. The Council has now received the first assessment in the sum of £700 8s. 4d. The amount provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of the General Cattle

Diseases Fund was £340 and in consequence it would be necessary to authorise the additional expenditure of £360 8s. 4d.

It was proposed by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, and seconded by Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

Resolved—That having considered letter of 27th September, 1960, from Department of Local Government we authorise the expenditure of £360 8s. 4d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the additional cost of the sum assessed on the Council in respect of the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Passed, Clr. H. J. Byrne dissenting.

The Council noted the effect of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1960, on the Estimates for future years.

ITEM NO. 5—Application for Provision of Housing Accommodation at Tinahealy.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from seven persons for the provision of houses in the Tinahealy area. The County Medical Officer would be asked to investigate the applications and to report as to the housing needs in the District. The Council noted that the County Medical Officer would report on the matter and that his report would be submitted to the Council in due course.

ITEM NO. 6—Report of Chief Medical Officer regarding application for erection of Cottage at Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney.

The County Secretary submitted report of the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the application of Mr. O'Neill for the erection of a cottage for him on a site at Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney. The Co. Secretary pointed out that the applicant worked in Baltinglass and that a house could have been made available for him in Baltinglass which would seem to be more convenient both for his work and for his family. He reminded the Council of the experience which the Council had had in regard to the erection of cottages on isolated sites, i.e., outside of existing towns or villages, in respect of the difficulty of obtaining tenants should the original applicant ever leave the cottage. On the proposal of Clr. Miley, seconded by Clr. Timmins, the Council confirmed their previous Resolution that a cottage be provided on the site at Eadestown for the applicant.

ITEM NO. 7—Public Lighting at Blessington.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the E.S.B. in which they indicated that they could not reduce the estimate of £128 for the erection of three poles, timeswitch, switchwire, etc., for the installation of two lamps at Kilbride Road and one lamp on Pole 53, at the Square, Blessington. The E.S.B. indicated that they would be prepared to carry out this work and charge the Council the actual cost but it was their opinion that the actual cost would be likely to exceed the estimate previously given. The County Secretary stated that the Council had considered the estimate on a previous occasion but considered that the price quoted was too high.

It was proposed by Clr. Miley, seconded by Clr. Timmins.

Resolved—That having considered correspondence with E.S.B. we approve of the acceptance of the Board's estimates of £128 for the erection of three poles, timeswitch, switchwire, etc., for the installation of two lamps at Kilbride Road and one lamp on Pole 53, The Square, Blessington, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of provision of these lights.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8—Application from Rathnew Guild, Muintir na Tire, for Reception of Deputation.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Francis Hynes, Chairman, Rathnew Parish Guild, Muintir na Tire, for reception by the Council of a deputation in connection with 1. Water and Sewerage in the village. 2. Fountains which were requested to be erected at Merrymeeting, and 3. Roads. The Council agreed to receive the deputation at meeting to be held on 7th November, 1960.

ITEM NO. 9—Correspondence with Department of Social Welfare re Contributions towards cost of Board for the Employment of the Blind.

The County Secretary submitted letter dated 2nd August, 1960 from Department of Social Welfare in which they asked that the Council might reconsider the matter of the making of a contribution towards the expenses of the Board for the Employment of the Blind and withdraw the condition placed on the Council's participation in the project. The County Secretary stated that the Council had indicated that they would be prepared to contribute 1d. in the £ towards the expenses of the Board provided that the State contributed a similar amount. As no provision had been made in the Council's Estimates for the current year for the making of a contribution the Council decided to defer the matter for consideration in the Estimates for the year 1961/62.

ITEM NO. 10—Hospital Building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

The following letter from the Town Clerk, Wicklow U.D.C., was submitted:

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
5th October, 1960

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

re/ Lease of County Hospital Building.

A Chara,

I am to indicate that the whole question of the County Hospital, Wicklow, was very thoroughly discussed at a meeting of my Council held on the 4th instant.

I am to request that you would be good enough to bring the views of this Council to the attention of the members of the Wicklow County Council at their next meeting.

The position is that in 1835 the then Portrieve, Burgesses and commonality of Wicklow granted a lease to the Governors and Governesses of the Public Infirmary of the County of Wicklow of the building known as the "County Hospital" for a period of 99 years from 27th February, 1835, at a rent of £3 3s. per year.

The lease expired in 1934 but it was not until June, 1957, that this fact became known either to the Urban Council or the County Council. Immediately it was brought to the attention of my Council they indicated that they were not prepared to grant the County Council's request for a renewal of the lease, on the grounds that the premises were no longer required as a County Hospital, as it was proposed to transfer the patients to the old Fever Hospital building.

It is the desire of the Wicklow Urban District Council that in view of information received that the patients will be transferred in the very near future from the "old" County Hospital to the new premises, that the old County Hospital building be returned to the Urban Council, who are of opinion that much needed revenue can be obtained by the sale by them of this property and also the rates which will accrue

through the use of the building for other than Health Services. My Council are also not satisfied that the County Hospital building should be used for Dispensary purposes and feel that a proper Dispensary building should be provided in Wicklow and one which would be in keeping with those erected in other parts of the County.

Mise, le meas,
Signed: M. J. CUSACK,
Town Clerk.

The County Secretary stated that the County Council had been advised that they were entitled to continue in occupation of the premises provided that the premises were used for the Council's purposes. The premises were needed for the purpose of the Health Services though a final decision as regards their use had not yet been made. In reply to enquiries from members the County Secretary stated that the use of the premises for the purposes of a Dispensary and Clinic had been under consideration as well as their possible use for other purposes. Mr. H. J. Byrne pointed out that the Council had rights under the Landlord and Tenant Act and would have to insist on such rights. The Council noted the advice that they were entitled to retain the premises. The Council agreed that the matter be considered again when the County Manager was available.

ITEM NO. 11—Retirement of Rate Collector.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Michael O'Neill, Rate Collector, had reached retiring age on 22nd September, 1960, and had indicated that he did not wish to be continued temporarily until the end of the financial year as was the usual practice. In accordance with the Council's Resolution arrangements were being made for the collection of the rates from the office for the balance of the present financial year.

Extension of Watermain at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary referred to the previous decision of the Council to contribute towards the cost of the making of a connection to the watermain at Kilcoole to serve the new National School at Kilcoole and stated that one of the schemes recommended by the new members of the Council for extensions of water supply and sewerage systems envisaged the extension of the watermain from Kilcoole to serve the Knockroe area. This main would pass the site of the new School and in these circumstances it was suggested that the watermain might be extended in 4" piping as far as the School as part of the general scheme for the extension to Knockroe. This would enable the School to obtain a water supply. The Department of Local Government in letter of 6th October, 1960, indicated there was no objection to the proposal to extend the watermain and the cost was estimated at £1,103 10s. 0d. The Council would receive recoupment of 50 per cent. of the loan charges.

It was proposed by Mr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Mr. Edward Byrne.

Resolved—That we note letter of 6th October, 1960, from Department of Local Government indicating that there is no objection to the proposal to carry out extension of a watermain to serve new National School at Kilcoole in 4" piping so as to serve the Knockroe area and approve of arrangements being made for the laying of the main as far as the new School. We hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,103 10s. 0d. from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 10 years for the purpose of defraying the cost of this extension of the main.

Passed unanimously.

E.S.B. Charges.

Clr. Haughton raised the matter of a recent increase in charges by the Electricity Supply Board and the County Secretary stated that a Resolution on the subject had been received from the Corporation of Sligo. On the proposal of Clr. Haughton, seconded by Clr. Temple, the Council adopted the Resolution received from the Corporation of Sligo which was as follows:—

"That we view with great concern the recent increases for electricity by the E.S.B. as we feel these increases forced on consumers will cause hardship on the people of the working classes, also causing an additional financial burden on business people in general.

That the Minister for Transport and Power be hereby requested to intervene in the matter so as to ensure no increased charges be permitted, which consumers are not in a position to pay on account of the rising cost of living.

That copies be forwarded to the Minister concerned, local T.D.'s and all public bodies."

Bridge at Wicklow.

Clr. Haughton enquired as to the report requested from the County Engineer regarding repairs to the Bridge at Wicklow and the County Secretary stated that on account of the County Engineer having been absent due to illness and also on annual leave it had not been possible for him to complete the report. The report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Machinery at Newtown Quarry.

Councillor Miley asked that a report in regard to machinery at Newtown Quarry damaged by blasting be submitted to the next meeting.

Road Works Programme for 1961/62.

Clr. P. Brennan referred to the desirability of having the Road Works Programme for 1961/62 determined at an early date and asked that the County Engineer prepare his draft Scheme and have it available for the November meeting of the Council.

Extension of time for Payment of Rates.

Clr. McCrea, supported by Clr. Miss Walsh, referred to Six-Day Notices for the payment of rates which had been served in the Tinahely District and stated that many ratepayers were unable to meet the First Moiety of Rates at present due to the late harvest. The Council recommended that Ratepayers in the area be allowed up to 31st October, 1960, for the payment of the First Moiety of Rates and that the terms of the Bonus Scheme for Rate Collectors be adjusted accordingly.

ITEM NO. 12—Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

In regard to the Contract prices for meat supplied to St. Colman's Hospital the Council asked that the Medical Officer of the Hospital regularly inspect the meat and confirm that it was suitable. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Office did, in fact, regularly inspect the meat to ensure that it was up to the proper standard.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Clr. P. McCarthy and accepted by the Chairman—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next statutory meeting of this Council that Standing Orders be suspended to reconsider the position of salaries and wages to our staff re retrospective payment."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th November, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended: Clr. J. J. McCrea (Chairman), Councillors P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. G. W. Hudson. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, C. Boyle, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

AGENDA

1. Deputation from Rathnew Parish Guild, Muintir na Tire re (1) Water and Sewerage in village, (2) Fountains requested at Merry-meeting, (3) Roads.
2. Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. J. Everett, T.D., regarding Water and Sewerage for Rathnew.
3. Draft Purchase Scheme for 28 cottages under 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme.
4. Application for loan under S.D.A. Acts.
5. University Scholarship Scheme, 1960 — Letter from Scholarship holder indicating that he is unable to accept award of Scholarship.
6. Malicious Injury Claims—Carnew areas, etc.
7. Particulars of repairs carried out to cottages in October, 1960, and details of cottages to be repaired during November, 1960.

ITEM NO. 1—Deputation from Rathnew Guild, Muintir Na Tire (1) Water and Sewerage in Village, (2) Fountains at Merrymeeting and (3) Roads.

The Deputation from the Rathnew Guild, Muintir na Tire, was received by the Council. The Deputation consisted of Mr. Francis Hynes, Chairman, Mr. Robert Doyle and Mr. John Fitzsimons. Mr. Francis Hynes on behalf of the deputation thanked the members of the Council for receiving them. The deputation was concerned with two groups of houses in the village, those at Merrymeeting, being a group of 40 houses with a population of 225 and two terraces of houses at Ballybeg containing in all 24 houses with a population of 129. He stated that the houses at Merrymeeting had been erected in 1940 but had never been provided with a water supply or sewerage system. He stated that the persons living in these houses were suffering badly due to the lack of these facilities and some of them had to walk a distance to a well to obtain water. He referred to a pump which, he stated, had been erected at Merrymeeting some years ago but had never worked. In regard to the roads Mr. Hynes stated that these were in a deplorable state with potholes from 9" to 12" deep in some of them. He stated also that there was flooding from the roads at Ballybeg. Messrs. John Fitzsimons and Robert Doyle confirmed the statements made by Mr. Hynes. Clr. J. J. McCrea, Chairman, thanked the members of the deputation for attending and assured them that the matters raised would receive careful examination by the Council.

ITEM NO. 2—Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. J. Everett, T.D., regarding Water and Sewerage in Rathnew.

The County Secretary submitted the report of the Health Inspector dated 3rd November, 1930, in regard to the cottages in Rathnew Village. In the report he stated that 66 of the total of 135 cottages had water and sewerage but the remaining 69 had no sewerage system and the water supply was as follows—

St. Brigid's Terrace (12 houses)—Water supply from fountain at entrance to terrace. The water is pumped from Barrett's wall to the fountain and the supply occasionally gives trouble.

St. Patrick's Terrace (12 houses)—Water supply from fountain at St. Brigid's Terrace, approximately 200 to 250 yards from some of the cottages.

Merrymeeting, Main Road (4 houses)—Water supply from fountain on roadside.

Merrymeeting (35 houses)—Water supply from well at Railway bank approximately 300 to 400 yards from some of the houses. This well goes very low during dry weather and water has to be carried from fountain 700 or 800 yards away.

Upper Ballybeg (12 houses)—Water supply from well at Railway bank.

Main Street, Rathnew (1 house)—Water supply from fountain 50 yards away.

The Health Inspector suggested that the Regional Supply Main should be extended to serve these 69 cottages but the proposal to link up with the sewerage system should not be dealt with until the houses had a water supply laid on. The County Secretary submitted an estimate of the costs of providing water supply to the houses including house installations and the estimated costs of providing sewerage facilities for the houses. As watermains had already been provided under the Regional Water Supply Scheme figures for water supply to the cottages covered the cost only of connections to the main and the necessary house installations. No grant would be available towards the loan charges on the installations and connections for water supply. To provide sewerage facilities it would be necessary to lay main sewers and a subsidy would be available towards the loan charges in this respect. The cost of house installations, however, would have to be met in full by the Council. The net estimated loan charges for providing water and sewerage facilities for the houses was calculated at £517 15s. 3d. As additional facilities would be provided for the cottages it was expected that the tenants would contribute towards the cost by way of an addition to rent and it was calculated that the appropriate contribution would work out at about 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per week. This would include the cost of water supplied. The figures of cost quoted related to the 38 houses at Merrymeeting, 24 at Ballybeg and 2 in Rathnew village. In respect of 4 old cottages east of the Main Road at Merrymeeting it would be necessary to provide a separate Septic Tank as due to the levels these cottages could not be connected to the existing sewerage scheme. The capital cost of this work would be £784 14s. 0d. It seemed that the existing sewerage works would be adequate to deal with increased volume of sewerage if the Council decided to proceed with the proposals but it would, of course, be necessary to examine this in further detail and prepare the necessary plans and specifications for

the work. Clr. J. Everett, T.D., referred to provision having been made in the Estimates for repairs to houses in Rathnew and expressed disappointment that the roads had not yet been attended to. Referring to the sanitary conditions in the village he expressed disappointment that there had been no special report from the County Medical Officer in the matter. The County Manager explained how the present village of Rathnew had developed. At one time there had been some very bad thatched cottages in the village and these had been replaced by new houses by the former Board of Health about 30 years ago. The new houses erected had not been designed as a village scheme as they would be nowadays but were laid out as rural cottages and were not supplied with water and sewerage mainly for the reason that the Board of Health was endeavouring to keep the cost of the houses within the limit for subsidy purposes so that the rents of the houses could be kept as low as possible. If water and sewerage had been provided the houses would have been built much closer together but undoubtedly the cost of the houses would have been higher and higher rents would have been charged. The Council would probably agree that having regard to present conditions and the policy of the Council and of the State in regard to providing water supply and sewerage facilities it would be desirable to have these facilities now provided for the cottages. It would be expected, however, that some part of the cost would be defrayed by the tenants by way of addition to the weekly rents. The County Manager pointed out that water could not be supplied unless it was available in sufficient quantity and with sufficient purity. The old scheme in Rathnew was regarded as suitable only for a few houses and the remaining houses were supplied only from fountains. The need for eventually supplying all the houses in Rathnew with a piped water supply was taken into account in deciding upon the Regional Scheme.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Clr. J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—That having considered report regarding proposed provision of water supply and sewerage to cottages in Rathnew we approve of the provision of these services subject to tenants of the cottages agreeing to make a contribution to the cost by way of an addition to their rent and direct that detailed estimates be prepared for approval by the Department of Local Government to these proposals.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the matter of water supplies generally the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that an additional temporary Engineer be engaged in connection with the surveys which were being carried out. The County Engineer considered that two temporary Engineers would be required for preparing the survey and that a third temporary Engineer could proceed with the preparation of detailed plans so as to enable schemes to be prepared and put in hands at an early date. The Council had already approved of the employment of two Engineers but to date it had been possible to recruit only one. On the recommendation of the County Engineer it was proposed to invite applications again and to increase the remuneration by £3 3s. 0d. per week. Clr. J. Temple enquired whether it was intended to appoint an Engineer to complete maps required for the vesting cottages and referred to the discussion at the previous meeting that a report be submitted giving the exact number of maps which were still required and following consideration of that the Council would consider whether an additional Engineer was required for the purpose of preparing maps. The Council agreed to appoint a third Engineer for the purpose of water supply schemes.

ITEM NO. 3 — Draft Purchase Scheme for 28 Cottages under 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that a Draft Purchase Scheme for 28 cottages erected under the 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme had been circulated to the members and was submitted for the approval of the Council. In the event of all the tenants availing of the proposed Scheme the Revenue to the Council by way of rent would be reduced by a total of £317 4s. 0d. The annuities had been calculated at the rate of 50 per cent of the existing weekly rent.

It was proposed by Deputy P. Brennan, seconded by Clr. J. Quigley.

Resolved—That we approve of the Draft Cottage Purchase Scheme in respect of 28 Cottages erected under the 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme and submitted to this meeting.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4—Application for Loan Under S.D.A. Acts.

The Council considered application on behalf of Mr. E. A. Northridge for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of a new house at Main Street, Baltinglass. The County Secretary pointed out that as the applicant was single and had no dependants and having regard to his income it would not be a suitable case for the Council to make a loan available. Members of the Council referred to the work which Mr. Northridge had carried out in reconstructing houses in Baltinglass and urged that a loan be made available. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had made supplementary Grants available towards the cost of reconstructing the houses.

It was proposed by Clr. O'Neill, seconded by Clr. Timmins.

Resolved—That we recommend that a loan of £700 be made to Mr. E. A. Northridge in respect of house at Main Street Baltinglass.

Passed, Clrs. H. B. Hipwell and H. J. Byrne dissenting.

ITEM NO. 5—University Scholarship Scheme, 1960.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Dermot B. Quigley, 34 O'Byrne Road, Bray, who had been awarded a University Scholarship by the Council had written to state that due to unforeseen circumstances he would not be able to pursue a University Course and was unable to accept the Scholarship. The County Secretary stated that when his letter was received on 17th October the University had already opened and having consulted the Chairman the Scholarship was offered to the remaining qualified candidate, Miss Brigid Nolan, of 70 Lower Main Street, Arklow, who had accepted it. Clr. Haughton pointed out that this was the second person who had refused a Scholarship and he suggested that the reason might be that the amount of the Scholarship was not large enough. Clr. Hipwell stated that he thought that there was another reason why the candidate had refused the award of the Scholarship. The County Secretary stated that it had been found in some instances in the past that candidates awarded a Scholarship had in the meantime obtained employment and consequently decided not to accept the Scholarship.

It was proposed by Clr. P. McCarthy, seconded by Clr. Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That having noted that Mr. D. B. Quigley, 34 O'Byrne Road, Bray, has decided not to accept the award of a Scholarship under the University Scholarship Scheme for 1960/61, we approve of the award of the remaining Scholarship to Miss Brigid Nolan, 70 Lr. Main Street, Arklow, who is the remaining qualified candidate.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6—Malicious Injury Claims.

The Council considered in committee correspondence regarding Malicious Injury Claims which had been received by the Council. The County Secretary stated that the claim by Mr. P. J. Doyle, Croneyhorn, Carnew, would be heard at the Circuit Court within the next few days and that the original amount claimed had been £10,000 but this had later been reduced to £4,634. The Council's valuation, however, was considerably less. The County Secretary gave particulars as to the rate in the £ which would be required to meet an award of, say, £3,000, if the Decree were levied on the area adjacent to Carnew on the Shillelagh Rural District, Arklow Electoral Area or the County-at-Large. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that if a Decree were given it would be desirable that it be levied on the County-at-large in view of the likely amount and the heavy burden it would be on the ratepayers if levied on a smaller area. The Council noted also the report in regard to the claim of Messrs. John Byrne and Denis Byrne, Carriglineen, Knockrath, for a house and furniture destroyed by fire and agreed that in this case also it would be desirable that any Decree given be levied on the County-at-Large. Particulars were also given to the Council of claims by Mr. T. W. Curling, Greystones, in respect of a stolen car, amount £450, and Mrs. Eva Biggs, £75 in respect of injury to a pony, the Irish Red Cross, £200 in respect of damage to an ambulance, and Miss A. Boyle, Main St., Arklow, £50 in respect of breaking of a plate glass window. The County Manager referred to claims which were received by the Council in respect of stealing of cars and subsequent damage to the cars and suggested that it was very unreasonable that ratepayers should have to meet the cost of damage in such cases when usually the car was covered by insurance.

It was proposed by Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. P. McCarthy.

Resolved—That it is considered that it is not in the public interest and is grossly unfair to local ratepayers that awards should be made under the Malicious Injuries Acts in respect of damage to stolen motor vehicles and more particularly so seeing that in most instances such vehicles would be covered by insurance for which the owners would be paying insurance premiums.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils for consideration.

ITEM NO. 7—Repairs to Cottages.

The Council noted the list submitted of cottages repaired during the month of October, 1960, and of cottages to be repaired during the month of November.

Flooding at Donard.

Clr. Deering referred again to the matter of flooding at Donard and urged strongly that the Council should attend to the stream, portion of which passed alongside the public road. The Council agreed that the matter be examined immediately by the Engineer and that if cleaning of any portion of the stream was the Council's responsibility that it be attended to at once.

Bye-Laws in Relation to Overcrowding.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the query raised by the Council:

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.
27th October, 1960.

H.27/3/1.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 14th April, 1960, and previous correspondence regarding the making of bye-laws under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he is advised that where a letting is made which does not contravene the bye-laws, and the family subsequently increases so as to cause over-crowding, the landlord would not incur a penalty under bye-law No. 2 (1) of the Model Code. A new letting to the same or to a new tenant, which involved over-crowding would, however, contravene the bye-law.

Mise, le meas,

Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses.

The County Secretary gave particulars of Circular of 3rd November, 1960, from Department of Local Government indicating concession being granted in relation to the repair and improvement works on houses. The general restriction on the payment of a second grant until 15 years had elapsed was being reduced in cases where extra bedrooms were being provided to relieve permanent overcrowding where bathrooms were being provided as an extension to floor area and in respect of certain other works certified to be urgently necessary to conserve the house and to be necessary because of damage caused by fire, wind, rain, flooding or other cause outside the applicant's control. The Council agreed that a copy of the circular be sent to each member of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

The following notices of motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the name of Clr. R. Miley, "That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the Housing Committee that the 12 cottages at Glenealy be incorporated in the Cottage Purchase Scheme."

In the name of Clr. J. Quigley, "That I or someone for me will move that the Council will erect a pump for 4 cottages at Ballykillageer, Avoca."

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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 November, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended: Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, Jas. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, and J. Gregory.

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 12th September and 3rd October, 1960.
2. Letter from University Scholarship Holder regarding completion of course of studies and expressing thanks for award of scholarship.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1961—To approve of draft Scheme.
4. Whitebridge, Avoca—To authorise affixing of Seal of the Council to the Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., for loan of £4,000.
5. Report of County Engineer on Road Works carried out under Road Works Scheme for 1960/'61.
- 6.—To fix dates for meetings of Local Committees to consider Road Works Programme for the year 1961/'62.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, "That the County Engineer when preparing Road Works Scheme for 1961/'62 set aside a sum to be expended on cul-de-sac or non-County Roads in Arklow Electoral Area."
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, "That the Council take over and maintain road serving Meaths, Jubilee and Fogarty's Row, Killacloran."
9. Proposal of Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., to purchase Council's Quarry at Ballinclare and report of County Engineer. (Copies of correspondence circulated).
10. Machinery Depot at Carrigmore—Provision of facilities to comply with Factories Acts.
11. Bridge at Wicklow—Report of County Engineer.
12. Reports of County Engineer re storm damage — Ballymanus Bridge, etc.
13. Report on damage caused to machinery at Newtown Quarry by blasting.

14. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy, "That Standing Orders be suspended to reconsider the position of salaries and wages to our staff re retrospective payment."
15. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh, "That travelling allowance be paid to District Maternity Nurses."
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, "That an extra public light be provided in the vicinity of the Parochial House, Avoca."
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., "That existing Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for County Wicklow be amended by the substitution of Barniskey for Electors in Ballinvalley district instead of Ballymoyle."
18. Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1960.
19. Reply from Agricultural Wages Board to Resolution regarding wages of agricultural workers in Shillelagh District.
20. Reply from Minister for Transport and Power re Resolution in connection with charges for electricity.
- 21.—Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was proposed by Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of meetings held on 12th September and 3rd October, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the discussion at the previous meeting regarding the non-acceptance by a candidate of a University Scholarship, Councillor Hipwell confirmed that the candidate in question had obtained a post in the Customs and Excise in the meantime and that this was the reason why he had not accepted the award of the Scholarship.

Item No. 2—Letter from University Scholarship Holder.

The following letter from Miss Collette Scullion, 64, Main Street, Bray, was submitted:

64, Main St., Bray,
October 12th, 1960.

Dear Sir,

Having completed my course at University College, Dublin, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the Scholarship awarded to me in 1957.

I have obtained a second-class Honours Degree in Commerce and without your financial help this would otherwise have been impossible.

Thanking you again for this opportunity,

I remain, yours truly, Collette Scullion.

The Council expressed appreciation of the terms of the letter and asked that their thanks be conveyed to Miss Scullion.

Item No. 3—University Scholarship Scheme, 1961.

The County Secretary submitted draft University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1961 which was on similar lines to the Scheme adopted for the year 1960. The Council decided to refer the Scheme for examination by the Scholarship Committee. The County Secretary stated that the Scholarship Committee had consisted of the following members: Councillors J. J. McCrea, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, Dr. B. Donnelly, J. D. Haughton, C. W. Hudson, P. McCarthy and G. Timmins. As Councillors Cleary and Donnelly were no longer members of the Council the County Secretary enquired whether the Council wished to replace these two members. The Council appointed Councillors J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge as members of the Scholarship Committee to replace Councillors W. Cleary and Dr. B. Donnelly.

Item No. 4—Whitebridge, Avoca—Authorisation of Fixing of Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd., for Loan of £4,000.

It was proposed by Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Clr. J. Quigley:

Resolved—That pursuant to letter of sanction dated 24th September, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £4,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the erection of a new White Bridge at Avoca to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank, Limited.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Report of County Engineer on Road Works Carried out under Road Works Scheme for 1960/'61.

A copy of the progress report of the County Engineer on Road Works as at 31st October, 1960, had been circulated to the members of the Council. The Council decided to defer consideration of the report to the next meeting of the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that particulars be made available to the members of costings for the various types of work carried out on roads.

Item No. 6—To Fix Dates for Meetings of Local Committees to consider Road Works Programme for the year 1961/'62.

Clr. J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that the local Meetings should not be held until after the Council had determined the amount which would be available for Road Works for the coming financial year. In reply to enquiries from members the County Secretary stated that the Council had provisionally agreed that the local meetings to consider the Road Works Programme would be held in November in order that agreement might be reached on the major schemes to be carried out in the following year so that the necessary plans and specifications could be prepared and submitted for approval to the Department before the end of the present financial year. This would ensure no delay in commencing works in the following year.

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the local meetings would be held, and

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Temple, seconded by Cllr. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby fix the following dates for meetings of the Local Committees of members of the Council to consider the Road Works programme for the year 1961/'62.

Arklow Electoral Area—At Shillelagh on 28th November, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

Bray Electoral Area—At the Town Hall, Bray, on 28th November, 1960, at 8 p.m.

Baltinglass Electoral Area—At Courthouse, Baltinglass, on Wednesday, 30th November, 1960, at 3 p.m.

Wicklow Electoral Area—At Courthouse, Wicklow, on 29th November, 1960, at 3 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the County Engineer would circulate to the members particulars of his proposals for road works in advance of the meetings of local committees.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley,

“That a sum be set aside for expenditure on cul-de-sac or non-county roads in Arklow Electoral Area, in Road Works Scheme for 1961/'62.”

The Council agreed that this matter be considered by the local Roads Committee at their meeting in Shillelagh on 28th Nov., 1960.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley,
“That the Council take over and maintain Road Serving Meaths, Jubilee and Fogarty's Row, Killacoran.”

The Council with the agreement of Councillor J. Quigley decided that this matter be considered by the local members of the Council at their meeting to be held at Shillelagh on 28th November, 1960.

Item No. 9—Proposal of Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., to purchase Council's Quarry at Ballinclare and report of County Engineer.

Copy of letter of 3rd October, 1960, from Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., in regard to their proposal to purchase the Council's Quarry at Ballinclare together with copy of report of County Engineer dated 28th September, 1960, and report of County Engineer of 11th November, 1960, had been circulated to the members of the Council. In reply to enquiries from members as to the cost of production of chippings at Ballinclare the County Secretary stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer had reported that the Council's cost for production was 20s. per cubic yard which was equivalent to 17s. per ton. This compared with a price of 14s. per ton from Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd. The cost per ton for production of tarmacadam in Ballinclare was 35s. and Messrs. Roadstone's quotation was from 29s. to 39s. per ton.

The annual production of chippings in Ballinclare was equivalent to 21,000 tons and a saving at the rate of 3s. per ton would amount to £3,100. The cost of production in quarries at Tomacork and Newtown were very much higher. The average cost at Tomacork was 27s. 6d. per cubic yard for an output of about 6,000 cubic yards. In Newtown the cost was 30s. per cubic yard, the output being only about 3,000 cubic yards. The Co. Engineer was endeavouring to arrange to increase the production in the quarries and to reduce the cost per cubic yard. Generally speaking where there was a low volume of production the cost tended to be higher. Councillor J. J. McCrea suggested that the cost of Tomacork could be reduced substantially by providing more equipment in order to increase the production. Following a discussion on the proposal of Messrs. Roadstone, Ltd., to purchase the quarry in which the members indicated their disapproval of any sale of the quarry.

Proposed by Cllr. H. J. Byrne; seconded by Cllr. J. O'Toole, T.D.:

Resolved—That we retain Ballinclare Quarry in production by the Council's staff.

Item No. 10—Machinery Depot at Carrigmore—Provision of facilities to comply with Factories Acts.

The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer had reported that it would be necessary to provide toilets, a room for eating in and hanging of clothes, etc., water supply and facilities for washing-up at the Machinery Depot at Carrigmore. The estimated cost of the work, including provision of Septic Tank and provision of Water Supply and converting the existing shed for use of the men would be £300. The number of men working at the Depot was never less than 8 with a maximum of 12. The provision of these facilities was required under the Factory Acts as the Machinery Depot came within the definition of a factory under the Acts.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Cllr. J. Quigley:

Resolved—That having considered report of the Deputy County Engineer we approve of the provision of sanitary facilities, etc., for employees engaged at Carrigmore Machinery Depot as required by the Factories Act and authorise the expenditure of £300 to meet the cost.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Bridge at Wicklow—Report of County Engineer.

The report of the County Engineer dated 20th October, 1960, regarding the Stone Bridge at Wicklow was submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that for some time the condition of the Bridge had been a matter of concern and that some years ago a notice covering the weight and speed of traffic over the bridge had been erected. Whilst the arches did not collapse it was evident that deterioration was spreading and repairs had to be carried out from time to time. Old stone arch bridges were capable of resisting unusually heavy loading and whilst the County Engineer believed there was no real danger of a complete

collapse of the structure he thought it desirable to impose weight and speed limits. The County Engineer stated that there was a likelihood of minor disintegration at various points taking place and that this had occurred from time to time and that repairs had been carried out. Following representations from factory managers and from members of the Council a sum of £2,000 had been provided in the current Road Works Scheme and the advice of the Council's Bridge Consultant had been sought. He agreed that whilst there was no immediate danger of a collapse it would be desirable to carry out repairs by way of strengthening the bridge. A further inspection was made with the Chief Engineering Adviser of the Department and the Deputy Chief Engineering Adviser and the Consultant. The Consultant later reported that he would agree with the Co. Engineer's proposals to point the piers and abutments and cover the roadway with a reinforced concrete slab, as this was about all that could be done to increase the life of the structure. The details of the proposal were in course of preparation for submission to the Department of Local Government for approval. The Council noted the terms of the report and that detailed proposals were being submitted to the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 12—Reports of County Engineer re Storm Damage.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that Ballymanus Bridge had been damaged in the recent storm. The centre abutment had collapsed and subsequently two of the three arches also collapsed. The road had been closed to traffic and adequate safety barriers erected and detour signs also provided. The old bridge was very hump-backed and sight distance was less than 100 ft. and the carriage-way was only 10 ft. to 12 ft. in width. The Co. Engineer recommended that the structure be entirely demolished and re-built and estimated the cost including the provision of approach roads at £3,400. A carriageway width of 60 ft. would be provided. The Council noted that it would be necessary to re-build the bridge and asked that application be made to the Department of Local Government for a Special Grant towards the cost of the work. The Council also noted that a retaining wall on the Ballynultagh Road had been damaged in the storm together with the culvert across the road and the cost of repairs would amount to approximately £50. The Council also noted the report of the Assistant County Engineer that roads at Moneyteigue, Coolbawn and Three Wells, Sheeana and Barravore had been badly washed out during the storms and that the road at Barravore from the Ford up for a quarter of a mile had been completely washed out. The cost of repairs was estimated at £400 of which £200 would relate to the Barravore Road. The Assistant Co. Engineer reported that this was not urgent as no people lived on this stretch of road and that the Forestry Section of the Department of Lands would have to remove the land slide on their portion of the road before it could be used.

In reply to enquiries from members of the Council regarding the road at Kilbride, Blessington, which had subsided at one point, the Co. Secretary stated that discussions were in progress with the E.S.B. in regard to the matter of this road.

Councillor Miss Walsh raised the matter of the footbridge at Glenphilipeen having been swept away by floods. The Co. Engineer stated that this had been provided under a Special Employment Scheme and was not the responsibility of the Council. It was agreed that the Assistant Co. Engineer be asked to report on the matter.

Item No. 13—Report on damage caused to Machinery at Newtown Quarry.

The following report of the County Engineer in regard to damage by blasting to machinery at Newtown Quarry was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow.

County Secretary.

12th November, 1960.

Re Machinery—Newtown Quarry—Damage by Blasting.

A. Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo concerning the above, I have investigated this matter and wish to state that an investigation was immediately carried out after the blasting on the 30th June last by Mr. Farrell, Chief Assistant Engineer, Mr. O'Neill, of Messrs. I.C.I., Ltd., and Mr. McGuinness, B.E., Assistant Engineer, in order to ascertain why the blast had gone off in a manner contrary to what had been anticipated. The conclusion drawn was that it was probably due to an area of shattered rock about 15 ft. to 20 ft. from the top of the rock face which was unable to contain the charge. It is thought that this may have caused a large amount of stone about 2 cubic feet to 5 cubic feet in size to be thrown forward over the main blast in the direction of the crushing plant thus causing the damage. I would like to point out that this was the first occasion on which the deep well type of boring was utilised at Newtown Quarry.

Every precaution was taken to ensure normal blasting and prior to the blast, the I.C.I. representative advised as to the most suitable location for the bore holes and also to the amount of charge to be used in each bore hole and the advice of the I.C.I. representative was adhered to in every detail. In the circumstances, no fault can be placed against any person.

Mr. McGuinness arranged to have repairs carried out to two Conveyors and to the Lister Engine in the Quarry and this work was carried out together with the cleaning up of the machinery area and resetting the machines at a cost of £38. This amount should be added to the amount already reported by the Chief Assistant Engineer.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The cost of removing the damaged Conveyor and carrying out repairs and setting up in the Quarry again was £191 14s. 0d. The Council noted the terms of the report. Councillor Miley enquired when the Quarry commenced work and also the length of time the machinery was out of commission.

Item No. 14—Notice of motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy that Standing Orders be suspended to reconsider the position of Salaries and Wages to our Staff re retrospective Payment.

In accordance with the Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Clr. P. McCarthy, seconded by Clr. J. Quigley:

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering the matter of the payment of Temporary Allowance, 1959, to officers of the Council with effect from 15th December, 1959.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to enquiries from members of the Council the County Secretary stated that 22 replies had been received from other County Councils regarding the matter of the date of payment of revised remuneration and regarding the removal of limitations on temporary allowances. In 21 cases the revised remuneration had been paid from 15th December, 1959, and in the remaining case from 1st January, 1960. The limitations on temporary allowances had been removed in 19 cases.

It was proposed by Clr. P. McCarthy, seconded by Clr. J. Quigley.

Resolved—That we allow the increased remuneration to officers of the Council as negotiated by officers' organisations and approved by the Minister and from the dates approved by the Minister, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such payments.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 15—Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. Miss Mary Walsh "That Travelling Allowance be paid to District Maternity Nurses.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Clr. Miss Walsh proposed that travelling expenses be allowed to District Maternity Nurses. The Resolution was seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge. In proposing the Motion, Clr. Miss Walsh pointed out that a Dispensary Midwife, though regarded as a part-time officer was on call at all times and in rural areas a call could mean a journey of anything from 10 to 14 miles for a single case. She felt that travelling expenses should be paid to District Midwives as was paid to other officers. Clr. Miss Walsh noted that it was the intention of the Department of Health as Midwives retired or resigned to have their duties assigned to a Public Health Nurse who would receive travelling expenses and stated that there were a number of general trained midwives in the County who would qualify for such appointments. She suggested that each midwife be circularised with a view to ascertaining the number who were qualified to become whole-time nurses and that arrangements be made then to have them appointed. The County Manager pointed out that as a result of the provisions of the Health Acts there had been a considerable change in the extent of the duties performed by District Midwives. Almost two-thirds of the births in the County nowadays took place in hospitals or maternity homes and the number of births in the homes were relatively few. Having regard to the number of cases attended the remuneration per case worked out at from £16 to £20. He could

not see that there would be any likelihood of the Department agreeing to pay travelling expenses to District Midwives having regard to the present cost per case attended. Following a further discussion on the matter it was decided that a full report in regard to the matter of District Midwives and proposed replacement by Public Health Nurses be submitted to the Council.

ITEM NO. 16—Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. J. Quigley, "That an Extra Public Light be provided in the vicinity of the Parochial House, Avoca.

The County Secretary submitted report of the Assistant County Engineer in which he stated that he did not consider the proposed light was necessary and pointed out that there was already a public light at the Church Gate which was about 100 yards from the school. The Parochial House adjoined the School. The Assistant County Engineer considered that if a light were necessary at the School it could be provided by the School Authorities outside the School to be switched on and off as required. Furthermore it seemed that the school was not used at night-time.

It was proposed by Clr. Quigley, seconded by Clr. McCarthy.

Resolved — That we approve of an estimate being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of an additional public light in the vicinity of the Parochial House, Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

Clr. Hadden asked that a light be provided at Kevin Street, Tinahely, and it was agreed that a report be obtained from the Assistant Engineer on the matter.

ITEM NO. 17—Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. J. Everett, T.D., "That Existing Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places in County Wicklow be Amended by the Substitution of Barniskey for Electors in Ballinvalley District instead of Ballymoyle.

The County Secretary stated that the District of Ballinvalley Lower, Ballinvalley Upper (Avoca) and Ballinvalley Upper (Redcross) were in the County Electoral Area of Wicklow. There were only 19 Electors in that area and they voted at Ballymoyle Polling Station in the Wicklow Area. Barniskey, however, was in the Arklow Electoral Area and Voters in that area would vote for the members of the Council to be elected for Arklow Electoral Area. There would be difficulty, therefore, in providing that the Electors in Ballinvalley vote in Barniskey for the candidates for the Wicklow Electoral Area. Clr. McCarthy referred to difficulties in regard to Polling Places at Johnstown and Arklow Rock and the Council agreed that a general report be submitted in regard to any complaint which had been received concerning the location of Polling Places with a view to the matter being examined generally by the Council.

ITEM NO. 18—Abstracts of Accounts for the Council for the Year to 31st March, 1960.

The County Secretary submitted Abstracts of Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1960, for approval for submission for audit. As in the previous year, if the Council agreed, particulars of the Accounts would be circulated in a statement for the information of the members on the same lines as previously. The Council noted the submission of the Abstract of Accounts and approved of their submission for audit and noted that particulars would be circulated to the members as in the previous year.

ITEM NO. 19—Reply from Agricultural Wages Board to Resolution Regarding Wages for Agricultural Workers in the Shillelagh District.

The Council noted letter of 18th October, 1960, received from the Agricultural Wages Board stating that the Council's Resolution regarding the wages of Agricultural Workers in the Shillelagh District had been marked "read" by the Board at their previous meeting.

ITEM NO. 20—Reply from Minister for Transport and Power re Resolution in Connection with Charges for Electricity.

The Council noted letter of 31st October, 1960, from the Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Power regarding the Resolution passed by the Council in connection with charges for electricity. It was stated in the letter that the Electricity Supply Board was required by statute so to adjust charges for electricity that the Revenue of the Board would be sufficient to meet expenditure and that it was under law entirely a matter for the Board to consider whether in pursuance of its statutory duty an increase in charges was required and if so to what extent. It was stated that the Minister had no statutory functions in the matter.

Dedication of Plot of Ground to Public Use at Baltinglass.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 10th November, 1960, from the Commissioners of Public Works offering to dedicate to public use as part of the public road, an area formerly enclosed by railings in front of the Garda Síochána Station, Blessington, subject to the Council's accepting responsibility for the future maintenance of the area as part of the public road. This plot had already been surfaced by the Council and the County Engineer recommended that the offer be accepted.

It was proposed by Clr. Miley, seconded by Clr. Deering.

Resolved—That having considered letter of 10th November, 1960, from the Commissioners of Public Works of Ireland and report of County Engineer we confirm the acceptance for maintenance by the Council as part of the public road the area formerly enclosed by railings in front of the Garda Síochána Station, Blessington, as shown in blue on map submitted and comprising 1 square perch, 10 1/6th sq. yards.

Passed unanimously.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the families and relatives of the Irish Soldiers who had been killed in The Congo.

On the proposal of Clr. P. McCarthy the Council passed a Resolution of Sympathy with the family of the late Mr. T. Desmond, former Secretary to Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Employment Schemes.

In reply to enquiry from Clr. McCarthy the County Secretary stated that grants had been received for Employment Schemes which would be carried out prior to Christmas. The works consisted in most cases in laying footpaths. Clr. J. Miley asked that representations be made for the provision of a grant for a Scheme at Dunlavin.

Housing.

Clr. P. Brennan, T.D., asked if it would be possible for the Council to provide houses for small farmers with valuations of £10 or £12. The County Manager stated that the Council would not have power under the Labourers' Acts to provide houses for such persons and special legislation would be necessary if it were desired to cater for that class.

Resignation of Assistant County Engineer.

Clr. Miss M. Walsh referred to the resignation of Mr. C. Boyle, Assistant County Engineer in the Southern District and expressed appreciation of his efficiency and courtesy in dealing with members at all times. The Chairman and other members of the Council for the area joined with Miss Walsh in expressing regret at Mr. Boyle's resignation and conveying to him their best wishes.

Notice of Motion.

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

"That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that increases granted to roadworkers be dated back to the same date as those granted to the Council staff,

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th December, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Mary Walsh, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA:

1. To affix Seal of the Council to Bye-laws under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, which relate to overcrowding.
2. Application from Mr. John Doyle, Coolruss, Tinahely, for consent to sale of his interest in cottage at Coolruss.
3. Proposed acquisition of site at Johnstown, Arklow, for erection of cottage—Letter from Vendor's Solicitors.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley "That 12 cottages at Glenealy be incorporated in the Cottage Purchase Scheme."
5. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
6. Repairs carried out to cottages in November, 1960, and repairs to be carried out during December, 1960.

ITEM NO. 1—Byelaws in Relation to Overcrowding.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Cllr. E. E. Byrne.

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Byelaws made by the Council under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and we approve of these Byelaws being submitted for confirmation by the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage.

The Council considered application from John Doyle, Coolruss, Tinahely, for consent to the sale of his interest in his cottage to Martin Byrne, Barton St., Tinahely, for the sum of £22 10s. The cottage was vested in Mr. Doyle from 1st November, 1957, the annuity being £5 4s. and the period 21 years. The proposed purchaser, however, was a single farm labourer and consequently would not be accepted. Cllr. Hadden and other members of the Council stated that Mr. Martin Byrne, the applicant, was about to be married and the Council recommended that consent be given to the proposed sale. The Co. Manager pointed out that before any consent could be given it would be necessary to have confirmation from Mr. Doyle that he wished to proceed with the sale and that he had suitable accommodation and would not be seeking the tenancy of any cottage from the Council.

ITEM NO. 3—Proposed Acquisition of Site at Johnstown, Arklow.

The Council considered letter from Messrs. C. J. Louth and Son, Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, on behalf of Mr. Leslie Hill from whom the Council was acquiring a site for the erection of a cottage thereon. The Council noted that Mr. Hill had agreed to the purchase price of £50 and had agreed to the right-of-way for the purpose of a water supply. As regards the application of the Solicitor for payment of an unspecified amount for costs the Council agreed that costs not exceeding £5 5s. might be paid.

ITEM NO. 4—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley "That 12 Cottages at Glenealy be Incorporated in Cottage Purchase Scheme."

The County Secretary stated that these 12 cottages were a Scheme of serviced houses and that a Cottage Purchase Scheme was in course of preparation to cover all serviced cottages in the County. Due to the illness of Mr. O'Connor, Staff Officer, it had not been possible to complete the details necessary for submission to the Council but it was expected that particulars could be available for the Council at the next meeting. The Council noted that the details of the Cottage Purchase Scheme covering all serviced cottages would be submitted to the Council at an early date.

ITEM NO. 5—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from James Hughes, Blessington, for approval to the erection of a Petrol Filling Station on a plot adjoining the Main Road immediately beside Blessington. It had been ascertained that the site for the petrol filling station was on a plot attached to a cottage which had been purchased under the Cottage Purchase Scheme by Mrs. Ardagh. The applicant was a son-in-law of Mrs. Ardagh. Apart from the provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Acts the Council could not agree to the use of a vested cottage plot for the purpose proposed. It was considered also that the plans submitted did not show a sufficiently wide access to the station from the Main Road which was regarded as a necessity where petrol filling stations were located adjoining Main Roads. The Council noted that the application could not be granted.

The Council considered an application received from Mr. B. Phelan, Glen Hotel, Ashford, for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station on a site at the Glen Hotel, Ashford. The County Secretary stated that permission for this work was being refused as it was considered that the erection of a Filling Station at this place would injuriously affect the amenities of the village and furthermore would encroach upon parking space which would be needed for the purposes of the Hotel. The Council noted that permission had been refused for this work.

The County Secretary stated that permission had been refused for the erection of a bungalow at Dargle Road, Bray, for a Mr. Butler. It was considered that the type of house proposed, which was one supplied by Messrs. Barney Heron, Ltd., Leixlip, was not of a satisfactory standard.

The County Secretary reported that the Minister for Local Government had given a decision on an Appeal submitted by Messrs. Clarke Delahunt and Co., Wicklow, in respect of conditions imposed by the Council when granting permission for alterations and extensions to their Cattle Sales Yard at Ashford. The Minister had deleted two conditions, i.e., (1) That a 9" concrete wall be provided at the southern end of the Sales Ring to replace the corrugated iron and other cladding

and (2) That the new drain taking effluent from the Septic Tank and surface drainage from pens be piped under the culvert in Mount Usher grounds into the River and discharged as far as possible to the middle of the river bed and that drainage from the top yard at the weighbridge be connected to the drain entering the top manure settling tank. In conveying the Minister's decision it had been indicated by the Dept. that the deletion of the latter condition did not relieve the firm of their responsibilities in regard to disposal of effluent and that if any nuisance arose therefrom it would be open to the Council to invoke their powers under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts. It would be necessary therefore for the firm to make satisfactory arrangements for the disposal of effluent. The County Medical Officer had already drawn attention to the likelihood of a nuisance arising if this matter were not attended to. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM NO. 6—Repairs to Cottages.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages in November, 1960, and of repairs to be carried out during the month of December. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the forwarding of complaints from tenants for investigation by the Engineering staff and asked that particulars be submitted to the January meeting of the Council, if possible, of the dates when such matters were referred to the Council's Engineers and the dates of the inspections of the cottages by the Engineering staff. He complained of delay in carrying out inspections. Councillor R. Miley referred to his representations regarding the need for repairs to the house of a tenant named Byrne in Annamore and asked that this receive attention. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that a house at Kilquiggan had been allocated to Mr. Condren but that he had not yet occupied it as repairs were needed and asked that this matter be examined.

Increase in Rate of Interest on Local Loans Fund.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been notified that from 1st Dec. 1960, the rate of interest on issues from the Local Loans Fund had been increased to 6½ per cent. The previous rate had been 5½ per cent. Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts issued to borrowers after 1st December, 1960, would be repayable at the rate of 6½ per cent. The increase in annual cost to a borrower of a loan of £1,600 would be approximately £10 0 0. The Council noted the increase in the rate of Interest.

Employment Schemes.

In reply to enquiries from members the County Secretary gave details of the areas in which grants were available for Employment Schemes in the present year. In regard to the Council's recommendation that a Grant be provided for Employment Schemes in Dunlavin the Council noted the letter of 2nd December, 1960, from the Special Employment Office indicating that the total amount available under these Schemes for the current year had already been allocated and that the grants notified for County Wicklow represented the full proportionate share for the County and that it was regretted that no further grants could be made. It had been stated also that the number of registered unemployed in the Town of Dunlavin was not sufficient to justify the allocation of a grant and that a check of the number registered on 26th November, 1960, showed that there had been no increase since January, 1960, when a special census of unemployment was taken for the whole country.

Commons at Sugarloaf, Bray.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that persons grazing stock on the Commons at the Sugarloaf had been prosecuted and had had to pay compensation in respect of damage caused by stock to adjoining property. The Commons were not fenced and the persons grazing them would be unable to continue exercising their grazing rights in view of the liability for payment if their stock trespassed on other persons' lands. As the Council received rates in respect of the grazing rights on the Commons he enquired if the Council could arrange to fence in the lands on behalf of those grazing them. The Co. Manager stated that it was very doubtful if the Council would have legal authority to expend monies on such fencing. The cost of fencing such a large area would also be considerable and the question also arose of the obstruction of rights-of-way if such fencing were erected with possible adverse affect on amenities for tourists. It was agreed that the advice of the Council's Solicitor be obtained and also an estimate of the cost from the County Engineer.

Housing Site, Carnew.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the owner of the site which the Council proposed to acquire that the Title was not in order but that he was having the matter of rectifying the Title examined. The owner had stated that he had received an offer of £300 for the site. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. asked that the matter of the amount which the Council would be prepared to offer for the site be examined and a report submitted to the next meeting of the Council as it seemed that the Council would have to seek an alternative site.

Vacancy for Employment in State Forest at Aughrim.

Councillor Quigley stated that there were vacancies for employment in the State Forest at Aughrim and the Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Forestry Division, Department of Lands directing attention to the matter and asking if these vacancies could be filled.

Footbridge at Ballymaghroe.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh asked if the Council could replace a footbridge at Ballymaghroe which had been damaged by flooding and it was agreed that the Engineer report on the matter.

Surface Water at Avondale Park.

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, supported by Mr. H. J. Byrne, asked that the matter of surface water affecting the houses at Avondale Park, Bray, be attended to.

Vacant Cottage at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley stated that Mr. Patrick Menton, who is the purchaser under the Purchase Scheme of a cottage at Blessington, had not got a house in Dublin and wished to resume occupation of the cottage. He had, however, let the cottage to another person. It was pointed out by the County Manager that Mr. Menton had no authority under the terms of the Vesting Order to sub-let the cottage and that the difficulty caused would be one to be resolved by him.

Water Supply Schemes.

The Council asked that a report in regard to the surveys for purposes of new Water Supplies and the preparation of Schemes be submitted to the next meeting of the Council. Councillor Hadden also asked for information as to the proposed extensions to Tinahely Water Supply.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th December, 1960, at 2.30 p.m. The following members attended:—Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Miss M. Walsh, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, Jas. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, T.D., Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of meeting held on 10th October, 1960.
2. Overdrafts on General and Capital Accounts for quarter to 31st March, 1961.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1961—Recommendation of Committee.
4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley for taking over of road serving Jubilee Terrace, Fogarty's Terrace and Meath's Terrace, Killacloran, Aughrim.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D., for taking over of road leading from Level Crossing at Glenealy to Gallows Hill.
6. Progress Report of County Engineer on Road Works as at 31st October, 1960.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy, that increase granted to road workers be dated back to same date as the rest of the Council's staff.
8. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the Council raise a loan of £20,000 for the production of chippings during the months of January, February and March, 1961, to ensure a supply of same for our 1961-62 Road Programme, this loan to be repaid out of the Road Fund for the next four years.
9. Application from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for approval to increase of 2d. in the £ in the Council's annual local contribution for 1961-62.
10. Memorial from parents of children attending Vocational and Secondary Schools in Baltinglass in relation to 'bus service.
11. Proposed purchase of site at Carnew for Housing Scheme.
12. Health Authorities Act, 1960—Agreement with Dublin Health Authority regarding apportionment of costs of Mental Hospital.
13. Report in regard to Public Health Nursing Service.
14. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Proposed provision of Planning Scheme for Brittas Bay area.

15. Report of County Engineer in regard to survey of Water Supply Schemes and preparation of Schemes.
16. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley for erection of pump to serve four cottages at Ballykillageer, Avoca.
17. Public Lighting at Lugduff, Tinahely—Quotation from E.S.B.
18. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins for provision of six extra street lights in Baltinglass.
19. Letter from Irish Red Cross Society expressing appreciation for contribution of £50 towards Water Safety activities.
20. Payment of Marriage Gratuity for officer of Vocational Education Committee.
21. Arklow Harbour Commissioners—Payment on foot of Guarantee of loans.
22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley—"That money be provided in this year's Estimates to erect Sheep Dipping Baths and Pens in Rathdangan for the sheep breeders in that area.
- 22a.—Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council requesting assistance in regard to the cost of works in relation to coast erosion.
- 23.—Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

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

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 10th October, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 2—OVERDRAFTS ON GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR QUARTER TO 31st MARCH, 1961.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

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 31st March, 1961, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

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 31st March, 1961, shall not exceed £16,380.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 3—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1961.

The County Secretary submitted report of the meeting of the Scholarship Committee of the Council held on 5th December, 1960. The following members had attended: Councillors J. J. McCrea, H. J. Byrne, J. Houghton, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Temple and G. Timmins. Councillor Hudson was unable to attend owing to illness. The Committee had considered particulars of scholarship schemes obtained from 23 other counties, and recommended as follows:—

1. That the value of each scholarship in the Scheme for the year 1961 be increased by 10 per cent. to £165.
2. That the income limits in the Scheme for 1961 be amended by increasing the allowance for each child from £45 to £60, the minimum of the scale to remain at £600 for a family of one child.
3. That the subject General Science be included as an approved subject for the purpose of the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

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

Resolved—That, having considered report of the Scholarship Committee, we hereby adopt University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1961 on similar terms to that adopted for the year 1960, but subject to the following amendments:—

1. That the value of each Scholarship in the Scheme for 1961 be increased to £165 per annum.
2. That the income limits under Paragraph 3 of the Scheme be amended to provide a limit of £600 in the case of families of one child, increasing by £60 for each additional child in place of £45 as in the previous scheme.
3. That the subject General Science be included in the list of approved subjects for the purpose of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY FOR TAKING OVER OF ROAD SERVING JUBILEE TERRACE, FOGARTY'S TERRACE AND MEATH'S TERRACE, KILLACLORAN, AUGHTRIM.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Local Roads Committee, and the Committee had noted that the cost of repairing the road could be met from maintenance in the coming financial year and recommended that the road be taken over.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of public notice being given of the intention to take over as a public road, the road serving Jubilee Terrace, Fogarty's Terrace and Meath Terrace, Killacoran, Aughtrim.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE, T.D., FOR TAKING OVER AS A PUBLIC ROAD, ROAD LEADING FROM LEVEL CROSSING AT GLENEALY TO GALLOW'S HILL.

The Council agreed that, following the normal procedure, the matter of whether this road should be taken over be considered by the Local Committee of the Council for the area.

ITEM No. 6—PROGRESS REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER ON ROAD WORKS AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1960.

The Council noted the report which had been circulated to the members in regard to Road Works as at 31st October, 1960.

ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. McCARTHY—That INCREASE GRANTED TO ROADWORKERS BE DATED BACK TO THE SAME DATE AS THE REST OF THE COUNCIL'S STAFF.

The County Secretary stated that, following the receipt of application from the Employees' Unions for an increase in the wages of roadworkers during the previous year, the matter had been considered by the Council, and the Council decided to allow an increase of 7s. 6d. per week with effect from 1st April, 1960. One of the Employees' Unions had not been prepared to accept the Council's offer and had asked that the increased wages be granted from 1st January, 1960, and the matter was referred to the Labour Court. Following a Conciliation Conference at the Labour Court, the report of which was submitted to the Council at meeting held on 20th June, 1960, the Council approved of a further increase of 1s., making 8s. 6d. in all, in wages, with effect from 1st April, 1960, and this was accepted by the Employees' Union. Councillor McCarthy stated he did not intend at present to proceed with the proposal for a further increase pending consultation with the Union.

ITEM No. 8—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR P. BRENNAN, T.D.—“ THAT THE COUNCIL RAISE A LOAN OF £20,000 FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CHIPPINGS DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1961, TO ENSURE A SUPPLY OF SAME FOR THE 1961-62 ROAD PROGRAMME, THE LOAN TO BE REPAID OUT OF THE ROAD FUND FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.”

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that at the beginning of April, 1960, no stock of chippings was available to enable road works to proceed immediately, and he considered it desirable that arrangements be made to provide a stock of chippings in advance so that there would be no delay in commencing the Road Works under 1961-62 Scheme at 1st April, 1961. He considered that it should not be necessary for the Council to have to purchase materials and suggested that a sum of £20,000 be provided and that this amount could be repaid out of the Road Works Scheme at the rate of £5,000 in each year.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he felt that this arrangement would not be suitable and that it was likely that a similar position would arise at the end of subsequent years, and that the proper procedure would be to provide monies in the Road Works Scheme for the purpose of preparing a stock of chippings.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had insisted that all tar surface dressing be carried out in the early part of the year, i.e., in June, July and August, and that in consequence a large quantity of chippings was required early in the financial year, and if all this quantity could not be produced by the Council within the limited time some materials had to be purchased. He pointed out that the quantity of chippings being used nowadays was very much greater than in previous years. The County Manager also mentioned that the Council's accounts showed that there was a balance of £9,870 19s. 3d. which should represent the value of materials at 1st April 1960.

Councillor J. Temple suggested that if it were necessary to provide chippings in advance that the cost should be financed by temporary overdraft. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the meeting to be held on the 1st Monday in January, and asked that a full report of the County Engineer in regard to stocks of materials and requirements be available for the meeting.

ITEM No. 9—APPLICATION FROM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL TO INCREASE OF 2d. IN THE £ IN THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL LOCAL CONTRIBUTION FOR 1961-62.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Vocational Education Committee for approval to an increase of 2d. in the £ in the Annual Local Contribution for 1961-62, bringing the amount of the Demand for Vocational Education to approximately 1s. 2½d. in the £. Under the provisions of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950, it was necessary that the application be submitted to the Council and that the Council approve of the increase prior to 31st December, 1960. The increase in the Demand arose from increases in salaries of staff and expenditure on new schools at Blessington and Dunlavin. It was indicated by the Committee in their letter of 25th November, 1960, that it was expected that both the new Vocational Schools at Blessington and Dunlavin will be in operation by September, 1961. The estimated cost of each school was in the region of £20,000. The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the making of a grant towards the cost of the erection of the new school at Blessington, but had not approved of any grant to date in respect of a new school at Dunlavin. If both schools were being proceeded with it would be necessary for the Council to approve of the making of a grant towards the cost of the new school at Dunlavin before the matter of the increase of 2d. in the Demand could be considered, as the increase in the Demand arose partly from the provision made in respect of new schools.

The Vocational Education Committee also indicated in their letter that they would be applying to the Council for a Grant of £11,419 to liquidate loans outstanding on Baltinglass and Rathdrum Schools, this application being in addition to the applications for grants totalling £40,000 in respect of schools at Blessington and Dunlavin. If the Council were to accept the applications of the Committee in full it would seem that there would be an increase of approximately 4d. in the £ in the amount to be raised for Vocational Education for the year 1961-62. The Committee indicated that a Deputation had been appointed to submit the applications to the Council at the Council's Estimates meeting.

Councillor McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Deering, urged that approval be given to the increase of 2d. in the £ in the Annual Local Contribution. Councillor O'Neill opposed the application and contended that the proposed erection of the new schools would have an adverse effect on Vocational Education in West Wicklow. Councillor Timmins, supporting the proposed increase in the annual Local Contribution, mentioned that hardship which might be caused to some persons in the area could be solved by asking C.I.E. to run 'buses to suit these people.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a grant by this Council towards the cost of erecting and equipping a new school at Dunlavin.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, Mark Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, T.D., J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss Mary Walsh, James J. McCrea—17;

AGAINST—Councillors A. H. Hadden, M. J. O'Neill—2.

The Resolution was declared passed by 17 votes in favour to two against.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That, having considered letter of 22nd November, 1960, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, we hereby approve of an increase of 2d. in the £ in the annual local Contribution to be made by the Council for the year 1961-62 for Vocational Education.

Passed—Clr. O'Neill dissenting.

ITEM No. 10—MEMORIAL FROM PARENTS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING VOCATIONAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN BALTINGLASS IN RELATION TO 'BUS SERVICE.

The County Secretary submitted letter from Councillor M. J. O'Neill enclosing Memorials from parents of children attending Vocational and Secondary Schools in Baltinglass in relation to the effect on the 'bus service consequent on the erection of a new Vocational School at Dunlavin. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Vocational Education Committee at their meeting on the following day.

ITEM No. 11—SITE AT CARNEW FOR HOUSING SCHEME.

The County Secretary stated that the owner of the site at Carnew, which the Council had proposed to acquire for the purpose of a Housing Scheme, had indicated that there were difficulties of title in relation to the site which might take some considerable time

to settle. He stated also that he had received an offer substantially in excess of the offer which the Council had made for the acquisition of the site. The Council agreed that in the circumstances it would be desirable that an alternative site for the erection of the houses be obtained.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That, having considered report regarding likely cost of acquisition of site at Carnew on lands owned by Mrs. T. Tutty, we approve of an alternative site being sought for the purpose of the housing scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—HEALTH AUTHORITIES ACT, 1960—AGREEMENT RE APPORTIONMENT OF COST OF MENTAL HOSPITAL.

The County Secretary stated that under the provisions of the Health Authorities Act, 1960, it was necessary for the Council to enter into an agreement with Dublin Corporation, Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire Borough Council in regard to the proportions in which the Councils would contribute to the expenses of the Dublin Health Authority in relation to services under the Mental Treatment Acts. It was proposed that the costs of services under the Mental Treatment Acts be apportioned between the respective contributing Authorities in relation to the net cost of maintenance of the patients from each area, this net cost being determined as specified in Article 105 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946. This would represent a similar arrangement for the apportionment of costs as had operated heretofore and seemed an equitable one.

As the necessary Agreement could not be completed by all the Local Authorities concerned before 31st December, it was necessary also to agree on a basis for the appointment of this expenditure for the coming financial year, and it was proposed that for that year the costs be apportioned on the basis of the expenditure incurred by each Council on these services for the year to 31st March, 1960. This also seemed an equitable agreement.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That, having considered letter of 1st December, 1960, from Dublin Health Authority, we hereby agree to contribute towards the cost of the Dublin Health Authority in respect of services under the Mental Treatment Acts, 1945-1958, in proportion to the net cost of maintenance of patients from the respective functional areas of Dublin Corporation, Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Corporation and Wicklow County Council, such net cost having been determined in the manner specified in Article 105 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

That, pending completion of Agreements by all the authorities concerned, we approve of the apportionment of such expenses for the year 1961-62 on the basis of the expenditure incurred by the respective authorities on services under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945-1958, as set out in the Abstracts of Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—REPORT IN REGARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had asked that this matter be adjourned to the January meeting as he wished to be in a position to give up-to-date figures regarding the number of births in each Dispensary District and also was awaiting replies from midwives. The Council agreed that the matter be adjourned to the January meeting.

ITEM No. 14—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—PROPOSED PROVISION OF PLANNING SCHEME FOR BRITTAS BAY AREA.

The County Secretary stated that it was considered desirable that a Planning Scheme be prepared for the coastal area between Wicklow and Arklow, including Brittas Bay. Special difficulties arose in regard to the development in this area and it was felt that it would be in the best interests both of the Council and of the Development Association that a definite plan be prepared. In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., who referred to the new Town Planning Bill which would shortly be considered by the Dáil, the County Manager stated that apart from any new proposed legislation, it would be desirable that a Planning Scheme for this area be proceeded with. The County Manager stated that if the Council agreed, it was proposed to engage Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, who had previously been employed by the Council and was familiar with the area. The Council approved in principle of the proposal and asked that a further report be submitted when the estimated cost of the survey was available.

ITEM No. 15—WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES.

Report of County Engineer, dated 12th December, 1960, on the progress of Surveys for Water Supply Schemes was submitted to the Council. The Council noted the report and asked that a copy be circulated to each member.

ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY FOR ERECTION OF PUMP TO SERVE FOUR COTTAGES AT BALLYKILLAGEER, AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there was a spring and a stream in the neighbourhood which might serve the district with a gravity water supply at a cost not any dearer than the sinking of a well, and he recommended that the matter be investigated and the scheme included in the general scheme for the provision of water supplies. The Council agreed that this matter be examined in conjunction with the other schemes for water supplies.

ITEM No. 17—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LUGDUFF, TINAHELY.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had agreed that an additional light was required at the junction of the two public roads at Lugduff, and that the junction was very much concealed at night time and a public light would be desirable. The E.S.B. in letter of 24th November, 1960, had quoted a price of £32 for the supply and erection of one public light at this place.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That, having considered letter of 24th November, 1960, from the E.S.B., we approve of the acceptance of their quotation in the sum of £32 for the provision of an additional public light at Lugduff, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 18—PUBLIC LIGHTING, BALTINGLASS—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR G. TIMMINS FOR PROVISION OF SIX EXTRA STREET LIGHTS.

Councillor Timmins urged that six additional street lights be provided in Baltinglass, and stated that these could be erected on existing poles and should not prove costly. It was agreed that a report be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer and an estimate from the E.S.B. Councillor Timmins asked also that the matter of providing public lights at Parkmore be examined.

ITEM No. 19—LETTER FROM IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY RE WATER SAFETY ACTIVITIES.

The Council noted letter of 7th November, 1960, from the Irish Red Cross Society expressing thanks for the Council's contribution of £50 towards their water safety activities and stating that this would be a great help to the Society in its swimming rescue work.

ITEM No. 20—MARRIAGE GRATUITY FOR OFFICER OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary stated that a marriage gratuity of £327 16s. 8d. was payable to Mrs. T. B. McDermott (née Bernadette O'Reilly), former officer of Vocational Education Committee. As provision had not been made in the Estimates for this payment, an authorisation from the Council is required. The County Secretary gave particulars of the amounts paid by the Council during the previous ten years in respect of marriage gratuities, the amount being approximately £6,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £327 16s. 8d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of payment of marriage gratuity to Mrs. T. B. McDermott, Weaver Square, Baltinglass, former officer of the Vocational Education Committee.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 21—ARKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS—PAYMENT ON FOOT OF GUARANTEE OF LOANS.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had to meet half-yearly instalments of loans payable by Arklow Harbour Commissioners on foot of a Guarantee for the repayment of these loans. The accounts of the Commissioners showed that there was a debit balance of nearly £19,000 on Revenue Account and it seemed unlikely that the receipts would enable any substantial reduction to be made in this balance. The Council noted the position in the matter and the payments on foot of the guarantee.

ITEM No. 22—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY—“THAT MONEY BE PROVIDED IN THE ESTIMATES TO ERECT SHEEP DIPPING BATHS AND PENS IN RATHDANGAN.

The County Secretary stated that the principal bath in the area was that of Mr. Harmon at Ballingule, Rathdangan, in which 2,239 sheep had been dipped in the last year. There were also private baths at Cornaan, Kyle, and Barraderry, where about 450 sheep were dipped last year. The Council had expended £65 on repairs to the bath in Ballingule in 1947 and a further £24 10s. 0d. in 1958. The Veterinary Inspector stated that about 600 sheep could be dipped at Rathdangan if a new bath were provided and suggested that this would relieve pressure on the Ballingule Bath and lead to more efficient dipping. An application had been received from sheep owners in the area for assistance in providing a Sheep Dipping Bath. The County Secretary stated that as a result of the new arrangements for Sheep Dipping which would operate in future years, dipping would be spread over a longer period and it would seem that there would not be the same pressure on baths. Councillor Hadden pointed out that up to 500 sheep could be dipped in a small private bath in a day. Councillor Timmins, referring to a Notice of Motion which had been put forward previously by him and Councillor Kehoe, suggested that the Council might make a grant towards the cost of the erection of a bath if it were provided by persons in the area. The Chairman pointed out that there was no provision in the current year's Estimates for the making of any grant and it was agreed that the matter would be considered with the Estimates for the following year.

ITEM No. 22a—LETTER FROM WICKLOW U.D.C. REQUESTING ASSISTANCE REGARDING COST OF WORKS IN RELATION TO COAST EROSION

The following letter from Wicklow U.D.C. was submitted:—

Town Hall,
Wicklow,
9th December, 1960.

Secretary:
Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: Foreshore Protection Works.

A Chara,

On November 23rd a deputation from the Wicklow Urban District Council was received by the Minister for Local Government to discuss the serious problem of coastal erosion at Wicklow.

Following on the deputation and as a result of discussions between the Town Surveyor and the Department's Engineering Inspector, the minimum cost of remedying the damage caused and preventing further damage is estimated at £6,600. The work consists of placing large boulders in the form of "rip-rap" pitching along the seaward side of the promenade wall and the filling up of cavities in the promenade with smaller rocks.

With regard to the financing of the work, the Minister has not as yet indicated the extent of the grant he will be able to make available from the Employment Schemes Vote. On previous occasions grants for similar works have been at the rate of 75 per cent. of the total cost. Should the Council in this instance receive a 75 per cent. grant, a local contribution of £1,650 would have to be made.

In regard to local contributions towards the cost of Foreshore Protection Works, the Minister told the deputation that he considered that small Urban Districts and Towns were financially unable to meet the large contributions necessary and that he considered that the Co. Councils for the area should make a contribution.

Accordingly, I am requested by my Council to enquire if Wicklow County Council would be prepared to assist in the work of urgent Foreshore Protection at Wicklow by contributing 50 per cent. of the amount to be borne locally.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed): M. J. CUSACK,
Town Clerk

The Council noted that no provision had been made in the Current Year's Estimates to enable the Council to make a grant available for such work, but agreed that the matter be considered in the coming year's Estimates.

LOAN FOR MAKING OF SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

The County Secretary submitted Mortgage received from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of the loan of £25,000 which had been approved by the Council for the purpose of continuing the Scheme for Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and provision of private water supply and private sewerage facilities.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That the Corporate Seal of Wicklow County Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £25,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Acts, 1948-1956 as amended and the Local Loans Funds Acts, 1935-1957.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Hadden asked that a report be submitted to the next Housing Meeting of the Council in regard to the present position in relation to Grants under these headings.

ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Flooding at Knockenarrigan.

Councillor Timmins referred to flooding at Knockenarrigan, Donard, and it was agreed that the Council's Engineer report on the matter.

Councillor O'Neill referred to flooding at Ballineddin Road and danger caused to children returning from school, and it was agreed that this matter also be examined by the Engineer.

Christmas Relief Work

The Chairman stated that only six men had been taken on for Christmas Relief Work in the Carnew Area and stated that he understood that all unemployed men would be engaged. The County Secretary stated that the extent of employment depended on the monies made available for these Grants. The Council asked that Engineers arrange to take on as many unemployed as was possible having regard to the funds available in each area.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman, from Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—“That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Council as to (1) The number of T.B. patients receiving hospital treatment in the county; (2) the number of patients receiving medical treatment in their homes; (3) the number attending dispensaries for treatment in the county; (4) the number of visits made to each patient per month.

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