

19B. 5th September, 1923. From same, reporting that the three persons found obstructing the road at Ballymaghroe Hill were convicted and fined 3s. and 20s. costs.

20. 16th August, 1923, from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, sanctioning the overdraft of £20,000 for a period of six months, and intimating that this sum has been to-day placed to the credit of the Council's account.

21. 16th August, 1923, from same, requesting the Council, by direction of his Board, to ask the Ministry of Local Government to vary the words in their letter approving of the overdraft from "bearing interest at a rate not in excess of one-half per cent. under Irish Banks' Rate from time to time," so that the same shall read "One-half per cent. under Irish Banks' Rate, varying, with a minimum of four per cent."

22. 30th July, from J. R. Dagg, Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, stating that the office of that Council has been transferred, as from the 1st August, to Blessington, to which place all communications should be addressed.

23. 31st July, 1923, from W. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, requesting the Council to forthwith forward a cheque for £500, the amount of their liability for the half-year ending 31st December, 1922, in respect of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

24. 26th June, 1923, from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, forwarding for the Council's information certain documents in connection with the proposal to establish a Pathological Laboratory for research in connection with insanity and nervous diseases.

25. Courtown Harbour,
Gorey,
29/6/23.

A Chara—

I wish to thank you and the Wicklow County Council for the kind vote of sympathy in our bereavement.

Mise, le meas mor,
(Signed) M. ETCHINGHAM.

26. 15th June, 1923, from Mr. W. T. Fitzsimons, Avoca, County Wicklow, again applying to be refunded three pounds, stated to be the amount expended by him on fuel used in Avoca Sessions House.

NO ORDER.

27. 5th July, 1923, from Waterford County Council, resolution relative to Free State prisons and prison treatment.

28. 21st August, 1923. From Miss E. Merry, Downshire Office, 71 Rathgar Road, Dublin—stating that Lord Downshire would be prepared to sell the site and the standing walls of what was Blessington Courthouse.

NO ORDER.

29. 17th August, 1923. From Secretary, County Board of Health, enclosing a letter from Dr. Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, applying for a reduction in the amount charged by Grangegorman Mental Hospital Authorities for the maintenance of a Patient from that district.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 19th November, 1923.

The following Members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors M. Fleming, Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, Edward Byrne, John Fleming, B. Kelly, James Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, E. O'Neill, J. J. Metcalfe, Morgan Travers, William Byrne, P. Murphy, J. J. Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; Seamus Turner.

BUSINESS:

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and the several Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the several Rural District Councils.
- 6—To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Acts, 1908.
- 9—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:—
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council—That in pursuance of the powers vested in the Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Arklow Urban District Council to change the name of the town of Arklow to the Irish form an t-Inbhear Mor."
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Redmond:
"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council:—That in pur-

suance of the powers vested in the Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Bray Urban District Council to change the name of the town of Bray to the Irish form, Bri Chualann, and that due notice of this change be given to the general public by means of a poster put up throughout the entire County, and by means of an advertisement in the three Dublin morning papers, in the weekly papers circulating within the County, and in at least one issue of *Iris Oifigiúil*."

- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—

"I beg to give Notice that I, or some one for me, will move at the next ordinary meeting of the County Council:— That, having regard to the systematic recurrence of strikes, and the consequent hold up of business throughout Saorstát Éireann, the Government be requested to devise a scheme to set up a Department to deal effectively with this all-important matter."

- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next ordinary meeting of the County Council that our County Surveyor be directed to provide additional room in Tinahely Courthouse by making therein certain structural alterations suggested by the people of the town interested in that building, the question of bearing the cost of these alterations to be decided by the Council."

- 13—To appoint a Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District, according to the terms of the Council's published advertisement.
- 14—To appoint a Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District, according to the terms of the Council's published advertisement.
- 15—To Sign and Seal the Warrants for the newly appointed Poor Rate Collector or Collectors.
- 16—To consider the present unsatisfactory condition of the Poor Rate Collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts, in which Mr. John Cullen, Donard, was the Collector.
- 17—To consider correspondence dealing with the Council's Order that ex-Poor Rate Collector, Michael McGrath, of Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, be examined by a medical inspector from the Ministry of Local Government.
- 18—To consider the County Surveyor's Estimate (Form II) and Specification for the expenditure of the proposed initial grant of £2,200 to the Council out of the Road Fund.

- 19—To fill two vacancies on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.
- 20—To consider an application for an increase of salary received from John Keane, Esq., M.Sc., A.I.C., University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, temporary Analyst for County Wicklow.
- 21—To fill the vacancy existing on the County Committee of Agriculture in consequence of the death of Mr. John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones.
- 22—To pass a resolution directing that the second Register of Electors under the Electoral Act, 1923, be prepared in alphabetical order of streets in the urban areas of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.
- 23—To consider a claim for payment of £11 10s., received from the Solicitors acting for Dr. Francis J. Power, formerly of Rathdrum, representing the amount of an Affirmance of Decree of the County Court Judge obtained against the late Board of Guardians in Rathdrum Union, and which sum, it is stated, that Board refused to pay.
- 24—To consider a letter from the Law Agent as to the question of the insurability, under the National Health Insurance Acts, of Carters employed by Wicklow County Council under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.
- 25—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 5th October, 1923, No. 40,848/1923, urging the Council to take immediate steps to frame a County Tuberculosis Scheme, with a view to providing complete and efficient arrangements for treatment of tuberculous patients in their area.
- 26—To receive the views of the Directors of the Dublin United Tramways Company, following the conference held under the auspices of the Dublin Corporation on the 20th August, 1923, when a report was submitted dealing with the question of utilising the water power of the Liffey for the development of electric power.
- 27—To consider the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated the 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, requesting the Council to make arrangements for the discharge of their duties under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.
- 28—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 29—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 30—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 31—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne:—"Resolved—That we desire to place on record our appreciation of the great loss that has been sustained by the

death of the Very Rev. John Canon Staples, P.P., V.F., and we hereby offer to his relatives and clerical friends the assurance of our sincere sympathy."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:—"Resolved—That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him on the occasion of the death of his father."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:—"Resolved—That we have heard with feelings of deep regret of the death of Mr. Edward N. Wynne, who was for so many years the valued Secretary of this Council, and we desire to tender to his widow and his children the assurance of our deep sympathy with them in their great sorrow."

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 10.30 o'clock a.m., on Monday, 19th November, 1923.

The following Members attended:—Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Presiding Chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D.; Seamus Turner, Patrick Murphy, Bernard Kelly, James Byrne, and J. J. Redmond.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils, recommended them for payment as follows:—

COUNTY AT LARGE	...	...	£31,456	4	2
BALTINGLASS No. 1.						
Committee's Proposals	...	...	25	16	6
District Proposals	...	...		
RATHDOWN No. 2.						
Committee's Proposals	...	...	59	19	7
District Proposals	...	...		
RATHDRUM.						
Committee's Proposals	...	...	63	7	11
District Proposals	...	...		
SHILLELAGH.						
Committee's Proposals	...	£8	5	8		
District Proposals	...	26	11	9		
				34	17	5
REPAYMENT OF LOANS	1,333	6	8	

The Committee examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and from the Rural District Councils, and recommended the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH IN RESPECT TO QUARTER ENDING 31st DEC., 1923.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (A) ...	...	...	£1,041	0	0
" " " (B) ...	...	...	366	10	0
" " " (C) ...	...	...	1,237	15	0
" " " (D) ...	...	...	4,755	10	0
" " " (E) ...	...	...	1,373	5	0
TOTAL	...	...	£8,774	0	0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS IN RESPECT TO QUARTER ENDING 31st DEC., 1923.

BALTINGLASS No. 1	...	...	£1,011	0	0
RATHDOWN No. 2	...	...	1,129	0	0
RATHDRUM	...	...	1,855	5	0
SHILLELAGH	...	...	1,006	0	0
TOTAL	...	...	£5,001	5	0

The Secretary submitted the following Report on the state of the Poor Rate Collections in Numbers 5 and 6 Districts:—

29th October, 1923.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Re State of the Poor Rate Collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts. Gentlemen,

You will remember that the County Council, at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th September, 1923, by resolution removed Mr. John Cullen, under the provisions of Article 88 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, from his position as Poor Rate Collector in the above two Districts. The Minister for Local Government, writing on the 18th September, 1923, confirmed the Council's action in that connection, at the same time directing that such proceedings as may be necessary shall at once be instituted against Mr. Cullen and his sureties.

On receipt of the Ministry's communication, Mr. Cullen, at my request, handed me the Collection Books in respect of the years 1920/21 and 1921/22, for these two Districts. These books

have been exhaustively checked since, as a result of which the condition of these collections would appear to be, on the 16th October, 1923, as follows :—

The total amount of the Warrants for the two Districts in respect to the two years in question was	...	...	...	£15,651	1	11
Of this sum Collector Michael Magrath, prior to his resignation lodged	...	...	...	2,484	5	11
Leaving a balance to be collected and lodged by Collector John Cullen amounting to	...	...	...	£13,166	16	0
Up to the 16th October, 1923, of this £13,166 16s. 0d. there has been lodged through Mr. John Cullen, through your Law Agent, and through your Office, the sum of	...	...	...	£10,442	2	4
The amount unlodged is therefore	...	...	...	£2,724	13	8

When the Collection Books were being checked it was observed that they contained rate receipts for considerable sums which have been collected and lodged by the Council's Law Agent, in respect of which Mr. Cullen was not in a position to issue the official receipts. If these receipts be taken out of the books and issued to the ratepayers who paid through the Council's Law Agent, the official receipts then remaining in the books would fall far short of the £2,724 13s. 8d. which is unlodged.

After the books had been checked in the condition they were handed me, Mr. Cullen attended at my office and gave me a large number of rate receipts which he stated he had since found in a drawer at his house, but which he stated he believed referred only to rates which had been collected. These receipts also were carefully checked, but they do not materially alter the condition of the Collections, as outlined above.

It is right that I should mention that when Mr. Cullen was questioned for an explanation as to the absence of receipts from his Collection Books, he stated that the Collections extended over very troubled times, during which the books were not always in his possession.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the Council's Law Agent be instructed to take such action as he may deem necessary, with a view to the interests of the Council being fully protected, and the total sums outstanding in these two Districts for the two years in question being recovered and lodged to credit of the County Council.

A letter dated the 21st September, 1923, was submitted from the Clerk to Bray Urban District Council, in which application was made for payment at the rate of £10 per annum for the use of the Town Hall, Bray, as a building in which District Courts have been held since the 9th November, 1922.

ORDER. £10 per annum to be allowed in each case for the use of buildings in Bray, Baltinglass, and Dunlavin, for holding District Courts in, suitable agreements to be prepared by the Law Agent for execution in each case.

A letter dated the 4th October, 1923, was submitted from Mr. James Kane, Secretary to the Irish National Foresters, Dunlavin, in which application was made for payment at the rate of £12 per annum for the use of the Foresters' Hall as a building in which District Courts have been held since June, 1923.

ORDER. Like order as on previous application.

A letter dated the 26th October, 1923, was submitted from Mr. Matthew Byrne, Honorary Secretary, Baltinglass Technical Sub-Committee, with which he enclosed an account for £10 (duly certified by the District Justice) for the use of Baltinglass Technical Schools for the year 1922/23 as a building in which District Courts have been held.

ORDER. Like order as in previous applications.

A letter dated 6th October, 1923, was submitted from Collector Patrick Mulligan, the Paddock, Kilpedder, in which he applied for a refund of £33 8s. 9d., in respect of rates for the two years ending 31st March, 1920, on Ballyremon Commons, which sum was lodged by him in order to complete his Warrants, and in respect of which the County Court Judge had refused to grant a Decree.

ORDER. £33 8s. 9d. to be refunded, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

A letter dated 8th October, 1923, was read from A. F. Walshe, Esq., V.S., Carlow, Veterinary Inspector for the area originally known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, before Naas No. 2 Rural District was amalgamated with same, in which he applies for payment of the sum of £11 5s. 0d., representing fees and expenses claimed for duties discharged by him in February, 1920, and in March, 1923, under the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914.

In this connection the Secretary submitted the resolution passed by the Council in February, 1915, fixing the scale of fees to be paid to Veterinary Inspectors in the County for duties performed by them under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Orders of 1913 and 1914, pointing out at the same time that the fees and expenses charged by Mr. Walshe in his account was very considerably in excess of those allowed by the scale approved and adopted by the Council.

ORDER. Mr. Walshe to be informed that the Council is prepared to pay in accordance with the scale approved by the County Council in their Resolution passed in February, 1915.

A letter dated 23rd October, 1923, was read from Collector P. J. O'Byrne (No. 16 Collecting District), as was also a letter dated 16th October, 1923, from the Council's Law Agent, each being with reference to Decrees for rates obtained against Thomas Magrath, Tinnakilly Upper, Aughrim, which Decrees were returned by the Sub-Sheriff marked "Nulla Bona." The Secretary intimated that it had since been reported to the Sub-Sheriff that the defendant had ample goods to meet the amount of the Decree, and the Sub-Sheriff had asked for a return of the Decrees in order that he might seize and sell the articles in question. The Secretary suggested that the Council be recommended to make an Order, the effect of which would be to have all previous and future Decrees returned "Nulla Bona" again thoroughly investigated, with a view to preventing a case like this arising again.

ORDER. All Decrees marked "Nulla Bona" received from the Sub-Sheriff to be accepted only when the Law Agent has satisfied himself on investigation that really no goods are available for distraint.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which he had received from the County Board of Health, dealing with a claim by the Civic Guard for a refund of expenses amounting to £3 8s. 7d. in removing a mental patient, named Thomas Bolger, of Kilquiggan, Shillelagh, to Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

ORDER. The file to be referred back to the County Board of Health, as the County Council have no power to make the payment claimed, the case in question not coming within the terms of Section 4 of the Constabulary Act, 1851.

The Committee noted the contents of the Report of the Ministry's Auditor, following audit of the accounts of Rathdown Union, for the half-year ended 31st March, 1921.

ORDER. Noted.

The Secretary read the following resolution, passed unanimously by the Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting on the 18th June, 1923 :—

"Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Finance Committee of this Council to investigate and fix the sums which should be contributed by relatives and guardians annually towards the upkeep of patients from County Wicklow in Grangegorman Mental Hospital, and we hereby vest in that Committee the Council's full power in that connection."

He further submitted lists of every person in Grangegorman Mental Hospital charged to Wicklow County Council, showing each person's name and address, date of admission, and the amount, if any, to be paid towards maintenance, et cetera, with a view to giving effect to the terms of the Council's Resolution.

NO ORDER.

A communication, dated 17th August, 1923, was submitted from the Secretary County Wicklow Board of Health, with which he enclosed a letter from Dr. Edward Lyons, applying for a reduction of the charge for maintenance made by the authorities of Grangegorman Mental Hospital in respect to Anthony Allen, senior, of Ballymooney, Donard.

ORDER. Referred for consideration to the Committee mentioned in previous paragraph.

A letter dated 27th October, 1923, was submitted from the Clerk to Rathdrum Rural District Council, regarding a sum of £486 1s. 7d. due by his Council to the Irish Land Commission in respect to loans under the Labourers' Acts, which sum has already been stopped out of the County Council's withheld grants.

ORDER. The Secretary be directed to make the necessary Adjustments in the figures when the Council is making the final payment of the Annual Demand received from the Rural District.

A communication dated the 31st October, 1923, was submitted from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, with which was enclosed a resolution expressing the opinion that the Solicitor to the Council should appear with the State Solicitor at the hearing of all Malicious Injury Claims.

ORDER. Noted.

The Secretary submitted a number of Reports received from the Civic Guard regarding certain breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Regulations issued thereunder which came under the notice of the Guards from time to time, with a view to proceedings being instituted by the County Council.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the circumstances and facts connected with each reported breach be fully investigated by the Council's Solicitor, and that he be authorised to take such legal proceedings on behalf of the Council as the circumstances of each case may, in his opinion, warrant.

(Signed), E. O'NEILL,

Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe :—"Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as now submitted, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor James Byrne :—"Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No 1, be now signed."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved:—That the Council's Law Agent be hereby instructed to take such action as he may deem necessary in connection with the present unsatisfactory condition of the Poor Rate Collections for the years 1920-21 and 1921/22 in Numbers 5 and 6 Collecting Districts from the Collectorship of which Mr. John Cullen, Donard, has been recently removed by order of the Council and with the approval of the Minister for Local Government with a view to the interests of the Council being fully protected, and with the total sums outstanding in these two Districts for the two years in question being recovered and lodged to the credit of the County Council."

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

COUNTY AT LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large amounting to £31,456 4s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £25 16s. 6d., (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:—"Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £59 19s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £63 7s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £34 17s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £1,333 6s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers:—"Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed."

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary read the following letters from the Ministry of Local Government in connection with (1) the removal from office of Mr. John Cullen, and (2) the filling of the vacant Collectorships for Numbers 5 and 6 Districts:—

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,

Sraid Mhuirbhteann Uach,

Baile Atha Cliath,

18th September, 1923.

G.38344/1923

Wicklow County.

A Chara,—In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, I am instructed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he confirms the action of the Wicklow County Council in removing Mr. John Cullen from office of Poor Rate Collector, and directs that such proceedings as may be necessary should at once be instituted against Mr. Cullen and his sureties.

Forms of queries are enclosed to be filled and returned when a new Collector is appointed.

Mise le meas,

(Signed),

M. De LASAIGH,

a/s Aire um Rialtas Aitiuil.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

GH/AON.

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Sraid Mhuirbtheann Uach,
Baile Atha Cliath,
5th October, 1923.

G.40311/1923
Wicklow County.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,—With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, relative to the filling of the vacant Collectorships for Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that at present he is only sanctioning the appointments of Collectors in a temporary capacity.

The Council should proceed at once to temporarily fill the vacant Collectorships and the Minister is prepared to agree to whatever satisfactory arrangements are come to regarding the question of the number of Collectors to be appointed.

Immediately on the filling of the vacancies the completed Query Forms should be transmitted.

Mise le meas,
(Signed), M. De LASAIGH,
Ar Son an Aire.

DM/MCL.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That two distinct individuals be appointed as Collectors for Nos. 5 and 6 Districts."

Passed, on a show of hands being taken.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District, and also three applications received from (1) Joseph Tutty, Athgarvan, Ballymore-Eustace; (2) Mrs. Katie Doyle, Wentworth Place, Wicklow; and (3) John Cullen, Donard.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED

The above-named Council will, at its meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 19th November, 1923, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector Temporarily for the Electoral Divisions of Blessington, Burgage, Kilbride and Lackan, at a remuneration of 7d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial year.

No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective

half-year. Irrecoverable Rates approved by the Ministry for Local Government will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £3,250. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 noon, on 19th November, 1923.

By Order,
P. T. HEALY,
Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow, 5th November, 1923.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For Mrs. K. Doyle—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, F. O'Rafferty, E. O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Morgan Travers, P. Murphy, J. J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; B. Kelly, S. Turner, Patrick Doyle, M. Fleming, and John Fleming—16.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe did not vote, and no Councillor present voted for either Messrs. Tutty or Cullen.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That Mrs. Katie Doyle, of 3 Wentworth Place, Wicklow, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District, at a poundage fee of 7d., in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, and we approve of Mr. Laurence Byrne, of Wicklow Hotel, Wicklow, and Mr. M. J. Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, Delgany, as her sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £3,250, for the due performance of her duties as Collector.

Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Temporary Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood Collecting District and also three applications received from (1) Frank Healy, Ballynascullogue, Manor-Kilbride; (2) Francis O'Neill, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney; and (3) James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the

19th November, 1923, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector Temporarily for the Electoral Divisions of Hollywood, Lugglass and Togher, at a remuneration of 8d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable Rates approved by the Ministry for Local Government will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £800. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon on 19th November, 1923.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow, 5th November, 1923.

A poll having been taken it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For Maher—Councillors W. J. Doyle, Edward Byrne, J. J. Redmond, J. Everett, T.D.; S. Turner, and Patrick Doyle—6.

For Healy—Councillors James Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, Morgan Travers, P. Murphy, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; B. Kelly, and M. Fleming—7.

For O'Neill—Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, William Byrne, and John Fleming—4.

The Candidate Francis O'Neill having been eliminated, the Councillors present voted as follows in the second round:—

For Maher—Councillors W. J. Doyle, Edward Byrne, J. J. Redmond, J. Everett, T.D.; S. Turner, Patrick Doyle, and John Fleming—7.

For Healy—Councillors James Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, M. Travers, P. Murphy, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, B. Kelly, and M. Fleming—10.

Proposed by Councillor B. Kelly, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:—"Resolved—That Mr. Frank Healy, of Ballynascullogue, Manor-Kilbride, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District, at a poundage fee of 8d., in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government, and we approve of Mrs. Sarah Healy, of Ballynascullogue, and Thomas Hanlon, of Oldcourt, as his sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £800 for the due performance of his duties as Collector."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor S. Turner, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:—"Resolved—That the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collectors for Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts be now signed and sealed for the years 1922-1923 and 1923/1924."

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow,

9th November, 1923.

ELECTORAL ACT, 1923.

Dear Sir,—Would you bring before the County Council at their next meeting the advisability of having the Register for the three Urban Districts, viz., Bray, Arklow, and Wicklow, prepared in Street Order instead of Townland Order. Should they approve of this, a resolution should be passed by them to that effect. See Registration Rules, Rule 4.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), WILLIAM DEVERELL.

Registration Officer.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Secretary stated that he had asked the views of the Clerks to the three Urban District Councils in the County on the subject, and he read letters, dated 10th November, 1923, from the Clerks to Arklow and Bray Urban District Councils approving of the suggestion.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, consider it advisable that the Register of Electors for the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow, should be prepared in Street Order instead of Townland Order, and we hereby direct that the Register for those areas be so prepared. Copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to the Clerks of each of the Urban Districts referred to."

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted the County Surveyor's Estimate on Form 11, his Specifications, Maps, et cetera, indicating where he suggested the initial Grant of £2,200 out of the Road Fund should be expended, and also a memorial which had been received from ratepayers in Baltinglass area, asking that at least portion of the Grant be set aside for the purchase of plant for use in West Wicklow.

The following letters were considered by the Council :—

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Roinn na mBothar,
Cearnog Mhuirbhteann Theas, 65,
Baile Atha Cliath,

19th September, 1923.

S.R.1/1923.

A Chara,—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state for the information of your Council that he has received the approval of the Minister of Finance to the making of advances from the Road Fund established under Section 3 of the Roads Act, 1920.

The advances now proposed to be made are not conditional on any contribution from local rates towards the cost of the work to which the advances are to be applied. The amount of the advance provisionally allocated to your Council is £2,200.

It has always been a condition that grants from the Road Fund shall not be for road maintenance or to be in any way as relief of rates levied for such maintenance, and the proposed advance is restricted to expenditure on the improvement of Trunk Roads.

Form 11 (Roads) herewith is to be filled up and returned at the earliest possible moment to enable work to be commenced immediately.

It is suggested that as far as practicable the supply of material for road rolling should be set by contract agreement with the County Surveyor, tenders being invited for the supply of lots of some 200 to 500 cubic yards of broken stone, and where the Surveyor deems it desirable, tenders should also be invited for spreading and rolling. No hard and fast rule of this kind will be insisted on, but the Surveyor is to state clearly the method under which he proposes to carry out the road improvement.

Not more than three lengths of road or three separate works shall be undertaken for this Grant in your County.

The work shall be completed within ten months from the date of commencement.

It is an essential condition of the grant that preference shall be given to demobilised men of the National Army, and the County Surveyor must therefore ensure that such men are, as far as possible, employed.

The following payments to be made on requisition on Form 97 made and certified by the County Surveyor :—

1. On commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the next following two months.

2. During the second month after commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the third month, and so from month to month until eighty per cent. of the Grant has been paid, after which the Authority will submit, through the County Surveyor, to the Minister a statement showing their expenditure up to date, and the Minister will then determine what further instalments should be paid under the Grant.

3. On completion of the work the Authority will supply the Minister with a certificate of their Surveyor stating that the works have been completed, and stating (with such particulars as may be required by the forms then in use by the Ministry) the total expenditure incurred on the works described in this Grant.

Mise le meas,

E. P. McCARRON,

Runaidhe.

To the Secretary of
Wicklow County Council.

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Roinn na mBothar,
Cearnog Mhuirbhteann Theas, 65,
Baile Atha Cliath,
24th October, 1923.

SR/1

A Chara,—Adverting to this Department's letter of the 19th ultimo, notifying your Council that a Grant had been provisionally allocated to them for the improvement of Trunk Roads, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the following procedure is to be adopted with regard to the employment of demobilised men of the National Army on this work :—

1. The County Surveyor (or his Deputy) of each Area is to apply to the Officer-in-Charge of the local office of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for a list of the names of demobilised National Soldiers resident in the Area who are suitable for and willing to undertake Road Work.
2. The County Surveyor (or his Deputy) is to select from this list and to employ the men required by him and to report his selection to the Officer-in-Charge of the local office of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

In the event of the work being given by any Local Authority to a Contractor to carry out, it is, of course, understood that

Ex-National Army men will be employed by each Contractor in the same manner as if the Local Authority were carrying out the Contract.

It is to be borne in mind that the employment of such men is, as already notified, an essential condition of the Grant.

The rate of wages to be paid might appropriately be fixed by reference to the wages ordinarily paid in the district to agricultural labourers employed casually or temporarily.

A statement showing the number of men employed, distinguishing demobilised men, the wages paid and the number of working hours in the week should be forwarded as soon as possible to this Office.

Mise le meas,

E. P. McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary of each County Council
and Town Clerk of each County
Borough Council.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
13th November, 1923.

ROADS COMMITTEE

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Report of Meeting of Roads Committee, held on the 2nd
October, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,—The Roads Committee met on 2nd October, 1923, when the following members attended:—

Councillor James Everett, T.D. (presiding), Councillors John J. Redmond, William J. Doyle, and James Turner.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider the expending of Proposed Grant of £2,200 for Works of Improvement on Trunk Roads.

ORDER. Adjourned to next meeting of County Council—the County Surveyor in the meantime to interview the Local Government Department's Engineer to see if roads other than Trunk Roads can be repaired out of Proposed Grant.

2. To consider complaints from dismissed workmen against the Overseer in Roundwood Section.

Four of the dismissed men attended the meeting, also the Overseer.

Having heard the statements of the men and the Overseer, the following Order was made:—

“That, in dismissing men, the Order of the Council be literally obeyed—viz., that the men longest in the Council's employment be kept on irrespective of the District he has to work in.”

Councillor W. J. Doyle and Councillor James Turner objected to this Order.

(Signed), JAMES EVERETT,
Presiding Chairman.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
14th November, 1923.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on
19th November, 1923.

Gentlemen,—A Provisional Grant of £2,200 has been allocated to Wicklow County for Road Work—this amount to be expended on a Trunk Road. I recommend the following work to be undertaken:—

1. To re-surface the Trunk Road between Kilmacanoge and near Hollybrook gate, £1,220 15s. 9d.

2. To re-surface the Trunk Road between Milltown Lane and Rathnew, £834 6s.

3. To remove an awkward corner at the “Dell,” on the Trunk Road, Rathdrum to Laragh, £144 18s. 3d.

The items (1) and (2) are most urgent.

A further condition attached to the Grant is that Demobilised National Soldiers, suitable and willing to undertake Road Work, be employed.

The Direct Labour Scheme at present in force should expire on the 31st March next, and I recommend that the period be extended to 31st March, 1925, or such less period as may be found

compatible with the new laws and rules, expected to be introduced by the Dail, in connection with Road Work and Direct Labour Schemes.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

After a protracted discussion on (1) the County Surveyor's recommendation; (2) the rate of wages to be paid out of the Grant; (3) the class of men to be employed; and (4) a proposal by Councillor Morgan Travers that £500 of the Grant be spent on the quarry of Knockroe, with a view to giving relief to the unemployed men of Kilcool District, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, and "Resolved—That the proposed Grant of £2,200 from the Road Fund be accepted, and expended in accordance with the Form 11, completed by County Surveyor, as now submitted; and, further, that the Ministry be asked to do everything within their power to grant a further substantial Grant from the Road Fund—without restrictions as to the class of men to be employed, or the class of main roads to be repaired, so that something may thus be done to relieve the dire hardships and real distress which we know exists amongst the unemployed in this County—the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to wait on the appropriate Ministries with a view to getting effect given to the terms of this Resolution."

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—

I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting:—"That the men recently dismissed in Rathdown No. 2 Area and Kilcool District be re-employed for a few weeks from this date on Road Improvement Work under this Council to give some additional work before Christmas."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:

I beg to give notice that I or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council:—"That in cases where a change of the men employed on Road Work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council to give preference to such married men with families, be and are hereby, rescinded."

The remaining items on the Agenda, were, at this stage, adjourned to Monday, the 10th December, 1923.

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The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 10th December, 1923.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman.
Councillors Seamus Turner, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Redmond, P. Murphy, W. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; E. O'Neill, and P. Lee.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider the items of business on the Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held on the 19th November, 1923, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.
2. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next Meeting 'that the men recently dismissed in Rathdown No. 2 Area and Kilcool Districts be re-employed for a few weeks from this date on road improvement and work under the Council to give some additional work before Christmas.'"
3. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Member for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council, 'that in cases where a change of the men employed on road work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting, held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council to give preference to such married men with families be, and are hereby, rescinded.'"
4. To consider the Comprehensive Report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway submitted by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Transport Department) at the request of the Members of the Conference constituted by the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow to discuss the further working of that Line.
5. To transact any other business that may be deemed necessary.

Messrs. David H. Haskins, of Main Street, Wicklow, and The Cedars, Dunganstown, and G. P. Manning, of Newcastle, attended the Meeting as a deputation from the Farmers' Union Executive, with a view to discussing what steps might be taken to reduce the Rate Estimates for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

The Secretary read three communications which had passed

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between Mr. M. Murtagh, Secretary to the Farmers' Union Executive, Mr. David H. Haskins, and himself, which explained why it was not found possible to have the question of hearing the deputation embodied as an item in the agenda for that Meeting.

Having heard the deputation, and discussed the matter at some length, it was decided that the most effective steps that could be taken at this stage was for a small deputation from the Farmers' Union Executive to wait upon the County Board of Health, and upon each Rural District Council, to discuss with these bodies the several items which it was proposed to embody in their rate Estimates for the coming Financial Year, with a view to seeing if the cost of any of the respective services therein referred to could be reduced. Accordingly, the Secretary was directed to intimate to these bodies that it was the County Council's desire that this conference should take place, and that every facility should be afforded to the representatives of the Executive in discussing their Estimates prior to their adoption.

It was further decided that the Finance Committee of the County Council should similarly confer with representatives appointed by the Farmers' Union Executive before the Rates Estimates are recommended to the County Council for approval and adoption, this conference to take place before the 10th January, if at all possible.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:—

1. To light the County Courthouse by electricity at a cost not exceeding £150.

ORDER. Approved.—Work to be placed in charge of the County Surveyor to be carried out by him.

2. To provide a sum of £250 for repairs to and maintenance of plant.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:—

No Proposals.

A letter dated the 29th October, 1923, was read from W. Collen, Esq., County Surveyor, Dublin County Council, asking for payment of £150—Wicklow County Council's proportion of the cost of repairing Aghfarrell Boundary Bridge, or else for payment of £20 immediately, being half the sum already expended on that bridge.

ORDER. Referred to the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government, to be paid out of the 6d. rate.

A letter dated the 1st October, 1923, was read from Rev. M. Browne, C.C., Valleymount, Blessington, in which he directed

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attention to Granabeg Footbridge, and the state of the roads from Valleymount to Kilbride (either by Granabeg or the Togher), and from Valleymount to Lackan.

The Council considered satisfactory the following Report on the matter dated the 10th October, 1923, from the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,

10th October, 1923.

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P. T. Healy, Esq.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

In reference to complaint from Father Browne, C.C., Valleymount:—

Mr. Foley reports that footbridge complained of has not been on the County, and has been maintained by private persons.

In reference to the roads: All the roads in Tramway Area are in very bad condition, as the County Council has done no work on them since November, 1922. A large number of men are now employed in this area, and the roads will be put in order as soon as possible. The County Council only authorised work to be done in Tramway Area last month.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), S. G. GALLAGHER.

A letter dated the 2nd October, 1923, addressed to the Chairman, was submitted from Mr. John Carroll, Lugnagun Little, Blessington, in which he applied for payment of the sum of £37 10s. 0s., which he stated is due to him in respect of a Road Contract which he held prior to the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads coming into operation.

A letter to the same effect, dated the 30th June, 1923, was received from Mr. William Lamphier, Naas, the solicitor acting for Mr. Carroll in the matter.

With his letter dated the 27th July, 1923, the County Surveyor submitted reports showing that the road was not satisfactorily attended to by the Contractor.

ORDER. The County Surveyor states there is no money due on foot of the contract in question.

An application dated the 1st December, 1923, was received from Mr. P. T. Breathnach (Walshe), Dunlavin, for permission to place an overhead wire across the street in Dunlavin, from the chimney of Mr. Coleborn's motor shop to the chimney of his dwellinghouse, for the purpose of lighting the latter.

ORDER. Permission granted.

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The Secretary then read the following :—

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,
35 Parnell Square, Dublin,

M/Roads. 7th December, 1923.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We have had some correspondence recently with the County Surveyor regarding allegations of victimisation of Union officials in the Stratford-on-Slaney district. There has been considerable discussion for a long time past in this district with regard to the allocation of road work, and some members of the Union accuse the Overseer, Patrick Keogh, of unfair discrimination against them.

Our Stratford-on-Slaney branch, therefore, is anxious to send a deputation to discuss this matter with the County Council; and we should be glad if they would be heard at the Council's next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

IRISH TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.
per Thomas Foran, General President.

Having heard Mr. James Maher, of Stratford-on-Slaney, the Council, after some discussion, referred the entire matter to a meeting of the Roads Committee to be held at an early date.

The Secretary submitted a memorial signed by seventeen large ratepayers in Baltinglass and Dunlavin districts, applying for the allocation to West Wicklow of a proportion of the Grants received by the County Council out of the Road Fund, and suggesting that as the amount to be expected was not sufficiently large to appreciably improve the roads in their area, the best results would be obtained by devoting the sum as allocated to the purchase of plant for use in West Wicklow.

ORDER. The Council, as far as possible, will endeavour to comply with this request.

RATHDOWN No. 2 :—

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor P. Lee;

Resolved—That all the material required under the Special Grant for re-surfacing the section of the Bray-Wicklow road at Kilmacanoge be supplied from the Glen of the Downs Quarry.

Passed.

A letter dated the 24th October, 1923, was received from Mr. William Blackburn, 3 Alma Terrace, Ardee Street, Bray, in

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which he directed the Council's attention to the damage caused on his farm at Fassaroe because of the four choked gully-traps on the roadside.

ORDER. The County Surveyor reports the subject matter of complaint has been attended to.

The County Surveyor, with his letter of the 13th November, 1923, submitted an application from Messrs. T. Archer & Son, Greystones, for permission to erect notice-boards in Greystones indicating the way to the Grand Hotel.

ORDER. Permission granted.

RATHDRUM :—

No proposals.

The following Resolution, passed by the Rural District Council was submitted :—

“Resolved—That we urgently request the County Council to take immediate action to have some extra men put on road-work in the Rathdrum Rural District Area, in order to relieve the hardship and destitution which exist in the various districts from lack of employment.”

ORDER. Read and noted.

SHILLELAGH :—

A proposal (No. 399) to build a protection wall about 25 yards long at Lugduff Hill, on the road leading from Tinahely to Ballinglen, at a cost not exceeding £30, was postponed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

“Resolved—That we Sign and Seal the applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor P. Murphy;

“Resolved—We hereby direct that a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be issued to Howard Pasley, Tinahely, on his giving the usual notices.”

Passed.

The Secretary read the following letter, consideration of which had been postponed from previous meetings of the Council :—

Oifig Chomhairle an Bhaile,

Tigh na Cuirte,

An t-Inbhear Mhor,

7th June, 1923.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Sec., Wicklow Co. Council,

Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Arklow Urban District Council to apply to the Wicklow Council for sanction to the change of name of the

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town of Arklow to the Irish form—An t-Inbhear Mhor. It would appear from Art. 14 (1) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, any change of name in the district requires the sanction of the County Council.

I should, therefore, feel obliged if you would kindly let me know, as soon as convenient, if the County Council have any objection to the alteration of the name, and also of the manner in which your Council desires the said change to be published.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Mise le meas,

(Signed), SEOSAMH L. BAIREAD.

In the absence of representatives from Arklow town and district, Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., with the Council's permission, withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council—That in pursuance of the powers vested in the Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Arklow Urban District Council to change the name of the town of Arklow to the Irish form, An t-Inbhear Mor."

The Council proceeded to consider the Notice of Motion to restore to Bray its old name, Bri Chualann, and in this connection the Secretary read the following two Resolutions passed by Bray Urban District Council and by Bray branch of the Gaelic League, respectively:—

(1) "Resolved—that the old name of Bray (Bri Chualann, be restored from this forward, and that the Town Clerk be directed to take the necessary steps to have the resolution put into force."

(2) "Resolved—The Gaelic League, Bray, requests Wicklow County Council to consent to the change that has been made in the name of this town from Bray to the old name, Bri Chualann."

In accordance with the Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Padraig Ua Murchadha, and

"Resolved—That in pursuance of the powers vested in the Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Bray Urban District Council to change the name of the town of Bray to the Irish form, Bri Chualann, and that due notice of this change be given to the general public by means of a poster put up throughout the entire county, and by means of an advertisement in the three Dublin morning papers, in the weekly papers circulating within the county, and in at least one issue of *Iris Oifigiúil*."

Carried.

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As Councillor James Byrne was not present at the meeting, consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was adjourned:—

"I beg to give Notice that I, or some one for me, will move at the next ordinary meeting of the County Council:—That, having regard to the systematic recurrence of strikes, and the consequent hold up of business throughout Saorstát Éireann, the Government be requested to devise a scheme to set up a Department to deal effectively with this all-important matter."

The following Report on Workhouse Buildings was submitted by the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

17th November, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with instructions, I examined the Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass and Shillelagh.

The Baltinglass Buildings have been damaged by fire, weather and wilful destruction by parties unknown, except a portion of the roof on the Eastern End. The whole Western Wing of the main front block is only an empty shell, and generally all the chimney stacks are in bad condition. There is a possibility of saving the rest of the building from complete destruction by repairing as far as possible the roofs; sheeting up all external openings except those absolutely required, and by appointing a caretaker to see that trespass is stopped. A great deal of the internal wood-work has been ripped up and removed.

The Fever Hospital is in military occupation and some kitchens in the main block appear to be used by the military.

About £200 could be usefully expended in the salvage work.

SHILLELAGH WORKHOUSE.—The Fever Hospital is in military occupation, and I understand about £300 was estimated for repairs after evacuation by the British Troops.

The Administrative Block is in use as District Council Offices and as a barrack for the Civic Guard. Generally this block is in reasonable repair, but some glass is required, and repairs to floors and fireplaces. A sink was recently placed in the Civic Guard part and no water led to same.

The main buildings are practically unused except for a portion used by the Caretaker and a portion used as a Fever Hospital and which is in very poor repair as to roofs and ground floors.

Throughout, the roofs are in bad repair and on the towers and lanterns in a ruinous state. The eaves, gutters and down shoots are full of grass and dirt, causing water to run down the walls. Much of the glass is broken and some window frames. The chimney stacks are warped and in bad condition. The window openings in the unused parts should be sheeted up and the

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roofs generally made watertight, and the eaves, gutters, etc., cleaned. About £120 should cover this work.

BRAY COURTHOUSE.—Completely gutted. Estimate for reinstating, £2,300.

BALTINGLASS COURTHOUSE. — Completely gutted. £3,054 would be required to reinstate.

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDER. Copy to be sent immediately by the County Surveyor to each Councillor.

The Council proceeded to consider the following Notices of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W. J. Doyle:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next ordinary meeting of the County Council that our County Surveyor be directed to provide additional room in Tinahely Courthouse by making therein certain structural alterations suggested by the people of the town interested in that building, the question of bearing the cost of these alterations to be decided by the Council."

In this connection the Secretary submitted the following Report from the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office,

Wicklow, 16th November, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with instructions, I examined Tinahely Courthouse, and ascertained the extent of the alterations suggested to permit the use of the Courthouse for a Town Hall, etc.

The alterations are:—

1. To remove wall between body of court and rooms used by justice's clerk and juries, and to add the space so obtained to the Court.
2. To shift the present justice's bench to the opposite end of the court and adapt them to a wooden platform there to be erected.
3. To place a gallery over the additional space obtained by the justice's and other room.

These alterations are all possible and would undoubtedly make a most convenient Town Hall. A small room for the clerk of the court with a similar room overhead for the justice could be constructed in the present vestibule at the western end.

The approximate total cost would be £185.

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDER. The entire matter to be referred to the Proposals Committee for consideration.

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POOR RATE COLLECTIONS.

The Secretary submitted the following letter dated the 1st December, 1923, which he had received from the Ministry of Local Government, and mentioned that copy of this letter had been transmitted to each Poor Rate Collector in the service of the County Council:—

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,

Sraid Mhuirbhteann Uach,

G.49,025/1923

Baile Atha Cliath,

Wicklow County.

1st December, 1923.

A Chara,

I am instructed by the Minister of Local Government to express his serious dissatisfaction with the condition of the rate collection in County Wicklow, as disclosed by recent returns on forms 66. It appears that there are arrears of rates amounting to £2,027 outstanding from the year 1921, £4,112 for the year 1922, and £6,820 for the year ended March last, while the progress made with the current year's collection cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

The time has now come when no further leniency should be shown either to defaulting ratepayers or to Collectors who have failed to comply with the conditions of their offices. The Council should at once take stern measures; they should publicly announce their intentions, and should give definite warning to each Collector in arrear that failure to close all warrants up to 31st March last by the end of December will render him liable to instant dismissal and action against his sureties for the fulfilment of his contract.

I am to request that you will be good enough to furnish precise information, with reference in each case to the Collector concerned as to the steps already taken in relation to the 1921 and 1922 arrears.

Mise le meas,

M. DE LASAIGH,

a/s Aire um Rialtas Aitiuil.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Terms of the Ministry's letter to be carried out.

The following letter from Collector Charles Byrne (No. 17 Collecting District) was read:—

The Height, Ballinglen,

22nd November, 1923.

P. T. Healy, Esq.

Sir,

I am writing to ask you to send me on new books, as I am refusing money from some people that want to pay me and I do not know the amount. If you think well of sending them on

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to me send also one abstract, as I must make separate lodgments and keep correct amounts of the different rates. I am only a few pounds out on the old books, but I will not pay one penny of my own money to clear it up. I have done that too long. I am going to write Mr. C. M. Byrne about Civic Guards not carrying out decrees that I got last August. I expect to meet Superintendent in Tinahely on the first Wednesday, and if he does not carry out Decrees I will get a question asked in Dail.

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,

C. BYRNE.

ORDER.—Books to be issued.

Letters dated 1st October and 28th November, 1923, were submitted from Mr. Daniel P. O'Connor, 3 North Main St., Poplar Square, Naas, with reference to the Council's Order that ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael Magrath, of Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, be examined by a Medical Inspector from the Ministry of Local Government :—

3 North Main Street,
Poplar Square,
Naas, Co. Kildare.

Re—Ex-Rate Collector, Michael Magrath.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Michael Magrath, of Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, has consulted me in reference to the question of his superannuation by the Wicklow County Council. I have been in communication with the Ministry of Local Government in connection with same, and have received a copy of a letter dated the 11th ult., addressed to you from the Ministry.

In the circumstances I am to request you to be good enough to kindly let me know what steps your Council propose to take having regard to the terms of the communication mentioned.

Yours faithfully

DANIEL P. O'CONNOR.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary,
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

3 North Main Street,
Poplar Square,
Naas, Co. Kildare,
28th November, 1923.

Re—Ex-Rate Collector Michael Magrath.

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence herein and your letter to me of the 4th ult., I am instructed to inform you

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that if some definite steps are not taken by your Council to settle the question of Mr Magrath's superannuation at their adjourned meeting on Monday next, Mr. Magrath will be reluctantly compelled to consider the advisability of instituting proceedings.

Your faithfully,

DANIEL P. O'CONNOR.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary,
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

The following letter was also submitted :—

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Sraid Mhuirbhteann Uach,

G.34,444/1923.
Wicklow County.

Baile Atha Cliath,
11th September, 1923.

A Chara,

Adverting to your letter of the 30th July last, regarding the claim of ex-Rate Collector Michael Magrath for superannuation, I am instructed by the Minister of Local Government to state that the Ministry's Medical Inspectors, who are not practising physicians, cannot be deputed to act as Medical Referees.

If the Council do not consider the evidence already submitted in this case sufficient, it would be open to them, by arrangement, to nominate a practitioner for the independent examination of Mr. Magrath.

Mise le meas,

M. DE LASAIGH.

a/s Aire um Rialtas Aitiuil.

ORDER. Mr Magrath to be requested to himself submit a medical certificate of the state of his health.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

“Resolved—That the two vacancies existing on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, consequent on the deaths of the Very Rev. P. J. Crimmins, P.P., Enniskerry, and the late Mr. John J. Healy, be hereby filled by the appointment thereon of Very Rev. T. Watters, P.P., Enniskerry, and Patrick Lee, The Hotel, Delgany.”

Passed.

An application was submitted for an increase of salary from John Kane, Esq., M.Sc., A.I.C., University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, temporary analyst for County Wicklow.

ORDER. Cannot be considered at this meeting.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

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"Resolved—That the vacancy existing on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, in consequence of the death of Mr. John J. Healy, be filled by the appointment of Mr. Patrick Lee, The Hotel, Delgany.

Passed.

The following two letters were submitted:—

Ferrybank, Arklow,

16th October, 1923.

Secretary, County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by Dr. Francis J. Power, formerly of Rathdrum, to apply to you for payment of the sum of £11 10s. 0d., being the amount of an Affirmance of a Decree of the County Court Judge, obtained by him against the late Board of Guardians at Rathdrum, and which sum the Board of Guardians refused to pay him.

We think it is only fair to your Council to bring to their notice the circumstances under which these proceedings were brought, and the facts are shortly as follows:—

Dr. Power was appointed by the Relieving Officer at agreed fees, which amounted to £8 8s. 0d. per week to do temporary duty as Medical Officer for Avoca Dispensary District from 9th to 15th March, 1920. The arrangement was sanctioned by the then Local Government Board before Dr. Power took up duty. When Dr. Power had completed the week's duty the Board of Guardians refused to pay him more than £6 6s. 0d., a fee which, being a member of the Medical Association, he could not accept. The case came before the County Court Judge as a Civil Bill, and the Guardians appeared by their Solicitor, Mr. McCarroll. After a full hearing the County Court Judge decided that Dr. Power was entitled to the entire amount of his claim. Against this decision the Guardians appealed, but did not fight out the appeal, and the Judge of Assize affirmed the Decree of the County Court Judge, the amount of such affirmance being as above mentioned. When application for payment of the amount of the Affirmance was made to the Guardians the latter repudiated the decision of the County Court Judge and refused payment.

Under the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, the County Council are liable for the amount due, and we shall thank you to let us have Paying Order in settlement as early as possible.

Yours truly,

M. J. O'CONNOR & COMPANY.

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Aireacht um Rialtas Aituil,

Sraid Mhuirbhtheann Uach,

M.4434/23

Baile Atha Cliath,

Wicklow County.

26th October, 1923.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd instant in regard to the claim for £11 10s. 0d. by Dr. Francis J. Power, and to state that this is a matter in which the Minister considers the County Council should act on the advice of their Solicitor.

Should the Solicitor advise settlement, the County Council should satisfy themselves that payment at rate claimed actually received sanction from the Central Authority.

Is mise, le meas,

TOMAS MAC ARDGHAIL,

Ar Son an Aaire

ORDER. Referred to Solicitor.

The Council adjourned consideration of the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 5th October, 1923, No. 40848/1923, urging the Council to take immediate steps to frame a County Tuberculosis Scheme, with a view to providing complete and efficient arrangements for treatment of Tuberculous Patients in their area.

The Council ruled out of order the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Redmond:

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next meeting 'that the men recently dismissed in Rathdown No. 2 Area and Kilcool Districts be re-employed for a few weeks from this date on road improvement and work under the Council to give some additional work before Christmas,' but instead directed the County Surveyor to employ for three weeks the dismissed men referred to therein.

Councillor Michael Fleming not being present at the meeting, the Council adjourned consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:—

"I beg to give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council, 'that in cases where a change of the men employed on road-work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council to give preference to such married men with families be, and are hereby, rescinded.'"

The following Report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway received from the Transport Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce was considered:—

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AIREACHT UM TIUSCAL AGUS TRACHTAIL,

(Ministry of Industry and Commerce)

Transport Department,

14 St. Stephen's Gr. North,

DUBLIN,

19th November, 1923.

A CHARA,

In accordance with the request of the Committee representative of the Dublin and Wicklow County Councils, this Department made a comprehensive investigation into the physical and financial condition of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, and also examined the system of Traffic Working and the prospects of the undertaking being so re-organised as would enable it to function as an efficient and economical means of transport for the districts through which it runs.

The problem was approached by the several Officials of this Ministry from different angles, and necessarily their reports overlap in some respects, but where they do there is no difference of opinion in the conclusions arrived at.

The individual reports referring to—

- (a) Permanent Way,
- (b) Financial,
- (c) Traffic Working,

are appended for reference; a summary thereof is presented hereunder for the information of the Committee.

Permanent Way.—The Engineer reports that the permanent way is "In a very bad condition of repair," and estimates that a sum of £6,000 is required to put the track in satisfactory running order. The opinion is entertained by all the Officials who have gone into the matter, that in view of the very large amounts which have been spent within recent years on maintenance and renewal much better results should be apparent for the expenditure entailed. The portion of the Line in County Wicklow has evidently been maintained in no worse condition than that in County Dublin, but it will be understood that greater attention is required for the maintenance of the City end of the Line owing to the denser traffic on that Section.

Attention is directed to the Engineer's opinion that, with proper maintenance, the rails are capable of carrying the existing traffic for many years, and to the suggestion that in any necessary relaying which may be required, the practicability of using second-hand rails from some of the Railway Companies should be considered.

Rolling Stock.—It would appear that the Rolling Stock is in fair condition, but even here an estimated expenditure of £1,800 is required to put the stock in the condition which it should be.

Administration.—It is apparent that expenditure has been on a lavish scale, and the cost of administration (£2,835 per annum) is out of all proportion to the requirements and resources of the undertaking. This phase of the situation requires immediate action.

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Stores.—The whole system of dealing with the Stores requires revision. In an undertaking where economy is vital to the existence of the concern no possible saving can be overlooked, and it would appear that the present system or lack of system offers opportunities for wastage, which should be corrected. The coal and oil consumption should be very closely watched, and it is believed that here too economies can be effected.

Insurance, Stationery, and other Incidental Expenses.—These all require looking into as it is apparent that expenditure can be reduced.

Shops at Templeogue.—It is difficult to justify the retention of the present establishment of 20 at the Repairs Shops at Templeogue considering the very large expenditure on Rolling Stock during the last few years with the poor results obtained compared with somewhat similar Undertakings (see Page 4 of Mr. Gault's Report), and the fact that heavy repairs have been given to outside Firms. The feasibility of confining the work at Templeogue solely to running and minor repairs and arranging for the heavy repairs and renewals being done elsewhere is worthy of consideration.

Traffic Working.—It is considered that the traffic working is capable of improvement with resultant substantial economies which would be reflected in every Department. The principle on which the line has been worked in the past requires revision. The ideas that the concern is a Tramway—that a tramway service is essential—that the ratepayers of the district are, by virtue of their Guarantee, entitled to a service which under ordinary commercial management they would not be granted, and that there is always the guarantee of the rated areas to meet the loss on working, all require to be changed. The view point of the Management must be concentrated on the minimum possible service consistent with the needs of the district—the importance of approximating the expenditure to the receipts must never be lost sight of, and the various suggestions put forward in the reports should be explored so that nothing is left undone to ensure the strictest economy. The application of the 8 hours day principle has been generous and is capable of more economic working.

Working of Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway.—Whilst the division of the Through Traffic Receipts and Expenditure appears to unduly favour the Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway, it must not be overlooked, on the other hand, that this extension is a feeder to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Prospects for the Future.—The prospects for the future of the undertaking are doubtful—Road Competition is likely to increase and become more intense. At the present moment coal is being carried to outlying places in the District in the Motor Lorries of Dublin Merchants. Sand is conveyed from Blessington by the same method, and a passenger road motor coach service has lately been inaugurated. This is a serious prospect, but need not be over estimated. There would appear to be always certain traffics which the Tramway can cater for, and if the ratepayers would avail themselves of the service instead of patronising competitive modes of conveyance, it may be possible to preserve the existence of the line.

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SUMMARY.

- 1—An expenditure of some £8,000 is necessary to put the track and stock into condition.
- 2—Better maintenance, which should be obtainable without increase of expenditure, is essential.
- 3—The Workshops at Templeogue require re-organisation.
- 4—The Administration expenses must be drastically reduced.
- 5—The Traffic Working arrangements require revision.
- 6—Every possible economy must be made without delay.

If the necessary sum be provided and regard given to the various suggestions in the reports it seems reasonable to assume that the expenditure can be kept within the limit of the receipts, but there is no prospect that, under present conditions, the line can earn the dividend on the Guaranteed Shares.

It is for the Committee to determine their policy for the future with the full facts before them, and in this connection, the Officials who conducted the investigation are available to explain and amplify anything in their Reports which is not clear to the Committee.

Wm. L. Mear,

J. INGRAM.

The Secretary,

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

AIREACHT UM TIUSCAL AGUS TRACHTAIL

(Ministry of Industry and Commerce),

Transport Department,

14 St. Stephen's Green, North,

DUBLIN.

19th November, 1923.

A. Chara,

Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

I have just completed a careful inspection of the Permanent Way of this Tramway, during which I walked the whole distance from Terenure to Blessington, and I regret to have to report that I found it to be in a very bad state of repair. The Wicklow end of the line is in no worse condition than any other portion.

The general alignment is irregular, particularly on the northern half of the line, and the running top surface of the rails all through is very uneven.

There are a great many old and defective sleepers and worn and inefficient fish plates in the Line, as well as a scarcity of ballast in many places, but the bad condition of the Permanent Way is not so much due to these faults as to a general lack of ordinary surface-work. The greater

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length of the Tramway is overgrown with weeds, and in many places it is quite apparent that no attempt has been made to lift and pack the Line for several years.

With the exception of a squad of men engaged in relaying a short section of Line between Terenure and Templeogue, and another squad of four men at Blessington, I found only two surface men at work on the Permanent Way, one at Tallaght and one at Brittas. These two men have each charge of 5 or 5½ miles of Way, and working alone, they can only see that the gauge is kept correct and that the fish-bolts are kept tight.

It will necessitate considerable outlay in labour and materials to put the Permanent Way into the condition in which it should be for the safe and proper working of the traffic, but I doubt if it is worth spending the money if the Company do not intend to see that regular milesmen, working in gangs of four, are employed on the proper maintenance of the Line. If this is not done periodic expenditure will have to continue to make good the present system of half-hearted maintenance.

Rails.—The rails are of the flat-bottomed type, laid down in 1887, and weigh 50 lbs to the yard. They are of Barrow Steel and do not show much sign of wear. They are, in my opinion, capable of carrying the existing traffic for many years, but they are liable to take a permanent "set" if more attention is not given to the maintaining of a good running top, by the regular lifting and packing of the road bed. I observe that new 60 lb steel rails were being laid down between Terenure and Templeogue. In my opinion the purchase of new rails is an unnecessary expenditure. It is the practice with other Baronially Guaranteed lines to purchase second-hand rails from the large Railway Companies.

Fastenings.—A great many of the original flanged fish-plates are still in the Line, and they have become so worn that they lie close into the web of the rail and do not support its head at the joints. These constitute one of the chief weaknesses on the Line, and should be removed, and new plates, which will properly support the joints, substituted. Over 1,500 pairs of new fish plates are required. The new plates should be fastened with patent lock-out bolts.

Sleepers.—A great many new sleepers have been put into the track during the last two or three years, but I calculate it will require 4,000 more to put the Line into good condition. I observed that many of the new sleepers have been cut by the wheel flanges of derailed wagons. I was told that derailments are very common, particularly with Dublin United Tramway wagons which are often run over the Line. The Company have adopted the use of steel sole-plates between the rail and the sleeper, and this should be continued as their use tends to lengthen the life of the sleeper.

Ballast.—Ballast is very scarce on most of the Line, particularly from about the 7½ mile post to Blessington, and I calculate it will be necessary to provide for the whole Line about 7,000 cubic yards.

I estimate it will require at least £6,000 to restore the Permanent

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Way of the Tramway to a proper and sufficient state of Maintenance.

Mise le Meas,
(Signed),

T. M. BATCHEN,

The Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Industry and Commerce,
Transport Department,
14 St. Stephen's Green, North,
DUBLIN.

Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Report on Financial Position.

The Accounts of the Tramway Company have been examined for the 6 months ending 30th June, 1923, and also for the 4 months from 1st July to 31st October, 1923, and after estimating for the two remaining months of the current half-year the results for the respective periods with observations thereon are set out hereunder, viz.:-

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Loss on Working.
	£	£	£
Half-year to 30th June, 1923	5,471	9,345	3,874
Half-year to 31st December, 1923 (estd.).	6,000	9,500	3,500
Total for year 1923	£11,471	£18,845	£7,374

For the purpose of comparison the results of working for the years 1917 to 1922 are shown below, viz.:-

	Receipts.	Expenditure	Loss on Working.
	£	£	£
Year 1917	7,188	17,020	9,832
„ 1918	15,413	18,424	3,011
„ 1919	10,970	22,337	11,367
„ 1920	11,796	27,320	15,524
„ 1921	12,178	22,554	10,376
„ 1922	11,694	18,923	7,229

In regard to the year 1923 the loss on working of £3,874 for the first half of the year was met by appropriating a corresponding sum out of the lump sum Compensation paid to the Company under the Irish Railways (Settlement of Claims) Act, 1921, and consequently the Guaranteeing Areas have been called upon to meet only the Interest on the Guaranteed Shares. After this appropriation a balance of £3,742 remains and this amount will cover the estimated loss in working of £3,500 for the half-

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year ending 31st December next, leaving the Interest on the Guaranteed Shares for that period to be met by the Guaranteeing Areas.

Receipts.—In connection with the Receipts for the year 1923 it will be observed that there is no striking fluctuation compared with those for the four preceding years. The abnormal Receipts for the year 1918 were attributable largely to the conveyance of Workmen, etc., in connection with the construction of Cookstown Aerodrome and also to an increase of 50 per cent in Passenger Fares as from 1st June in that year. Passenger Fares were again increased in August, 1920, to 100 per cent over pre-war Fares and Goods and Live Stock Rates were increased in January and September of the same year up to at least 120 per cent over pre-war Rates. From the following Table for years 1920 to 1923 it will be seen that while the Company is maintaining its position as regards the number of Passengers carried there is a decided falling off in Merchandise, etc. Traffic, particularly Coal and Other Minerals. In the case of Coal it is understood that this Traffic is now conveyed largely by Motor Lorry and the decrease in Mineral Traffic is mainly attributable to the closing of the De Selby Quarries from July, 1922, viz.:-

Year	Passengers Number	Goods Tons	Coal Tons	Other Minerals Tons	Live Stock Number.
1920	163,914	4,722	3,726	16,062	5,487
1921	144,326	3,921	798	14,190	5,053
1922	176,779	3,043	930	10,526	4,968
1923 (10 months)	182,166	2,570	526	3,783	2,873

The average Receipt per Route Mile for the year 1922 was £754 and on the estimate for the year 1923, practically the same Receipt per mile will be earned. Comparing this with an average of £2,225 for the Railways in An Saorstát in the year 1922, which was by no means a favourable period on the Railways, it will be evident that the traffic density on the Blessington Tramway is extremely low. The main source of Revenue is from Passenger Traffic and on the experience of the past number of years it is considered notwithstanding the falling off in Goods, etc. Traffic, that annual earnings of approximately £12,000/13,000 will be maintained in future provided that strong road motor opposition is not instituted.

Expenditure.—The Expenditure Account from the 1st January to 31st October, 1923, was closely analysed and attention is called to the following charges of an administrative nature and other abnormal items, viz.:-

Cost of Administration, etc.—Per annum, £2,835.

This expenditure representing 15 per cent of the total expenditure and 25 per cent of the Total Receipts covers the Interim Manager and his Legal Adviser, A Manager, Secretary, Loco Superintendent, Arbitrators, Auditors, County Surveyor's Fees and Clerical Staff.

Maintenance of Permanent Way and Rolling Stock.—Expenditure of a special nature has been incurred under these heads, the cost to end of October reaching approximately £4,246.

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The work as will be seen from the following details are mainly in connection with the renewal of permanent way, the re-building of a carriage, repairs and painting of sheds and the purchase of workshop machinery :—

New Rails	95 tons	£981	0	0
Sleepers	3,482 No.	£1,048	0	0
Fastenings	25 tons (approx)	£450	0	0
Stones and Ballasting	210 „	£106	0	0
Sheds repaired and painted		£227	0	0
Carriage rebuilt by contract		£377	0	0
Wheels and Axles		£106	0	0
Additional Workshop Machinery		£193	0	0
Workshop Machinery and Plant repaired		£258	0	0
Wages of Temporary men engaged in relaying work (estimated)		£500	0	0
		£4,246	0	0

In connection with the Expenditure generally it was stated by the Manager that an amount of £578 had been incurred in making good malicious damage in the current year and for which Compensation has not yet been recovered.

Other Expenditure—The cost of Printing and Stationery for the 10 months to 31st October, 1923, amounted to £283, and the annual premiums for Insurance totalled £320.

The consumption of locomotive coal for the 10 months to 31st October, was 596 tons costing £1,317 or an average of 44/3 per ton the consumption representing 22 lbs per engine mile.

General Observations on the Expenditure.—

The cost of administration of the Tramway is very extravagant and substantial economies could be effected under this head. In addition to the Interim Manager, and his Adviser, whose combined remuneration in the year 1922 amounted to £388, there are three whole-time officials—a Manager, who also acts as Civil Engineer, a Secretary and a Loco. Engineer, receiving salaries totalling £1,246 per annum. One whole-time Officer and a competent Assistant should it be considered, be able to efficiently control an Undertaking like the Dublin and Blessington Tramway. The Accountancy work of the Company entails the assistance of 3 lady clerks, and is capable of considerable simplification with resultant economy in Staff. Two booking Clerks and an Inspector, whose duties are somewhat analogous to those of a Station Master are employed at Terenure, and with proper re-organisation the work could be carried out by two of a staff. In addition to the Company's Depots at Terenure, Brittas and Blessington, there are 5 other Agencies on the system where rent for use of premises and a commission on receipts for Passengers and Goods bookings is paid. On the facts submitted the work of booking Passengers at Brittas and at the Agencies could quite as readily be performed by the Guards on the Trams, and so far as Brittas is concerned, the Revenue from other Traffic conveyed to and from this point would not meet the expense of maintaining the Depot. It is thought that if an arrangement were made for the Guards to book Passengers at all points

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except Terenure and Blessington it would be possible and also more economical for the Company to dispense with some of the Agencies referred to. The present arrangement under which certain Passengers may book at the points referred to or on the Tram is not satisfactory, and the adoption of the foregoing suggestion would lead not only to economy, but also to avoid, to a large extent, the overlapping system of collecting fares. In this connection it should be remarked that the Company do not employ a Ticket Inspector for the purpose of insuring that tickets are correctly issued to the Passengers and brought to account, and in the absence of such an Inspector the system is open to abuse, with consequent loss of Revenue to the Company.

It is somewhat difficult to criticise the expenditure on the Maintenance of the Tramway Track as there is no other lines of a similar character with which a reliable comparison can be made. The line consists of 16 miles, 78 chains of single tracks and is situated on the public highway and the expenditure entailed is merely on maintenance and renewal of the rails, sleepers and roadbed. On this work alone the sum of £16,020 (Wages £10,073, Materials £5,947) has been spent during the four years ended 1922, representing an average annual expenditure of £236 per mile of single track. The average for the same period for the maintenance of the Great Southern and Western Railway track—which is of course an extreme comparison—was £231. It seems extraordinary that after such expenditure and further abnormal expenditure in the current year, that the Engineer has to report that the Line is at present in a very bad condition of repair, and that an additional sum of at least £3,000 is required to restore it to a proper state of maintenance. During the current year 14 permanent and 6 to 12 temporary men are engaged on work connected with the Maintenance of the Track.

The average annual expenditure per effective unit of locos, carriages and wagons for the four years ended 1922 compared with similar averages for the Waterford and Tramore Railway Company, which is a well maintained undertaking and carries a much larger volume of traffic than the Dublin and Blessington Tramway is set out below, viz :—

	Locos.	Carriages	Wagons.
	£	£	£
Dublin and Blessington	664	78	31
Waterford and Tramore	279	29	24

The Dublin and Blessington figures exclude expenditure on the purchase of new wagons and the annual charges in respect of the hire purchase of two petrol electric cars acquired for £5,677 in 1915, the final instalment of £888 being charged in 1922. It is evident from the above figures that the work in connection with maintenance of the rolling stock is not being conducted upon an economical basis, and a re-organisation of this Department appears to be essential. Substantial expenditure under these heads has taken place during the current year, and the Manager states that in addition to one carriage maliciously destroyed a further carriage requires to be rebuilt at an estimated cost of £400, and that heavy repairs are necessary to two boilers at an estimated cost of £1,400.

The workshop Staff at Templeogue under the Loco Superintendent

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total 20 employees, viz :—

1 clerk	1 bodymaker	1 improver
1 charge hand	1 wagon builder	4 apprentices
2 fitters	1 viceman	1 painter
2 smiths	2 helpers	1 car examiner
1 boiler-maker	1 gas engine driver	

Notwithstanding the employment of this Staff and the plant available in the Workshops the rebuilding of two carriages was recently performed by an outside Contractor at a cost of £757. It is a question for technical determination whether it would not be much more economical for the Workshops at Templeogue to be used solely for running repairs and for work of a heavy nature to be executed by arrangement with the Dublin United Tramways Company and a Dublin Railway Company.

In regard to Operating Expenses the consumption and cost of Fuel for Locomotive Running for the ten months ended 31st October of the current year is previously dealt with. The coal contracts it is understood are arranged by competitive tenders and deliveries are effected by Motor Lorry to Templeogue. No proper Stock Account of coal is kept nor the supplies to the Locos. measured or weighed out. The records of such supplies are in the nature of estimates and the system can only be regarded as loose.

The consumption of lubricating oil for locomotive purposes appear to be very abnormal. For the ten months ended 31st October of the current year the average quantity used per 100 engine miles was 16 pints against an average on the Railways for the year 1922 of 6.78 pints. Water for locomotive purposes cost £195 in the year 1922 representing an average cost of £39 per engine compared with an average of £8 on the Tralee and Dingle Railway and the County Donegal Lines.

Printing, Stationery and Advertising cost £259 for the year 1922 and £283 for the 10 months to the 31st October, 1923, and economies appear to be possible under these heads. Insurance premiums for the year 1923 totalled £320 and it is a matter for consideration whether such a recurring expense is prudent. It may be observed that the weighbridge at Terenure is covered by Insurance, a very unusual proceeding, and that the two petrol cars, which it is understood are out of use and should be disposed of, are also covered by Insurance.

In connection with the issue of Materials the Company's practice is to charge the purchases direct to Revenue as they arise and at the end of each accounting period Revenue is credited with the value of the stores on hand. This system while simple in operation provides no adequate check on this important item of expenditure. There appears to be no reason why proper stock accounts should not be kept by the Locomotive Clerk at Templeogue and those duties should be carried out in addition to those already performed by him.

The future position of the Company seems to be a hopeless one if the present administration and system of working is continued and under it there would appear to be no possibility of the line being kept open with out a large demand being made upon the Guaranteeing Areas for losses in working. It is considered, however, subject to the availability of funds necessary to put the line and rolling stock into a good condition of repair,

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and a thorough re-organisation of the Tramway Company, that the necessary working expenses could, with due vigilance and the co-operation of all concerned be kept within the limits of the estimated future Revenue of £12,000 to £13,000 per annum.

I should like to acknowledge the courtesy which I received from the Secretary and Manager during the course of the investigation and the frank manner in which all necessary information was placed before me. 19th November, 1923.

(Signed) J. GAULT.

November 16th, 1923.

Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

My examination of the economy of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway is directed to the field of its activities, the manner in which the object of its existence—viz., transport, is attained, and its capacity for continuing to achieve that object.

A survey of its organisation and transport out-put and an estimation of the traffic value of the area served lead one to enquire how the call on the guarantee can have been kept within favourable limits in pre-war years having regard to the quantity of train service provided, and to assume that, in common with many other baronial-guaranteed transport undertakings in Ireland, the quality of the service and the standard of maintenance of the whole concern must have been very low, with consequent cumulative ill effect largely contributing to the present position.

Area Served.

The district through which the line passes is thinly populated, the most important places reached directly, apart from the City of Dublin itself, and the adjoining townships, being Tallaght and Blessington with populations in the neighbourhood of 300 each, while Ballymore-Eustace with a population of 500 is situated a mile and a half from the Blessington and Poulaphouca line. The total population of the area outside Dublin to which the line may be said to be of use would be probably 6,000 or 7,000 at most.

Apart from agriculture, there is little industry. There is a military camp at Tallaght and a Dublin Corporation Sanatorium at Crooksling. There was formerly a British military camp in the neighbourhood of Brittas. The only material development that appears to have taken place within the history of the line was the opening of the De Selby Quarry about 6½ miles from Terenure, but that has been closed for the past fifteen months in consequence of an injunction obtained by the holder of adjoining property into which stones were thrown by the blasting in the quarry. It is understood that the re-opening is under consideration. Sand-pits are worked at Blessington, and a woollen mill exists at Ballymore-Eustace.

The Dublin end of the line attracts Sunday and holiday pleasure travel and the Wicklow end is resorted to for sporting purposes. Poulaphouca is also, of course, a pleasure resort.

It is said that the opening of the Poulaphouca line extended the field of the Blessington undertaking's activities to an area that would

otherwise be served largely, though less conveniently, by the Harristown Station of the Great Southern and Western Railway.

Traffic.

The traffic may be regarded as falling roughly into two divisions: one—passengers, mails, parcels, perishables, goods and live stock, incidental to the ordinary service of the community—what may be termed “business” traffic; and the other passenger traffic of a “leisure” character—the attraction of the city population to the country (including traffic to Poulaphouca) and of the rural population (including military from Tallaght) to the city.

The total traffic carried in the years 1921 and 1922 was:—

	1921.		1922.	
	Numbers.	Receipts.	Numbers.	Receipts.
Passenger Train Traffic		£		£
Passengers	157,526	6,589	186,979	6,987
Mails	—	604	—	554
Parcels, Perishables, &c.	—	382	—	531
	Tons.	Receipts.	Tons.	Receipts.
Goods Train Traffic		£		£
Coal and Coke	788	298	930	314
Sand	7,607	1,654	6,956	843
Stone	6,404		3,564	265
Other Goods	4,100	2,153	3,049	1,687
Total Tonnage	18,909		14,499	
	Numbers.	Receipts.	Numbers.	Receipts.
		£		£
Live Stock	5,053	406	4,968	513
TOTAL RECEIPTS	—	12,086	—	11,594

Return passengers are each counted as two and season-ticket holders are included on the basis of 600 single journeys per annum.

Of the total passengers carried in 1922—186,979—54,363 (receipts, £2 231), were carried on Sundays and Bank Holidays. It would probably be conservative to assume that the number of leisure passengers on Saturday afternoons and other week evenings would be two-thirds of this number—about 36,000 and the receipts £1,200. About half of the passenger receipts accrue, therefore, from what I have described as business traffic, and the total traffic receipts for 1922—viz., £11,594, may be roughly divided as £8,163 business, and £3,431 leisure, with the probability that the latter is much greater.

The average passenger fares per single journey, 1st and 3rd Class combined, on the entire passenger traffic of the line for 1921 and 1922 were 10·73d and 9·35d, respectively. When it is borne in mind that the ordinary 3rd Class single fare between Terenure and Tallaght is 8d, and between Terenure and Blessington 3s, the extent to which the traffic within a short distance to and from Dublin preponderates both in business and leisure passenger traffic will be recognised.

The years 1921 and 1922 were disturbed years from the traffic point of view, and this factor affected leisure travelling much more than business. Normally, there is a fair excursion traffic to Poulaphouca, but the total of 24,000 passengers carried on the Poulaphouca line in 1913—the greater part of which was pleasure traffic—became 5,843 in 1921 and 8,251 in 1922. It is understood that this year the traffic has shown signs of revival, the August Bank Holiday numbers being as good as before the war, and this is probably a traffic capable of development if steps are taken locally to attract it and cater for it adequately, as is the pleasure traffic in the neighbourhood of Dublin.

Public and private road vehicles for goods traffic have taken away a substantial portion of the tramway's goods business, notably coal for Saggart and sand from Blessington. The latter has now almost disappeared, being catered for by some half-dozen Motor Lorries.

The sand from Blessington and the stone from the de Selby Quarry, when open, were capable of being carried through to any part of the Dublin United Tramway Company's system, the threads and flanges of the wheels of the particular wagons used having been accommodated to the city rails (the gauge being the same), an arrangement which, however, could not be extended generally to the Blessington rolling stock.

The rates for the stone and the sand to Terenure before the European war were 10d and 1s 8d per ton, respectively. During the period of British Government control of transport undertakings they were increased in common with railway rates, reaching in 1920 the level of 120 per cent. over pre-war. Immediately after the discontinuance of control these particular increased rates were reduced to 1s 6d and 2s 4d per ton, respectively.

The tramway rates generally were not increased by the 4 per cent. and 10 per cent. added to railway rates in 1913 and 1916 (1920 in the South of Ireland), but were increased by the 120 per cent. added in 1920, still largely retained, and their passenger fares were increased by the general 100 per cent.

The traffic in General Goods and in Live Stock is practically all between Dublin and the Blessington end of the line.

There is no doubt that the traffic incidental to the everyday life of the area served would not of itself warrant the establishment and working of a self-contained line any part of the Capital of which was expected to earn a dividend independently of guarantees. It is also obvious that the Blessington end of the line could not hope to have rail communication with Dublin at all were it not for the comparatively dense traffic at the Dublin end, which is doubtless the reason for the relatively greater burden undertaken by the Wicklow than by the Dublin baronies in the division of the guarantee between them.

The pleasure traffic does not greatly affect the general business of the district, as there is little opportunity provided for spending money. The chief utility of this traffic to the district is in respect of the guarantee.

It is clear that, taking the traffic of the line as a whole, there is quite a good business for some form of organised transport, and that without some such public utility a poor area would be very much poorer.

Road Competition.

The traffic of the district is peculiarly susceptible to diversion to road, and there is no doubt that the distance between the tramway and outlying places on the one hand and between the terminus at Terenure and the heart of the City on the other, together with the comparatively short distance by road direct, have tended appreciably to narrow the scope of the undertaking's utility for bulk goods and, with the growth of private road conveyances, even for passengers. Public road conveyances for ordinary business passenger traffic had not appeared up to this week, but it is understood that one has now commenced to operate.

For this traffic and for general goods, public road services would be under the same disadvantage as the tramway from the scattered nature of the field, and would have many of the same difficulties in the operation of traffic—return loads, stiff gradients, &c. It is doubtful whether road vehicles can continue to compete successfully in the matter of transport cost for any length of time with an efficient rail system, if their charges are sufficient to provide for depreciation and proper maintenance and for an adequate contribution to the exceptional wear and tear of roads occasioned by them. The flexibility of road transport is of course in its favour; vehicles are not tied to any road in particular. There are many considerations determining the relative advantages of rail and road conveyance which cannot be measured in terms of money and which vary with every case, but the primary consideration is certainly cost of the service to the public.

In all probability the Blessington Steam Tramway would not now be constructed, even at 1888 costs, if it did not exist to-day. It must be remembered, however, that public road services run by private enterprise—probably by a number of separate undertakers—and under no public control such as exists in the case of the tramway would be likely to cater only for such portions of the traffic as might be expected to yield attractive profits continuously. The "business" traffic of the Blessington end of the line is by far the least economical from the transport point of view.

There is a widespread opinion that the tramway is a crazy, out-of-date institution, and ought to be scrapped, but I think it performs a real service in the economy of a poor area which would not be so completely performed by road services. It appears to me that, if the working cost can be reduced by the greatest exercise of economy and the adoption of any new expedients likely to save money or to attract traffic so that the undertaking can be made to pay at least its working expenses, it would be better that the line should continue to be worked and that the ratepayers should take an active interest in seeing that it is used, particularly for goods traffic consigned to them, than that it should be closed down. The latter course, I take it, would involve the raising of a loan to redeem the guaranteed shares and the repayment of principal and interest over a long period of years, or the payment of the full guaranteed dividend in perpetuity, and in addition the making and proper maintenance of adequate roads for heavy motor traffic. The former course appears to involve some special expenditure in the immediate future, as we shall see. With this introduction of the desirability of keeping the line open, the internal working and economy may be considered.

Train Service.

The Steam Tramway 15 miles 73 chains in length, was authorised by Orders in Council of 1880 and 1887 under the Tramways (Ireland) Acts, and there appears always to have been an idea that, as a tramway, there was some kind of implication that a more or less periodical service should be given throughout the day. I gather also that consideration for baronial ratepayers and their guarantee has also had some effect on the service apart from what the economic value of the traffic demanded from the capabilities of the concern.

The existence of a guarantee given on behalf of ratepayers as a whole does not warrant departure from working on the strictest commercial lines so far as that can be secured. Otherwise the guarantee becomes in part at least a definite subsidy. That the subsidy was not called on to any appreciable extent is doubtless due to the low standard of maintenance, of which there are several other examples in guarantee areas in the country, and which Mr. Batchen's report of the 13th instant confirms.

The present winter time table shows three passenger-carrying trains each way daily on week-days and Sundays between Dublin and Blessington, and there is a goods train each way on three days a week, the passenger-carrying trains also taking goods. In summer, the goods train also becomes a passenger-carrying train and runs daily. The Dublin and Blessington service, therefore, apart from what may be termed the local services, accounts for roughly 43,000 train miles per annum. The train miles run in 1921 and 1922 were 54,621 and 59,437, respectively, and even allowing for interruptions of the time-table in those years, the proportion of the total transport output devoted to the Blessington service appears to be quite out of relation to the proportion of the traffic involved.

It is quite realised that there are many difficulties in the way of economical working. The principal are—the unequal density of traffic at the two ends of the line which makes it difficult to reduce the already small staff of four train crews; the impracticability of working the Blessington service from the Blessington end instead of from Templeogue where the only engine shed is situated; the limitation of the engine load to 30 tons gross up the gradient between Jobstown and Crooksling; the absence of return loads for general goods wagons; and the fact that much of the passenger traffic is in one direction only at particular periods of the day.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, it should be possible to give as satisfactory a service between Dublin and Blessington as can be expected in all the circumstances with very much less train mileage, and consequently diminution of locomotive running expenses and wear and tear of rolling stock. Train miles should not, of course, be run merely to give a train crew something to do, and the present Manager has, I think, done all he could do to get rid of objectional features of the working except in the matter of the too liberal "business" services for passengers where the bad precedents existing seem to need intervention of the Interim Management.

It appears to me that Blessington and the Poulaphuca line cannot expect more, having regard to the volume of their traffic, than a mixed goods and passenger service each way in the morning and in the afternoon on week days. An occasional additional train might be necessary on a particular day and perhaps in only one direction as a loaded train. A

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goods train would probably be required frequently if not regularly, but both the mixed trains and the goods could be fitted in with the local services, reducing them somewhat, but without greatly disturbing the present general timings of the business services. The result should be to save one train crew and many train miles.

The Cork and Muskerry Railway Company, excluding the Donoughmore Extension which they work, have many points of similarity with the Blessington economy. Their passenger traffic in 1922 was 220,683, of which a large proportion was local between Cork and Blarney. Their Goods traffic was 10,473 tons and their live stock 12,109 head. Their scheduled service throughout the year between Cork and Coachford, 17½ miles, was three mixed goods and passenger trains in one direction and two in the other, with an occasional additional train to accommodate special traffic on a particular day. The last regular train from Coachford to Cork was and still is 3.15 p.m. and from Cork to Coachford 5.0 p.m.

With regard to Sundays there is no regular service in winter or summer between Cork and Coachford, and in other parts of the country the only Sunday trains run are guaranteed excursions. I think nothing should be run beyond Cooksling on Sundays that is not calculated to repay amply its full share of the cost of providing the service under every head. This would greatly facilitate the working of the short distance traffic to and from Terenure, which of course would tend to encourage it.

I attach a Table containing some comparative traffic and service statistics with other small lines.

Traffic Arrangements other than Service

The booking of passengers is performed partly by agents who are allowed a small commission, and partly by the guards of the trains. Certain of the agents are also paid a small annual sum for looking after the goods and parcels business and providing accommodation for them.

Of the 54,363 passengers carried on Sundays and Bank Holidays in 1922, 20,841 were booked by guards and it is desirable that the small commissions should be saved. The booking of the heaviest trains at least at Terenure and, perhaps, at Blessington might continue to be done in the booking offices. There is, however, no arrangement for checking tickets and there appears to be a need for inspection such as takes place on the Dublin and South Eastern Railways trains between Harcourt Street and Bray on which conductors issue tickets. The inspectors at Terenure and Blessington would take up the cash, look after all the booking of passengers, goods and parcels, and superintend the outside work, leaving staff corresponding to the two booking clerks at present at Terenure available to cover checking on all the trains in the day, and to secure the observance of time-keeping and good outdoor working generally.

I do not think the facilities for goods and parcels traffic should be curtailed in any way.

The arrangement for division of through traffic receipts and working expenditure between the Poulaphouca and Blessington lines seems to call for comment. In regard to expenditure, the Poulaphouca line pays its own cost of permanent way labour and of the materials supplied to it by the Blessington undertaking. Locomotive running expenses and

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maintenance of rolling stock are charged on the basis of through train mileage, the Blessington Company's mileage being increased for the purpose by roughly one-fourth. This arrangement is exceptionally favourably to the Poulaphouca line, particularly having regard to the fact that through traffic receipts are divided on the basis of one-third to the Poulaphouca line and two-thirds to the Blessington line. Some inducement to the former is no doubt necessary to keep it open and the whole thing is very small at present, but in an undertaking where every small thing counts it is desirable that this should be closely investigated to determine whether too much is not being paid for a very doubtful benefit.

Staff.

The employees generally appear to enjoy the eight-hours day without any modification such as has been adopted to meet the circumstances of other small undertakings, and it would appear that in re-arrangements of duties with a view to economy there is room for some accommodation in this respect. The present services and arrangements do not lend themselves, no doubt, to a more satisfactory relation between the cost of labour and the duties performed.

Permanent Way.

Of the other branches of the organisation contributing to the general object, the permanent way reported on by Mr Batchen seems to present a problem which will be a large part of the financial consideration likely to arise. An immediate expenditure of £6,000 and proper maintenance in future involve an apparent increase rather than a reduction in expenditure, but in all probability the result of an improved road on the working and the wear and tear of rolling stock will be far-reaching. There seems to be a need for close attention to securing full value for any money spent.

Rolling Stock.

If a capital sum can be provided for the permanent way it is desirable to consider the acquisition of one or two light petrol cars capable of performing a fast frequent service for short distances. Possibly the disposal of the existing unused petrol cars of very heavy and evidently unsatisfactory type would assist this object.

Any expedient that will economically get away from the steam working is to be sought after.

The carriage and wagon establishment on which Mr. Gault is dilating in his report appears to present a serious problem. The staff of 20, the letting out of all serious work to contract, and the marked difference between the unit costs of rolling stock maintenance as compared with other small lines, indicate the existence of a big possibility of saving.

The reduction of the whole maintenance establishment to a minor repair business and the performance of the bulk of the work by one of the railway companies and the Dublin United Tramways Company should be investigated by the Management.

Administration

Mr. Gault deals with the cost of administration. I entirely agree with his general conclusion that it is out of all proportion to the merits of the case.

The Manager and Secretary with whom we came in contact were very helpful in the investigation and placed all necessary information at our disposal. I was somewhat surprised at the manner in which the traffic working has been fined down so far as the general policy of the undertaking permitted.

F. FLYNN.

COMPARISON OF THE DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY'S OFFICE AND TRAIN AND ENGINE MILEAGE WITH THOSE OF THE CORK AND MUSKERRY RAILWAY (excluding the Donoughmore Extension) FOR THE YEARS 1921 & 1922.

	Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway		Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway		Cork and Muskerry Railway, excluding Donoughmore Extension.	
	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922
Length, miles	16	16	16	16	17½	17½
Engine Mileage	65,700	73,647	79,276	54,636	48,296	40,698
Loaded Train Mileage	51,621	59,437	62,022	44,772	43,579	37,518
Traffic :						
Passengers, including season-ticket holders at 600 single journeys per annum	157,526	186,979	^a 707,533	^b 354,810	266,967	220,683
Goods, tons	18,909	14,499	7,737	3,655	17,969	10,473
Live Stock, numbers	5,053	4,968	4,750	3,053	19,105	12,109

Traffic Receipts—

	£	£	£	£	£	£
Passengers ...	6,589	6,987	24,090	14,628	10,604	8,110
Parcels, Perishables, &c.	382	531	1,936	696	1,922	1,103
Mails ...	604	554	103	95	—	24
Goods ...	4,105	3,109	4,159	2,140	6,631	3,821
Live Stock ...	406	413	277	172	1,126	715
Total ...	12,086	11,594	30,565	17,731	20,288	13,779

^a Including Workmen—Nos. 159,288 ; Receipts, £2,539

^b Including Workmen—Nos. 29,292 ; Receipts, £535

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

“ Resolved—Having had under consideration the Comprehensive Report of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, prepared by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce at the request of the Representatives of Dublin and Wicklow in informal conference—we, the Wicklow County Council, would hereby ask Dublin County Council in the event of it being decided to continue to run the Tramway, to accept responsibility for three-quarters of all charges in respect to the Tramway, in view of the fact that only 4½ miles runs through Co. Wicklow, while 10½ miles runs through Co. Dublin, and also of the fact that the rateable guaranteeing area in Co. Wicklow is only one-fourth of the rateable guaranteeing area in Co. Dublin.”

Passed.

The Council read and noted the views of the Directors of the Dublin United Tramways Company, which accompanied the letter from the Town Clerk of Dublin, dated the 3rd October, 1923, following the conference held under the auspices of Dublin Corporation on the 20th August, 1923, when a Report was submitted dealing with the question of utilising the water-power of the Liffey for the development of Electrical Power.

A letter from the City Electrical Engineer, Dublin Electricity Department, dated the 4th September, 1923, and the letter from the Town Clerk, Dublin, dated the 5th December, with enclosures, relative to Liffey water-power investigation, were also read and noted.

The Council again postponed consideration of the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, requesting the Council to make arrangements for the discharge of their duties under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.

University College,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin, 1/10/'23.

Report on work done for County Wicklow for Quarter ended 30/9/'23 :—

FOR BRAY U.D.C. :—
29 samples of milk ... 7 condemned.
6 samples of ice-cream ... All genuine.

FOR ARKLOW U.D.C. :—
3 samples of water ... 1 condemned.

FOR CO. WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH :—
10 samples of drugs ... 1 condemned.

FOR WICKLOW AND ARKLOW THROUGH D.A.T.I. :—
8 samples of butter ... All genuine

(Signed), JOHN KEANE.

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The following Report from the Council's Caretaker of Baltinglass Workhouse was submitted:—

Baltinglass, 16/11/'23.

To P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The military at present stationed in Baltinglass old Workhouse are burning the woodwork in the unoccupied parts of the building. I have seen them carrying the boards and other timber to the parts of the building which they occupy. I reported the matter to the Commanding Officer, but it still continues.

If I might make a suggestion, I think it would be well to ask the Military Authorities to formally take over the whole buildings (which is practically the case at present), while they are in occupation at all, so that they would be responsible for any damage done to the buildings.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed), P. FURLONG.

The Chairman, at the request of the Council, undertook to bring the Report under the notice of the Minister of Defence.

Proposed by Councillor S. Turner;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

“Resolved—That this Council favourably views the proposal to establish Rural Libraries throughout the County, under the Carnegie Trust Scheme, and we undertake to do all in our power at a later date to make the scheme a success.

Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

From the Ministry of Local Government:—

G.32998/1923, 8th September, 1923—regretting inability to be of service in connection with claims of Rate Collectors interned or on the run during troubled times, as there appears to be no Statutory Authority under which the Council could make payments.

ORDER. Referred to Finance Committee.

L.G.34798, 8th September, 1923—regarding claims of Local Authorities in connection with the occupation of Workhouses by British Crown Forces, also file of letters and returns from County Surveyor, from the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, and from the Secretary of the County Board of Health, *re same*.

G.38956/1923, 24th September, 1923—requesting the Council to communicate by letter to the Department any resolution of the

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Council requiring sanction, or in regard of which any expression of opinion is desired, in addition to transmitting the usual copy of the Council's Minutes at an early date after each meeting.

No. 30783/1923, 29th September, 1923—Sealed Order fixing Newcastle Dispensary District as the area of charge for the expenses of improving the Sewerage System at Kilcool.

S.43443/1923, 29th October, 1923—stating that all Collectors who have not closed their warrants for the year ended 31st March, 1923, should be called upon to lodge the outstanding amounts forthwith with the Council's Treasurer, if they have not already done so.

M.15021/1923, 6th November, 1923—enclosing copy of Sealed Order made by the Minister under Sub-Section 2 of Section 1 of the Local Elections (Postponement) Act, 1922, postponing to the 31st December, 1923, the Statutory Elections of County Councillors, Rural District Councillors, and Guardians in Urban Districts.

D.B.202; Circular R.34; 12th November, 1923—requesting to be furnished with (1) a Return showing the Rate of Wages paid by the County Council to workers employed on roads (a) under the Direct Labour Schemes, and (b) in County Surveyor's hands; and also (2) to be furnished with detailed estimates prepared by the County Surveyor of the cost of repairing Destroyed and Damaged Bridges in the County.

ORDER. The Council note that the Returns asked for were transmitted to the Ministry on 14th November, 1923.

F.47537/1923, 16th November, 1923—stating that no steps need at present be taken in connection with the Election of Members of the County Council.

Circular R.35, 27th November, 1923—conveying the Ministry's views on Road Administration and the Council's responsibilities in that connection.

G.49892/1923—sanctioning the temporary employment of Mrs. Katie Doyle and Mr. F. Healy as Poor Rate Collectors for Nos. 5 and 6 Districts respectively.

3rd December, 1923, from Minister—Circular letter enclosing the President's letter of 12th October, 1923, regarding the settlement of all demobilised soldiers in civil life.

G.50875/1923, 4th December, 1923—on the necessity for economy in General Administration.

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Roinn na mBothar,
Cearnog Mhuirbhteann Theas, 65,
Baile Atha Cliath,
8th December, 1923.

R/SG/33

TRUNK ROAD GRANT OF £2,200.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, I am directed

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by the Minister for Local Government to state that the proposals of the Wicklow County Council (shown on Form 11) for the expenditure of the above-mentioned grant for trunk road improvement have been approved, subject, however, to the conditions that preference is given to demobilised men of the National Army, and that the wages of the labourers employed on the work do not exceed 5s. per day.

There would be no objection to the employment of civilians in the capacity of—

- (1) Ganger in Quarry.
- (2) Engine Driver; and
- (3) Ganger in charge of Rolling Squad.

Mise le meas,

M. DE LASAIGH,
Leas-Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

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

“Resolved—That we respectfully ask the Minister of Local Government to waive the point of a fixed wage of 5s. per day per man for all schemes executed by way of Government Grants, and that instead we ask him to enter into a conference with the officials of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union at Headquarters in Dublin, on this whole question of reducing wages of road workers in rural portions of this County. Further, this Council asks the Minister's permission to expend in the meantime at the usual rate of wage hitherto operating, the Grant of £2,200 which has been notified to the Council, and in respect to which the Council's scheme has been approved in the Ministry's letter of 8th December, 1923, No. R/SG/33.

Passed.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

2903, A., 11th September, 1923—enclosing list of articles which will have to be obtained for County Wicklow, with a view to providing, for the present, three sets of Sub-Standards only to be installed at Wicklow, Bray, and Dunlavin, respectively, leaving over to a future date the question of procuring additional sets, if and when required.

2469 A., 12th November, 1923—intimating that the Ministry propose to accept a tender amounting to £75 18s. 6d. for the supply of the list of articles referred to in the Ministry's letter of the 11th September, 1923.

24th November, 1923—further letter stating that the final figures of the tenders received by the Ministry show that Messrs.

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De Grave, Short and Company's tender is for the sum of £73 3s. 0d.

ORDER. The Tender of Messrs. De Grave, Short and Company, London, for the supply of the items required in County Wicklow for the sum of £73 3s. 0d. to be accepted by the Council, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to be asked to arrange matters accordingly.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

Enclosing copy of the Exportation of Animals (Irish Free State) Order, 1923, and a memorandum issued by the Department's Veterinary Branch in that connection.

S.S.121/33, 13th November, 1923—asking to be informed if the Council proposes to institute legal proceedings against Mr. Philip Keogh, Dunbur, Wicklow, and Mr. Frederick Beatty, Lisheen, Manor-Kilbride, for breaches of Article 1 of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order, 1905.

Letters dated 17th November, 1923, and 15th November, 1923, from Veterinary Inspectors S. Conway, V.S., and John Malone, V.S., reporting *re* same.

ORDER. Solicitor to take necessary action.

S.S.134/23.—Similar letter with regard to Mr. William Somers, Boglands, Arklow, together with Reports from S. Conway, V.S., and Civic Guard.

ORDER. Solicitor to take necessary action.

FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION.

27688/23, 10th September, 1923—intimating that the Commission has declared Mr. James Turner, Ballydoreen, Ashford, whose seat on the County Insurance Committee was recently declared vacant, re-appointed a member of the Committee.

27688/23, 10th September, 1923—intimating that the Commission has declared Messrs. Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Road, Bray, and M. Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, to be appointed members of the County Insurance Committee in succession to Messrs. Joseph Lynch and John Fleming.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

C.O., 761, September, 1923—giving the names and addresses of the new School Attendance Committee set up under the Irish Education Act, 1892, for the entire Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1.

23rd October, 1923—intimating that the Rev. P. Kavanagh,

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C.C., Hollywood, has been appointed a member of the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1, in succession to the Very Rev. W. Byrne, P.P., Valley-mount, Blessington, resigned.

6th December, 1923—asking to be furnished with the names of the Council's moiety of the School Attendance Committee for Shillelagh Rural District for the three years commencing 1st April, 1924.

FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

8th October, 1923, circular letter enclosing for the Council's information a number of leaflets and handbills dealing with the Saorstat Savings Certificates.

5th October, 1923—from J. R. Dagg, Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, intimating that the first meeting convened for the newly set up School Attendance Committee for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District fell through in the absence of a quorum.

17th November, 1923—suggesting the appointment of three Sub-Committees for the Rural District instead of one, as set up by the Council's Resolution.

16th November, 1923—letter from Rev. P. Kavanagh, C.C., Hollywood in support of the proposal to establish three Committees.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D. :—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the Resolution setting up a School Attendance Committee for the entire Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1 be rescinded, on the grounds that it has not been found to effectually meet local circumstances, and that instead the Council proceed to appoint three Sub-Committees to administer the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act in the whole Rural District of Baltinglass.

30th November, 1923—from P. Cunnam, Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, notifying the election of John J. Redmond as Chairman of that Council and the appointment of Mr. Patrick Lee, The Hotel, Delgany, as representative of the District Council on the County Council.

Mr. Lee, who was present at the meeting, signed before the Secretary the Statutory Declaration accepting office as County Councillor.

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FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT, J. H. McCARROLL, ESQ., SOLICITOR, CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

11th September, 1923—reporting on the hearing of cases instituted at Blessington Sessions Court by the Council against defaulting ratepayers in Numbers 5 and 6 Collecting Districts

24th September, 1923—giving the reasons why Civil Bills could not be served in ten cases against defaulting ratepayers listed for hearing at Blessington District Court.

6th October, 1923—with regard to the committal at Loughrea District Sessions of the three children Catherine, Mary and Bridget Cullen to St. Bridget's Industrial School, Loughrea, these children being stated to be chargeable to County Wicklow.

11th October, 1923—enclosing communication from the National Health Insurance Commission with regard to the Council's application for a decision on the question of the insurability under the National Health Insurance Acts of Carters employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

26th October, 1923—with regard to the collection of Poor Rates in respect of houses vacant in Collector P. J. Doyle's District (No. 7 Greystones).

30th October, 1923—enclosing for approval draft of an agreement to be entered into by Mr. Patrick Furlong, the newly-appointed Caretaker of Baltinglass Workhouse Premises.

ORDER. Draft Agreement, as submitted, approved.

3rd December, 1923, advising that the hearing of Malicious Injury Claims commenced on the 13th November and terminated on the 1st December, 1923, during which time 187 cases were heard and disposed of, and 98 cases have been adjourned.

20th November, 1923, reporting that the County Court Judge refused Garrett Corrigan's claim under the Workmen's Compensation Acts.

3rd December, 1923, enclosing for approval Drafts of three Agreements to be entered into in connection with the buildings in Baltinglass, Bray, and Dunlavin, used for Session Courts.

ORDER. Draft Agreements, as submitted, approved.

13th November, 1923, from S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor—returning file of documents connected with a gate missing from the lands belonging to the Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh, together with his report, following an investigation made in that connection.

13th September, 1923, from the Secretary Irish County Councils' General Council, 15, Parnell Square, E., Dublin—enclosing for the Council's information Minutes of Proceedings of that body at their Meeting held on the 11th July, 1923.

8th November, 1923, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow—intimating that

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the Department will not sanction a separate account being kept by that Committee for the purpose of showing how the monies raised by the Council by means of a rate for the sole purpose of teaching the Irish Language are being spent.

ORDER: Noted—a separate Form of Account to be kept in addition for inspection by the County Council when desired.

19th October, 1923, from the Secretary, University College, Dublin—reporting on the results of the examination of University Scholarship holders from County Wicklow.

18th September, 1928, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, Limited, 48 Dame Street, Dublin—directing the Council's attention to the fact that, where it is proposed to change insurance business from one company to another fourteen days' notice is necessary before a transfer can be affected.

From the Manager, Wicklow District Gas Company, Limited, Wicklow—strongly recommending gas consumers who meditate introducing Electric Light to maintain their gas fittings intact, and not allow them to be in any way dismantled by the fitters installing electricity.

6th November, 1923, from Mr. Dermot O'Grady, Secretary, Sinn Fein Club, Main Street, Wicklow—stating that in accordance with a Resolution passed by the Members of his Club he is forwarding for adoption by the Council the following resolution:—

“That we, the Wicklow County Council, decide to transact no further business until the prisoners are released.”

(Undated). From Mr. Michael Phelan, Secretary, Sinn Fein Club, Barndarrig—forwarding for adoption by the Council the following resolution passed unanimously at a recent meeting of the members of his Club:—

“(1) The members of the above Club view with horror the treatment accorded to political prisoners in jails and internment camps, in Ireland, North and South, and in England, and are resolved to aid them to secure their release.

“(2) With that end in view, they call on all public bodies in the Comhairle Ceanntair area to voice the indignation they as Irish people must feel, and to demand immediate and unconditional release of all the prisoners.

“(3) That the members of the above Club further request the said public bodies to suspend functioning until the prisoners are free, and also that copies of this resolution be sent to the Branch Secretaries of the I.T.G.W.U. in the Comhairle Ceanntair area to be dealt with.”

Adamstown, Co. Wexford,

November 28th, 1923.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of my relatives and myself, I beg to thank most sincerely the members of the Wicklow County Council for their kind message of sympathy on the death of the late Canon Staples.

Yours very truly,

NICHOLAS CODD, C.C.

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The Presbytery, Wicklow.

My dear Mr. Healy,

Will you please convey to the members of the Wicklow County Council our very best thanks for their kind vote of sympathy to us in the great loss we have sustained of our beloved and esteemed Parish Priest, Canon Staples.

With renewed thanks and all good wishes to your esteemed Council.

Sincerely yours,

M. J. COGAN, C.C.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

18th October, 1923, from Macroom Rural District Council—condemning the treatment of Republican Prisoners in Mountjoy, and refusing to transact any further business until such time as they are unconditionally released.

19th October, 1923, from the County Borough Council of Limerick—demanding the removal of the oath of allegiance; release of all Republican Prisoners in the Free State; release of all political prisoners in the six-county area and in Great Britain; and the withdrawal of arbitrary power of internment at present vested in the Minister of Defence.

6th November, 1923, resolution from Limerick County Council in exactly similar terms.

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The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 29th February, 1924.

The following members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors Andrew Kinsella, Riobard Bartun, Daniel Condren, W. Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, James Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, E. O'Neill, Peadar P. O'Raghallaigh, J. J. Redmond, Seamus Turner, B. Kelly, Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, James Everett, T.D., and Morgan Travers.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, Wicklow,
22nd February, 1924.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara.—It was found impossible to hold the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council which was fixed to take place on Monday, the 18th Feb, instant, owing to that entire day having been taken up by the Finance Committee in considering the Secretary's Estimates for the rates required to meet liabilities for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1925, in conference with representatives of the Farmers' Union, Cumann-na-nGael, and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

I have been directed to convene a Meeting of the Council to take place on Friday, the 29th February, instant, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 a.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend on the date and at the hour mentioned to transact the business set out on the printed agenda already circulated.

Le meap moir,

ir mipe,

P. T. HEALY, Secretary.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
2. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and the several Rural District Councils.
3. To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
4. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
5. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
6. To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
7. To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
8. To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1925.
9. To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable to ensure that all outstanding Poor Rates be lodged to credit of the Council

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prior to the 31st March, 1924, and to consider important correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government with regard thereto.

10. To make such arrangements as will place the Council in a position to finance the dependant Subsidiary Bodies, and to consider letters from the Ministry of Local Government and the County Board of Health in that connection.

11. To consider a communication from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department)—fixing 32s 6d as the Rate of Wage under the approved Scheme for expending the Road Fund Grant of £2,200 offered to the Council.

12. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe :—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some one for me, will move at next Quarterly Meeting of the Council that the System of Road Maintenance now operating be discussed with a view to amendment or alteration as economy may justify."

13. To pass a Resolution applying to the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) for an extension of the Limits of Road Expenditure in the several Rural Districts for the service of the Financial Year, 1924-1925.

14. To consider the question of filling the position of Assistant Surveyor in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and portion of Rathdrum Rural District, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E.

15. To receive the resignation of John Kane, Esq., M.Sc., A.I.C., University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, of his position as temporary analyst for Co. Wicklow, and to arrange for the continuation of such analyses as may be required.

16. To further consider ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath's claim to a Superannuation Allowance.

17. To further consider the Claims of ex-Poor Rate Collectors John Kelly and William J. Cardiff to Superannuation Allowances.

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D. :—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the Resolution setting up a School Attendance Committee for the entire Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1 be rescinded, on the grounds that it has not been found to effectually meet local circumstances, and that instead the Council proceed to appoint three Sub-Committees to administer the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act in the whole Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1."

19. To consider the following adjourned Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor M. Fleming :—"I beg to give Notice that I, or some Member for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that in cases where a change of the men employed on road-work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council

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to give preference to such married men with families be, and are, hereby, rescinded."

20. To consider the following adjourned Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Byrne :—"I beg to give Notice that I, or some one for me, will move at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Co. Council that, having regard to the systematic recurrence of strikes, and the consequent hold-up of business throughout Saorstát Éireann, the Government be requested to devise a Scheme to set up a Department to deal effectively with this all-important matter."

21. To consider a Resolution passed by Shillelagh Rural District Council asking to have the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act again put into operation in that Rural District.

22. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming :—"I hereby give Notice that at the Meeting to be held on the 18th February, 1924, I will move that the provisions of the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act be again put into operation in Shillelagh Rural District."

23. To consider the adjourned Circular Letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 5th October, 1923, No. 40,848-1923, urging the Council to take immediate steps to frame a County Tuberculosis Scheme with a view to providing complete and efficient arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis Patients in their areas.

24. To appoint three further Sergeants of the Civic Guard Inspectors of Food and Drugs.

25. To consider a communication from Dr. Henry Raverty, Hon. Secretary, County Wicklow Medical Committee, applying on behalf of that body for a reduction of the amount of Tax on Motor Vehicles to half the present rate.

26. To receive Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference connected with The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill.

27. To receive Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference connected with The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill.

28. To receive Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference connected with the East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill.

29. To receive Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference connected with The Naas No. 1 R.D. Electric Power Order.

30. To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and direct that legal proceedings be instituted by the Council's Law Agent with regard thereto.

31. To consider a communication from Rural District Council Delegates asking for an expression of the County Council's opinion as to whether they approve or dissent the proposal to abolish Rural District Councils.

32. To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1924 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.

33. To consider the following Resolution passed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council :—"Resolved—That for the credit of the workers

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under the Direct Labour System, and for the satisfaction of the Rate-payers, accounts in detail as to the expenditure on each road in metal and in wages, be presented at each Quarterly Road Meeting of the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council."

34. To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
35. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
36. To consider Reports from County Officers.
37. To consider Official Correspondence.
38. To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Kinsella, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.—

Resolved—That a hearty vote of welcome be extended to Mr R. C. Barton on his release after his long enforced absence from us.
Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 18th February, 1924.

The following members attended:—Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Presiding Chairman. Councillors S. Turner; Riobart Bartun; C. M. Ua Broin; B. Kelly; J. J. Redmond; J. Everett; and William Byrne.

The Committee, having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils, recommended them for payment as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
COUNTY AT LARGE	10254	17	1
BALTINGLASS No. 1		£	s. d.
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	542	16	8
RATHDOWN No. 2			542 16 8
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	59	19	7
RATHDRUM			59 19 7
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	63	0	11
SHILLELAGH			63 0 11
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	38	11	9
		8	5 8
REPAYMENT OF LOANS:			46 17 5
			364 7 6
ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:			330 0 7

The Committee examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and the Rural District Councils submitted to them, and recommended the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

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TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR QUARTER
ENDING 31st MARCH, 1924.

	£	s.	d.
County Board of Health (A)	1018	10	0
" " (B)	335	0	0
" " (C)	1234	15	0
" " (D)	3639	10	0
" " (E)	1271	5	0
Total	£7499	0	0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS FOR QUARTER
ENDING 31st MARCH, 1924.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	262	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	294	0	0
Rathdrum	418	3	5
Shillelagh	129	0	0
Total	£1103	3	5

The Committee had before them a claim from Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., for the sum of £232 9s. 0d. in respect of his professional services at the hearing of Malicious Injury Claims, which sum was made up as follows:—

Professional Fees	£126	19	0
Attendance at Court	81	18	0
Travelling Expenses	23	12	0

Total £232 9 0

In this connection the Committee had also before them a letter dated 28th January, 1924, from the Law Agent, to whom a copy of Mr. Foley's account had been forwarded for his views thereon.

ORDER. £200 to be paid.

The Committee had again under consideration the question of protecting by insurance the Council's interests where road overseers used their own motor cycles or their own motor car whilst discharging the duties of their position for the Council.

ORDER. Cycles only to be insured against third party risks; the Company to be notified that the cycles and the motor car in question are the personal property of the respective Road Overseers.

A letter dated the 22nd January, 1924, was submitted from A. Cullen, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, in which he claimed £5 in respect of damage caused at Tinoran Hill, Baltinglass, to a motor car, the property of Mr. D. M. Doyle, of 10 Garton Avenue, Glasnevin, Dublin, consequent, as alleged, on the negligence of the Council's employees.

Two reports with reference to the accident from the road overseer of the area in which the accident occurred were also submitted.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

A letter dated the 22nd January, 1924, was received from Robert C. Barton, Esq., Glendalough House, Annamoe, in which he gave notice of his intention to claim compensation for injuries and damage caused on the occasion of an accident on the Laragh-Brockagh road on the 20th January, which accident is stated to be due to negligence on the part of the Council's employees.

A report from the road overseer of the section in which the accident took place was also considered.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

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A report dated the 28th January, 1924, was received from the County Surveyor, in which he enclosed particulars which were brought to his notice concerning an accident which took place in Shillelagh Street, to Mr G T Hopkins, Cronelea, with his man John Walsh, which accident is stated to have been caused by the unauthorised opening of the road.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

The Committee had under consideration claims for compensation for loss of fees, etc., sustained by certain of the Council's Poor Rate Collectors who, during the troubled times, were imprisoned, interned, or "on the run." The Committee had also before them in this connection a letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated the 8th September, 1923, No. G. 32998/1923.

ORDER. Postponed.

The Secretary acting on instructions received, submitted the subjoined communication dated the 28th January, 1924, which he had received from Mr. Patrick Short, subsequent to an interview he had with him regarding the following Poor Rates which still remain unpaid by Mr. Short in respect of his house, Valli Paci, at Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy:—

For half-year ending 31st March, 1922	...	£7 8 0
For full year ending 31st March, 1923	...	10 18 6
For half-year ending 30th September, 1923	...	6 18 10
For half-year ending 31st March, 1924	...	6 18 9
TOTAL	...	£32 4 1

Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy,
28th January, 1924.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Court House,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir.

Following our interview regarding arrears and current rates due by me, I regret exceedingly the delay and trouble caused to Rate Collector and County Council.

I will pay 1½ years' arrears by middle of February and balance before 31st March, 1924.

Hoping the County Council will excuse me until then.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK SHORT.

ORDER—Terms of letter to be carried into effect.

The Secretary suggested that for economic and other reasons it would be advisable for the Council to revert back to the old form of personal security bond for Poor Rate Collectors, before the issuing of Collection Books for the year 1924-1925, to replace the present Collective Bond with the Hibernian Insurance Company.

ORDER—The Committee decided, after some discussion, that no action be taken on the matter for the present.

RATE ESTIMATES, 1924-1925.

The Secretary submitted on Forms 44A and 44B the Annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the sums to be supplied to other public bodies during that period.

In the subjoined Report on the Rate Estimates the Secretary explained in detail the different items in the deviations in the rates required in the ensuing year from those assessed for the current Financial Year.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RATE ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1925.

GENTLEMEN—In submitting to Wicklow County Council my Annual Estimate of the amounts which, in my opinion, will be required during the ensuing Financial Year to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for sums to be supplied to other public bodies, I desire briefly to draw attention to its outstanding features.

The first radical change is the institution of a Flat Rate over the County at Large to meet the Demand of the County Board of Health, and consequently "Union Charges" no longer exist. The following figures show the effect of this change:—

The County Rate, which for 1923-1924 was 1s 10½d is increased in 1924-1925 to 3s 7d. Adding together the County and Union Charges in operation during the year 1923-1924, we get for Baltinglass 3s 3½d; for Naas 3s 6½d; for Rathdown 3s 2½d; for Rathdrum 4s 3½d; and for Shillelagh 4s 6½d. On comparing these figures with the suggested County Rate of 3s 7d for the ensuing year, we find that in consequence of the Flat Rate to meet the Demand of the Board of Health, above referred to, Baltinglass is increased by 3½d; Naas is increased by 0½d; Rathdown is increased by 4½d; Rathdrum is reduced by 8½d; and Shillelagh is reduced by 11½d. The larger reduction in Shillelagh is mainly due to the fact that the valuation of that area is really low when compared with the valuations of the other areas in the County.

I observe that the County Board of Health's revised Demand for the service of the year 1923-1924 was £33,646, and that the estimate for the ensuing year 1924-1925 is £29,537, representing an apparent reduction of £4,109. It must, however, be borne in mind when analysing these figures that the Superannuation Allowances, which were last year paid by the Board of Health, and which averaged £2,500 per annum, have this year to be raised and paid by the County Council.

The Board of Health, in their estimate for 1923-1924, only asked for sufficient monies to pay these pensions up to the 31st December, 1923, a period of nine months. The County Council must, therefore, now make provision for payment of these pensions from 1st January, 1924, to 31st March, 1925, a period of fifteen months, amounting in all to £2,340, of which sum Arklow and Wicklow Urban Districts will contribute £29 each. In arriving at these figures I have made allowance for the proportions repayable by the County Councils of Carlow and Kildare, but I have made no provision for the payment of such pensions as may become due if and when Rathdown Union is abolished.

In like manner, the County Council, and not the County Board of Health, is in this and future years charged with the responsibility of making provision for the repayment of such loans as were in existence when the Scheme of Union Amalgamation became operative in this County, amounting in all to £397 per annum.

The Demand from the authorities of Grangegorm Mental Hospital for the year 1923-1924 was £15,629. The Demand for 1924-1925, is £16,512, being an increase of £883, for which provision is now made.

At present I see no possibility of the Council being in a position to wipe out its overdraft of £20,000, and accordingly an item appears in the Estimate of £900 to pay the interest on same.

It will be within the recollection of the members of the Council that last year and the year before I reported that the Council has now no Reserved Balances.

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No effort was made in either year to restore them, and I have made no attempt to do so in the figures now presented. The Council can, of course, if they wish, direct that something be now done in that direction. Unless these Reserve Funds are again set up, and unless rates are, as in the past, promptly collected and lodged within the half-year to which they apply, it is useless for the County Council to hope to satisfactorily carry out their own services or to finance the subsidiary bodies dependent on them.

In the appended tables I have indicated for comparative purposes the total General Rate assessed in respect to the years 1920-1921, 1921-1922, 1922-1923, 1923-1924, and the suggested rate for 1924-1925.

Year	Baltinglass	Rathdown	Rathdrum	Shillelagh
	s d	s d	s d	s d
1920-1921	7 6	8 1½	8 9½	7 10½
1921-1922	8 9½	9 3	10 2½	9 8½
1922-1923	5 7	5 3½	6 7½	6 10½
1923-1924	7 0	8 4½	8 5½	8 7½

Suggested Rates in Estimates now submitted for Financial Year 1924-1925.

	Baltinglass	Rathdown	Rathdrum	Shillelagh
	s d	s d	s d	s d
County Charges	3 7	3 7	3 7	3 7
District Charges	3 10	5 1½	4 2	4 7½
Totals	7 5	8 8½	7 9	8 2½

The gross General Rate on Agricultural Land, after crediting sums equal to Agricultural Grant, will be:—

Baltinglass	Rathdown	Rathdrum	Shillelagh
5 10	7 5	6 4½	6 9½

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

Court House, Wicklow,
14th February, 1924.

At this stage in the proceedings the Committee, in accordance with the direction given by the Co. Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 10th December, 1923, received deputations from the Farmers' Union Executive of the County, from the County Cumann-na-nGael, and from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, with a view to seeing if the cost of any of the respective services referred to in the Forms 44A and 44B could be, whilst preserving efficiency, reduced for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

A protracted discussion followed a proposal submitted by the representatives of the Farmers' Union to the effect that the salaries of all officers be reduced by 25 per cent. for the forthcoming Financial Year. Ultimately, the Secretary consented to accept for that year a bonus of £100, that bonus being at present £192 6s 3d. In like manner the Chief Clerk and Accountant and the Assistant Accountant, who were present, agreed, subject to the sanction of the Executive of their Trade Union, to accept a reduction of 10 per cent. on their respective salaries for the forthcoming Financial Year.

The Committee recommend that the salaries of the following officers, who were not present at the meeting, be also reduced by 10 per cent. for the Financial Year 1924-1925:—

W. C. Byrne, Clerk

M. J. Fox, Clerk.

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Joseph Boyd, Ass tant urveyor.

P. J. Foley, B.E., "

J. H. McCarroll, County Solicitor.

James Murray, Coroner.

Dr. D. P. Kenna, Coroner.

It was unanimously agreed to, and the Committee desire that the Council shall definitely understand that all reductions in the salaries of officers shall only apply to the year commencing 1st April, 1924, and ending 31st March, 1925, on which latter date the salaries, etc., of each officer referred to in this Report shall be automatically restored to the figures he would be entitled to if the reductions herein referred to had not been made.

The Committee further recommend that the sum of £16,512 demanded by Grangegorman Mental Hospital be reduced to £16,000, it being estimated that the £512 taken off will be more than met by paying patients following the Council's efforts in that connection.

The Committee directed attention to the fact that the County Council, for the service of the Financial Year 1923-1924, increased the contribution to the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee by the amount of the proceeds of an extra rate of 3d. The Committee recommend the Council to eliminate this year that 3d rate, thereby reducing the amounts to be transferred to these Committees in the Financial Year 1924-1925 by the sum of £389, leaving the sum of £1,175 to be transferred to the Committees, which sum the Committee recommend should be allocated as follows:—

To the County Committee of Agriculture ... £643.

To the County Technical Instruction Committee 400

£132 to be retained by the Council to meet instalments of principal and interest on loan and premium on insurance of Arklow Technical Schools.

The Committee do not recommend any change in the rate being raised and transferred to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the teaching of Irish, but they urge that this money be not transferred out of the Council's funds until that Committee submits an account showing in detail how the money already transferred for that purpose has been expended.

The Committee recommend the Council to offer only one new University Scholarship for competition in the year under review.

The Committee, after a protracted discussion on the subject of Road Maintenance, passed the following resolution, and recommend the Council to give effect to the terms of same:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D. ;

Seconded by " William Byrne; and

Resolved—That the Estimates of Expenditure on Roads, as sent forward by the several Rural District Councils in the County, be reduced by £10,000, and the Secretary is hereby instructed to use the figures sent from the District Councils as the basis for his allocation of this £10,000 reduction. The Committee further ask the Council to remodel the scheme of road maintenance at present existing.

Carried by 4 votes to 2.

This resolution would effect the following reductions:—

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

	Figures recommended by R. D. C.	Figures recommended by Finance Committee.
BALTINGLASS NO. 1 R.D.C.	£9242	£6941
RATHDOWN NO. 2 do.	7080	5317
RATHDRUM do.	18768	14095
SHILLELAGH do.	5070	3807

The foregoing recommendations, if they be adopted in full by the Council, will

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have the effect of reducing the rates suggested in the Secretary's Report to the following figures :—

	Baltinglass	Rathdown	Rathdrum	Shillelagh
	s d	s d	s d	s d
County Charges ...	3 5½	3 5½	3 5½	3 5½
District Charges ...	3 1	4 1½	3 4½	3 11
TOTAL ...	6 6½	7 6¾	6 9¾	7 4½

The gross General Rate on Agricultural Land, after crediting sums equal to Agricultural Grant will, on the revised figures, be :—

	Baltinglass	Rathdown	Rathdrum	Shillelagh
	s d	s d	s d	s d
	4 11½	6 3	5 5	5 11½

Signed,

EAMONN O'NEILL,

Presiding Chairman.

The following letter was received by the Chairman from the General Secretary to the Local Government Officials' (Ireland) Trade Union, in connection with the recommendation in the Finance Committee's Report to reduce by 10 per cent the salaries of the clerical staff :—

Local Government Officials' (Ireland) Trade Union.

4 Upper Ormond Quay,

DUBLIN,

26th February, 1924.

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

My Committee has had an application from two of our members employed by your Council, Messrs Thomas Langton and Laurence Wolohan, asking the approval of the Union Executive for a temporary reduction of 10 per cent of their salaries in view of the present straitened state of finances in the County Wicklow.

In view of the agreement of Mr Langton and Mr Wolohan to the reduction of 10 per cent ; my Committee has instructed me to convey to your Council on their behalf its approval of the arrangement, but I am to ask that your Council will be good to regard the agreed reduction as a temporary expedient for the year 1924-25, arising out of the exceptional need for economic administration of public finances at the present time. My Executive Committee holds that the salaries of Messrs Langton and Wolohan—Accountant and Assistant Accountant respectively—are not sufficient to warrant any reduction in consideration of their long service and the responsible nature of their duties, and accordingly I trust that when local finances are in a happier condition, your Council will not be unmindful of the voluntary sacrifice made by these two officers on this occasion.

Regarding the other members of your staff, I am directed to request that no reduction be effected in the cases of Messrs W C Byrne and Michael Fox. The salaries of these officials—£180 and £150 respectively—are very low and do not permit of any reduction. If your Council will be good enough to hear me at its meeting on the 29th inst., I shall en-

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deavour to explain why in the cases of Messrs Byrne and Fox my committee cannot agree to a reduction of salaries. I shall be obliged if your Council will kindly afford me an opportunity of appearing at its next meeting on behalf of the members of this Union.

I am, Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Michael Ua Duinn,

GENERAL SECRETARY.

The Council decided, in accordance with the terms of the foregoing letter, that effect be given to the Finance Committee's recommendation to temporarily reduce by 10 per the salaries of Mr Thomas Langton, Chief Clerk and Accountant, and Mr Laurence Wolohan, Assistant Accountant, during the year commencing the 1st April, 1924, and ending the 31st March, 1925.

The Council further decided that, as their respective consents were not forthcoming, effect could not be given to the Finance Committee's recommendation that the salaries of two members of the clerical staff, Mr W C Byrne and Mr M J Fox, be reduced by 10 per cent for the same period, and accordingly, a direction was given that no reduction be made in the salaries of these two officers.

The Council's Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor, who was present, was asked by the Council to allow his salary to be reduced by 10 per cent during the year ending the 31st March, 1925, in accordance with the terms of the Finance Committee's recommendation. Mr McCarroll, after some discussion, consented to the reduction proposed in the above Report.

Mr P J Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, in response to a similar request, after some discussion, intimated to the Council that he would place the facts before the Executive Committee of his Institute, and that he would be prepared to abide by their decision. He undertook to arrange that the Executive would transmit their decision to the Secretary of the County Council in due course.

The Secretary was thereupon directed to pay Mr Foley's salary in accordance with the terms of that decision during the year ending the 31st March, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill ;

Seconded by „ William Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report now submitted, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted, the following officers refusing to have their salaries reduced, their names to be eliminated from the Report :—

Mr W C Byrne.

Mr M J Fox.

Several Councillors having protested against the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the total sums estimated for Road Maintenance by the four Rural District Councils during the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925, be reduced by £10,000, and Councillor J Everett, T.D., having raised the point that the Council had no legal authority for

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making such a reduction, the matter was referred for decision to the Law Agent, who, having looked into the governing authorities, gave it as his opinion that the Council were legally empowered to make any such reduction, if they considered such a course advisable.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT—Councillors James Byrne, Daniel Condren, Andrew Kinsella, F O'Rafferty, J J Metcalfe, E O'Neill, Morgan Travers, R C Barton, C M Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, and B Kelly—11.

AGAINST—Councillors W J Doyle, J J Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; P P O'Reilly, Seamus Turner, and Patrick Doyle—6.

The Chairman declared the Finance Committee's Report to be adopted and confirmed, as modified, by 11 votes to 6.

At this stage Councillor James Everett, T.D., asked for permission to move an amendment. This, however, the Chairman stated he had not the power now to accept.

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill;

Seconded by " James Byrne;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended in the Finance Committee's Report, be now signed.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:

COUNTY AT LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " F O'Rafferty;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large, amounting to £10,254 17s 1d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1:

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £542 16s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN NO. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond;

Seconded by " Morgan Travers;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District amounting to £59 19s 7d

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(any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " Seamus Turner;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £63 0s 11d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " A Kinsella;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £46 17s 5d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas amounting to £364 7s 6d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill;

Seconded by " F O'Rafferty;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment amounting to £330 0s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " Daniel Condren;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

14th February, 1924.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 18th February, 1924.

Gentlemen,

1, In my report to the Quarterly Meeting on 19th November, 1923,

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I pointed out the present Direct Labour Scheme expires on the 31st March next, and that steps should be taken to obtain an extension to 31st March, 1925. I recommend that such steps be now taken.

2. Plans have been lodged for four schemes relative to the utilization of the River Liffey for Electric Power. Of these, three involve alteration and interference with the roads. It is of considerable importance that you should obtain a locus standi to enable you to protect your interests in relation to the roads and other matters.

3. The Rathdrum R. D. C. adopted a resolution "That permission be given to Mr James McDonald, Rathdrum, to erect a gate and make an entrance into his plot adjoining the road from Rathdrum to Ballyhad." Some years Mr McDonald did make such an entrance, without authority and was compelled to close it.

4. At Rathdown No. 2 R. D. C. Meeting a Proposal was formulated "To take over, repair, fence and maintain the road from Three Trout Bridge by Old Mill to Mill Road, Greystones." The County Council to be requested to borrow the amount (£600) and have the payment spread over a number of years. I cannot report that the proposed new road is a work of any urgency, or is one which should be now undertaken, having regard to the necessity of bringing the existing roads in the area to a condition suited to modern traffic requirements.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Paragraph 1. No Order.

Paragraph 2. A Special Meeting to consider this matter to be held on or about the 14th March.

Paragraph 3. Agreed to.

Paragraph 4. No Order.

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Court House, WICKLOW,

21H.

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Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—I request permission to distribute as required the present balances in each Section over the whole Sections in each Rural District.

This is provided for in the Direct Labour Scheme.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER, Co. Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby empowered to distribute, as may be found necessary, the unexpended balances in the several Road Sections over such other Sections in the same Rural District as may have their allocated funds exhausted, and in which work of urgency and necessity requires to be executed.

Passed—Councillor James Everett, T.D., dissenting.

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County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

5th February, 1924.

ROADS COMMITTEE.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Report of Meeting of Roads Committee, held on the 22nd January, 1924. To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—The Roads Committee met on Tuesday, the 22nd January, 1924, when the following members attended—Councillor James Turner (presiding), Councillors J. J. Redmond, W. J. Doyle, E. O'Neill, and James Everett, T.D.

Also present—Messrs. P. J. Foley, B.E.; Joseph Boyd; Patrick Keogh (overseer), Baltinglass; and Patrick Brady (overseer), Roundwood.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider certain complaints made by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union (per Mr. Thomas Foran) as to alleged victimisation of Union Officials in Stratford-on-Slaney area.

A letter dated 6th November, 1923, was read from Mr. Thomas Foran, General President, I.T. and G.W. Union, stating that it was alleged that Mr. James Maher, Secretary, Stratford Branch of the I.T. and G.W. Union, was being deliberately victimised by the Overseer for Baltinglass Section, Mr. Patrick Keogh, and that he had only been employed by the overseer for a few days.

The letter also stated that two members of the Union, William Mangan and Joseph Byrne, had been dis-employed recently, and that men of shorter service had been retained in the Section.

The Committee, having heard the statements of Mr. Maher and Mr. Keogh (overseer), passed the following resolution.—

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond. Resolved—"That in future, in the case of Carters, the Overseer shall apply to the local Branch of the I.T. and G.W. Union for a list of the most deserving cases, and that such persons will receive, in turn, their share of work."

In the case of William Mangan and Joseph Byrne, the Committee referred the matter to the local Branch of the Union.

- 2—To consider a letter from the Ministry of Local Government as to Road Fund Grant of £2,200 for County Wicklow.

Order—The Committee recommend the County Council to accept the Grant. Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D., and James Everett, T.D., to interview the Minister for Local Government re rate of Wages.

- 3—To consider circular letter from Ministry of Local Government relating to Road administration.

Order—Adjourned.

- 4—Roundwood Section. Complaints against Overseer—Patrick Brady.

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The County Surveyor stated that he had received complaints about the Overseer showing favouritism regarding the employment of men in his Section.

Having heard the statement of the Overseer, the Committee made an Order that seven men get employment on temporary Sudden Damage work.

5—Hedge Cutting Notices. The following Resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle—"That notice be served on property owners adjoining County Roads, to have all hedges trimmed and head and tail drains cleaned, abutting on such roads, and that notice be published in the local papers to that effect."

6—Dargle Bridge. The following Resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle—"That we recommend the County Council to make every effort to obtain the Grant from the Sixpenny Rate of the amount expended on the repairs to the Dargle Bridge, and that this amount be restored to the credit of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council."

(Signed) SEAMUS TURNER, Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus Turner,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond.

Resolved—That the Roads Committee's Report, as printed and circulated, be approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus Turner,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle.

Resolved—That the ordinary Proposals for Road Maintenance from the several Rural District Councils, as submitted on the Form 20 now before us, be hereby approved, the figures in same to be modified so as to correspond with the figures in the Finance Committee's Report which has been adopted by the Council.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Proposal to provide £250 for repair and maintenance of plant. Approved

Proposal to make provision for obtaining a loan not exceeding £7,000 for purchasing road-making plant, repayable in 15 years.

ORDER—County Surveyor to approach the Ministry for a free grant of this sum.

Proposal to consider the matter of carrying out certain structural alterations in Tinahely Courthouse, in accordance with the Order of the Council at its adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 10th December, 1923. (Vide County Surveyor's Report then submitted).

ORDER—Adjourned.

Passed—Councillor James Everett, T.D., dissenting.

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BALTINGLASS No. 1.

No Proposal for Contracts.

A letter was submitted from Mr James Maher, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Stratford-on-Slaney, charging the Overseer of Baltinglass Section with neglect of duty and with victimising certain of the men. A further letter dated 30th January, 1924, in this connection, was submitted from Mr James Maher.

ORDER—Referred to Roads Committee.

A letter dated 13th January, 1924, was submitted from Mr James Corrigan, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Dunlavin, transmitting copies of three resolutions passed by his Branch, as follows:—

(1) Protesting against attacks on the system of road upkeep by Direct Labour.

(2) Protesting against any reduction in the wages of road workers.

(3) Calling for adequate representation of Labour on all School Attendance Committees.

A letter dated 18th February, 1924, was read from Mr Anthony J. Metcalfe, D.C., Crehelf House, Dunlavin, asking for a copy of the Direct Labour Scheme on Roads, and also for a copy of Pay Sheets for the month of January in respect to Dunlavin area, under the supervision of Road Overseer Denis Fay.

ORDER—Permission granted to forward the copies and documents asked for if it be found possible to do so.

A communication dated the 21st February, 1924, signed by Mr Philip Hanlon, of Rathnaboe, Blessington, and others, was submitted, relative to the flooding of their lands, consequent on burst drains.

ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor.

RATHDOWN No. 2.

No Proposals for Contracts.

A letter dated 6th February, 1924, was submitted from Messrs Tatlow and Cummins, Consulting Engineers, 44 Kildare Street, Dublin, asking permission to run overhead wires over the roads in connection with the Electric Light and Power System they have installed for the Enniskerry Co-operative Society, Ltd.

In a communication dated the 25th February, 1924, the County Surveyor intimated that he had examined the application and relative map and plans, and he saw no reason why the County Council should not grant the permission asked for.

ORDER—Permission granted.

RATHDRUM.

No Proposals for Contracts.

A letter dated 2nd January, 1924, was read from Mrs Margaret Keenan, Keenan's Hotel, Roundwood, in which she applied for permission to erect a petrol pump on the footpath at Roundwood.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

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A letter dated 15th January, 1924, was received from Mr Joseph Shorten, Mount-John, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, in which he complained of surface-water from the public road flooding the yard at Mount-John.

The County Surveyor reported to the Council that this matter had already been dealt with by him.

A letter dated 23rd January, 1924, was submitted from the Clerk to Rathdrum Rural District Council, transmitting the following resolution which was passed by that Body:—

Resolved—"That the Local Government Department be asked to make a grant to the Wicklow County Council for the purpose of making the road from Arklow to Wicklow, between Ardinairy and Sallymount. This work will provide employment for the great number of unemployed in the town of Arklow, where it is known the people are at present in a state of destitution. That the T.D.'s for the County be asked to approach the Local Government Department re same."

ORDER—The Council regret that their financial resources will not at present allow of this proposal being entertained.

A communication dated 16th February, 1924, was read from Mr Francis Carter, Hon. Secretary, Castlemacadam Select Vestry, Tinnehinch House, Avoca, transmitting the following resolution passed by that Body:

Resolved—That the County Council's attention be drawn to the amount of material lodged by road men and contractors against the north wall surrounding cemetery at Castlemacadam Church, thereby causing it to be a jumping ground for goats and other animals to trespass on to the Church grounds, and in view of this trespassing being now of frequent occurrence, we respectfully ask the County Council to have the material removed and further lodgments to be discontinued.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

SHILLELAGH.

No Proposals for Contracts.

A letter dated 24th December, 1923, was submitted from J. A. Davis, Esq., A.M.I.M.E., 1 Tritonville Avenue, Sandymount, in which he asked permission to open the road for the purpose of laying a three-inch water-main to Coolkenno Hall, Shillelagh.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A communication dated 14th February, 1924, was read from F. Yilek, Town View, Tinahely, in which he asked for compensation for the use of portion of his holding for storing and breaking stones.

ORDER—Referred to Solicitor.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly,

Seconded by „ Daniel Condren.

Resolved—That we Sign and Seal the two applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

The following two items of the agenda being contingent one upon the other, the Council, on the Secretary's suggestion, considered them jointly:—

"To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable to ensure

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that all outstanding Poor Rates be lodged to credit of the Council prior to the 31st March, 1924, and to consider important correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government with regard thereto."

"To make such arrangements as will place the Council in a position to finance the dependent Subsidiary Bodies, and to consider letters from the Ministry of Local Government and the County Board of Health in that connection."

The Secretary submitted a file of documents in connection therewith, including letters which he read from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 10th January, 1924 (No. G.1790/1924); the 14th January, 1924 (G.503/1924); the 8th February, 1924 (G.5599/1924); and 28th February, 1924 (G.7892/1924).

After a protracted discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by „ James Byrne, and

Resolved—That, having considered the letters from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 14th January, 1924 (G.503/1924), the 8th February, 1924 (G.5599/1924), and the 28th February, 1924 (Nor G.7982/1924), with regard to the unsatisfactory condition of the Poor Rate Collections within the County, we hereby notify each of our Poor Rate Collectors that if all outstanding rates in each Collection District be not lodged to credit of the Council prior to 31st March, 1924, each Poor Rate Collector found in arrear on that date will be forthwith dismissed from office. With a view to placing each Collector in a position to comply with this Order, we hereby direct that each Collector forthwith furnish to the Council's Law Adviser a list of all ratepayers in his District by whom rates in respect to any period prior to the 30th September, 1923, still remain unpaid, and we direct that our Law Adviser take immediate proceedings against each such person for the recovery of the rates as disclosed on the Collector's detailed lists received by him.

Passed unanimously.

ROAD FUND GRANT OF £2,200.

The following communications from the Ministry of Local Government were read by the Secretary:—

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL,

ROINN NA MBOTHAR,

51 Upper Mount Street,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

9th January, 1924.

Wicklow County.

Road Fund Grant of £2,200.

A Chara—With reference to your letter of 17th ultimo and previous correspondence on the above subject, I am directed to enclose for your information a copy of a letter addressed to the County Surveyor on the 3rd instant.

Mise, le meas,

E. P. McCARRON, Runaide.

The Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

Court House, Wicklow.

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(Copy.)

Ministry of Local Government,
Roads Department,
51 Upper Mount Street, DUBLIN,
3rd January, 1924.

Wicklow County: Road Fund Grant of £2,200.

A Chara—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, on the above subject, and to state that several representations have been made to the Minister of Local Government as to conditions of unemployment in County Wicklow, and it appears to the Minister that the Wicklow County Council would be well advised to proceed with the scheme already approved for the expenditure of the above-mentioned Grant.

As there appears to be some legitimate doubt as to the propriety of the wages applicable, the Minister will not raise any objection to the payment of wages at the rate of 32s 6d per week, but this rate must be regarded as referring only to the Grant of £2,200.

Mise, le meas,

E. P. McCARRON, Runaide.

S. G. Gallagher, Esq., County Surveyor,
Court House, Wicklow.

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL,
ROINN NA MBOTHAR,

51 Upper Mount Street,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

S.G.33.

26th February, 1924.

County Wicklow.—Trunk Road Grant, £2,200.

A Chara—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the works, proposed to be carried out under the above grant, provisionally allocated to County Wicklow for Trunk Road Improvement, have not been commenced, the grant is to be regarded as withdrawn.

Mise, le meas,

Runaide.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council, WICKLOW

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ;

Seconded by „ Eamonn O'Neill ;

Resolved—That the Ministry of Local Government be asked to lodge to credit of the Council the £2,200 which was allocated Co. Wicklow out of the Road Fund ; that the County Surveyor proceed to carry out the works of the approved scheme immediately the Grant is made available in the Council's Funds ; for payment of wages at the rate of 32s 6d per week—as stated in the letters from the Ministry dated 8th December, 1923, and 3rd January, 1924 ; and that the County Surveyor be hereby directed to carry out the Council's existing Order that Trade Union Labour only be employed when this Grant is being expended.

Passed by 16 votes to 1.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by „ J J Redmond ;

That the present standard wage 40s per week, be paid out of this

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Grant of £2,200, and that no preferential treatment be given to any class or section when men are being employed.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors W J Doyle, J J Redmond, James Everett, T.D. ; Seamus Turner, and Patrick Doyle—5.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James Byrne, Daniel Condren, Andrew Kinsella, F O'Rafferty, J J Metcalfe, Eamonn O'Neill, Morgan Travers, R C Barton, C M Byrne, T.D. ; William Byrne, and Bernard Kelly—11.

The amendment was declared to be lost by 11 to 5.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor R C Barton :—

That in expending this Grant of £2,200, no preferential treatment be given to the representatives of any political party when men are being employed.

After some discussion this amendment was withdrawn, with the consent of the Council.

The Chairman thereupon declared the original motion carried.

A poll on the original motion having been called for by Councillor J Everett, T.D. ; it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows :—

FOR :—Councillors James Byrne, Daniel Condren, W J Doyle, Andrew Kinsella, F O'Rafferty, J J Metcalfe, Eamonn O'Neill, Morgan Travers, J J Redmond, R C Barton, C M Byrne, T.D. ; William Byrne, B Kelly, Seamus Turner, P P O'Reilly, and Patrick Doyle—16.

AGAINST.—Councillor J Everett, T.D.—1.

The Chairman thereupon declared the original motion passed by 16 votes to 1.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ROADS DEPARTMENT

51 UPPER MOUNT STREET,
DUBLIN.

18th February, 1924.

SGA/201

Trunk Road Grant—£1,000,000.

A Chara.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state for the information of the Wicklow County Council that a sum of £11,500 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the above-mentioned grant for the improvement of Trunk Roads. In addition, the Minister is prepared to meet the loan charges payable over a period of ten years in respect of a sum not exceeding £6,400 if raised by the Council by loan from their Treasurer with the Minister's sanction for the purchase of road machinery. In the event of the Council being satisfied that it is not necessary for them to purchase additional road plant or if they themselves decide to bear the loan charges the sum of £6,400 will be added to the grant and will be available for road improvement.

On the question of central purchasing the County Surveyor should communicate with the Trade Department of this Ministry (50 Upper Mount Street, Dublin), as to the Council's requirements as soon as details have been settled with the Roads Department.

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The following further grants over and above those mentioned have been provisionally allocated to the Urban Districts in the County for road improvement and will be payable to the Councils of these districts through the County Council, viz :—

The Urban Districts of Arklow £900

Bray £2,400

Wicklow £800

A separate notification is being sent to the Urban Districts Councils concerned. It is open to the County Council to supplement the amounts allocated to the Urban Districts out of the grant allocated to the County Council.

The following are the conditions governing the grant :—

- (1) The Grant shall be for Trunk Roads only. The Grant shall not be conditional on any contribution from the County Rates but shall not be taken as relieving the County Council from responsibility from reasonable and economical road maintenance.
- (2) The selection of road lengths to be improved, specifications and methods by which it is proposed to carry out the works shall be approved by the Chief Engineer or such other Engineer as may be designated by the Minister. Inspections shall be carried out by him or his assistants as the work proceeds, and in all cases before final payments are made. The Minister shall take such steps as he may deem proper either by way of withholding further payment or refusing to sanction payment or otherwise in cases of unsatisfactory work.
- (3) The portions of road selected must not be too numerous.
- (4) Payments shall be made on requisition Form No. 97 certified by the County Surveyor :—
 - (a) On commencement of work, an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the next following two months.
 - (b) During the second month after commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the third month, and so on from month to month until eighty per cent of the Grant has been paid, after which the Authority will submit through the County Surveyor to the Minister a statement showing their expenditure up to date, and the Minister will then determine what further instalments should be paid under the Grant.
 - (c) On completion of the work the Authority will supply the Minister with a certificate of their Surveyor stating that the works have been completed, and stating (with such particulars as may be required by the forms then in use by the Ministry) the total expenditure incurred on the works described in this Grant.
- (5) Contract agreements with the County Surveyor which may be arrived at by accepting tenders or by fixing piecework rates will be best for quarrying, breaking and carting of stone; piecework rates may even be arranged for rolling. No hard and fast rules thereon will be insisted upon. In some cases haulage will be done by tractors.

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On that point the Minister directs that as far as practicable horse haulage should be encouraged. In all cases of piecework arrangements should be such as to give labourers or men of small means an opportunity of undertaking work.

- (6) The County Surveyor, who will be entrusted with the carrying through of the work, must have reasonable office accommodation, clerical and technical assistance and travelling expenses. Substantial provision is already made by many County Councils in these matters but in others such facilities are not adequate. Councils should therefore review the position of their Survey Staff as no useful progress can be made unless the County Surveyor can call on the full time of the Assistant Surveyors.
 - (7) The maximum rate of wages which can be paid to labourers employed on work in non-Urban areas in the County under the grant is 28 shillings per week for the period ending 31st October next. The rate will be subject to revision as from 1st November, 1924.
 - (8) Preference is to be given to demobilised men of the National Army suitable and willing to undertake road work. Lists of such men will be obtainable by the County Surveyor (or his Deputy) from the local office of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and the Officer-in-Charge of the Local Office should be notified of the names of the men selected.
- In view of the urgency of road improvement and of the necessity for relieving unemployment the Council should take steps forthwith to expedite the inauguration of a suitable road scheme.

Mise le meas,

E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

The Secretary Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved :—That, having considered the circular letter of the 18th February, 1924, from the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government, we hereby ask that the £17,900 referred to therein be lodged to credit of the County Council, and we direct that the rate of wage for the workers employed under approved Schemes to expend this sum be the Rate of Wages paid in each area to the agricultural labourers and that the County Surveyor be hereby directed to carry out the Council's existing Order that Trade Union Labour only be employed when this Grant is being expended.

Passed by 10 votes to 5.

As an Amendment is was

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

Seconded by " J J Redmond ;

That the Grant of £17,900 be accepted, subject to the provision that the rate of wage for men employed be Two Pound (£2) per week.

A poll having been taken it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors W J Doyle, J J Red-

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mond, J Everett, T.D., P P O'Reilly, S Turner, and Patrick Doyle—6.
 AGAINST—Councillors James Byrne, Daniel Condren, Andrew Kinsella, F O'Rafferty, J J Metcalfe, Morgan Travers, R C Barton. C M Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, and Bernard Kelly—10.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost by 10 votes to 6.

A poll having been called upon the original motion, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR—Councillors James Byrne, Daniel Condren, F O'Rafferty, J J Metcalfe, E O'Neill, Morgan Travers, R C Barton, C M Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, and Bernard Kelly—10.

AGAINST—Councillors W J Doyle, J J Redmond, J Everett, T.D.; P P O'Reilly, and S Turner—5.

The Chairman declared the original motion carried by 10 votes to 5.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, WICKLOW,

29th February, 1924.

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Wicklow County Council.

Memo re Grants.

Gentlemen,

(1) The road which should be undertaken is that part of Trunk Road from Rathnew to Rathdrum.

(2) It would be advisable to obtain Plant from Council's own resources and utilize the £6,400 for work of road improvement.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S G GALLAGHER,

Co. Surveyor.

ORDER.—Consideration postponed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—that the Ministry of Local Government be approached to consider as Trunk Roads for the purpose of expending this Grant of £17,900.

(a) The road from Rathdrum to Tullow via Tinahely and Shillelagh.

(b) The road from Dublin to Baltinglass via Blessington.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Seconded by " D Condren;

Resolved—That an early meeting of the Roads Committee be convened on a date to be notified to the County Surveyor by the Chairman, to indicate the positions on the roads where the grants are to be expended, and also to remodel the direct Labour Scheme, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J J Metcalfe was referred to the Roads Committee for consideration:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some one for me, will move at next Quarterly Meeting of the Council that the system of Road Maintenance

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now operating be discussed with a view to amendment or alteration as economy may justify."

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " E O'Neill;

Resolved—That application be hereby made to the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, to sanction the extension of the limits of Road Expenditure in this County for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1925, as follows:—

In Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District. From £4792 to £6941.

In Rathdown No. 2 " " From £2200 " £5317

In Rathdrum " " From £8900 " £14095

In Shillelagh " " From £2386 " £3807

Passed.

No action was taken by the Council in connection with a letter dated 12th December, 1923, from the County Surveyor, in which he asked the Council to consider the question of filling the position of Assistant Surveyor in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and portion of Rathdrum Rural District, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr Joseph P Doyle, B.E.

The Secretary read the following communication from the Temporary County Analyst:—

Chemical Department,

University College,

Earlsfort Terrace,

DUBLIN.

20.12.23

P T Healy, Esq.,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I beg to inform your Council that I have decided to resign my post as Analyst to the Wicklow County Council, and I am unwilling to reconsider this decision.

The salary of £30 per annum is ridiculously low. Some three months ago I applied for an increase of £30 and no attention has been given to same. The salary paid to an analyst should vary with the amount of work submitted for analysis. Even at £60, the remuneration paid by your Council would be less than any other county, taking the amount of work into consideration.

I am willing to remain in office until February 1st, 1924, at the old rate of pay, and if desired, I shall continue to work for another two months at 10s 6d per sample.

Under no conditions, shall I continue in Office after March 31st.

I have to thank you personally and also the other officers with whom I worked, for the many courtesies extended to me, while I acted as analyst to the Wicklow County Council.

Is mise,

le meas duit,

Sean O Cathain.

ORDER. Resignation accepted and referred to Ministry of Local

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Government, in connection with their letter dated 23rd January, 1922, (Ref. No. B.11).

The Secretary also submitted two further letters dated 2nd February, 1924, and 15th February, 1924, from John Keane, with regard to his resignation and the discharge of the duties of the position pending the Council's decision, and two letters dated 15th and 20th February from the Clerk to Bri Chualann Urban District Council conveying the view of that Council that the salary paid to the Temporary County Analyst is inadequate.

Further consideration of ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael Magrath's claim to Superannuation Allowance was referred to the Finance Committee.

Further consideration of the claims of ex-Poor Rate Collectors John Kelly and William J. Cardiff to superannuation allowances was also referred to the Finance Committee.

The Council had before them a file of correspondence which had been received in connection with the efforts being made by the newly set-up School Attendance Committee for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District to put into operation in that District the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill,

Seconded by J. J. Metcalfe, and

Resolved—That the Resolution setting up a School Attendance Committee for the entire Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1 be rescinded, on the grounds that it has not been found to effectually meet local circumstances, and that instead the Council proceed to appoint three Sub-Committees to administer the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, in the whole Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1, as follows:—

Committee No. 1.

Blessington Dispensary District.

(Comprising the Electoral Divisions of Blessington, Kilbride, Burgage, Lackan).

Mr Laurence Moore, Blessington; Mr James Dowling, Blessington; Mr Peter P. O'Reilly, Ballinastockan; Mr James Quinn, Vallemount; Mr W. J. Henry, Burgage.

Committee No. 2.

Dunlavin Dispensary District.

(Comprising the Electoral Divisions of Dunlavin, Rathallagh, Tober, Hollywood, Lugglass, Togher, Donard, and Donaghmore).

Mr Michael Mooney, Rathattin; Mr James Costello, Lemonstown; Mr John Kelly, Kinsellastown; Mr Christopher Lawler, Dunlavin; Mr John Carroll, Dunlavin.

Committee No. 3.

Baltinglass and Kiltegan Dispensary Districts.

(Comprising the Electoral Divisions of Baltinglass, Hartstown, Stratford, The Grange, Tuckmill, Ballinguile, Eadstown, Humewood, Imaal

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North, Imaal South, Rathdangan, and Talbotstown).

D. P. Kenna, M.D., Baltinglass; Mr E. O'Neill, Baltinglass; Mr Michael Timmons, Baltinglass; Mr Joseph Doyle, Talbotstown; Mr Patrick Dwyer, Ballinacrow.

Passed unanimously.

In the absence of Councillor Michael Fleming, consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the agenda was adjourned:—

"I beg to give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that in cases where a change of the men employed on road work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council to give preference to such married men with families be, and are hereby, rescinded."

Councillor James Byrne, with the consent of the Council, withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:—

"I beg to give notice that I, or some one for me, will move at the next Ordinary Meeting of the County Council that, having regard to the systematic recurrence of strikes, and the consequent hold-up of business throughout Saorstát Éireann, the Government be requested to devise a Scheme to set up a Department to deal effectively with this all-important matter."

The Council proceeded to consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Fleming:—

"I hereby give notice that at the meeting to be held on the 18th February, 1924, I will move that the provisions of the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act be again put into operation in Shillelagh Rural District."

No action was taken by the Council in view of the terms of the resolutions in the two following letters:—

Coiste Ceanntair Tuaithe Siol Eiligh,

Seomra an Bhuid,

Siol Eiligh,

7th January, 1924.

Dear Sir—I beg to inform you that the Council of this Rural District, at their meeting on the 10th ultimo, unanimously adopted the following resolution, viz.:—

"That the Shillelagh Rural District Council recommend the Wicklow County Council to again put into operation the provisions of the Compulsory Education Act in this Rural District, the administration of which was temporarily suspended about two years ago."

Yours faithfully,

J. HOPKINS.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

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Coiste Ceanntair Tnaithé Siol Eiligh,
Seomra an Bhuird,
Siol Eiligh,
16th February, 1924.

Dear Sir—Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject, I beg to inform you that the following motion was passed, by a majority of one vote, at the meeting of the Council of this District, held on the 11th instant, viz.—

“That the resolution adopted by the Council, on 10th December last, recommending the Wicklow County Council to again put into operation the provisions of the Compulsory Education Act, in Shillelagh Rural District, be rescinded.”

Yours faithfully,

J. HOPKINS.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary,

Wicklow County Council, WICKLOW.

The Council again adjourned consideration of the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 5th October, 1923, No 40848/1923, urging the Council to take immediate steps to frame a County Tuberculosis Scheme, with a view to providing complete and efficient arrangements for the treatment of tuberculous patients in their area. In this connection, the Secretary submitted a letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 22nd December, 1923 (Ref. No. P.H. 54327/1923), regarding the necessity for providing treatment immediately in the case of an ex-soldier suffering from tuberculosis, whose name and address was given.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by — J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the following Sergeants of the Civic Guard be hereby appointed Inspectors of Food and Drugs for this County:—

Sergeant Austin Rynne, Bri Chualann.

„ Denis Dennehy, Arklow.

„ Daniel McCaffrey, Shillelagh.

1 Herbert Road, BRAY.

January 14th, 1924.

Dear Sir...At a meeting of the County Wicklow Medical Committee it was resolved that application be made on their behalf for reduction of amount of tax on motor vehicles to half the present rate.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY RAVERTY, Hon. Sec.,

Co. Wicklow Medical Committee.

ORDER—No action taken; the Secretary having pointed out that neither the Council nor the Ministry of Local Government has any power under existing laws to accede to the request contained in this letter.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,

Seconded by — J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That, for the purpose of protecting the interests of the

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County Council in connection with the following Bills:—

The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill,
East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill,
The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill,
and The Naas No. 1 R.D.C. Electric Power Order,

and in order to comply with the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, a Special Meeting be held on Friday, the 14th March, and that the requisite notices be given.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by — Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and seal the Estimate (Forms 45 and 46) now submitted to us, and determine the Rates in the Pound to be levied in each Rural District in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925, as follows:—

General Charges.

	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
	s d	s d
Baltinglass No. 1 ...	4 11½	6 6½
Rathdown No. 2 ...	6 3	7 6½
Rathdrum ...	5 5	6 9½
Shillelagh ...	5 11½	7 4½

Separate Charges.

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Public Health—Baltinglass ...	1½
Ballyknocken Water Supply ...	0½
Public Health—Rathdown ...	1½
Greystones Water Supply, etc. ...	3½
Greystones Sewerage ...	11
Enniskerry Sewerage ...	3
Greystones Lighting ...	4½
Sewerage and Water Supplies—Newcastle Dispensary District ...	1½
Public Health—Shillelagh ...	1½
Arklow Harbour ...	2½
Wicklow Harbour ...	4½
Blessington Tramway ...	26
Compulsory Education—Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow ...	0½
Rural Electoral Division ...	6
Over the entire County-at-Large (including the three Urban Districts) under the Criminal Injury Act, 1923 ...	6

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by — Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby in accordance with the Estimates on Form 45 and 46, and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office), do determine the amounts

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to be demanded from each Urban District Council, as follows :—

Name of Urban District	General Charges			Separate Charges			Total		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Arklow	1036	13	6	370	2	0	1406	15	6
Bray	5100	16	3	819	10	3	5920	6	6
Wicklow	1182	11	3	1168	15	8	2351	6	11

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by „ Daniel Condren.

Resolved—That the Council's Solicitor be hereby authorised to consider fully the circumstances and facts connected with each reported breach, now submitted, of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Regulations issued thereunder, and that he take such legal proceedings on behalf of the Wicklow County Council as the circumstances of each case may in his opinion warrant.

Passed.

A communication dated the 30th January, 1924, from the Rural District Council's delegates for an expression of the County Council's opinion on the Government's proposal to abolish Rural District Councils was, through an oversight, not considered.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by „ J J Redmond ;

Resolved—That in order to give effect to the terms of the Council's Resolution of the 15th November, 1920, agreeing to pay to the Insurance Committee of the County of Wicklow a sum of £400 to enable the Committee to carry on their work of Domiciliary Treatment, etc., on condition that a similar grant be made by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) or by the Treasury. Be it resolved in pursuance of Section 17 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1911, that the scheme now submitted, indicating the Estimated Expenditure and Receipts of the Committee for the year 1924 be, and it is hereby, adopted.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 26th January, 1924, from the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, containing the following Resolution passed by that body :—

“Resolved—That for the credit of the workers under the direct labour system, and for the satisfaction of the ratepayers, accounts in detail as to the expenditure on each road in metal and in wages, be presented at each Quarterly Road Meeting of the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.”

ORDER. Terms of the resolution to be carried into effect by the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond ;

Seconded by „ J Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908,

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be hereby granted to the following :—

Thomas Miller, Blessington.

Samuel Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow.

Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh.

William Alcorn, Wicklow.

Laurence Murphy, Togher.

S V Delahunt, Wicklow.

G B Hopkins, Wicklow.

John E Griffin, Bri Chualann.

Thomas M Barker, Coolboy, Tinahely.

James Bradshaw, Kiltegan.

Mrs M Toomey, Hollywood.

James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride.

Denis J Cogan, Laragh.

J P Deegan, Ashford.

Michael Tutty, Hollywood.

James Healy, Rathdangan.

John Kilmartin, Rathdangan.

F J Allan, Donard.

Patrick Hoxey, Knockinarrigan.

Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum.

P J Graham, Knockananna.

J W Hanbidge, Dunlavin.

James Lawler, Dunlavin.

Robert Griffin, Bri Chualann.

F J Sutton, Rathdrum.

Reps. Mrs M A Geraty, Carnew.

Arthur Hennessy, Blessington.

W F Murphy, Aughrim.

Samuel H Correll, Carnew.

Passed.

A letter dated the 14th January, 1924, was submitted from J W Barrett, Esq., Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, in which he asked for certain information necessary in connection with the proposal of his Council to put into proper repair the building in Arklow formerly known as the Fever Hospital.

The Secretary undertook to look into the matter and to furnish such information as might be obtainable in that connection.

The following letter was received by the Council :—

Baltinglass,

To P T Healy, Esq.,

19-1-1924.

Sec., Wicklow County Council.

Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I called to Mr E O'Neill's on yesterday to sign the caretaker's agreement for the workhouse. The agreement does not specify whether I am to reside at the workhouse. I could not agree to that, if required, as there is no habitable part of it, except the Fever Hospital, which is occupied by the military. Moreover, I could hardly be expected to re-

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side in the building for a 5s a week. Also, could I resign the position, if and when I might require to do so. Hoping you will make these points clear,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Patrick Furlong,

NO ORDER.

EXAMINATION FOR UNIVERSITY COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Secretary submitted a communication, dated the 4th February, 1924, which he had received in above connection from the Secretary to the Irish County Council's General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, in which it was stated that the General Council strongly recommend to the favourable consideration of the County Council the accompanying memorandum received from the Ministry of Education, in which it was suggested that the award of University County Scholarships should for the sake of economy and uniformity of test be made on the results of the Senior Grade Intermediate Examinations.

ORDER. Suggestion adopted.

A Letter dated 9th February, 1924, was submitted from Aidan F Walsh, Esq., V.S., 35 Dublin Street, Carlow, in which he again asked the County Council for the sum of £11 5s, claimed by him in respect to duties discharged under the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, in February of 1920 and in March of 1923.

ORDER. Cannot exceed scale adopted by the Council.

A letter dated 15th February, 1924, was considered from J H McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor to the County Council, Church Street, Wicklow, in which he asked, with regard to the Malicious Injury Claim of E A Maude, Blessington for £21,000, if the Council desire a reinstatement clause pressed for, or would they prefer to allow applicant to apply for the market value instead of compensation on the basis of rebuilding.

ORDER. Reinstatement clause to be insisted upon.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by him during the Quarter ending the 31/12/1923.

Articles

Submitted for Analysis	No.	From	Result of Analysis
Drugs	3	Stratford-on-Slaney	All genuine
"	3	Bray No. 1	do.
"	3	Delgany	do.
"	3	Dunlavin	do.
"	3	Arklow	do.
Milks	6	Bray U.D.C.	do.
"	6	Bray U.D.C.	5 genuine 1 not genuine

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter...27

Number adulterated.....One Milk.....

Date.....10/1/1924.....

(Signed) John Keane, Public Analyst.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted :—

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FROM THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

23rd January, 1924, No. 2953/24. Circular letter outlining the manner in which the Council should deal with the balances existing at the time of the coming into operation of County Schemes, and also as to the provision necessary to meet debts and liabilities of late Boards of Guardians; and also for the Council's information copy of (1) The Adaptation (Agricultural Grant) Order, 1924; (2) The Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923; (3) extract from the 'Iris Oifigiúil' of the 18th December, 1923, being the Order issued to Guardians by the Minister on the 14th December, 1923.

15th February, 1924, No. S.7359/24. Enclosing copy of Order adapting the provisions of the Probate Duties Act, 1888; and, further, dealing with certain points which have arisen in the preparation of Rate Estimates for the year 1924-1925.

31st December, 1923, No. 54512/1923. Stating there is no objection to the Fidelity Bond entered into by Temporary Poor Rate Collector Frank Healy (No. 5 District).

31st December, 1923, Circular R/36. Relative to the necessity for providing bridges of sufficient capacity for the free discharge of any flood when plans are being considered for the reconstruction of destroyed bridges.

9th January, 1924, R/37. Directing attention to the necessity for considered action in regard to the entering into contracts for the maintenance and repair of roads.

9th January, 1924, No. S.532/24. Stating it is expected that a payment in respect of Local Taxation Grants will be made to the Council early in February.

11th January, 1924, No. G.753/1923. Stating that the Minister sees no objection to the form of Fidelity Bond entered into by Temporary Poor Rate Collector Mrs Kate Doyle (No. 6 District).

14th January, 1924, No. R.38/1924. Asking to be furnished with the views of the Council on the method current in some counties of paying Surveyors' travelling expenses.

ORDER—No views to express, as the Surveyors in the service of Wicklow County Council are paid an inclusive salary.

14th February, 1924, No G.5308/1924. Enclosing for the Council's information copy of the Local Offices and Employments Order, 1924.

15th February, 1924. No. P.48503/1924. Enclosing copy of the County Council's (Disused Workhouses) Order, 1924.

19th February, 1924. No. RS.204/R.39. Enclosing copy of the County Surveyors' Qualifications Order, 1922, and circular disclosing particulars of the forthcoming examination for County Surveyors.

22nd February, 1924, No. G.7475/1924. Stating that the Minister sanctions the continuance of the Overdraft of the Wicklow County Council, not exceeding £20,000, for a period of six months, at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under current Bank Rate, with a minimum of 4 per cent.

22nd February, 1924, No G.7257/1924. Stating that the Minister

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has sanctioned the proposed refund of £33 8s 9d to Rate Collector P. Mulligan, pending result of the appeal when the case should be adjusted.

28th February, 1924, IRE/33, stating that the Minister has approved under Section 27 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, of the following sums as limits of road expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925, for the Rural Districts mentioned :—

Baltinglass No 1	...	£6941
Rathdown No 2	...	5317
Rathdrum	...	14095
Shillelagh	...	3807

FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF VALUATION.

4th February, 1924, No. 2,402,015. Enclosing for the Council's information copy of an Order made by the Minister of Finance under the provisions of the Valuation (Postponement of Revision) Act, 1923, postponing the annual revisions in Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdrum, and Shillelagh Rural Districts, in County Wicklow.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

27th November, 1923, No. 15. Foot and Mouth Disease (Disinfection of Persons) Order, 1923.

7th December, 1923, No. 16. Foot and Mouth Disease (Imported Packing) Order of 1923.

10th December, 1923, No. V.B.2714/23. Drawing the Council's special attention to the provisions of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Imported Packing) Order of 1923, of which an advanced copy is enclosed.

4th January, 1924, No. 22/24. Enclosing copy of a special poster prepared for the guidance of the public generally, in connection with the alarming prevalence of Foot and Mouth Disease in Great Britain and the grave danger of its extension to the Free State.

FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

31st January, 1924, No. I.O.8. Asking to be supplied with certain statistical information regarding the operation in Baltinglass No 1 Rural District of the Compulsory Attendance provisions of the Irish Education Act of 1892.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT, J. H. MCCARROLL, ESQ., SOLICITOR, CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

24th January, 1924. Stating, in connection with the rates outstanding for which ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, is liable, that the auctioneer proposed to sell Mr Byrne's

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farm on the 31st inst., and will lodge the rates out of the proceeds.

4th February, 1924. Intimating that Mr Byrne's farm, referred to in letter No. 20, has been sold, and the auctioneer states that the rates outstanding by Mr Byrne will be lodged to credit of the Council about the 1st March.

11th February, 1924. Stating, with regard to the rates due on Ballyremon Commons, that the County Court Judge refused a Decree, as he came to the conclusion the defendants were not in possession, and that this decision has been appealed against on behalf of the Council.

21st January, 1924. Furnishing a Report and Tabular Statement showing the ratepayers in Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts, in respect to whom Decrees for such rates are in the hands of the Sheriff.

15th January, 1924. From the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, drawing attention to the great motor traffic in Co. Wicklow by motor owners resident in other counties, and suggesting that the Government be approached with a view to obtaining an additional Grant from the Motor Tax to meet the cost of the additional wear and tear on the roads.

ORDER—This matter is already having attention.

27th October, 1923, from the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, Rathdrum, intimating that the Irish Land Commission have accepted payment by the District Council of £486 1s 7d, instalment of Labourers Acts Loans, due in June, 1923, which sum the Minister of Finance intimated to the County Council had been deducted from their Grants.

21st February, 1924, from same, enclosing copy of letter from the Ministry of Finance in which it is stated no deduction has been or will be made from any Grants payable to the County Council in respect to the sum of £486 1s 7d referred to in the previous letter.

21st February, 1924, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, Rathdrum, enclosing copy of communication from the Ministry of Local Government, relative to discharging the balance of £1,605 1s 2d (which is now increased to £1707), due to their Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, by the late Rathdrum Board of Guardians, and also to the sum of £1,461 2s 5d, due by the late Shillelagh Board of Guardians to their Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited.

ORDER—The facts to be placed by the Secretary before the Ministry of Local Government, for consideration.

28th February, 1924, from the Secretary, County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Technical Schools, Wicklow, enclosing for the Council's information

(1) A Statement in relation to the Scheme for the teaching of

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Irish, showing expenditure and balance sheets for the Session commencing 1st August, 1922, and ending 31st July, 1923, and

- (2) A Statement showing receipts and expenditure under the Scheme for the period from the 1st August, 1923, to 28th February, 1924.

27th December, 1923, from the Secretary, Hibernian Insurance Company, 48 Dame Street, Dublin, relative to the Company's liability under their Bond with regard to the outstanding rates due for collection by ex-Collector John Cullen in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts.

ORDER—Matter still in Law Agent's hands for attention.

11th February, 1924, from Sergeant Michael Ryan, Civic Guard Station, Baltinglass, asking to be supplied with certain items of outfit to be used by him whilst discharging the duties of Food and Drugs Inspector under the Council.

ORDER—The Inspectors to procure the essential articles of equipment themselves, and to charge same through the quarterly accounts submitted from time to time.

12th February, 1924, from Sergeant Thomas Clarke, Civic Guard Station, Blessington, asking to be supplied with certain items of outfit to be used by him whilst discharging the duties of Food and Drugs Inspector under the Council.

ORDER—Same Order.

File of correspondence from L. J. Kettle, City Electrical Engineer, Dublin Corporation, Fleet Street, Dublin, relative to the proposal that all public bodies affected co-operate in offering opposition to the several Electoral Power Bills that it is proposed to submit at an early date to the Dail; and, further, stating that it is the intention of the Dublin Corporation to promote a Corporation private Bill based on Herr Buchi's Report.

From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General, Council, enclosing for the Council's information minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of that body held on the 13th December, 1923.

6th October, 1924, from the Secretary, County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow, enclosing copy of a Scheme of Scholarships to an Irish College in 1924, confined to pupils attending Irish classes in session 1923/1924 under the supervision of his Committee.

18th December, 1923, from Charles Gaule, Esq., Secretary, I.T.G.W.U., Arklow, drawing the Council's attention to the serious inconvenience experienced by electors resident in the vicinity of Arklow Rock who have to go to Johnstown to vote, and asking that arrangements be made to have one of the three booths in Johnstown transferred to the schoolhouse at Arklow Rock.

ORDER—No action.

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Wentworth Place,
WICKLOW.

January 4th, 1924.

Dear Mr Healy,

I write to thank you for sending me the kind Resolution of sympathy which was passed by the County Council at their meeting on November 19th. Please will you convey to the Council at their next meeting the sincere thanks of myself and my son and daughter, and I would also thank you yourself for your most kind expressions of sympathy to us all.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

E A Wynne.

8th December, 1923, from ex-Poor Rate Collector John Cullen, Donard, relative to £30 stated to be due on the holding of the late Mr Thomas Burke, of Hollywood, in circumstances outlined in the letter.

ORDER. Referred to Solicitor.

4th and 13th February, 1924, from Messrs. Brown and McCann, Naas, solicitors for the representatives of Thomas Burke, of Hollywood, stating that they will defend any proceedings the Council may bring for the recovery of the £30 in question.

ORDER. Referred to Solicitor.

9th February, 1924, from Messrs. Orpen and Sweeny, solicitors, 33 Anglesea Street, Dublin, giving the Council notice of an indenture dated the 4th instant made by ex-Poor Rate Collector John Cullen, of Donard, and the Royal Bank of Ireland, Limited, Foster Place, Dublin, whereby the latter have been assigned all monies claimed to be due to Mr Cullen by the County Council.

3rd February, 1924, from Mrs. Mary McDonnell, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass, enclosing doctor's certificate to the effect that Collector Luke McDonnell is suffering from rheumatic fever, is confined to his bed, and is unable to discharge his duties as Rate Collector.

16th February, 1924, from Mr Christopher O'Reilly, Mineview, Avoca, asking the Council to make arrangements for the more prompt payment to him of the compensation to which he is entitled following an accident received whilst in the Council's employment.

ORDER. No better arrangements can be made.

23rd January, 1924, from Patrick Gaffney, Brigade Secretary, Carlow Brigade, I.R.A., Cullen Bridge, Killeslin, Carlow, asking for support for the Irish Republican Prisoners' Dependents, who are stated to be suffering great hardships through no fault of their own.

23rd January, 1923, from same, inquiring as to the truth or otherwise of a rumour that no republicans are to be employed in any capacity under local bodies, or whether impossible conditions, such as the signing of papers, had to be observed; and, further, asking the members of the Council to help to find work for released prisoners.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

22nd December, 1923, from Kildare County Council, resolution calling on the Government to immediately give a Grant in aid of

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employment, and protesting against the Government's statement that the time is opportune for a reduction of the wages of Road Workers.

14th January, 1924, from East Wicklow Sinn Fein District Council, resolution emphatically protesting against the unjust and illegal detention of a large number of the elected representatives of the people, and stated that it is considered to be a menace to the peace of the country that so many Irishmen are still in jail, uncharged and untried.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 14th MARCH, 1924.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 14th March, 1924.

The following members were present—Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors E O'Neill, W Byrne, James Byrne, W J Doyle, J J Redmond, Seamus Tuirneir, Patrick Doyle.

A telegram was submitted from Councillor J J Metcalfe, regretting his inability through illness to attend.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle.

Resolved—That we hereby tender our esteemed friend and colleague, Councillor Michael Fleming, and the members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in the great loss that has befallen them.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, WICKLOW.

7th March, 1924.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

TAKE NOTICE, that you are hereby required to attend a Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Friday, the 14th day of March, 1924, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of considering the advisability of opposing, and the expense thereof, in the present Session of the Oireachtas the following Bills and Order, viz. :—

The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill ;

The East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill ;

The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill ;

The Naas No. 1 R.D. Electric Power Order.

Le meas mor,

is mise,

P. T. HEALY.

The Secretary drew the Council's attention to the fact that this Special Meeting was convened in order to comply with the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, as directed by Resolution of the Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 29th February, 1924, and in this con-



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nection he read the following published notice which has been drafted by the Council's Law Agent :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

51 & 52 Vic., c. 53.

TAKE NOTICE, that a Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council will be held in the Court House, Wicklow, on Friday, 14th day of March, 1924, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering the question of opposing the following Bills and Order :— (1) The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill; (2) The East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill; (3) The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill; and (4) The Naas No. 1 R.D. Electric Power Order; and passing such resolution as to the costs and expenses thereof as are necessary to comply with Section 5 of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1924.

(Signed),

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary of Wicklow County Council.

Court House, Wicklow.

The Secretary stated that in his opinion the Council were not in a position to transact the business for which the meeting was convened, inasmuch as Section 5 of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, required that no expense in relation to opposing any Bill shall be charged unless incurred in pursuance of a Resolution of an absolute majority of the Council. An absolute majority of Wicklow County Council would represent 14 members, and there were only present that day 8 members.

The Council, having heard the Law Agent's views on the matter, after some discussion passed the following Resolution :—

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill,

Seconded by " John J. Redmond, and

Resolved—That in the judgment of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, being the governing body of the County of Wicklow within the meaning of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, it is expedient for the Council to oppose the Bills intitled "The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill"; "The East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill"; "The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill"; and "The Naas No. 1 R.D. Electric Power Order," now being promoted in the present Session of the Oireachtas, and we hereby direct that all necessary steps be taken by our Solicitor, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., for the purpose of such opposition and for complying with the provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, in relation thereto, and the consent of the Council is hereby given to such opposition, the fixing of the area of charge to bear the costs and expenses incurred by such opposition to be decided by the Council at their Meeting to be held on Monday, the 31st March, 1924.

Passed unanimously.

The Council adjourned to their next meeting consideration of the

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question of fixing the Area of Charge for all expenses incurred in connection with opposing the above referred to Bills and Order.

At the close of the meeting, the Chairman referred to two letters which he had received from Councillor James Everett, T.D. As this was a special meeting, these letters could not be discussed. One of these letters, however, referred to a discussion that had taken place at a meeting of another public body in the County, he would, therefore, read it, which he did as follows :—

Wicklow,

14th March, 1924.

The Presiding Chairman,

Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I must register my protest against the alleged statement of Councillor P. Murphy, at Bray U.D.C. meeting, that the Council cheered, &c. Although I hold opposite views from many of the Councillors, I have always found them to be most generous in their expressions of sympathy towards any deceased Irishman.

Also as to his statement, that the Labour Party also cheered; this is entirely contradictory to facts. If Mr Murphy, before he made this statement, only looked up the minutes, he would find that Councillor Kinsella when it was not popular moved resolutions which were supported by the Labour Party. This was when Mr Murphy was not present. If Mr Murphy will make or repeat this libel on the Labour Party in a place where he cannot claim privilege, we will give him and his new ally, Mr Nix, the "Newsletter" reporter, an opportunity of proving his groundless libel.

I am prepared to prove that I did as much and certainly more than Mr Murphy did on behalf of prisoners when it might not have been so easy without risk to speak one's mind.

Mise,

le meas,

(Signed),

JAMES EVERETT,

Per J.C.

The Chairman stated he would not deal with Councillor Everett's second letter until Councillor Everett himself was able to be present.

The following members were present—Councillor C. M. Ua Broin, T.D., Chairman; Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, J J Redmond, Seamus Tuirneir, S O Pleamonn, Felix O'Rafferty, Eamonn O'Neill, and James Byrne.

Court House, WICKLOW,
24th March, 1924.

A Chara,

TAKE NOTICE, that you are hereby required to attend a Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1924, at the hour of 2 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of opposing, and the expense thereof, in the present Session of the Oireachtas the following Bills and Order, viz. :—

- The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill ;
The East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill ;
The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill ;
The Naas No. 1 R.D. Electric Power Order.

Le meas mor.

is mise,

P. T. HEALY.

The Secretary read the summons which had been issued convening the Meeting, and also the Notice drafted by the Law Agent, which had been published under the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, as follows :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

51 & 52 Vic., c. 53.

Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, 31st day of March, 1934, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the question of opposing the following Bills and Order:—
(1) The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill; (2) The East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill; (3) The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill; and (4)

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The Naas No. 1 R.D. Electric Power Order; and passing such resolution as to the costs and expenses thereof as are necessary to comply with Section 5 of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1924.

(Signed),

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary of Wicklow County Council.

Court House, Wicklow.

An absolute majority of the members not being present, as was required by the provisions of Section 5 of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, no attempt was made to transact the business for which the meeting was convened.

The Law Agent undertook, at the request of the Council, to place before the Ministry for Local Government a full report concerning the abortive efforts of the County Council to enter opposition to the Bills and Order referred to in the Summons and Public Notice.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 31st MARCH, 1924.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 3 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 31st March, 1924.

The following members were present—Councillor C. M. Ua Broin, T.D., Chairman; Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, J J Redmond, Seamus Tuirneir, S O Pleamonn, Felix O'Rafferty, Eamonn O'Neill, and James Byrne.

AGENDA.

- 1—To consider Report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider Report from the Roads Committee.
- 3—To consider the scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, which expires on the 31st March, 1924, and to pass such a Resolution in connection therewith as the Council may deem advisable.
- 4—To consider a communication from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 13th March, 1924, indicating the terms on which the Grant of £17,900 for improving Trunk Roads will be given.
- 5—To consider a communication from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 19th March, 1924, relative to the terms on which a Grant of £3,700 will be made for improving Kilmacanogue-Laragh-Rathdrum road.
- 6—To arrange for the temporary appointment of a Public Analyst for the County.
- 7—To consider a letter from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Department), dated the 19th March, 1924, asking for the Council's views before appointing a Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.
- 8—To pass a Resolution appealing against the reduction made by the Commissioner of Valuation in the several valuations of that part of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway which passes through the County.
- 9—To consider a communication from Rural District Council delegates, asking for an expression of the County Council's opinion as to whether they approve of or dissent from the proposal to abolish Rural District Councils.
- 10—To consider a letter from Miss Agnes Redmond, 9 Rathmines Road, Dublin, in which she protests that the County Council's recent decision to award the University Scholarship this year on the basis of the Senior Grade Intermediate examination results will debar her from competing.
- 11—To consider Reports from County Officers.

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ROADS COMMITTEE REPORT

OF

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1924.

The Roads Committee met on Monday, 31st March, 1924.

The following members attended—Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Redmond, Eamonn O'Neill, James Turner.

BUSINESS.

1.—To consider the position of the roads where the Grants are to be spent.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor James Byrne; and

Resolved—That the Grant of £17,900 be spent as follows:—

SHILLELAGH-RATHDRUM	£5,000
BALTINGLASS-BLESSINGTON	£5,000
RATHDRUM-RATHNEW	£7,000
RATHDRUM-ARKLOW	£900

That the Special Grant allocated for the Long Hill Road (Kilmacanoge- Glendalough), of £3,700, be spent as follows:—

Rathdrum portion	£2,000
Rathdown	£1,700

That the Surveyor obtain stones from Arklow Rock Quarry—the amount to be spent on same not to exceed £1,700, and that he be instructed to forward immediately the Scheme for the spending of the Grants to the Local Government Department, and that on receipt of their sanction the work be commenced.

Passed.

2.—The following Resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by E. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the sum of £1,200 be borrowed in order to purchase 4 Crushers.

Passed.

3.—The County Surveyor requested the Committee to recommend the Council to grant him a sum to purchase a Motor Car—such sum to be a Loan repayable from his salary, on the conditions set forth in the Local Government Department's letter of the 29th July, 1922. Also that the Committee recommend that the Licence Duty be refunded to him.

ORDER—Recommended.

4.—Rate of Wages for Year ending 31st March, 1925:—

The following Resolution was passed by the Casting Vote of the Chairman—3 Councillors voting for and 3 against.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Seconded by James Byrne.

Resolved—That the rate for Surfacemen be as follows:—30s per week

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in the Rural Districts of Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdrum, and Shillelagh, and the Agricultural Rate of Wages in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, during the current year, but recognising the fact that Agricultural labourers have not to pay a proportion of the cost of Unemployment stamps—the Council is recommended to pay said wage to each man including, however, the employee's proportion of the cost of the Unemployment stamp placed weekly on his card.

Passed.

The following rates of wages were agreed to:—

Overseers £3 0 0 per week (carried by 4 votes to 2).

Sub-Gangers £2 10 0

Charge Hands ... 5s 0d per week more than surfacemen

Men quarrying stones ... 5s 0d

Spreaders before Roller ... 2s 6d

Sweepers ... 2s 6d

Engine Drivers ... £3 0s 0d a week.

Driver's helper ... 30s 0d a week in the Rural Districts of Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdrum, and Shillelagh, and in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District at the Agricultural rate of wages.

Horse Hire ... 10s 0d per day in Baltinglass No. 1, Shillelagh, and Rathdrum, and 12s per day in Rathdown No. 2.

(Signed),

C. M. BYRNE, Presiding Chairman.

Dated the 31st March, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by James Byrne.

Resolved—That the Roads Committee's Report, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Turner;

Seconded by J. J. Redmond; and

Resolved—That the Roads Committee's Report, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, subject to the amendment that the scale of wages for surfacemen be 37s 6d in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District; 32s 6d in Rathdrum Rural District; and 30s in Shillelagh and Baltinglass No. 1 Rural Districts, instead of the scale of wages for surfacemen given, in the report.

On a show of hands being taken, the amendment was declared to be passed by 6 votes to 3, as follow:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Redmond, Seamus Turner, Felix O'Rafferty, and John Fleming 6

AGAINST—Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D.; James Byrne, and Eamonn O'Neill 3

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the rate of wages in the

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Shillelagh Rural District be the same for surfacemen as in Rathdrum Rural District, viz.—32s 6d per week."

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;

Seconded by " Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved—That the scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, which has been in operation in this County for a number of years, and the sanction to which terminates on this date, be, and it is hereby, approved and continued, for the further period of twelve months ending the 31st March, 1925, subject to the modifications in wages as set out after the Roads Committee's Report, and we hereby request the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) to accord their sanction thereto.

Passed unanimously.

The following correspondence from the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government, in connection with the Grants to the Council from the Road Fund, was submitted:—

Grant of £2,200 from Road Fund.

13th March, 1924, R/SGA/33, stating that the Minister has reconsidered his decision to withdraw this Grant, and enclosing Forms of Requisition on which the County Surveyor should apply for instalments of the Grant—32s 6d to be the Rate of Wage for men employed.

25th March, 1924, SG/33, intimating that £1,000 of the above Grant has been lodged to credit of the Council, £600 being for the Section of Trunk Road from Hollybrooke 3 roads to Kilmacanoge 3 roads; and £400 in respect of Section of the same road from near Milltown Lane to Rathnew.

Grant of £17,900 from Road Fund.

13th March, 1924, R/SGA/33, intimating that no alteration can be authorised in the two conditions governing this Grant, namely—(1) that preference is to be given to demobilised men of the National Army; and (2) that the men employed be paid 28s per week.

24th March, 1924, R/Tr/33, stating that a reasonable portion of this Grant may be expended on the road from Dublin to Baltinglass via Blessington. The Minister, however, cannot authorise any expenditure out of the Grant on the road from Rathdrum to Tullow via Shillelagh.

27th March, 1924, R/Tr/33, intimating that on the Chairman's special representations the Minister will be prepared to consider a limited expenditure out of the £17,900 on the road from Rathdrum to Tullow via Shillelagh.

27th March, 1924, R/SGA/33, stating that in the special circumstances of Co. Wicklow the Minister has decided to authorise payment of wages out of the Grant of £17,900 at the rates paid in each area to Agricultural Labourers, the maximum wage, however, to be 30s per week. The Minister trusts all schemes will be submitted without delay.

Kilmacanogue-Laragh-Rathdrum Road.

19th March, 1924, R/RG/33, intimating that in consideration of the above Road being in the vicinity of Dublin City the Minister is prepared

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to give an additional Grant of £3,700 to be expended on it—on the same conditions as those given in letter dated 18th February, 1924.

The following order was made by the Council:—

"That the County Surveyor is hereby directed to keep a separate Debit and Credit Account, showing full details of the Receipts and Expenditure connected with each Grant received by the Council from the Road Fund, for review by Inspectors from the Ministry, and for the purpose of preparing all Returns required by the Ministry."

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow,
31st March, 1924.

To the Presiding Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—I am informed that Wicklow Urban District Council has, for the fourth year in succession, declined to raise the sum of £840 10s 6d, which was included in the County Council's Demand off that Urban area, during each of the Financial Years 1921/22, 1922/23, 1923/24, and 1924/1925.

This sum of £840 10s 6d represents the total of the Decrees given by the Judge of Assize on the 1st March, 1920, confirming the awards by the County Court Judge on the 8th October, 1919, in the following three cases under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act, 1919, as the result of what took place in Wicklow on the 15th April, 1918:—

Patrick Plower, ex-Head Constable, R.I.C.	£355	4	10
Michael McCormick, ex-Constable, R.I.C.	£260	8	10
Thomas Jones, ex-Sergeant, R.I.C.	£224	16	10

Total £840 10 6

These three sums were paid by the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, on demand, on the 25th March, 1920, on presentation of the original Decrees and the stamped receipts therefor appear on the back of such Decrees. I may add the Castle and Kilmartin Wards of the Urban District of Wicklow constitute the area of charge off which the courts decided the amounts in each of these three decrees should be raised and levied.

The Council is charged with the responsibility of seeing that these sums are paid over by the Urban District Council of Wicklow.

The fourth instalment of the County Council's Demand on the Urban District Council of Bri Chualann for the service of the Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1924, amounting to £1,282 7s 3d, became due and payable on the 1st March, 1924. On the 7th March, instant, I received from the Clerk to Bri Chualann Urban District Council a Paying Order for the sum of £782 7s 3d, in the body of which the following words appeared:—

"Final Instalment of County Demand, Year 1923-24, less £500 in respect of hospital charges paid direct by Council for County Board of Health."

I have since pointed out to the Clerk of Bri Chualann Urban District

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Council that this effort to adjust accounts as between Bri Chualann Urban District Council and the County Board of Health is wholly irregular, and I have twice asked for payment of the £500 still remaining due. So far, however, it has not reached me.

These are matters of considerable importance, and I respectfully suggest that the Council take them into consideration to-day.

Le meas mor,
is mise,

(Signed), P. T. HEALY.

ORDER—Referred to Law Agent.

The Secretary referred to the communication which he was directed at the last meeting of the Council to forward the Ministry of Local Government, relative to filling the vacant position of public analyst in the County, and, in this connection, submitted the following reply thereto:—

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Sraid Mhuirbhteann Uach.,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

21st March, 1924.

P.H.12806/24.

Wicklow County.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to Section 10 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, and to point out that the responsibility for the appointment of a Public Analyst rests with the County Council.

Pending the introduction of the proposed arrangement for the reform of the Public Health Services, it would seem desirable that such appointment should be of a provisional character, and advertisement would appear to be the most suitable procedure for obtaining applications from qualified candidates.

Mise, le meas,

E. P. McCarron.

a/s AIRE RIALTAIS AITIULA.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Court House, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor P Doyle;

Seconded by " W J Doyle.

Resolved—That an Analyst be temporarily appointed for the County of Wicklow, in succession to Mr John Keane, M.Sc., A.I.C., as suggested in the letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 21st March, 1924. No. P.H.12806/1924, candidates to be asked to state the figure they will discharge the duties for.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported to the Council that the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company had applied to the Commissioner of Valuation for revision of the valuations of the Company's property in the County. These revised valuations had now been received for the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2, and he observed that the valuations of the Company's property had been reduced by the Commissioner throughout the whole of that Rural District from 20 per cent. to 25 per cent., which would represent

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a considerable reduction in the Council's income in the poor rates thereon. He intimated that he had taken upon himself the responsibility of appealing against these revised valuations, and he now asked the Council's formal approval of his action.

Letters dated the 13th and 21st March, 1924, were submitted from the Clerk of Bri Chualann Urban District Council on the same subject.

Proposed by Councillor J Turner;

Seconded by " J J Redmond.

Resolved—That we approve and confirm the action of our Secretary, who has appealed against the reductions made by the Commissioner of Valuation in the several valuations of that part of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway which passes through this County.

Passed unanimously.

Aireacht Thionnscail agus Trachtala,

Roinn Iompair agus Mara,

14 Faithche San Stiofain Thuaidh,

Baile Atha Cliath,

19th March, 1924.

C.4876.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that he is informed some difficulty has arisen regarding the Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, consequent on the recent resignation of the County Surveyor of County Dublin, who under the "Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Interim Management) Order, 1916" was appointed, in his capacity of County Surveyor for the time being of the County of Dublin, Interim Manager of the Undertaking.

As the circumstances under which the interim appointment, under above Order, was made, have ceased to exist it would appear that the appointment of a Committee of Management in accordance with the requirements of the Act is now essential but before issuing the necessary directions the observations of your Council are requested.

A similar communication has been addressed to the Secretary of the Dublin County Council.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) J Ingram.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Comhairle Chonntae Bhaile Atha Cliath,

Oifig an Runaire,

Cearnog na Parnaill, 11,

Baile Atha Cliath,

28th March, 1924.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

A Chara,

The County Dublin County Council had before them at their meeting held yesterday, a letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Industry and

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Commerce, relative to the appointment of a Committee of Management to take charge of the above undertaking, and they unanimously decided to inform the Ministry that they were of opinion that a Committee of Management should be immediately appointed to carry on this Tramway. The County Council will be glad if your Council would also co-operate in having this done.

Mise le meas,

(Signed) S Ua Laoidhleis,

An Runaidhe.

ORDER: The Council's objections to be given to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce by the Chairman, C M Byrne, T.D.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

9 Rathmines Road, Dublin,
14-3-24.

Dear Mr Healy,

In reply to your letter of this morning, I hasten to inform the County Council that for the past seven months I have been receiving tuition in preparation for this year's County Council Scholarship examination. I incurred this expense because of the Council's published syllabus supplied to me at the beginning of the academic year, and renewed February the 29th last, under which I am eligible to compete for a Scholarship on the 14th July next. According to your letter, of to-day, saying the Scholarship will be granted on Senior Grade results, I am ineligible to compete as I am past the age for Senior Grade.

Any such changes should have been announced at the beginning of the academic year, and I respectfully submit that it is unjust to do so now. I hope the Council will realise this injustice, not only in my case, but I presume in that of many others—and defer the change till after this year's examination.

Anxiously awaiting their reply.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
Agnes Redmond.

ORDER: No action.

Aireacht Oideachais,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
25 Marta, 1924.

Ed. 6835/24.

The Secretary, County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. with accompanying resolution stating that the Wicklow County Council propose awarding their University Scholarships on the results of the Senior Grade Intermediate Examination. You are of course aware that this Ministry has no authority over County Councils in the matter of University Scholarships. The Minister is, however, glad to know that your Council approves of his suggestion to avail of the Intermediate Ex-

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amination, and he encloses herewith for their assistance and guidance in framing such a scheme a draft of regulations suggested by the Ministry to the Meath County Council and adopted by them.

Regarding the lady referred to in your letter, the Minister cannot see that she can claim to have any serious grievance. It is assumed that your University Scholarship scheme is adopted from year to year, and hence no prospective candidate has any right to make any assumption as to what the scheme for a particular year will be until your Council makes its announcement. It would be possible if and when your Council so desire, to admit the lady in question to the Senior Grade Intermediate Examination as an extra student, so that her marks might be available for the Scholarship competition.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Proinnsias O Dubhthaigh,
A/S Runai.

1 Enclosure.

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III. These Scholarships shall be awarded to candidates on the results of the Senior Grade Intermediate Examination, 1924, subject to the following conditions:—

1. Candidates must pass the Examination generally, and must pass in the subjects required for Matriculation.
2. Candidates must obtain Honours in two subjects at least.
3. Candidates must take the Honours paper in Irish. Whatever marks they obtain on this paper will be counted in deciding the allocation of the Scholarships.
4. Scholarships may be awarded to candidates obtaining the highest total of marks, reckoned as follows:—Marks obtained on Honours paper will count in full; marks on pass paper will be divided by two. When this has been done the marks obtained in Irish will be added to the four highest marks of those obtained in other subjects.

Provided always that, notwithstanding anything contained in this Scheme, the Scholarships set apart for girls may be awarded to boys, should the required number of girls not fulfill the foregoing conditions, and vice versa in case of Scholarships set apart for boys.

Ballydoreen,

Ashford,

31st March, 1924.

To the Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—I hereby tender my resignation as Member of Wicklow County Council, which I assume also means my resignation of the positions I hold on the several Committees as representing the County Council, and such is my intention.

I take this step with considerable regret, but circumstances over which I have no control compel me to do so.

Allow me to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the

Yours faithfully,
(Signed), JAMES TURNER.

ORDER.—Accepted with regret.

A second letter dated the 15th March, 1924, from same, was submitted, asking for support for the Irish Republican Prisoners' Dependents who are stated to be suffering great hardships through no fault of their own.

to the Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council

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very cordial relations which have always existed between myself and the other members of the Council and also with the several members of your efficient and courteous Secretarial Staff.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), JAMES TURNER.

ORDER—Accepted with regret.

A letter dated the 15th March, 1924, was received from Paddy MacGinches, Brigade Secretary, Carlow Brigade, I.R.A., Cullen Bridge, Killeen, Carlow, inquiring as to the truth or otherwise of a rumour that no republicans are to be employed in any capacity under local bodies or whether impossible conditions, such as the signing of papers, had to be observed; and, further, asking the members of the Council to help to find work for released prisoners.

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MINUTES OF MEETING, 26th MAY, 1924.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 26th May, 1924.

The following members were present—Councillors James Byrne, Liam Grainger, W. J. Doyle, James Everett, T.D.; J. J. Redmond, Laurence Redmond, and Michael Fleming.

A telegram was submitted from the Chairman, Councillor C. M. Byrne, regretting his inability to be present.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 14th May, 1924, from the Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District Council, in which he intimated that at the meeting of his Council on the 12th inst., Mr Laurence Redmond, Balleeshal, Aughrim, was appointed to represent the Rural District Council on the County Council in place of Mr. Seamus Turner, resigned.

Mr. Redmond, who was present, signed his Declaration before the Secretary accepting office.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, it was

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,

Seconded by " W. J. Doyle, and

Resolved—That the Chair be taken by Councillor James Byrne.

Passed.

The Council postponed to the adjourned Quarterly Meeting consideration of Finance Committee's Report No. 1, which had been printed and circulated to each member.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held on Monday, the 26th May, 1924, when the following members were present:

Councillor J. J. Redmond, Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Everett, T.D.; Eamonn O'Neill, and James Byrne.

The Committee passed a payment which appeared on the County Surveyor's certified Wages Sheets, in favour of Messrs. Thomas Lenehan and Company, 124 Capel Street, Dublin, for wheelbarrows which were subsequently found to have been built in England—Councillor James Everett, T.D., dissenting.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils recommended them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County-at-Large	9062	12	6
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	433	4	1
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	1362	9	3
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	349	8	3

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Shillelagh—	32	11	9	—	299	15	2
District Proposals	267	3	5	—	299	15	2
Committee's Proposals	1333	6	8				
Repayment of Loans							

The Committee examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and from the Rural District Councils and recommended the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

In respect to Quarter ending 30th June, 1924.

	£	s.	d.
County Board of Health	A.	1000	0 0
Do	B.	2000	0 0
Do	C.	1000	0 0
Do	D.	2000	0 0
Do	E.	1000	0 0

Total ... £7,000 0 0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

In respect to Quarter ending 30th June, 1924.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	729	11	8
Rathdown No. 2	1084	0	0
Rathdrum	1873	5	0
Shillelagh	973	10	0

Total ... £4,660 6 8

TRANSFER TO RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

In respect to Quarter ending 31st March, 1924.

Rathdrum	£486	1	7
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The Committee considered and formulated a scheme governing the award of the County University Scholarship for the scholastic year 1924/1925, copy of which is as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1924.

Wicklow County Council offer for competition a Scholarship value Seventy Pounds (£70) annually, tenable for three years at the National University College, Dublin, only, subject to the following conditions:—

1.—Candidates, who shall not be more than nineteen years (19) of age on the first day of June, 1924, must be children of parents,

Who have continuously resided in the County of Wicklow for five

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years previous to the date of Examination, and who shall continue to reside within the County during the full period the Scholarship is held.

2.—The Scholarship shall be awarded on the results of the Senior Grade Intermediate Examination, held in 1924, subject to the following conditions:—

(a). Candidates must pass the Examination generally, and must pass in the subjects required for matriculation.

(b). Candidates must obtain Honours in two (2) subjects at least.

(c). Candidates must take the Honours papers in Irish. Whatever marks they obtain on this paper will be counted in deciding the allocation of the Scholarship.

(d). The Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate obtaining the highest total of marks, reckoned as follows:—

Marks obtained on Honours papers will count in full; marks on pass papers will be divided by two. When this has been done the marks obtained in Irish will be added to the four highest marks of those obtained in other subjects.

3.—The successful candidate must reside in a Collegiate Hostel, when possible; or other places of residence approved by the Deans of Residence, and by the Committee.

4.—The sum of £5 will be advanced to the student, through the Bursar, at the beginning of each Session.

5.—The County Council will pay over 50 per cent of the Scholarship in August of each year to the Bursar of the University, and the remaining 50 per cent. in the following February, to be disbursed by him.

Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second and Third Year shall be made by each Scholarship Holder, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second year in the case of a Scholarship Holder who fails to produce a Certificate that he, or she, has passed the first University Examination and also a Certificate from the College, or the duly authorised Officer thereof, of good conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year; and no payment will be made in respect of the Third Year in the case of a Scholar who fails to produce such a Certificate of satisfactory conduct and progress in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.

Any Scholarship in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, of which Notice will be sent to each Scholar, or in respect of which the Certificate or Certificates, hereinbefore set out, shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

Applications from intending Candidates, accompanied by Birth Certificates will be received up to 11th June by the Secretary of the County Council, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Peace Commissioner. These documents when properly completed, will be submitted to the

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County Scholarship Committee, and if the application is approved by them, the Secretary will in due course notify the candidate to that effect.

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

P. T. HEALY, Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

29th April, 1924.

The Committee also considered and formulated a scheme governing the award of Secondary School Scholarships for the scholastic year 1924/1925, and ensuing three years, as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Scheme of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools, 1924.

1—Wicklow County Council offer for competition among students of either sex who have not pursued a course of study in any Secondary School, and who are at present attending a Primary School in County Wicklow, Six (6) Scholarships tenable at a Residential School or College to be selected by the County Council.

2—Each Scholarship is renewable annually, but will be tenable for a period of four years, if all the conditions herein be fulfilled.

3—The value of each Scholarship is £65 in the first year, and £55 in the second and each subsequent year.

The County Council shall pay, in two instalments annually, the amount of the Tuition Fees, Maintenance Charges, Cost of Books, etc., of each holder of a Scholarship, on receipt of a detailed account from the Head of the Residential School or College. The unexpended balance, if any, of each Scholarship shall be paid annually to the Scholarship holder to meet the cost of railway travelling, etc.

4—These Scholarships are open to boys or girls, children of bona-fide artisans, and labourers, and of small farmers, the total annual valuation of whose holding does not exceed £20. The parents of intending candidates must have resided within the County of Wicklow for a period of three years immediately prior to the 1st June in the year of the award, and must continue to reside therein during the full period the Scholarship is held.

5—Candidates for the Scholarships must not be more than 15 years of age on the 1st day of June preceding the qualifying examination. It should be noted, however, that in all future years Candidates will not be accepted who may be over 14 years on the 1st June.

6—The Secondary Schools at which these Scholarships may be

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tenable shall satisfy the County Council and the Ministry of Education that due time and zeal are devoted to the study of the Irish Language and of Irish History, and generally shall satisfy them in every respect.

7—Candidates applying for a Scholarship shall submit to an examination to be held in the town of Wicklow, conducted by the Minister of Education. The cost of such examination and the reasonable travelling expenses (to be measured by the Scholarship Committee, of the Candidates attending will be paid by the County Council in each case where a candidate secures at least 50 per cent. of the total possible marks obtainable at the said examination.

8—The Syllabus for the special qualifying examination is as follows:—

APPENDIX.

PROGRAMME FOR 1923-24.

(a) Irish (200 marks).

- Oral. (1) Conversation on simple topics—health, weather, school, etc.
(2) Reading a passage of Fifth Standard difficulty. Conversation on passage read.
(3) To memorise and understand 60 lines of poetry.

- Written (1) To write a letter or simple essay.
(100 marks) (2) To answer in Irish easy questions involving the use of Common verbs, prepositional pronouns, etc.

(b) English (200 marks).

- Oral. To read and explain passage from suitable reader, to recite intelligently, and explain the meaning of 120 lines of English Verse.
(100 marks) Written Composition: Description of familiar scenes and incidents.
(100 marks) Letter-writing.
Analysis of simple and easy complex sentences.

(c) Arithmetic (200 marks).

- Operations with simple and compound quantities, including Decimals and Vulgar fractions—Metric System—Unitary Method, and its application to problems in percentages and Single Interest.
The use of Aliquot parts, Averages, Rectangular Areas.

(d) History and Geography (200 marks).

- History General outlines of Irish History, and the relations between Ireland and the following countries:—
(100 marks) England, Scotland, America, France, Spain and Australia.
Geography Elementary knowledge of the physical and economic geography of Ireland.
(100 marks) Maps: The Map of Ireland; elementary knowledge of the map of the world.

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(e) Algebra (100 marks).

Primary Schools' Programme (new) for Standards 4 and 5 and paragraphs (a) and (b) of 6th Standard Programme.

(f) Geometry (100 marks).

Primary Schools' Programme (new) for Standards 4 and 5, and paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of 6th Standard Programme.

(g) Drawing (100 marks).

Easy freehand, object and mechanical drawing (including the use of instruments).

(h) Nature Study (100 marks).

Primary Schools' Programme for 5th and higher standards.

(k) Needlework.

Programme for 6th Standard Primary Schools.

NOTE.—Essential Subjects: (a), (b), (c) and (d).

Optional " : Any two of remainder.

The papers for the written examination will be set by Examiners appointed by the Ministry of Education; the oral examinations will be conducted by Examiners also appointed by the Ministry of Education.

9—Every candidate for a Scholarship shall, before being admitted for examination, produce a satisfactory reference from the Teacher or School Manager from his or her school, together with a Medical Certificate as to fitness, and a recommendation from a Clergyman of his or her parish as to character.

10—Renewal of Scholarship will not be made by the Council until they are satisfied by a report from the Inspector of the Department of Education that the student has made satisfactory progress during the preceding Scholastic Year.

Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of Second, Third, and Fourth Years shall be made by each Scholar, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second, Third or Fourth Years in the case of a Scholar who fails to produce a Certificate from his or her College Authorities of good conduct and satisfactory progress in the Scholastic Year previous to the application for renewal.

Any Scholarship in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, or in respect of which the Certificate or Certificates, hereinbefore set out, shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

Applications from intending Candidates, accompanied by Birth Certificates, will be received by the Secretary of the County Council, at his Office, Court House, Wicklow, up to 11th June, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained, which is to be verified by a parent or Guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Peace Commissioner. These documents, when properly

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completed, will be submitted to the County Scholarship Committee, and if the application is approved by them, the Secretary will make the necessary arrangements for each approved Candidate to sit for the Special Examination.

The right is reserved to the Scholarship Committee of Wicklow County Council to exclude any candidate from competing for a Scholarship, and the decision of that Committee on all questions relating to these Scholarships shall be conclusive and final.

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,

Court House, Wicklow.

29th April, 1924.

The Committee had under consideration the sums claimed by the several Collectors as irrecoverable on their sheets, in respect to the Financial Years 1920/1921, 1921/1922, 1922/1923, and they recommend the County Council to allow and sanction the treatment of the sums given hereunder as irrecoverable, in respect to the several collections indicated, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government:—

Collection	1920/1921	1921/1922	1922/1923
District	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	24 8 5	52 9 2	49 19 9
2	3 17 11	3 4 2	5 15 2
3	24 3 1	44 9 7	34 17 5
4	3 17 9	10 19 9	21 5 0
5			
6			
7	140 1 6	192 0 3	126 1 6
8	22 9 1	41 18 1	21 2 10
9		37 7 0	28 6 9
10		43 0 2	86 18 7
11	51 4 9	97 15 0	79 5 6
12	10 17 8	23 8 8	13 15 9
13/15		216 3 6	205 10 3
14		68 2 11	15 16 11
16		128 2 8	41 7 7
17		42 15 8	—
18		27 11 5	23 14 11
19	0 10 5	1 4 0	0 18 4

RE OPENING OF QUARRIES.

The Secretary submitted communications, and Notices drafted by the Law Agent, which he had received regarding the County Surveyor's intention to enter on the lands of W H Hadden, Johnstown House, Tinahely (of which the immediate lessor is Earl Fitzwilliam), and open a quarry, at the same time taking over half an acre of the land for quarrying purposes.

The Secretary intimated to the Committee that these were notices under the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act of 1920, that the con

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siderable expense connected therewith would be payable out of road grants, and he felt that he was not empowered without a special direction of the Council, or a Committee thereof, to sign these Notices. They had not, therefore, been served on behalf of the Council.

He further submitted a letter in this connection from James Quigley, Esq., Chief Engineer to the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government, dated 25th April, 1924, addressed to the County Surveyor, and also a letter dated 1st May, 1924 (R/SGA/33) from the Minister for Local Government in which the Minister recommended that the question of issuing these proposed Notices might be deferred until a further communication was received.

ORDER—Noted; Secretary's action approved.

The Committee recommend the Council to approve and confirm the Secretary's action in transferring the sum of £1200 to Bri. Chualann Urban District and the sum of £400 to Arklow Urban District Council both these sums having been allocated by the Ministry of Local Government to the Urban District Councils in question out of the Road Fund.

It was reported to the Committee that a sum of £628 had been lodged by the Ministry of Local Government to credit of the County Council, by whom it was to be paid over to Bri. Chualann Urban District Council in respect to works carried out by that Council a considerable time ago.

The Committee recommend the Council to approve and confirm the Secretary's action in transferring this £628 to the Urban Council in question.

SUPERANNUATION OF POOR LAW UNION ex-OFFICERS.

The following letters were submitted:—

14/2/24, from Miss Mary Fleming, Shillelagh, claiming payment of Pension at rate of two-thirds of salary and emoluments.

ORDER—Views of Minister for Local Government to be obtained.

15th February, 1924, from Miss Margaret M. Kearney, Matron of County Hospital—applying for payment of the Gratuity awarded her prior to taking up her present position.

ORDER—Views of Ministry to be obtained.

1/3/24, from Mary Josephine Hanlon, Upper Main Street, Dunlavin, applying for balance of Pension due to her late aunt, Mrs. Ellen Kilmurray, Dunlavin, at the time of her death, 10th December, 1922.

ORDER—Council unable to admit this claim.

4th April, 1924, from P. W. Sheehan, re same.

The Committee had under consideration a letter dated 19th May, 1924, from Mr. Patrick Short, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow, in which he claimed payment of arrears of salary stated to be due to him, and in which he also applied to have his salary revised.

ORDER—Referred to Council.

The Committee had before them correspondence regarding the County Council's liability for payment of £1532 9s 11d, being the debit balance left by Shillelagh Board of Guardians when that body was

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abolished consequent upon the Scheme of Union Amalgamation coming into operation.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the Ministry of Local Government be asked if this payment can be regularly made, to whom the Paying Order should be made payable, and also if the County Council are liable for the interest which has accrued in that connection.

TINAHELY COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary pointed out that from time to time applications reached him for permission to use the Court House for dramatic entertainments, concerts, parties, etc., and that in the absence of a meeting of the County Council he had absolutely no power to grant the use of the building for such purposes.

He further mentioned that the building was only insured by the County Council against fire, and that the policy very specifically stated that it was operative so long only as the building was used exclusively for court purposes.

ORDER—Consideration adjourned.

The Secretary reported that Wicklow Gaol has been taken over from the military authorities by an official of the Office of Public Works, who subsequently handed possession of the buildings to him as representing the County Council.

He further intimated that it had become necessary to incur some small expense to prevent the public trespassing therein.

ORDER—Approved.

(Signed) JOHN J. REDMOND,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

26th May, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, be now signed.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

COUNTY AT LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by " J. J. Redmond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large, amounting to £9062 12s 6d (any

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modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " W J Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District amounting to £433 4s 1d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN NO. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond;

Seconded by " William Grainger;

Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £1362 9s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " L Redmond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £349 8s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £299 15s 2d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " J. J. Redmond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas amounting to £1333 6s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by " W. J. Doyle;

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Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.

The Secretary read the following:—

Carnew,

May 21st, 1924.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—We are informed by Mr. Michael Fleming, M.C.C., that the road from Shillelagh to Carnew is not included in those to be repaired under the Government Grant. As this is one of the worst roads in the County, and considering the amount of traffic on it, I am asked by a meeting of the traders and ratepayers of Carnew if your Council will receive a deputation from this meeting consisting of Dr. Geraty, Captain Woodhouse, Mr S. H. Correll, and myself, at your meeting on May 26th, to urge on your Council the necessity of including the road.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) PATRICK BROWNE.

The Council received the members of the deputation, and, having heard the views expressed by Dr. Geraty, Mr. Correll, and Mr. Browne, it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " W. Grainger; and

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed to apply to the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) for a Special Grant for the improvement of the road from Shillelagh to Carnew.

Passed.

At this stage the Council postponed consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda to the adjourned Quarterly Meeting, which was fixed to take place on Thursday, the 12th June, 1924.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 21st March, 1924, when the following members were present—

Councillor Seamus Tairneir, Presiding Chairman; Councillors John J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; James Byrne, and Eamon O'Sullivan.

The Secretary submitted the entire file of correspondence which had reached him in connection with the application for superannuation allowances received from ex-Poor Rate Collectors Michael McMahon, John Kelly, and William J. Cardin, these applications having been referred by the County Council on the 29th February, 1924, to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Having considered all the facts and documents in relation thereto, the Committee recommended the Council to grant a pension of £47 12s per annum to Mr Michael McGrath, who had 20 completed years of service under the Council when his resignation was accepted on the 1st January, 1924, the pension to become operative on the 1st April, 1924. It is right,

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The Adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, the 12th June, 1924.

The following members were present—Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors M Fleming, Andrew Kinsella, Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, J Everett, T.D.; P Lee, B Kelly, W Byrne, James Byrne, E O'Neill, L Redmond, J. J. Redmond, and Morgan Travers.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, WICKLOW,
6adh Meithimh, 1924.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

You are hereby summoned to attend the adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, on Thursday, the 12th June, 1924, to consider the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 26th May, ult., which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.

Mise, le meas,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,

Seconded by " James Byrne.

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, heartily congratulate our fellow-country-man, Mr John O'Byrne, on his being raised to the dignity of Attorney-General for Saorstad Eireann, and we instruct our Secretary to forward copy of this Resolution to Mr. O'Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 31st March, 1924, when the following members were present.—

Councillor Seamus Tuirneir, Presiding Chairman; Councillors John J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; James Byrne, and Eamonn O'Neill.

The Secretary submitted the entire file of correspondence which had reached him in connection with the applications for superannuation allowances received from ex-Poor Rate Collectors Michael McGrath, John Kelly, and William J. Cardiff, these applications having been referred by the County Council on the 29th February, 1924, to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

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Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,
Seconded by " James Byrne.
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £299 15s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

The Secretary read the following:—
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to mention that this is the sum which was recommended by the Committee on the 26th April, 1921, when the question of fixing this superannuation was last under consideration.

Mr. John Kelly, having completed 14 years of service when his resignation was accepted by the Council on the 31st January, 1921, the Committee recommend that he be granted a pension of £30 19s per annum, the payment of this pension also to become operative as from the 1st April, 1921.

The Committee further recommend that Mr. William J. Cardiff be granted a pension of £20 10s 8d per annum, to take effect as from the 1st April, 1921, he having 10 completed years of service on the 31st January, 1921, when his resignation was accepted.

The Committee proceeded to consider the claims for compensation received from the several Poor Rate Collectors in the Council's employment who, in the disturbed times, were either imprisoned, interned, or "on the run," in consequence of their carrying out the Council's orders in respect of their Poor Rate Collections.

Having given careful consideration to these claims, the Committee recommend that Collectors Luke McDonnell, Michael Halpin, William Burke, Patrick Mulligan, James J. Porter, Garret Byrne, and John Byrne, who were imprisoned or interned, be compensated by the Council on the following basis:—Married men to be paid two-thirds, and single men to be paid one-half, of the actual sums paid by way of poundage to their substitutes during their absence.

The Committee further recommend that the Minister of Local Government be asked to allow and treat as irrecoverable rates the two sums of £37 and £67 which were taken by armed raiders from Collector John Murphy on the 17th May, 1921, and the 1st May, 1923, respectively, Mr John Murphy to be called upon to support the Council's application to the Minister with an affidavit disclosing the facts, such affidavit to be drafted by the Law Agent to the Council.

(Signed), SEAMUS TUIRNEIR,
Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated 31st day of March, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;

Seconded by " Eamonn O'Neill;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.; and

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

That Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be not adopted as submitted, but that the paragraphs referring to ex-Collectors M. McGrath, W. J. Cardiff, and John Kelly, and also the paragraph referring to Collector Murphy, be deleted therefrom before adoption.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors W J Doyle, James

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Everett, T.D.; L Redmond, and Patrick Doyle—4.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors James Byrne, E O'Neill, M Travers, C M Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, B Kelly—6.

The following four members did not vote:—Councillors A Kinsella, P Lee, M Fleming, J J Redmond. Councillor Redmond explained that he did not vote because he had been refused permission to make a statement.

The amendment was lost by 6 votes to 4. The Chairman put the original motion to the meeting and declared it passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;

Seconded by " Eamonn O'Neill;

Resolved—That in accordance with the recommendations in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, formal statutory notice of which was given to each member of the Council, we hereby grant pensions to the following ex-Poor Rate Collectors, whose resignations were accepted by the County Council on the 31st January, 1921, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, and we direct that such pensions be paid as from the 1st April, 1921:—

Michael McGrath ... £47 12 0 per annum.

John Kelly ... 30 19 0 per annum.

William J. Cardiff ... 20 10 8 per annum.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 12th June, 1924, when the following members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, T.D, Chairman; Councillors James Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; John J. Redmond, Eamonn O'Neill, and B. Kelly.

COUNTY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Ten applications were received from candidates for the University Scholarship offered by the Council this year. After considering the certificates and declarations submitted to them, the Committee recommend the Council to approve of the following candidates:—

Mary Anne Long, 58 Ferrybank, Arklow;

P. Desmond Kavanagh, 2 Seaford House, Bri Chualann;

Mary Angela Callaghan, Innishowen, Bray Head, Bri Chualann;

Vida Elizabeth Callaghan, " " "

Mary Josephine Keenan, Ashtown, Roundwood;

Anna Mary O'Brien, 61 Lower Main Street, Arklow;

Patrick Joseph Larkin, 3 Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann;

Patricia McHugh, The Mall, Wicklow;

and they further recommend that the Minister of Education be asked to furnish the marks obtained by each candidate at the Senior Grade Intermediate Examination, set out in order of merit, in accordance with the terms of the approved Scheme.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Thirty-five applications were received from candidates for the Secondary School Scholarships offered by the Council this year. After

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considering the certificates and declarations submitted to them, and the communications received from the Minister of Education in that connection, the Committee recommend the Council to sanction the admission of the following candidates to the Special Examination, which it is proposed to be held in Wicklow on the 7th, 8th, and 9th July, 1924, provided that each candidate satisfies our Secretary beforehand, by the production of a proper Birth Certificate, that he or she, as the case may be, will not be more than 15 years of age on the 1st June, 1924:—

Kathleen Murphy, 2 Coastguard Houses, Wicklow ;
 Lena White, Bath Street, Wicklow ;
 Brigid Finlay, Upper Murrough, Wicklow ;
 Mary Curran, Athgreany, Hollywood ;
 Julia Christina Nugent, Slievecorragh, Hollywood ;
 Lewis Henry Evans, Gorse Lodge, Greystones ;
 Kathleen Brady, Oldbridge, Roundwood ;
 Mienael Gaffney, Oldbridge, Roundwood ;
 Michael Connolly, Irishtown, Kilruddery, Bri Chualann ;
 John Traynor, Tinahely ;
 Henry Corrigan, Dunlavin ;
 Monica Larkin, 3 Saint Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann ;
 Edward Swaine, Crossbridge, Tinahely ;
 Annie Maria Hopkins, Kevin Street, Tinahely ;
 John Aidan O'Grady, Main Street, Baltinglass ;
 James Donnelly, Dunlavin ;
 Margaret Mary Kavanagh, Rathnew ;
 Mary Nolan, Ballybrahan, Douard ;
 Brigid Murray, Raheen, Dunlavin ;
 Patrick Freney, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum ;
 John Geoghegan, Aughrim ;
 Brigid Duffy, Tinahely ;
 Michael Berney, Hillbrook, Tinahely ;
 Kathleen Kane, Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow ;
 William Gerard Martin, Bollarney Cottage, Wicklow ;
 William M. Devlin, Strand Street, Wicklow ;
 Joseph A. Keely, Leitrim Place, Wicklow ;
 Ellen Cleary, Tinahely ;
 James Whittle, Dunlavin ;
 John Kelly, Dunlavin.

The Committee further recommend the Council to appoint—at the remuneration they received on the past two occasions—the same Superintendents for the special qualifying examination as held these positions last year and the year before—viz., Messrs W. H. Kearney, The Mall, Wicklow, and M. Murtagh, Bath Street, Wicklow.

The Committee also recommend the Council to obtain the use of either Wicklow Technical Schools or Wicklow Boys' No. 1 National School as the centre for the examination.

The Committee considered and referred to the Council the circular letter, dated 5th June, 1924, No. G.21757/1924, from the Minister for Local Government, outlining the powers to be conferred on County Councils

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as to abatement of the amount of Poor Rates to be raised off agricultural land in the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, under the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Bill, 1924, at present before the Oireachtas, and the copy of the Bill accompanying same.

(Signed) C. M. BYRNE,
 Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 12th day of June, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,
 Court House, Wicklow,
 22nd May, 1924.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 26th May, 1924.

Gentlemen—In accordance with your instructions, work was started on the under-noted Road Improvement Schemes immediately on receipt of the sanction of the Ministry for Local Government.

Owing to the great difficulty of obtaining requisite tools, etc. (which are all ordered from the approved contractors of the Ministry's Trade Department), some delay is caused in making more progress with the works.

The Road Improvement Grants in progress are:—

- 1—RATHNEW-RATHDRUM ROAD.—Preparation of stone at Carrigmore, Ballylusk, and near Ballece. An acre of good quarry has been obtained at Carrigmore at a fair price based on that paid for Kiltimon Quarry.
- 2—RATHDRUM-AUGHRIM-SHILLELAGH ROAD.—Preparing stone at Carthy's Corner, Coolroe, Ballagh, Ballshonog, and Tomacork. Also the Arklow Rock stone is being supplied and in part spread. I am endeavouring to hire a roller to at once patch-roll this road from Aughrim to the Togher Bridge.
- 3—RATHDRUM-ARKLOW ROAD.—Stone being hand-broken at Tigroney.
- 4—LARAGH-KILMACANOGUE ROAD.—Stone being quarried and hand-broken at various parts of the road at Rocky Valley, Calary, and near Togher. Also some back drains have been deepened. A quarry is proposed to be opened at Raheen and the owner is prepared to sell at a reasonable price.

The BALTINGLASS-BLESSINGTON Scheme is sanctioned, and as soon as arrangements can be made to obtain gravel pits work will be commenced. It is proposed to open a good quarry at Carrigower, and the owner is prepared to sell one acre or more at a fair price.

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I have requested your Solicitor to take proceedings in 3 cases to obtain entry to gravel pits.

The necessity of obtaining suitable Stone Crushing and Rolling Plant is most urgent. Owing to various obscure reasons the hiring of rollers is becoming difficult, and unless provision is at once made to purchase rollers it will not be possible to carry out the works. Crushers can be obtained, but some delay will be encountered in obtaining delivery.

You have only 2 rollers and 2 crushers, and 1 tar boiler, which is worn out. At least 2 tar boilers are urgently required to deal with the necessary work.

I have already (for the Proposals Committee Meetings fixed for 29th January and 29th April) recommended that provision be made to obtain a Loan to purchase, from time to time as required, suitable plant, and should you approve of any Proposal formulated by the Proposals Committee I recommend that immediately the Ministry sanction the raising of the Loan I be authorised, after consultation with the Roads Department (Ministry of Local Government), to order suitable Plant.

Motor Traffic is daily increasing and it is practically impossible to cope with the pot holing resulting from this traffic owing to the scarcity of obtaining (unless at prohibitive cost) suitable material.

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

Memo. re Quarries.

The undernoted Quarries are required for obtaining stone for road work :—

(1) Carrigmore (Rathdrum), 1 acre, owner willing to sell for £28 plus Land Commission charge on same. After informally consulting with the Finance Committee and, as the matter was urgent, I closed with owner's offer.

(2) Raheen (Roundwood)—about 1½ acres—owner willing to sell at £30 per acre. As this was urgent I consulted the Chairman, County Council, and entered on the land.

(3) Carrigower (Baltinglass Rural District)—owner will sell 1 acre at about £35, and give dump for heading material. I recommend that this offer be accepted.

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

12/6/24.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill ;

Seconded by „ James Byrne ;

Resolved—That £500 be spent for purchasing stones from Ballece Quarry to repair the road from Brick Works (near Rathnew) to Rathnew. That all articles of Plant which can be procured in the County be purchased therein.

That the County Surveyor be authorised to acquire quarries at (1) Carrigmore, at £28 per acre, plus the Land Commission Annuity on the portion purchased ; (2) at Raheen (Roundwood), at £30 per acre and

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the Land Commission Annuity on portion purchased ; (3) at Carrigower (Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.), at £35 per acre and the Land Commission Annuity on portion purchased.

Passed.

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL.

(Roinn na mBothar)

SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA, 51.

RS/33.

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

30th May, 1924.

A Chara

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that it has been represented to him by Mr Gallagher, County Surveyor, that he has only two part-time Assistant Surveyors and that he would require the services of four Full-time Assistants. From a report of the Engineering Inspector attached to this Department it appears that no effective supervision of workers is being maintained, paysheets are being passed without any indication that the work in connection therewith had been visited by Surveyor, etc.

In the circumstances the Minister directs that pending the re-organisation of the Survey Staff immediate steps should be taken to secure the temporary services of two full-time Assistant Surveyors.

I am to add that unless a satisfactory assurance is received that the works under the various Grants are being properly supervised, and that each paysheet bears a certificate that an Assistant Surveyor has visited the work in progress during each fortnightly period, further payments from the Grants may be withheld.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed),

E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

The Secretary, the County Council,
Court-house, Wicklow.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers :—

“I hereby give Notice :—I will move at the next meeting of the County Council to appoint an Assistant Surveyor to fill the vacancy occurring by the resignation of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E., for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and part of Rathdrum Rural District.”

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL.

(Roinn na mBothar)

SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA, 51.

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

10th June, 1924.

Trunk Road Grant ... £1,000,000.

Wicklow County Share ... £21,000.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it has been represented to him by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Resettlement Section) that the Wicklow County

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Council have given instructions to Mr Gallagher that all men employed under the above-mentioned Grant must be Trade Unionists, and the County Surveyor is in effect restricted to taking on the men through the local branches of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union. The report on progress of work up to the 7th instant furnished by Mr Gallagher shows that out of a total of 270 men employed on work under the Grant only 64 are ex-National Army men.

I am to refer the Council to letter of the 13th March last in connection with the Grant of £2,200 and to the conditions and arrangements specified for the taking on of the men in Circular Letter (SGA/201) of the 18th February last. Unless a satisfactory assurance is given that the condition as regards preference being given to ex-Service men able and willing to undertake road work is being fulfilled further payments from the Grant will be withheld.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed), E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Court-house, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;

Seconded by " Eamonn O'Neill;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby authorised and directed to personally see that when Government Grants from the Road Fund are being expended ex-Service men be employed wherever they offer their services and the men are suitable.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
23rd May, 1924.

P T Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

The following applications have been made to me for permission:

(1) From Mr J F Phelan, Aughrim, to place a path outside his Garage.

I see no objection provided the path does not project more than 2ft 6ins from wall of Garage.

(2) From Mr Charles Hunter, Newrath Bridge Hotel, to place a Sign Post at Ashford Bridge, directing the way to Newrath Bridge Hotel.

I see no objection to this provided the post is placed against the wall.

(3) To place a railing at Delgany to replace a wall.

This would be a decided improvement if part of wall was replaced by a railing, but at present there is no money available. A Notice of Motion should be lodged for a Rural District Quarterly Meeting.

Kindly bring the above applications before the Quarterly Meeting to be held on Monday next.

Is mise, le meas,
(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDER. All three approved.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

23rd day of May, 1924.

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Wicklow County Council,
WICKLOW.

Gentlemen,

I request your permission to purchase some books and forms through the County Printer, for keeping account of Stone crushed in Quarries and also for material supplied to Grants and different Sections.

The amount involved will be very slight.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDER. Authority granted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

25th day of May, 1924.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I request permission to take my leave of absence on vacation from 28th July to 14th August (both days inclusive) and from 20th August to 1st September (both days inclusive).

It will be necessary that the Assistant Surveyors be authorized and directed to attend to any urgent matters which may occur during my absence.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

ORDER. Granted.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:—

The following proposals were submitted (vide Resolution following):—

(A) To make provision for obtaining a loan of £1200 repayable in five years for the purpose of purchasing four stone crushers.

(B) To seek powers to obtain a Loan not exceeding £5300 for the purpose of purchasing Rollers, Quarrying Plant, and Tar Boilers.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Local Government, we hereby give effect to the proposal sent forward at the request of the County Surveyor by the Proposals Committee, and we direct that two sums amounting to £1200 and £5300 be borrowed from the Treasurer for the purpose of obtaining four stone crushers, rollers, quarrying plant, and tar boilers, the said sums to be repaid within a period of five years; the security to be a mortgage of the rates, to be

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prepared by the Bank's solicitor; and the rate of interest to be $\frac{1}{2}$ under Irish Banks' Rate, rising and falling therewith, with a minimum of 4 per cent. At present this rate is $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;

Seconded by " James Byrne;

Resolved—That as soon as the sanction of the Ministry for Local Government be obtained to proposed loans of £5300 and £1200, for the purchase of Plant and Crushers, the Surveyor, after consultation with the Chief Engineer of the Roads Department, Ministry of Local Government, be authorized to order such plant as may be urgently required.

Passed

The Committee's proposal to set aside a sum of £500 for the maintenance of plant was approved.

The Council approved and confirmed the Committee's recommendation to adjourn for twelve months the question of carrying out certain structural alterations in Tinahely Court House, which was referred by the Council on the 18th February, 1924, to the Committee.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor a letter dated 21st May, 1924, from Mr Thomas Magrath, of Tinnakilly, Anghrim, in which he offered to let a double compound Garrett engine for the purpose of driving one of the Council's new stone-crushers.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1:

No proposals.

RATHDOWN NO. 2:

The following proposal was submitted:—

"To take over, repair, fence, and maintain the road from Three Trout Bridge, by Old Mill, to Mill Road, Greystones, cost of same not to exceed £600, the amount to be borrowed and repayment spread over a number of years."

ORDER—Amount to be borrowed if and when the Minister for Local Government consents to the work being proceeded with.

A letter dated 7th May, 1924, was submitted from Messrs W. J. Shannon and Company, Solicitors, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, in which they intimated that the value of the property of their client, Mr Judd, has been lessened by the encroachment of the roadway known as Fassaroe Lane, and asked that suitable action be taken by the Council.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 26th May, 1924, was submitted from H. G. Peet, of Glenbrook, Delgany, suggesting an improvement on the Bri Chualann-Greystones road, by replacing a wall at the end of Delgany Hill with an iron railing.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

Glen Road, Delgany,

10th June, 1924.

To the Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Committee to apply to your Council for a rise in wages for the men working on the Grant in the Glen of the Dows

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quarries. They say their wages according to the Minister of Local Government in An Dail if the County Council would give quarry-men 5s a week more than the road workers he would not object. That would mean 10s. a week more than they are paid at present. Hoping your Council will give this your earnest consideration.

Yours,

JOHN SWAN, Secretary.

Delgany Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

RATHDRUM:

No order was made by the Council on the following proposals and resolutions submitted from the District Council:—

District Register No. 507. To widen and repair Tinnakilly Bridge, cost of same not to exceed £200.

District Register No. 508. To repair Mucklagh Bridge, cost of same not to exceed £100.

Resolution No. 1. That an expression of opinion go from this Council to the County Council asking them to make such arrangements as will ensure that the men employed on the roads be paid regularly every fortnight.

Resolution No. 2. That this meeting call on Wicklow County Council to have the Bridge at Ballinagappoge built during the coming summer; also to have the £40 passed by the Council spent on the old road from Clash to Ballard, these works having been previously passed on more than one occasion by the Rural District Council.

SHILLELAGH:

No proposals.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;

Seconded by " James Byrne;

Resolved—That we now sign and seal two applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;

Seconded by " M. Fleming;

Resolved—That a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be granted to Mr E. J. O'Donohoe, Manager of the Tynte Arms Hotel, Dunlavin, on his complying with the usual procedure governing the service of the notices.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by " J. Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That the vacancies existing on the Finance Committee, the County Committee of Agriculture, the County Technical Instruction Committee, and the County Insurance Committee, consequent upon the resignation of Mr James Turner, be filled by the appointment of Councillor Laurence Redmond, Balleeshal, Anghrim.

Passed.

The Secretary read the circular letters from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 12th May, 1924, and 5th June, 1924, numbered

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G.21757/1924, and explained the effect of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Bill, 1924, which accompanied same.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter and also the making of rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, and the signing and sealing of the rate books and the collectors' warrants until such time as this Bill became an Act, when the Chairman would fix a date for the Secretary to convene a further meeting of the Council, at which the Ministry's letter and the provisions of the Act would be further considered.

Applications dated 22nd and 23rd May, respectively, were submitted from Mr Patrick Furlong and Mr Patrick Byrne, of Main Street, Baltinglass, for the position of Deputy Checker of the poor rate collectors' accounts in the Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:

Seconded by " James Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the books, &c., of the Collectors of the Poor Rate, for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1925, and we request him to appoint Mr Patrick Furlong, of Baltinglass, as Deputy Checker for the Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " M. Fleming;

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the amount of £1,406 15s 6d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " James Byrne;

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bri Chualann for the amount of £5,920 6s 6d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount of £2,351 6s 11d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925.

Passed.

County Council Office,
WICKLOW,
19th May, 1924.

Gentlemen,

My wages was reduced by £1 per week on 12th July, 1921, without any authority.

On 9th May, 1922, I applied to Roads Committee to have my

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wages restored. This application was referred to County Council meeting, at which it was ignored.

I claim that the amount of £1 per week from 12th July, 1921, be now paid me. Further, I ask from this date my wages be fixed at a rate consistent with the work I am now performing.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), PATRICK SHORT.

Having heard Mr Short in support of his application, it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Travers;

Seconded by " James Byrne;

Resolved—That a Special Committee, consisting of Councillors M. Travers, W. J. Doyle, and M. Fleming, be hereby appointed to investigate the claim of Mr Patrick Short.

Passed.

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

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Mr Patrick Short be granted one month's leave of absence.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " Eamonn O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint our Secretary to audit the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway on behalf of this Council for the year ending 31st March, 1925.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " E O'Neill;

Resolved—That the following be the dates fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the several Rural District Councils, Proposals and Finance Committees and the County Council, for the year 1924/1925:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour	Summer Quarter 1924	Autumn Quarter 1924	Winter Quarter 1925	Spring Quarter 1925
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Enniskerry.	11-30	Mon, June 30	Mon, Oct 6	Tues, Jan 5	Tues, Apl 7
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rathdrum.	12-15	Mon, July 14	Mon, " 13	Mon, " 12	Tues, " 14
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	12-30	Tues, " 1	Tues, " 7	Wed, " 2	Tues, " 7
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh.	1	Mon, " 14	Mon, " 13	Mon, " 12	Tues, " 14
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Courthouse, Wicklow	2	Tues, " 22	Tues, " 28	Tues, " 27	Tues, " 28
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Courthouse, Wicklow	12-30	Mon, Aug 18	Mon, Nov 17	Mon, Feb 16	Mon, May 25

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations

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necessary in the Valuation Lists, as given in the accompanying Revision Sheets, and we request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the Lists revised accordingly.

Passed.

Having submitted a letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 21st March, 1924, No. P.H.12806/24, in which it pointed out that under Section 10 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, the responsibility for the appointment of a Public Analyst rests with the County Council, the Secretary proceeded to read the following advertisement, which had been published in the three Dublin morning papers:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

The above-named Council will, at a meeting to be held on Monday, the 26th May, 1924, proceed to appoint a Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of this advertisement, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

The person temporarily appointed must possess the qualifications prescribed in the Local Government Department's circular B.11, dated 23rd January, 1922, must be prepared to analyse and report upon all samples of food, drugs, water, and other commodities sent him by Wicklow County Council, by the County Wicklow Board of Health, by the Rural District Councils of Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdown No. 2, Rathdrum, and Shillelagh, and by the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bri Chualann, and Wicklow; and must submit to the County Council quarterly reports in triplicate on the work done. The Council must be satisfied that the person appointed has recourse to a Laboratory suitably equipped for the performance of the duties of the position.

Applications, stating definitely the lowest inclusive annual sum for which the candidate is prepared to discharge the foregoing duties, and also giving full particulars, as to qualifications, and training, addressed to "The Presiding Chairman, Wicklow County Council, Court House, Wicklow," will be received in the offices of the County Council up to 12 o'clock on Saturday, the 24th May, 1924.

P T HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

Offices, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated 16th day of May, 1924.

and also applications in reply which were received from (1) Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., Public Analyst, 91 Stephen's Green, Dublin; (2) Bernard G Fagan, B.Sc., F.I.C., Public Analyst, City Laboratory, Chatham Row, Dublin; and (3) J F O'Leary, A.I.C., A.C.Sc.I., The Laboratory, 4 Ringsend Road, Dublin, each of whom was prepared to undertake the duties of the position at an inclusive salary of £100 per annum.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Miss Phyllis Ryan, of 91 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, be temporarily appointed as Public Analyst, for the County of Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, at an inclusive salary of £100 per annum—Miss Ryan to discharge

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the duties outlined in said advertisement, and her temporary appointment to be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary read letters from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 9th April, 29th April, and 23rd May, 1924, No. G.15548, G.18557, G.22664, respectively, on the subject of the present most unsatisfactory state of the Poor Rate Collections, with a view to the Council taking such action regarding same as might be deemed advisable, in view of the terms of Resolution passed by the Council on the 29th February, 1924, in relation thereto.

The Chairman having mentioned that the Ministry's Inspector was personally interviewing the Collectors whose collections were most backward, further consideration was adjourned for the Inspector's Report.

The following letters were submitted from the General President of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department):—

35 Parnell Square,

DUBLIN,

9th April, 1924.

M/Roads.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

The wages reductions recently passed by the County Council were the subject of a Conference of Roadworkers' delegates, held at Bray on Saturday last. It was felt that many of the proposed reductions must necessarily press with the utmost severity on the workers subject to same; and the men feel that the Council had not had an opportunity of considering the workers' case in the matter.

We are, therefore, instructed to apply to the County Council to agree to Conference with representatives of the Union, to examine the whole question of the amount of reductions put forward, with a view to reaching some agreed and equitable rates. We should, therefore, be glad if you would submit this proposal to the members of the Council, and suggest a date at the earliest possible moment for such a Conference to be held.

Awaiting your reply.

Yours faithfully,

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION

per

THOMAS FORAN, General President.

The Council, after a protracted discussion, decided not to enter into the proposed conference.

35 Parnell Square,

DUBLIN,

17th April, 1924.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

We are informed by our officials in the County that the men em-

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ployed on road work under the relief grant have not received wages for the past two weeks. We are credibly informed that the families of some of these workers are in a bad way, without food, owing to the failure of the Finance Committee to meet and pass their payment. We strongly urge that immediate steps should be taken to relieve the necessities of these men, and that advances should be made to cover the payment due.

We must register a protest against the members of the Finance Committee who failed to turn up at the last meeting to pass payment.

Yours faithfully,

IRISH TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

per

THOMAS FORAN, General President

AIREACHT UM RIALTUS AITIUIL

(Roin na mBothar),

SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA 51.

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

23rd April, 1924.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has received a complaint from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union that at the last meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council sufficient Councillors did not attend to enable the road workers employed on work under the Road Grants to be paid. The Minister hopes that in the future the necessary steps will be taken to ensure that a similar instance does not arise, as it places an avoidable hardship on the road workers and their families, and tends to demoralisation and dissatisfaction.

Mise, le meas,

E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

35 Parnell Square, DUBLIN,

14th May, 1924.

M.15/20.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Court House, WICKLOW.

A Chara,

In December last we were in communication with you regarding charges of victimisation in the Stratford-on-Slaney district. You wrote us on the 14th January informing us that the County Council had decided to refer the matter to a meeting of the Roads Committee, which would be convened at an early date.

We should be glad if you would kindly let us know the result of the Roads' Committee's deliberations on the matter, and what steps were taken to deal with the grievances put forward.

We have been again approached by James Maher, of Stratford-on-Slaney, who states that he is not receiving justice. He maintains his claim that he is not getting work to which he is entitled; and he cites the case of

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a lad of 16, named Barrett, who is regularly performing work which James Maher claims.

We trust, therefore, that you will let us have full information as to the Roads' Committee's decisions in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION,

per

THOMAS FORAN, General President.

The Chairman, who had an important engagement, at this stage left the meeting. It was then found that the Vice Chairman had also left, and that there was not a quorum of members present. No further business was, therefore, transacted.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 18th AUGUST, 1924.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 18th August, 1924.

The following members were present—Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors M Fleming, E O'Neill, J J Metcalfe, James Byrne, J Everett, T.D.; John Fleming, L Redmond, Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, and J. J. Redmond.

Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by „ M. Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby extend a hearty vote of congratulation to our esteemed colleague, Councillor Seamus Everett, T.D., on the occasion of his recent marriage, and we wish him and Mrs Everett very many years of happiness.

Passed.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 3—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for Transfers on foot of Annual Demand received from the County Board of Health, and the several Rural District Councils.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 5—To consider Proposals (if any) for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 6—To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To consider a communication received from Mr John J. Carroll, D.C., Dunlavin, with regard to road administration, and, if so decided, to receive a deputation of the road workers of the Co-operative Trades Union from West Wicklow.
- 8—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10—To consider the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924, and decide if its provisions are to be put into operation in County Wicklow.
- 11—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, and sign and seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.
- 12—To consider the present state of the Poor Rate Collections in the County; to take such action regarding same as the Council may deem advisable, in view of the terms of the Resolution passed by the Council on 29th February, 1924, in relation thereto; and to take suitable action in connection with the Order made by the Minister for

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Local Government, applying the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924.

13—To consider a scheme for the compulsory dipping of sheep, drafted and recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture, with the assistance of the Department's Inspector, Mr Finlay Kerr.

14—To receive memorials from sheep-owners in the mountainous areas against the putting into operation of a compulsory Sheep-Dipping Scheme.

15—To consider the question of having the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway included within the scope of the Railways Bill at present before the Oireachtas, and take such steps in that connection as the Council may deem advisable.

16—To consider correspondence from the Transport and Marine Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, suggesting the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

17—To take such steps as the Council may deem necessary in connection with the Bill being promoted by the Dublin United Tramways Company, and its effect on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, if the powers to run omnibuses through different parts of the County be obtained thereunder.

18—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the rate of wages in the Shillelagh Rural District be the same for surfacemen as in Rathdrum Rural District, viz., 32s 6d per week

19—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—

"I beg to give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that in cases where a change of the men employed on road work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council to give preference to such married men with families, be, and are hereby, rescinded."

20—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers:—

"I will move at the next Meeting that the County Council appoint an Assistant Surveyor, to fill the vacancy occurring by the resignation of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E., for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and part of Rathdrum Rural District."

21—To consider the following Act and Orders, and make arrangements to give effect to their provisions:—

The Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924.

The Housing (New Houses) Order, 1924.

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The Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1924.

The Housing (Reconstructed Houses) Order, 1924.

22—To receive Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference in connection with the Dublin and District Electricity Supply Bill (Liffey Waterpower Development), lodged on behalf of the Corporation of Dublin.

23—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and to direct that legal proceedings be instituted by the Council's Law Agent with regard thereto.

24—To consider an application from Arklow Urban District Council to have the necessary steps taken to put in force in that Urban Area the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

25—To consider an application from Arklow Urban District to have road grant of £900 allocated to that area supplemented by the County Council out of grants allocated to Rural Councils.

26—To consider the Workhouse Land and Buildings (Short Lettings) Order of 1924, and a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th April, 1924, regarding same.

27—To adopt, in connection with a Rural Libraries Scheme in County Wicklow, a resolution suggested by the Secretary to the Irish Advisory Committee of the Carnegie Trust.

28—To consider a letter dated 9th May, 1924, from Mr. James Byrne, Rock Bog, Arklow, ex-Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 District, applying for retiring allowance following his resignation of that position.

29—To consider a letter dated 23rd May, 1924, from Mr. John Murphy, in which he resigns his position as Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 District on the grounds of ill-health.

30—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th May, and the provisions of the District Courts Order, 1924.

31—To execute an Agreement with Mr. John Finn, of Newtown, Baltinglass, in connection with two acres of meadow attached to the Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass.

32—To consider an application from the South Wicklow Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, applying to have the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act put in force in Shillelagh Rural District, and to consider the resolution to the same effect passed by the Rural District Council.

33—To appoint a new School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District for the three years commencing 1st October, 1924.

34—To consider Reports re outbreak of Sheep Scab on certain holdings.

35—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, requesting the Council to make arrangements for the discharge of their duties under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.

36—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th October, 1923, No. 40848/1923, urging the Council

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to take immediate steps to frame a County Tuberculosis Scheme, with a view to providing complete and efficient arrangements for the treatment of tuberculous patients in their County.

- 37—To consider the County Surveyor's Annual Report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.
- 38—To consider correspondence from Mr. P. J. Byrne, Solicitor, 13 Dublin Street, Carlow, threatening legal proceedings if the balance of Pension stated to be due to his client, Mr. J. R. Dagg, late Clerk to Baltinglass Board of Guardians, be not paid forthwith.
- 39—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 40—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 41—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 42—To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, the 22nd July, 1924, when the following members were present:—

Councillor John J. Redmond, Presiding Chairman; Councillors William Byrne and B Kelly.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils recommended them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County-at-Large	—	6591	16	4
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	—	—	—	—
Committee's Proposals	1682	7	4	1682 7 4
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	—	—	—	—
Committee's Proposals	59	19	7	59 19 7
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	—	—	—	—
Committee's Proposals	511	7	3	511 7 3
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	—	—	—	—
Committee's Proposals	512	12	4	512 12 4
Repayment of Loans	—	364	7	6

The Committee examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and from the Rural District Councils and recommended the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

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TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

In respect to Quarter ending 30th September, 1924.

	£	s	d
County Board of Health	1000	0	0
Do	2000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Do	2000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Total	£7,000	0	0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

In respect to Quarter ending 30th September, 1924.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	312	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	269	0	0
Rathdrum	399	5	0
Shillelagh	136	10	0
Total	£1,116	15	0

The Committee referred to the County Council a letter from the County Surveyor, dated 23rd June, 1924, asking for permission to appoint a temporary Assistant Surveyor, pending a meeting of the Council.

A letter dated 28th June, 1924, was also submitted from the County Surveyor, in which he asked for authority to temporarily obtain clerical assistance whilst Mr Patrick Short is on leave.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the County Surveyor be authorised to employ such temporary clerical assistance as is absolutely essential for effectively carrying on the work of his office during the absence of Mr Short on sick leave.

A letter dated 7th July, 1924, was submitted from the County Surveyor, in which he asked the Committee to decide certain points which had arisen in connection with trade union membership.

The Committee directed the County Surveyor to raise this point for decision by the County Council in his printed report which would be circulated to the members of that body prior to the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 18th August, 1924.

A letter dated the 17th July, 1924, was submitted from the County Surveyor, in which was contained his recommendations on an application from Road Overseer Michael Turner for additional remuneration in consequence of the extra work imposed on him in the administration of road grants.

An application of a similar nature was also received from Road Overseer Patrick Brady, Roundwood.

The Committee directed the County Surveyor to raise this point for decision by the County Council in his printed report which would be

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circulated to the members of that body prior to the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 18th August, 1924.

(Signed), JOHN J. REDMOND,
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

22nd July, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:

Seconded by „ James Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;

Seconded by „ Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 18th August, 1924, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Presiding Chairman; Councillors C. M. Ua Broin, T.D.; Seamus Everett, T.D.

The Committee had under consideration the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:—£1,318 8 7.

The Committee had also under consideration the claims for the 1923-1924 rate declared to be irrecoverable, from the under-mentioned Rate Collectors, and recommend them for the Council's approval as follows:—

	First Moiety.			Second Moiety.		
	Allowed	Disallowed		Allowed	Disallowed	
	£ s d	£ s d		£ s d	£ s d	
1 Luke McDonnell	25 10 11			21 10 0		
4 William Burke	22 12 11			18 8 3		
7 P J Doyle	67 13 4			70 12 10		
8 Patrick Mulligan	26 16 5	1 18 5		37 19 8	1 18 5	
10 John Murphy	32 8 11			35 18 1		
12 Garrett Byrne	8 9 3	0 7 2		9 1 2		
13/15 William J Quinn	188 19 11			188 15 8		
14 Michael Roche	9 15 1			9 14 9		
16 P J O'Byrne	65 1 7	(both moieties).				
18 Thomas Fleming	5 10 5			Not in.		

1921/1922 RATE.

2 Francis O'Neill 3 10 4 0 2 3½

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Mr John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtown-Mt-Kennedy, applied again this year to be allowed to hire one of the Council's engines for a period of five or six weeks for threshing purposes.

ORDER. The Committee regret they are unable to recommend the hiring of the engine, as they understand from the County Surveyor it will be required.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1924/1925.

The attendance, conduct, and progress of the following holder of one of the Council's University Scholarships having been satisfactory during the last scholastic year, the Committee recommend the Council to renew his Scholarship for a second year, in accordance with the terms of the approved Scheme:—

Mortimer Hourihane, Mill Street, Baltinglass.

Letters dated 25th July and 7th August, 1924, were submitted from the Assistant Intermediate Education Commissioners, 1 Hume St., Dublin, and the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Dublin, respectively, intimating the marking obtained at the recent Senior Grade Intermediate Examination by the several candidates for the University Scholarship offered by the Council. Only two candidates satisfied the conditions of the Council's Scheme by obtaining Honours in two subjects, viz:—

Patrick J. Larkin, 3 Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann.

Mary A. Callaghan, Incisowen, Bray Head, Bri Chualann.

The Committee recommend the Council to award the Scholarship to Mr Larkin, he having been placed first in accordance with Section 2 (d) of the Council's approved Scheme.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS, 1924/1925.

The reports on progress, conduct, etc., of the Council's first and second year Secondary School Scholarship holders received from the colleges being of a satisfactory nature, the Committee recommend the Council to renew for a further year, without change in the arrangements made in that connection, the scholarships held by the following twelve students:

Students who have completed two years.

Evelyn Whittle, Dunlavin.

Rosie Walsh, Donard.

Anastasia Greene, Loreto Lodge, Bri Chualann.

Gregory Doyle, Irishtown, Donard.

James Kane, Dunlavin.

Michael Wogan, Enniskerry.

Students who have completed one year.

Walter Kane, Dunlavin.

May Kinsella, Castle Street, Wicklow.

Ellen Kearney, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.

Annie Byrne, Convent Lodge, Wicklow.

Kathleen Corrigan, Dunlavin.

Mary White, 4 Bath Street, Wicklow.

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The Committee regret they are unable to submit the names of the candidates who, as the result of the recent Special Examination, should be awarded Secondary School Scholarships in the ensuing scholastic year, as the markings of their several papers have not yet been completed by the Ministry of Education, or conveyed to your Secretary.

Correspondence was submitted from Mr J R Dagg, late Clerk of Baltinglass Union, from his solicitor, Mr P J Byrne, 13 Dublin Street, Carlow, and from the Ministry of Local Government, in connection with the Legal proceedings threatened by Mr Dagg if the balance of pension claimed to be due to him be not forthwith paid.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the Council inform Mr Dagg that they are prepared to pay him as arrears of pension in respect to the period from 1.3.1922 to 28.1.1924 (the latter being the date on which the Sealed Order of the Ministry of Local Government was issued) the difference between what he has already received from the County Board of Health, which was calculated at the annual rate of £266 19 9, and what he would have received had he been paid at the annual rate of £286, as originally recommended by the Board of Guardians of Baltinglass Union. The point in dispute as to what may or what may not be due to Mr Dagg for the months of January and February, 1922, to be submitted by the Chairman of the Council to the Ministry of Local Government for decision.

(Signed), E. O'NEILL,
Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee.

18th day of August, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " John Fleming;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " Eamonn O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at Large, amounting to £6591 16s 4d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1:

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Seconded by " J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District amounting to £1682 7s 4d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chair-

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man), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN NO. 2:

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £591 19s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;

Seconded by " John Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £511 7s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £512 12s 4d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by " J. J. Redmond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £364 7s 6d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;

Seconded by " C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £1,318 8s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " E O'Neill;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

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PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW :—

Proposal No. 1. To provide for the execution of the whole of the advertising in newspapers circulating in the County Wicklow required by the County Council and the Clerk of the Peace during the year commencing 1st October, 1924, and ending 30th September, 1925, on which Proposal a recommendation was made by the Proposals Committee as follows :—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE :—

"Such advertisements as the Secretary may deem necessary to be inserted in the 'Leinster Leader'; 'Carlow Nationalist'; 'Wicklow People' and 'Wicklow Newsletter'; the cost of each such advertisement not to exceed sixpence per line. Councillor J. Everett records a protest against any advertisements being given by the Secretary to the 'Wicklow Newsletter'."

After a discussion had taken place on the recommendation received from the Proposals Committee it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That it be a direction from this Council to our Secretary to issue no advertisements to the 'Wicklow Newsletter' during the year commencing the 1st October, 1924.

Passed, by six votes to four.

Proposal No. 2. To Thomas E. Doyle, 'Free Press' Offices, 59 South Main Street, Wexford, for printing, providing, and supplying the requisite books, forms, notices, circulars, etc., for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Peace, and their several Offices, as ordered, exclusive of the Registration Lists: Irish materials (ink, paper, etc.), to be employed in the execution of the work. Amount of accepted contract :—£389 9s 2d. Guarantors :—Laurence Byrne, Main Street, Wicklow; Sylvester Delahunt, Main Street, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;

Seconded by " J J Redmond;

Resolved—That the Tender, Bond, and Specification of Prices for the Printing Contract for the ensuing year be hereby approved, and we direct that the Seal of the Council be attached hereto.

Passed.

Proposal No. 3. To set aside for the maintenance of plant the sum of £500.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " Eamonn O'Neill;

Resolved—That, having fully considered the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act of 1924, the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 12th May, 1924 (No. G.21757/24), and 25th July, 1924 (G.21757/24), and the documents relative thereto, including a letter dated 14th August, 1924, from the Secretary to the Co. Wicklow Farmers' Union, this Council hereby declines to put in force the

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provisions of the said Act, and we direct our Secretary to have the applotment of rates and the issue of the collection books to the several rate collectors completed with as little delay as possible.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books—including the special rate of 6d in the £ under the Criminal and Malicious injuries (Amendment) Act, 1923—and that we Sign and Seal the Rate Books for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1925.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill;

Seconded by " James Byrne;

Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the collection of rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, be now Signed and Sealed.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor M. Fleming :—

"I hereby give Notice : That, in accordance with the terms of the resolution passed by the Rural District Council of Shillelagh, on the 16th June, 1924, I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, be put in force in Shillelagh Rural District, and that the expenses involved be chargeable on that Rural District."

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

Seconded by " C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to continue the use of Ballylusk Quarry Stone to Glenealy National School.

Passed.

The Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., at this stage left the Chair, at the same time expressing regret that he had an important engagement to fulfil elsewhere.

The Chair was thereupon occupied by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, who announced that he would take up for consideration in their numerical order the items on the printed agenda which had not, up to that moment, been dealt with by the Council.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., proceeded to discuss matters not on the agenda. He was ruled out of order by the Vice-Chairman, but continued to speak on the matters referred to, whereupon the Vice-Chairman left the Chair and the Meeting, followed by other Councillors.

A quorum of seven members being still present in the Council Chamber, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by " L Redmond; and

Resolved—That in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Chair be taken by Councillor J J Redmond.

Passed.

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The following Report, which had been printed and circulated to each member of the Council, was submitted by the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
13th August, 1924.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Wicklow County Council. Quarterly Meeting to be held on
18th August, 1924.

Gentlemen,

1—On the 25th July, 1924, a consignment of stone from Ballece Quarry (obtained in pursuance of your instructions of the 12th June) was delivered at Glenealy Station and the carters refused to haul the stone to the road or to allow me to use the Council's tractor to do the haulage. Pending your instructions I have suspended the supply of this stone.

2—On 5th August a crusher was sent to Carty's Corner Quarry to break the stone prepared. Some 15 men from Aughrim came to the quarry and refused to allow the crusher to be used unless they were guaranteed work. The crusher had to be removed to another quarry. It is essential that the hard stone from this and other quarries be machine broken, not only from regard to the cost but to obtain fine material required.

I request your instructions as to the action to be taken.

3—Recently some confusion has arisen from the fact that 4 Organisations claim to be Trade Unions within the meaning of your general directions as to employing Trade Union labour. The Organisations are:—

- (1) The Farmers' Union.
- (2) The Independent Co-Operative Union.
- (3) The Workers' Union of Ireland.
- (4) The Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

Hitherto the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union has been the only Union understood to come within the meaning of your directions.

Your ruling as to what Union or Unions are to be recognised is urgently required.

4—Certain of the Overseers in whose areas work is being carried out under the Grants have applied for a bonus owing to increased work entailed by these Grants. I recommend the application to your favourable consideration.

5—An application has been received from County Carlow County Council for re-payment of money expended by County Carlow in repairing permanently or otherwise certain conjoint bridges (pre Truce and post Truce damages). There is no question of the County Wicklow liability for these repairs, the only difficulty is in finding the money. The Bridge repairs (pre Truce and post Truce) should be paid from the 6d rate, and as far as I know no arrangements have been made as to the distribution of the proceeds of this Rate.

The Carlow County Council also request that they be informed as to

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what steps you are prepared to take as to the repairs of the conjoint Bridges at Rathglass and Knockloe (post Truce damage).

Irongrange temporary Bridge at County Kildare Bounds is in an unsatisfactory condition and the repair of this bridge should be proceeded with at once.

The Dargle Bridge, Laragh Bridge, Ballyward Bridge, and certain other small Bridges very urgently requiring repairs have been repaired, but as the only fund available was the road money the expenditure on the road had to be lessened by the amount so expended.

6—I regret to report that Mr Patrick Short is still away ill and two temporary clerks have had to be employed in my Office to deal with the increased work. I request that you definitely make arrangements as to the clerical staff required in my office.

7—The work of supplying metal for the roads to be improved under the Grants is steadily progressing and the work of rolling in the metal will at once be proceeded with. At present our own two rollers and two hired ones are at work on the Kilmacanogue-Laragh Grant which, from the nature of the road, must be completed before Autumn. However, I think it will be possible to send rollers to the other areas in a few weeks.

8—The purchase of Crushers and other plant is delayed owing to the sanction to the loans required not yet having been received. The order for the crushers has been placed, subject to the Loan being sanctioned, but as it is now possible to hire rollers the urgency is not so pressing.

9—A series of letters and complaints made relative to Mr Maher, of Stratford-on-Slaney, who complains that he is being victimised. This matter was inquired into by the Roads Committee early this year. My Assistant informed me verbally on the 7th inst that Mr Maher has been offered haulage work by task but he declined to accept it. I suggest that a Committee of the local County Councillors be appointed to investigate this matter and also a series of complaints made by Mr Foley regarding the Overseer in Dunlavin Area.

10—Messrs Bell and Curran, Rathdrum, have applied for permission to continue the footpath in front of the premises around the S.E. side and I consider that there is no objection to the proposed improvement.

An application has been made by Mr Christopher O'Toole, Ashford, to place a railing in front of his house at Ashford. I do not see any serious objection to your giving permission.

11—I again request that immediate steps be taken to appoint an Assistant Surveyor in the area vacant owing to the resignation of Mr Joseph Doyle.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

PARAGRAPH No. 1:—See Resolution passed earlier in the proceedings.

PARAGRAPH No. 2:—

Proposed by Councillor L Redmond;

Seconded by „ W J Doyle;

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Resolved—That the men recently handbreaking stone at Aughrim and now disemployed be re-employed at the crushers so that at least five of the men so employed be changed every two weeks until the work at the crushers ceases.

Passed unanimously.

A prolonged discussion took place on Paragraph No. 3 of the Report, and on the following item (No. 7) on the printed agenda (consideration of both having been taken conjointly):

"To consider a communication received from Mr John J Carroll, D.C., Dunlavin, with regard to road administration, and, if so decided, to receive a deputation of the road workers of the Co-operative Trades Union from West Wicklow,"

and on two further letters dated 11th August, 1924, from Mr John J Carroll, and from Mr James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, in reference thereto.

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

Seconded by " L Redmond;

Resolved—That the Surveyor be instructed to employ only men who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, when he requires men for road work, and he to apply to the Local Secretary of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for men.

Resolution passed; six for; Presiding Chairman not voting.

Whilst the foregoing motion was being proposed by Councillor J Everett, T.D., the Secretary suggested to him—and also to the Presiding Chairman—the advisability of having this matter brought by way of Notice of Motion before the Council instead of by the direct motion then being moved, at the same time informing the Presiding Chairman that it was his opinion the matter would in that manner come more regularly before the Council for decision.

PARAGRAPH No. 4:

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " J J Redmond;

Resolved—That consideration of the Road Overseers' applications be adjourned until all Road Grants have been expended.

Agreed.

PARAGRAPH No. 5:—

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—Re County Surveyor's Report paragraph 5:

That as the County Council have no money to meet repairs of post and pre-truce damaged bridges, the matter be referred to the Ministry of Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

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

"That at next meeting of the County Council I, or some member for me, shall move: That Standing Orders, as printed and passed by the County Council, be registered in Local Government Department."

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The following Notice of Motion, signed by Councillor Everett, T.D., was also handed in, but as there was not a quorum present when it was read by the Presiding Chairman, it was not marked "accepted" by him, or read aloud to the members then present:—

"That I, or some members for me, shall move: That the salaries and duties of Secretary and staff be published, and that a statement of amount paid in sickness allowance to a official and to inquire if any official not on the staff, now not employed, is being paid his salary in full, and that in future that the Secretary, Mr Healy, be granted a salary to include secretarial work, and that for special works, etc, work to be advertised."

The Presiding Chairman, before leaving the Chair, made the following order:—

That a Special Meeting be held on the 1st September, 1924, to dispose of the remainder of work after paragraph 5 of the County Surveyor's Report, and also to consider any new business that may arise in time to appear on the printed agenda.

(Signed) John J Redmond. 18.8.24.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1924.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 1st September, 1924.

The following members were present—Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors M Fleming, James Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Andrew Kinsella, Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, J J Metcalfe, F O'Rafferty, William Byrne, Eamonn O'Neill, and J. J. Redmond.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the Report of the Auditor of the Ministry of Local Government following his Audit of the County Council's Accounts for the four Half-years ended 30th September, 1923.
- 3—To declare two vacancies on the Council consequent upon the resignations of Councillors Patrick Healy, Rathdangan, and D. J. McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington.
- 4—To consider Proposals (if any) for Contracts from the Rural District Councils.
- 5—To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 6—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 7—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 8—To consider the present state of the Poor Rate Collections in the County; to take such action regarding same as the Council may deem advisable, in view of the terms of the Resolution passed by the Council on 29th February, 1924, in relation thereto; and to take suitable action in connection with the Order made by the Minister for Local Government, applying the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924.
- 9—To consider a scheme for the compulsory dipping of sheep, drafted and recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture, with the assistance of the Department's Inspector, Mr Finlay Kerr.
- 10—To receive memorials from sheep-owners in the mountainous areas against the putting into operation of a compulsory Sheep-Dipping Scheme.
- 11—To consider the question of having the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway included within the scope of the Railways Bill at present before the Oireachtas, and take such steps in that connection as the Council may deem advisable.
- 12—To consider correspondence from the Transport and Marine Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, suggesting the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.
- 13—To take such steps as the Council may deem necessary in connection with the Bill being promoted by the Dublin United Tramways Company, and its effect on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway,

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if the powers to run omnibuses through different parts of the County be obtained thereunder.

- 14—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle :—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the rate of wages in the Shillelagh Rural District be the same for surfacemen as in Rathdrum Rural District, viz., 32s 6d per week.

- 15—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming :—

"I beg to give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that in cases where a change of the men employed on road work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council to give preference to such married men with families, be, and are hereby, rescinded."

- 16—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers :—

"I will move at the next Meeting that the County Council appoint an Assistant Surveyor, to fill the vacancy occurring by the resignation of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E., for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and part of Rathdrum Rural District."

- 17—To consider the following Act and Orders, and make arrangements to give effect to their provisions :—

The Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924.

The Housing (New Houses) Order, 1924.

The Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1924.

The Housing (Reconstructed Houses) Order, 1924.

- 18—To receive Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference in connection with the Dublin and District Electricity Supply Bill (Liffey Waterpower Development), lodged on behalf of the Corporation of Dublin.

- 19—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and to direct that legal proceedings be instituted by the Council's Law Agent with regard thereto.

- 20—To consider an application from Arklow Urban District Council to have the necessary steps taken to put in force in that Urban Area the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

- 21—To consider an application from Arklow Urban District to have road grant of £900 allocated to that area supplemented by the County Council out of grants allocated to Rural Councils.

- 22—To consider the Workhouse Land and Buildings (Short Lettings) Order of 1924, and a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th April, 1924, regarding same.

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- 23—To adopt, in connection with a Rural Libraries Scheme in County Wicklow, a resolution suggested by the Secretary to the Irish Advisory Committee of the Carnegie Trust.

- 24—To consider a letter dated 9th May, 1924, from Mr James Byrne, Rock Bog, Arklow, ex-Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 District, applying for retiring allowance following his resignation of that position.

- 25—To consider a letter dated 23rd May, 1924, from Mr. John Murphy, in which he resigns his position as Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 District on the grounds of ill-health.

- 26—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th May, and the provisions of the District Courts Order, 1924.

- 27—To execute an Agreement with Mr. John Finn, of Newtown, Baltinglass, in connection with two acres of meadow attached to the Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass.

- 28—To consider an application from the South Wicklow Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, applying to have the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act put in force in Shillelagh Rural District; the resolution to the same effect passed by the Rural District Council; and the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming :—

"I hereby give Notice that, in accordance with the terms of the Resolution passed by the Rural District Council of Shillelagh on the 16th June, 1924, I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, be put in force in Shillelagh Rural District, and that the expenses involved be chargeable on that Rural District."

- 29—To appoint a new School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District for the three years commencing 1st October, 1924.

- 30—To consider Reports re outbreak of Sheep Scab on certain holdings.

- 31—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, requesting the Council to make arrangements for the discharge of their duties under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.

- 32—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 5th October, 1923, No. 40848/1923, urging the Council to take immediate steps to frame a County Tuberculosis Scheme, with a view to providing complete and efficient arrangements for the treatment of tuberculous patients in their County.

- 33—To consider the County Surveyor's Annual Report on the Dublin and Bessington Steam Tramway.

- 34—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—

"That at next Meeting of the County Council I, or some Member for me, shall move that Standing Orders, as printed and passed by the County Council, be registered in Local Government Department"

- 35—To receive a Deputation from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners with

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regard to certain repairs stated to be urgently necessary to the Harbour Works.

36—To execute the Mortgages submitted by the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, in connection with the Loans of £1200 and £5300 to be obtained for the purchase of Steam Rolling Plant, as sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government on 16th August, 1924.

37—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

38—To consider Reports from County Officers.

39—To consider Official Correspondence.

40—To consider General Correspondence.

Councillor James Everett, T.D., challenged the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 18th August, 1924—as printed and circulated to each member of the Council—in so far as they related to a Notice of Motion which he handed in at that Meeting, and which was not accepted by the Presiding Chairman on the grounds that there was not a quorum present when the business under discussion had been dealt with, and he found it possible to take up the said Notice of Motion.

The Secretary having stated that the Minutes were a true record of what took place, the Council appealed to Councillor J. J. Redmond, who was Presiding Chairman at the Meeting in question at the moment when the Notice of Motion referred to was handed in.

Councillor Redmond stated that the Minutes were a perfectly correct record in his opinion, and accordingly it was.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;

Seconded " J. J. Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That the Minutes are a perfectly correct record, and that they be now signed by the Chairman.

A vote having been called for by Councillor James Everett, T.D., it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR SIGNING THE MINUTES:—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle; A. Kinsella; F. O'Rafferty; J. J. Metcalfe; E. O'Neill; J. J. Redmond; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; Patrick Doyle; and Michael Fleming

AGAINST:—Councillor James Everett, T.D.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion passed by eleven votes to one, and the Minutes were then signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 1st September, 1924, at 11.30 a.m., when the following members attended:—

Councillor E. O'Neill, Presiding Chairman, Councillors C. M. Byrne; James Byrne; and John J. Redmond.

Committee had under consideration a letter, dated 21st Aug., 1924, from the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, enclosing a tabulated statement showing the result of the recent Special Examination of the applicants for the Secondary School Scholarships offered by the Council.

Having carefully considered all the facts and circumstances connected, the Committee recommend the Council to award Scholarships to

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the following six candidates in strict accordance with the terms of the Council's approved Scheme:—

Annie M. Hopkins, Kevin Street, Tinahely.

John Traynor, Tinahely;

Monica Larkin, 3 Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann;

John Geoghegan, Aughrim;

Mary Nolan, Ballybrahan, Donard;

John A. O'Grady, Main Street Baltinglass;

The Committee further recommend the Council to send the three girl scholarship holders to Loreto Convent, Gorey, and the three boy scholarship holders to St Peter's College, Wexford, in accordance with the arrangements existing between this Council and these Colleges.

The Committee further recommend that their reasonable expenses, if any, be refunded to the following candidates:—

Annie M. Hopkins.

John Traynor.

Monica Larkin.

who alone qualified for a refund under the terms of the Council's Scheme.

(Signed) E. O'NEILL, Presiding Chairman.

1st September, 1924

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Seconded by " James Byrne;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following Report from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health, following the Audit of the Council's Accounts for the half-years ended 31st March, 1922; 30th September, 1922; 31st March, 1923; and 30th September, 1923, by their Auditor, Sean O h-Ealuighthe:—

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 35936/24.

1st August, 1924.

Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla agus Slainte Puibli.

I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of Wicklow County Council for the four half-years ended 31/3/1922, 30/9/22, 31/3/1923, and 30/9/1923. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The Rate Collection is in a backward condition, and it is regrettable to find that there is still a considerable sum outstanding in respect of the 1920/21 and 1921/22 rate, the bulk of which is ascribable to the Nos. 5 and 6 Collection Districts.

I had an interview with the Council's Law Adviser in regard to the question of proceedings pending against defaulting ratepayers, and in the course of a discussion he informed me that in a number of cases where decess had been obtained the Sheriff had made a return of "Nulla

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Bona." He subsequently confirmed this statement in a letter addressed to me, a copy of which I insert :—

4 Church Street,
Wicklow, 10th July, 1924.

Wicklow County Council and Collection of Rates.
Collector John Cullen, Districts 5 and 6.

A Chara,

By letter of the 26th and 28th ult., received here on the 28th and by letter of the 4th inst., the Sheriff has made a return of "Nulla Bona" in forty-seven cases of Decrees for recovery of rates.

The Defendants in practically all the cases are farmers living in the mountain districts of West Wicklow.

It seems very unusual to have such a large return of "Nulla Bona" Decrees.

Mise, le meas mor,
(Signed), J H McCARROLL.

S Healy, Esq.,
Auditor L.G.D.,
Court House, Wicklow.

Now it is obvious that if there is a wholesale failure to enforce decrees when once obtained the institution of proceedings in fresh cases would be nothing better than a costly farce. It seems, however, scarcely credible that it should be impossible to obtain satisfaction of small decrees in such a large number of cases when the defendants are in every case farmers, and I suggest that this failure to enforce decrees should be brought to the notice of the Ministry of Justice.

Pursuant to the Wicklow County Scheme Order, 1923, the expenses of the Board of Health become as from 1st July, 1923, a County-at-Large Charge. Prior to the date of the Order, the rate had been made and raised on the basis of Union chargeability, and the present accounts have been made up on the same basis. Any necessary adjustments will be made later.

All insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.

The Accounts are well kept, and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner.

(Signed) Sean O h-Ealuighthe,
Infiuhoir.

The Secretary drew attention to three vacancies which existed on the Council, two being due to the resignations of Mr Patrick Healy, of Rathdangan, and Mr D J McEvoy, of Ballyknockan, Blessington, and the third being due to the death of Mr Martin Langton, 8 Auburn Villas, Bri Chualann.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond ;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe :

Resolved—That we hereby accept with regret, and without the infliction of a fine, the resignations received from Mr Patrick Healy, Rathdangan, and Mr D J MacEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington, of their positions as Councillors for this County, and we direct that the two

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vacancies thus created be now declared, and that the three vacancies (including that of the late Mr Langton, Bri Chualann) be filled at our next Meeting.

Passed.

The vacancy caused by the death of Mr M Langton having been declared by the Council on the 19th February, 1923, the vacancies caused by the resignations of Messrs Healy and MacEvoy were declared as follows :

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the Members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by

Patrick Healy, Esq.,
Rathdangan,

to be vacant in consequence of his resignation, and we direct that this vacancy be notified by a Circular issued to each Member of this Council, and to the Clerk of each Rural District Council.

A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 1st day of September, 1924.

(Signed)	{ C. M. Byrne, E. O'Neill, J. J. Metcalfe }	Three Members of Wicklow County Council.
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(Signed) P. T. Healy, Secretary to said Council.

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the Members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by

D. J. MacEvoy, Esq.,
Ballyknockan, Blessington,

to be vacant in consequence of his resignation and we direct that this vacancy be notified by a circular issued to each Member of this Council, and to the Clerk of each Rural District Council.

A copy of said Circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 1st day of September, 1924.

(Signed)	{ C. M. Byrne, E. O'Neill, J. J. Metcalfe }	Three Members of Wicklow County Council.
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(Signed) P. T. Healy, Secretary to said Council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow,
28th August, 1924.

To the Chairman and
Members of Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

I am obliged to report that at 3.15 p.m. this afternoon (Thursday) over 40 Road Employees, headed by Councillor Everett, T.D., took possession

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sion of your Offices and demanded immediate payment of the wages the men claimed they were entitled to. As I am not in a position to comply with this request, owing to the Finance Committee Meeting summoned for the 26th inst. (Tuesday) having fallen through in the absence of a quorum, Councillor Everett promptly ordered the men to take complete charge of your Officers and your Offices, and to allow no person to either enter or leave the Court House Building until each man had received his money. Further, he undertook to see that the men would be looked after if they had to hold your Officers and Offices in this manner for a week.

I intimated to Councillor Everett and the men that I had again summoned the Finance Committee to meet on Monday, the 1st September, proximo, after which the Paying Orders the men sought would be issued. Councillor Everett's reply to that was to tell the men not to allow themselves to be put off by excuses of that sort; that I had the money and could give it to them if I liked, and to make me give it out to them.

At a later stage when I told Councillor Everett I was ready to defend myself against the attack he stated he would make on me, and your staff generally, at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st September, proximo, he deliberately repeated on three separate occasions, before your staff and the men, the words "You mightn't be at it."

The tone and the manner in which these words were used left the sinister meaning he intended to convey so unmistakable clear, that I have deemed it necessary to make definite arrangements to have Councillor Everett held to strict accountability in the event of anything untoward happening to me.

I consider it proper that it should be brought to the knowledge of the Council that Councillor Everett, T.D., stated to me, in front of your staff, and the road employees, that he wanted an Inquiry held, and a Commissioner appointed to replace the County Council. At my request he undertook to repeat this statement to the Council at their Meeting to be held on the 1st September.

Now it is manifest that your staff cannot be held to be responsible for what must inevitably follow if the County Council, as a Body, does not take such definite action to-day as will prevent the entire work of your Office being dislocated and reduced to ridicule in a similar manner on future occasions by men who would appear to have lost all sense of their responsibility.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. T. Healy,
Secretary to the Council.

With a view to providing Councillor James Everett, T.D., with an opportunity of putting forward and substantiating in a regular manner certain allegations which he made concerning matters relating to the working of the Council Offices, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " J. J. Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That the Ministry of Local Government be asked to

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hold an inquiry into the working of the Secretary's Office.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—

"I shall move, that the salary and all emoluments received from all sources by the Secretary be published. That a salary be granted to the Secretary to cover secretarial work, and that for such work as juries list and collector of motor duties a separate appointment be made and advertisement inserted for the appointments."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " P. Doyle;

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, the entire County Council constitute the Finance Committee, and that three members in attendance form a quorum, and further that all meetings of the Committee be held on each alternate Monday.

Passed.

The following Report from the County Surveyor, of which the first five paragraphs were considered at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 18th August, 1924, was again under consideration :—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
13th August, 1924.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Wicklow County Council. Quarterly Meeting to be held on
18th August, 1924.

Gentlemen,

1—On the 25th July, 1924, a consignment of stone from Ballece Quarry (obtained in pursuance of your instructions of the 12th June) was delivered at Glenealy Station and the carters refused to haul the stone to the road or to allow me to use the Council's tractor to do the haulage. Pending your instructions I have suspended the supply of this stone.

2—On 5th August a crusher was sent to Carty's Corner Quarry to break the stone prepared. Some 15 men from Aughrim came to the quarry and refused to allow the crusher to be used unless they were guaranteed work. The crusher had to be removed to another quarry. It is essential that the hard stone from this and other quarries be machine broken, not only from regard to the cost but to obtain fine material required.

I request your instructions as to the action to be taken.

3—Recently some confusion has arisen from the fact that 4 Organisations claim to be Trade Unions within the meaning of your general directions as to employing Trade Union labour. The Organisations are :—

- (1) The Farmers' Union.
- (2) The Independent Co-Operative Union.
- (3) The Workers' Union of Ireland.
- (4) The Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

Hitherto the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union has been the

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only Union understood to come within the meaning of your directions.

Your ruling as to what Union or Unions are to be recognised is urgently required.

4—Certain of the Overseers in whose areas work is being carried out under the Grants have applied for a bonus owing to increased work entailed by these Grants. I recommend the application to your favourable consideration.

5—An application has been received from County Carlow County Council for re-payment of money expended by County Carlow in repairing permanently or otherwise certain conjoint bridges (pre Truce and post Truce damages). There is no question of the County Wicklow liability for these repairs, the only difficulty is in finding the money. The Bridge repairs (pre Truce and post Truce) should be paid from the 6d rate, and as far as I know no arrangements have been made as to the distribution of the proceeds of this Rate.

The Carlow County Council also request that they be informed as to what steps you are prepared to take as to the repairs of the conjoint Bridges at Rathglass and Knockloe (post Truce damage).

Ironrange temporary Bridge at County Kildare Bounds is in an unsatisfactory condition and the repair of this bridge should be proceeded with at once.

The Dargle Bridge, Laragh Bridge, Ballyward Bridge, and certain other small Bridges very urgently requiring repairs have been repaired, but the only fund available was the road money the expenditure on the road had to be lessened by the amount so expended.

6—I regret to report that Mr Patrick Short is still away ill and two temporary clerks have had to be employed in my Office to deal with the increased work. I request that you definitely make arrangements as to the clerical staff required in my office.

7—The work of supplying metal for the roads to be improved under the Grants is steadily progressing and the work of rolling in the metal will at once be proceeded with. At present our own two rollers and two hired ones are at work on the Kilmacanogue-Laragh Grant which, from the nature of the road, must be completed before Autumn. However, I think it will be possible to send rollers to the other areas in a few weeks.

8—The purchase of Crushers and other plant is delayed owing to the sanction to the loans required not yet having been received. The order for the crushers has been placed, subject to the Loan being sanctioned, but as it is now possible to hire rollers the urgency is not so pressing.

9—A series of letters and complaints made relative to Mr Maher, of Stratford-on-Slaney, who complains that he is being victimised. This matter was inquired into by the Roads Committee early this year. My Assistant informed me verbally on the 7th inst that Mr Maher has been offered haulage work by task but he declined to accept it. I suggest that a Committee of the local County Councillors be appointed to investigate this matter and also a series of complaints made by Mr Foley regarding the Overseer in Dunlavin Area.

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10—Messrs Bell and Curran, Rathdrum, have applied for permission to continue the footpath in front of the premises around the S.E. side and I consider that there is no objection to the proposed improvement.

An application has been made by Mr Christopher O'Toole, Ashford, to place a railing in front of his house at Ashford. I do not see any serious objection to your giving permission.

11—I again request that immediate steps be taken to appoint an Assistant Surveyor in the area vacant owing to the resignation of Mr Joseph Doyle.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Seconded by „ James Byrne;

Resolved—That the Law Agent's opinion be obtained on all the facts connected with Mr Patrick Short's employment by the Council, and that Mr Short's month's sick leave of absence be extended up to and including the 27th August, 1924.

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

FOR—Councillors James Byrne, Felix O'Rafferty, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, J. J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, T.D., and M. Fleming 7

AGAINST—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and Patrick Doyle 2
Councillor W. J. Doyle did not vote.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion passed by seven votes to two.

Order on Paragraph 10—Permission granted subject to the work in each case being done to the entire satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;

Seconded by „ C M Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved that the County Surveyor be directed to improve the sharp turn in the road from Kish to Arklow Rock, the sum to be paid to the owner of any land required to be fixed by Councillors Condren and William Byrne.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

1. A Mrs Morton (junr), Barrack Street, Tinahely, has erected a porch and steps to her house. This porch and steps are in the side channel and cause an obstruction. The lady was requested not to proceed with the work, but persisted in doing so.

Proceedings should be directed to cause this porch to be removed.

2. Mr Foley, Assistant Surveyor, requests that an Office be pro-

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vided for him in Dunlavin, as the owner of his house objects to persons calling there to see him.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

18th August, 1924.

Order on Paragraph 1—Proceedings to be taken by the Council's Law Agent.

Order on Paragraph 2—The Council regret they cannot provide Mr Foley with an Office.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S FURTHER SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

1st day of September, 1924.

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To Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

1. Since the previous meeting I have had memorandum on behalf of the overseers involved asking that the question of extra remuneration for work under Grants be settled definitely as soon as possible.

2. I have also had a report from Mr Foley, Assistant Surveyor, that since the putting into operation of the resolution relative to the Trade Unions (passed at previous meeting) he cannot get cartage done by piece work.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe ;

Seconded by „ James Byrne ;

Resolved—That the cartage of stone in Blessington be done by Tram Haulage, as suggested by County Surveyor, in the interest of the unemployed and ratepayers.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—

“That Resolution proposed by Councillor Metcalfe, re cartage in Blessington district, be rescinded.”

ROADS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,

A meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wicklow Co. Council was held on Monday, the 1st September, 1924.

The following members were present.—

Councillor E. O'Neill, Presiding Chairman ; Councillors James Byrne, James Everett, T.D. ; C. M. Byrne, T.D. ; W. J. Doyle, John J. Redmond.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider complaint from the Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union (Roundwood Branch), in connection with Overseer Patrick Brady, Roundwood Section.

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After hearing the statements of the men and of the overseer, the following resolution was passed :—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D. ;

Seconded by „ J. J. Redmond ;

Resolved—That an Inquiry be held into the working of the Direct Labour Scheme in Roundwood Section, and that the Department of Local Government be asked to send a Representative to act in conjunction with Messrs John J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, T.D. and Felix O'Rafferty.

Passed.

A discussion took place about quarry rates, and the following Order was made :—

ORDER—That the County Surveyor's definition be accepted, viz—The men engaged in drilling, plug and feather work, and all men engaged in this class of work, to be paid the extra rate sanctioned by the Ministry as from the 19th June, 1924.

(Signed), E. O'NEILL,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill ;

Seconded by „ C. M. Byrne, T.D. ;

Resolved—That the Roads Committee's Report, as now read, be approved and adopted.

As an amendment, it was

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

Seconded by „ Patrick Doyle ; and

Resolved—That barmen be included in Paragraph 2 of the report.

On a show of hands being taken, it was found that of the members present four voted for the amendment and five voted against it. The amendment was therefore declared lost and the original motion to adopt the Roads Committee's Report, as read, was declared passed by five votes to four.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond ;

Seconded by „ E. O'Neill ;

Resolved—That the Roads Committee be in future composed of all the members of the County Council, and that a quorum of the Committee be fixed at three members.

Passed unanimously.

The Council referred to the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government the following letter which was submitted from the Secretary to Carlow County Council :—

COMHAIRLE CONNDÁE CEATHARLACH,

OIFIG AN RUNAIDHE,

TIG NA CUIRTE I gCEATHARLOC.

15th July, 1924.

Dear Sir,

Your County Surveyor, Mr S. G. Gallagher, has written me under date 14th July, 1924.

“..... the account for Davis's Brook Bridge will be discharged at the next meeting of the Finance Committee, but for the

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war-damaged bridges (pre and post-truce) I have no funds at my disposal.
Will you kindly see that funds are available for the payment of my Council's claim.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), RICHARD J. KEOGH, Secretary.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, County Council,
Court-house, Wicklow.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW :—

BALTINGLASS NO. 1 :

No proposals.

A letter dated 29th July, 1924, was submitted from W. J. Henry, Esq., Burgage, Blessington, in which he complained of the material being placed on the roads in his district.

ORDER—The County Surveyor disagrees with Mr Henry's opinion, but undertakes to himself look at the gravel being used from Blessington pit.

A letter dated 14th August, 1924, was read from Mr Jerry Loughlin, Secretary, Independent Co-Operative Trades Union, Baltinglass, in which he complained of the conditions of the roads in the districts of Baltinglass and Dunlavin.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 30th August, 1924, No. M.15/18, was submitted from the General President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Head Office, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, in support of the claims of Overseers, Patrick Keogh, Grangecon, James Ryan, Blessington, and Denis Fay, Dunlavin, for bonuses in respect to the extra duties discharged by them in connection with the administration of Road Grants.

NO ORDER: The Council having decided by Resolution passed on the 18th August, 1924, to adjourn consideration of claims of this nature received from Road Overseers until all Road Grants have been expended.

RATHDOWN NO. 2 :—

No Proposals.

A letter was submitted from the Ministry of Local Government Roads Department dated 8th August, 1924, No. R/RM/33, stating that in view of the necessity for getting existing roads into good condition, the Minister cannot see his way to approve of the proposal of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council to take over and maintain the road from Three Trout Bridge, by Old Mill, to Mill Road, Greystones, and to obtain the money therefor by way of loan.

ORDER. Referred to Chairman, Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.

Letter dated 27th August, 1924, was received from A. Chatterton, Esq., Estate Office, Enniskerry, and Mr T Fitzpatrick, Manager and Director, Residents' Bus Company, Enniskerry, in which the Council was asked if they had any objection to the latter erecting a garage on the Fair Green at Enniskerry.

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The Secretary intimated that he had submitted these two communications to the County Surveyor, who reported on the matter as follows :—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,

18F. 30th August, 1924.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council.
A Chara,

Relative to the proposed Garage on the Fairgreen at Enniskerry :
As far as I am aware the County Council have no control over fairgreens and beyond the fact that the building cannot be nearer than 30 feet from the centre of the roadway, unless there are other obstacles to so using the Fairgreen for such a purpose, Mr Chatterton would appear to have power to erect the building, but before doing so I should like to have an opportunity of inspecting the site.

Is mise,

(Signed) S. G. Gallagher.

ORDER. Referred to the County Surveyor and the Council's Solicitor.

The Council had under consideration the following letters complaining of the condition of the roads in Greystones District more particularly the road from Gregstones to Bri Chualann over Windgates :—

DUBLIN MERCANTILE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

3 Burgh Quay,

O'Connell Bridge,

DUBLIN,

29th August, 1924.

S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., M.Inst.C.E.I.,
County Surveyor,

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst, was before my Committee at the Meeting held yesterday and I was directed to state in reply that the condition of the road from Kilruddery to Greystones (over Windgates) and from Roundwood to Lough Dan is undoubtedly very bad. I am to add that there are also quite a number of roads the members have passed over from time to time, but are unfamiliar with the names, the state of which certainly requires immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. K. Chapman, Secretary.

GREYSTONES ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD.,
GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW,

30th August, 1924.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary of the Wicklow County Council.

Dear Mr. Healy,

The condition of the roads in the Greystones District, especially between Greystones and Bray has attracted considerable attention and

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talk amongst motorists living in the district and in fact all persons interested in the welfare of Greystones; the matter has been discussed by the interested parties from time to time, and it was thought advisable to hold a public meeting for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear upon the Authorities to make good these roads. Others and myself are of the opinion that before holding a public meeting we should ascertain what has been done with a view to getting the necessary money from the Government to put these roads into repair. I know that you are just as much interested in the work of improving the roads in Co. Wicklow as I am, and I write to solicit your co-operation.

A preliminary meeting of an informal character is to take place on Wednesday next at 8.30 p.m., before then I would like to have a letter from you letting me know what possibilities there are of getting the Bray, Greystones road properly repaired, and how much money there is available for doing this work, perhaps you could also let me know the channels through which the funds are obtained, and the persons to interview on the subject, and the Greystones motorists would be prepared to send deputations, but at present we are not sure as to whom we are to interview.

Awaiting the favour of your reply.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Raymond F. Fry.

Proposed by Councillor John J Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government be requested to schedule the road from Gyeystones to Bri Chualann over Windgate as a trunk road, and that a special grant be allocated by the Minister for repairs to that road.

Passed unanimously.

RATHDRUM:—

A proposal (No. 509 in the Rural District Register) that permission be given to Mr. T. A. Saul, Lower Street, Rathdrum, to erect a protection railing about 82 feet long in front of his house and premises was approved, and permission granted to Mr. Saul, subject to the County Surveyor being satisfied with the manner in which the work was executed.

The Council placed in charge of the County Surveyor Proposal No. 510:—To repair and cope with cement about 200 yards of boundary wall between Willow Grove and the old post office at the south end of the Glen of the Downs, cost of same not to exceed the sum of £20.

A letter dated 5th July, 1924, was received from Mr. D. J. Keenan, Three Wells, Aughrim, in which he claimed £17 compensation following an accident to his mare and cart at Mount John, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, which he alleged occurred in consequence of the state of the road.

ORDER. Read and referred to Solicitor.

A letter dated 9th August, 1924, was read from Mr. D. M. Doyle, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy, in which he urged the Council to take steps to

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prevent the road from Ashford to Glenealy via Cronroe being used for char-a-banc traffic.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by „ J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the Minister for Justice be asked to issue a By-law which would prevent char-a-banc travelling on local roads which are not scheduled as trunk roads, and we also draw his attention to the excessive speeds of motor vehicles now obtaining throughout this County.

Passed unanimously.

A further letter dated 9th August, 1924, was received from Mr. Doyle, in which he complained of the condition of the open brook crossing the road at Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 15th August, 1924, was read from Mr. P. Byrne, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Roundwood, in which he intimated that he and several other men will attend the Council's meeting in support of complaints against Overseer Patrick Brady.

ORDER. Dealt with in Roads Committee's Report.

SHILLELAGH:—

No Proposals.

The Secretary submitted a copy of a communication, dated 7th July, 1924, No. RG/33, addressed to Patrick Brown, Esq., P.C., Carnew, by the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government, stating that having regard to the urgency of trunk road improvement, the Road Fund is not available for the improvement of the road No. M.31 between Carnew and Shillelagh.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by „ Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That the Ministry of Local Government be hereby requested to schedule the road M.31 between Carnew and Shillelagh as a trunk road, and to allocate a grant for its repair.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by „ Eamonn O'Neill;

Resolved—That we now sign and Seal the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

There were no applications before the Council for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

The Council proceeded to consider item No. 8 on the printed agenda, as follows:—

“To consider the present state of the Poor Rate Collections in the County; to take such action regarding same as the Council may deem advisable, in view of the terms of the Resolution passed by the Council on 29th February, 1924, in relation thereto; and to take suitable action in connection with the Order made by the Minister for Local Government, applying the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924.”

In this connection the Secretary submitted the following letters

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from the Ministry of Local Government :—No G.15548/1924, dated 9th April, 1924; G.18557/1924, dated 29th April, 1924; G.22664, 1924, dated 23rd May, 1924; and G.36925/1924, dated 12th August, 1924, dealing with the grave condition of the Poor Rate Collections in the County, and intimating that further action with regard to same should not be delayed, more particularly in the case of Collector Charles Byrne, in whose district a large sum is still outstanding.

The Secretary was directed to order all Poor Rate Collectors in whose districts there are poor rates for any period still outstanding to lodge all such outstanding rates (other than rates in respect to which there are unexecuted decrees) before the 30th September, 1924.

The Law Agent submitted the following letter in connection with Baltinglass Workhouse Malicious Injury Claim, which he had received from Mr Augustus Cullen, State Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow :—

Church Street, Wicklow,
25th June, 1924.

Re Claim of Wicklow County Council in respect of
Baltinglass Workhouse.

Dear Sir,

I will be obliged to know if it is the intention of the County Council to rebuild the Baltinglass Workhouse, as the Board of Works are anxious to complete their investigations and have this case completed.

The Plans and Estimates submitted by Mr Foley are not full enough and if you intend to rebuild I think it would be advisable for Mr Foley to make an appointment with Mr Jameson to go fully into the case.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), Augustus Cullen, State Solicitor.

J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Wicklow.

ORDER—The Council do not wish a re-instatement clause inserted in any order made by the Court at the hearing of this claim.

The Law Agent further submitted a communication dated 24th July, 1924, enclosing copy of awards made relative to Bri Chualann Court House, and intimating that there is anxiety that Bri Chualann Court House should be rebuilt as soon as possible.

ORDER—County Surveyor to attend to rebuilding.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond;

Seconded by „ C M Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That the following represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District for the three years commencing 1st October, 1924 :—

1—John J Redmond, Kenmare Terrace, Greystones.

2—Patrick McGuirk, Tonygarrow, Enniskerry.

3—John McGuire, Delgany.

4—Rev Charles O'N. Lawless, P.P., Greystones.

5—John Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by „ C M Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That the Standing Orders, as printed and passed by the

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County Council, be registered in Local Government Department.
Passed.

The following letter was submitted :—

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

Offices—Town Hall, Wicklow,
20th August, 1924.

Re Wicklow Harbour Loans.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that a deputation from my Board was appointed to attend the Special Meeting of your Council on 1st September, 1924, to lay the facts of urgent repairs to the Harbour before your Council, as my Board have applied to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for a free grant and the Minister of Finance states he cannot entertain our applications until the instalments of loans amounting to over £11,000 which are withheld by your Council are paid.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), Charles Davis, Secretary.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

The Secretary drew attention to the fact that on two separate occasions, viz.—on the 21st August, 1922, and the 20th November, 1922, the Council had, by written order, directed (vide minutes of the meetings referred to) that the authorised Paying Orders for instalments of principal and interest in respect to Loans payable to Government Departments be not issued “until the total amount of withheld grants that accrued due to the Council during the two years ending 31st March, 1922, has been lodged to credit of the Council,” and that on the 20th August, 1923, the Council had made an order that these several authorised Paying Orders were “to be issued when the Government Grants due to the Council are received in full.” In consequence of these orders the Paying Orders referred to were still unissued.

Having heard the deputation, consisting of Mr W. H. Kearney, Chairman of Wicklow Harbour Board, and Mr John Conroy, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—

“I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of this Council I will move that as soon as ever there are sufficient monies to credit of the Council to meet them, the unissued Paying Orders in respect to Wicklow Harbour be issued and that all Resolutions contrary to this motion be and are hereby rescinded.”

The Council had under consideration a Resolution passed by Wicklow Urban District Council relating to a total sum of £840 10s 6d due by that Body to the County Council since the financial year 1921/1922, in respect to Decrees for Personal Injuries given by the Judge of Assizes on the 1st March, 1920, in the following three cases, under the

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Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act, 1919, as a result of incidents which took place in Wicklow on the 15th April, 1918 :—

Patrick Plower, ex-Head Constable R.I.C.	£355	4	10
Michael McCormick, ex-Constable R.I.C.	£260	8	10
Thomas Jones, ex-Sergeant R.I.C.	£224	16	10

TOTAL	£840 10 6
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concerning which the County Council on the 31st March, 1924, made the order "Refer to Law Agent."

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

"Resolved—That we hereby refuse to pay to the County Council £840 10 6d, on the grounds that we consider that this should be a national charge and not a local one."

ORDER. Referred to Minister for Local Government.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella :—

"I beg to give Notice of Motion that the Resolution debarring this Council from utilizing their borrowing powers for the relief of the rates, 1924 and 1925, be rescinded, and the powers granted to the Council to relieve the rates for that period be availed of."

The Secretary pointed out that the effect of this Notice of Motion would be to hold up the issue of the poor rate collection books for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, until the motion had been considered by the Council, and that it would consequently be impossible to finance the subsidiary bodies if no poor rates were to come in until the notice of motion in question came before the Council for decision.

To meet the point raised by the Secretary it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ;

Seconded by " Eamonn O'Neill ;

Resolved—That, notwithstanding Councillor A Kinsella's Notice of Motion relative to the remission of rates on agricultural land, the Secretary is hereby directed to issue the collection books to the collectors as soon as possible to do so.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was also handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella :—

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council: That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor M Fleming, that it be a direction from this Council to the Secretary to issue no advertisements to the Wicklow News-Letter during the year commencing the 1st October, 1924, be rescinded."

The following Notice of Motion was also handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella :—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council: That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor L Redmond, that the Surveyor be instructed

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to employ only men who are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union be rescinded."

Councillor J J Redmond pressed on the Council the importance of Item No. 17 on the Agenda, as follows :—

"To consider the following Act and Orders, and make arrangements to give effect to their provisions :—

The Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924,

The Housing (New Houses) Order, 1924.

The Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1924.

The Housing (Reconstructed Houses) Order, 1924."

and urged that the matters referred to therein be taken into consideration before the Council dissolved. The feeling of the Council was that this item contained matters of such grave importance that they could not be adequately dealt with at the end of a meeting or receive the consideration to which their importance entitled them.

It appeared to be the feeling of the Councillors then present that the measure of relief of rates contemplated by the Act in cases of newly-built houses should be adopted.

No written order was, however, made.

It was found at this stage that there was not a quorum present. Accordingly the meeting dissolved.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 17th November, 1924.

The following Members were present:—

Councillors M. Fleming, Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, Morgan Travers, William Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, F. O'Rafferty, Andrew Kinsella, J. J. Redmond, and James Everett, T.D.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the chair was taken by Councillor Michael Fleming, on the motion of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

The Secretary submitted a telegram from the County Surveyor regretting his inability, through illness, to be present at the meeting, and a medical certificate from Dr. Wentworth Taylor, Bri Chualann, that Mr. Gallagher is confined to bed suffering from lumbago, and not fit for work.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 3—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for Transfers on foot of Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health, and the several Rural District Councils.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 5—To consider Proposals (if any) for Contracts from the Rural District Councils.
- 6—To consider Report submitted by the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to enquire into the working of the Direct Labour Scheme in Roundwood Section.
- 7—To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—
"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the rate of wages in the Shillelagh Rural District be the same for surfacemen as in Rathdrum Rural District, viz., 32s. 6d. per week.
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—
"I beg to give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that in cases where a change of the men employed on road work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to

married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council to give preference to such married men and families, be, and are hereby, rescinded.”

- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers:—

“I will move at the next Meeting that the County Council appoint an Assistant Surveyor, to fill the vacancy occurring by the resignation of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E., for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and part of Rathdrum Rural District.”

- 13—To consider a letter from the Ministry of Local Government in connection with a Resolution passed by the Council at their last meeting calling for an inquiry into the working of the Secretary's Office.

- 14—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

“I shall move, that the salary and all emoluments received from all sources by the Secretary be published. That a salary be granted to the Secretary to cover secretarial work, and that for such work as Juries' List and Collector of Motor Duties a separate appointment be made and advertisement inserted for the appointments.”

- 15—To consider an application from the South Wicklow Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, applying to have the compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act put in force in Shillelagh Rural District; the resolution to the same effect passed by the Rural District Council; and the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—

“I hereby give Notice that, in accordance with the terms of the Resolution passed by the Rural District Council of Shillelagh on the 16th June, 1924, I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, be put in force in Shillelagh Rural District, and that the expenses involved be chargeable on that Rural District.”

- 16—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella:—

“I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council: That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Redmond, that the Surveyor be instructed to employ only men who are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union be rescinded.”

- 17—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella:—

“I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council: That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming, that it be a direction from this Council to the Secretary to issue no advertisements to the “Wicklow Newsletter” during the year commencing the 1st October, 1924, be rescinded.”

- 18—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella:—

“I beg to give Notice of Motion that the Resolution debarring this Council from utilizing their borrowing powers for the relief of the rates, 1924 and 1925, be rescinded, and the powers granted to the Council to relieve the rates for that period be availed of.”

- 19—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

“I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of this Council I will move that as soon as ever there are sufficient monies to credit of the Council to meet them, the unissued Paying Orders in respect to Wicklow Harbour be issued and that all Resolutions contrary to this motion be and are hereby rescinded.”

- 20—To fill by co-option three Vacancies existing on the Council.

- 21—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—

“I beg to give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that Ex-Poor Rate Collector R. Geoghegan's scale of pension be reconsidered and altered so as to grant him equality of treatment with other pensioned Ex-Poor Rate Collectors in County Wicklow.”

- 22—To consider the present state of the Poor Rate Collections in the County; to take such action regarding same as the Council may deem advisable, in view of the terms of the Resolution passed by the Council on 29th February, 1924, in relation thereto; and to take suitable action in connection with the Order made by the Minister for Local Government, applying the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924.

- 23—To take such steps as the Council may deem necessary to have collected and lodged to credit of the County Council all Poor Rates represented by unexecuted decrees outstanding as the result of cases heard in Dail Eireann or other Courts.

- 24—To consider a scheme for the compulsory dipping of sheep, drafted and recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture, with the assistance of the Department's Inspector, Mr. Finlay Kerr, M.R.C.V.S., and to receive memorials from sheep-owners in the mountainous areas against the putting into operation of a compulsory Sheep-Dipping Scheme.

- 25—To execute the Mortgages submitted by the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, in connection with the Loans of £1,200 and £5,300 to be obtained for the purchase of Steam Rolling Plant, as sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government on 16th August, 1924.

- 26—To consider the following Act and Orders, and make arrangements to give effect to their provisions:—

The Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924.

The Housing (New Houses) Order, 1924.

The Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1924.

The Housing (Reconstructed Houses) Order, 1924.

- 27—To consider an application from the General President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Head Office, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, to have rate of wages of members of the Union who are quarry-workers in West Wicklow increased to 35s. per week; also pointing out the severe weather conditions under which road-workers must labour, and asking the Council to seriously consider the question of providing protective clothing for them.

- 28—To consider a further letter from the General President of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Head Office, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, urging the Council to pay the half-day's wages stopped from the men who left work for that period on the 28th August, 1924, to come to the Council's Offices, Wicklow, where certain incidents took place, which were reported by the Secretary at the last meeting of the Council.

- 29—To adopt, in connection with a Rural Libraries Scheme in County Wicklow, a resolution suggested by the Secretary to the Irish Advisory Committee of the Carnegie Trust.

- 30—To consider correspondence from the Irish Advisory Committee of the Carnegie Trust, regarding the intention of that Committee to establish a Rural Library Service in the County Wicklow; and to nominate two members of the Council to act with the Chairman and Secretary on the County Wicklow Carnegie Library Committee, which is about to be formed to administer the Grant of money to be made by the Trustees for that purpose.

- 31—To consider a letter dated 9th May, 1924, from Mr. James Byrne, Rock Bog, Arklow, ex-Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 District, applying for retiring allowance following his resignation of that position.

- 32—To consider a letter dated 23rd May, 1924, from Mr. John Murphy, in which he resigns his position as Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 District on the grounds of ill-health.

- 33—To consider a letter from Ex-Rate Collector Michael Magrath, claiming that his superannuation allowance should be paid as from the 4th January, 1921, instead as from the 1st April, 1921.
- 34—To consider a letter from Collector Charles Byrne, The Height, Ballinglen, resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 District.
- 35—To consider the Deputy Checker's Report on the state of Collector Charles Byrne's Poor Rate Collections.
- 36—To fill a Vacancy existing on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.
- 37—To consider the question of having the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway included within the scope of the Railways Bill recently before the Oireachtas, and take such steps in that connection as the Council may deem advisable in the interests of the Ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area.
- 38—To consider correspondence from the Transport and Marine Department of Ministry of Industry and Commerce, suggesting the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.
- 39—To take such steps as the Council may deem necessary in connection with the Bill being promoted by the Dublin United Tramways Company, and its effect on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, if the powers to run omnibuses through different parts of the County be obtained thereunder.
- 40—To consider a Resolution from the County Committee of Agriculture, requesting the Council to restore the Grant to that Committee of the amount of 1d. in the £.
- 41—To consider Reports re outbreak of Sheep Scab on certain holdings.
- 42—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and to direct that legal proceedings be instituted by the Council's Law Agent with regard thereto.
- 43—To consider the County Surveyor's Annual Report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.
- 44—To consider an application from Arklow Urban District Council to have the necessary steps taken to put in force in that Urban Area the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.
- 45—To consider an application from Arklow Urban District to have road grant of £900 allocated to that area supplemented by the County Council out of grants allocated to Rural Councils.
- 46—To consider the Workhouse Land and Buildings (Short Lettings) Order of 1924, and a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th April, 1924, regarding same.
- 47—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th May, and the provisions of the District Courts Order, 1924.
- 48—To execute an Agreement with Mr. John Finn, of Newtown, Baltinglass, in connection with two acres of meadow attached to the Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass.
- 49—To receive Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference in connection with the Dublin and District Electricity Supply Bill (Liffey Waterpower Development), lodged on behalf of the Corporation of Dublin.
- 50—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, requesting the Council to make arrangements for the discharge of their duties under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.
- 51—To consider a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 5th October, 1923, No. 40848/1923, urging the Council to take immediate steps to frame a County Tuberculosis Scheme, with a view to providing complete and efficient arrangements for the treatment of tuberculous patients in their County.

- 52—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 53—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 54—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 55—To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Court House, Wicklow, on Thursday, the 6th November, 1924.

The following members attended:—

Councillor William Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors Patrick Doyle, and James Everett, T.D.

The Committee having examined the Proposals from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils, recommended them for payment as follow:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
COUNTY AT LARGE:	12,392	12	8
BALTINGLASS No. 1:						
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	351 2 10	351	2	10
RATHDOWN No. 2:						
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	59 19 7	59	19	7
RATHDRUM:						
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	301 3 4	301	3	4
SHILLELAGH:						
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	291 17 7	291	17	7
REPAYMENT OF LOANS:	1,333	6	8

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and from the Rural District Councils, recommend the Council to make the following Payments on foot of same, in respect to the Quarter ending 31st December, 1924.

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

	£	s	d
County Board of Health	1000 0 0
"	2000 0 0
"	1000 0 0
"	2000 0 0
"	1000 0 0
TOTAL	£7000 0 0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Baltinglass No. 1	...	...	...	891 0 0
Rathdown No. 2	...	...	...	1084 0 0
Rathdrum	...	...	...	1873 5 0
Shillelagh	...	...	...	973 10 0
TOTAL	...	...	...	£4821 15 0

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rate declared to be irrecoverable, received from the under-mentioned Rate Collectors, and, subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government, recommend them for the Council's approval as follows:—

1921-22 RATE.

No. 9 District	John Manley	£ s d
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1922-23 RATE.

No. 9 District	John Manley	1 13 11
No. 17 District	Charles Byrne	24 0 8

1920-21 RATE.

No. 12 District	Garret Byrne	29 2 7
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Inasmuch as £23 0s. 0d. of this £29 2s. 7d. represents a sum stated to have been seized by British Military when Collector Garret Byrne was arrested on the 12th May, 1921; and the balance (£6 2s. 7d.) represents Rates received by cheque from Mr. James R. Greene, Newbawn, Rathdrum, who subsequently stopped payment of the cheque and then left the country, the Committee directed that the claim, before being forwarded to the Ministry for Local Government, be supported by an affidavit to be prepared by the Council's Law Agent, and sworn to by the collector, embodying all the facts connected with these two sums.

UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES, 1924-1925.

The Secretary pointed out the necessity for having these Schemes drafted by the Scholarships Committee, approved by the Council, and advertised in the local weekly papers at as early a date as possible, so that intending candidates might have knowledge of the approved course of studies for the longest possible period of time prior to the examination.

In this connection, he submitted a rough draft of each Scheme, which he had prepared, embodying the many changes prescribed by the Minister for Education.

The Committee adjourned consideration of both Schemes and directed that meantime a draft of each Scheme, as submitted, be sent to the Ministry of Education for their views and suggestions, and that a draft of each Scheme embodying the changes, if any, suggested by the Minister, be printed and circulated to each member of the Committee before same was again taken into consideration.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1924-25.

The Secretary submitted communications from Mr. James Larkin, 3 Saint Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann, and from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, from which it appeared that the candidate, Patrick J. Larkin, 3 St. Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann, who won the University Scholarship offered for the scholastic year 1924/1925, and subsequent years, had not availed of same, but was at present in residence at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra.

A further communication was received from Miss Mary A. O'Callaghan, "Inishowen," Bray Head, in which she asked to be awarded the University Scholarship offered by the Council in 1924-25, in the event of Mr. P. J. Larkin not availing thereof, she being the only other candidate who qualified for same under the Council's approved Scheme.

The Committee recommend the Council, under the above-mentioned circumstances, to award the University Scholarship to Miss M. A. O'Callaghan.

(Signed),

WILLIAM BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee

6th November, 1924

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we hereby award to Miss Mary A. O'Callaghan, of "Inishowen," Bray Head, the University Scholarship won this year by Mr. Patrick J. Larkin, of 3 St. Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann, and which he has intimated he finds himself unable to avail of in consequence of being in residence at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, Miss O'Callaghan being the only other candidate who qualified under the approved Scheme.
Passed

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 17th November, 1924.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor William Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors Patrick Doyle, Andrew Kinsella, and Michael Fleming.

The Committee had under consideration the following Additional Proposals, and recommended same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS	£1,628 17 3
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The Secretary submitted all the correspondence, documents, etc., connected with the exceedingly grave condition of Collector Charles Byrne's Poor Rate Collections, including the letters from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 16th October, (No. G.45743/1924); 12th November, 1924 (No. 51423/1924); and 15th November, 1924 (No. 45748/1924), together with the Deputy Checker's Report on the state of Mr. Charles Byrne's collections on the 31st October, 1924.

Having given the most careful consideration of all the facts connected with this matter, the Committee are of opinion that the Secretary was well advised by the Law Agent in delaying until this day's Meeting before taking any further steps towards complying with the instructions in the letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 12th November, 1924, No. G.51423/1924, with regard to the rates collected but not lodged in Collector Charles Byrne's District, and the County Council is hereby recommended to approve and adopt the Secretary's action in thus waiting the four days for this day's Meeting.

The Committee further recommended the Council to give Collector Charles Byrne and his two Sureties until 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 22nd November, 1924, to lodge with the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, the £463 15s. 4d. rates at present in his hands, failing which the Secretary and the Law Agent are hereby directed to carry out the Ministry's instructions to the letter. The Committee consider this Order should be conveyed to-day by the Law Agent to Mr. Charles Byrne, and to his two Sureties.

The Committee desire to direct the Council's attention to the fact that the Minister for Local Government, by Sealed Order, dated the 15th November, 1924, No. 45748/1924, received this day, has removed Charles Byrne from the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 District, and has declared that position to be vacant.
(Signed) W. BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW: COUNTY AT LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting to £12,392 12s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £351 2s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor M. Travers:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £59 19s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £301 3s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £291 17s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor M. Travers:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the Guaranteeing Areas amounting to £1,333 6s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £1,628 17s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

The Committee submitted a Proposal to expend a sum of £1,985 on the re-construction of Bri Chualann Courthouse, said sum being the amount of the award of the Court for this purpose, contract to be entered into following advertisement by the County Surveyor.

ORDER.—Proposal approved—no advertisement, however, to be issued by the County Surveyor until his plans and specifications for the building have been submitted and approved by this Council.

The Committee submitted a proposal to provide a sum of £190 for the purchase and fencing of three quarries, at Carrigmore, Raheen, and Carriggower.

ORDER.—Proposal approved—the County Surveyor to satisfy himself that all fencing to quarries be 4' 6" high, with four strands of plain wire, reinforced with bull-wire, all posts used to be of larch or oak.

The Committee submitted a proposal to provide a sum of £200 to be expended from time to time in repairs to the County Court Houses, tenders to be invited by advertisement issued by the County Surveyor for each item of repairs to Court Houses in future, all tenders to be submitted to this Committee before work is carried out.

ORDER.—Proposal approved as submitted.

The Committee submitted a Proposal to provide a sum of £500 for the upkeep and maintenance of road machinery.

ORDER.—PROPOSAL APPROVED.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.
12th November, 1924.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 17th November, 1924
GENTLEMEN,

1. The experience of the past six months has emphasised the fact that ordinary road surfaces are unequal to the wear and tear of motor traffic, and that the only method available under the circumstances of coping with the wear and tear by filling pot-holes only results in a weak bad and soft surface besides making unfair inroads on the road money.

2. Owing to the traffic many roads are in a very unsatisfactory condition, especially the road from Bri Chualann to Greystones and Killincarrick, the road from Shillelagh to Carnew and Clonegal, the road from Arklow to Wicklow, the road from Dunlavin to Naas and parts of the road from Rathdrum to Arklow.

3. The work under the Grants is proceeding, and although some improvement will result the amount of money allocated will not suffice to make a thorough and lasting job.

4. The road from Wicklow Urban Bounds to Rathnew is completely worn out and must be re-surfaced as soon as possible. My last proposals for this work were rejected and will have to be brought forward again.

5. The Plant, for which you are obtaining a Loan to purchase, is now arriving and it will be necessary to obtain suitable premises for an enclosed store. Up to this date there has arrived 4 Crushers, 4 Water Carts, 8 small Tar Boilers, and

3 Scarifiers. The delivery of the 3 Rollers is daily expected. The two Rollers we already possess are in work, but require a thorough overhaul. There are also two hired Rollers at work.

6. I again call your attention to the fact that the Court House at Tinahely is used for purposes other than holding Law Sessions, and that the Insurance Policy against fire does not cover such uses. Definite action should be taken by the Council to protect their interests in this matter.

7. Some Proposals by Notice of Motion come before you. All these are for legitimate works and were passed by the Rural District Councils, to be included in next year's estimate. Should you approve, I will include such works in my Estimates for next year.

Your Obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

CO. SURVEYOR.

Paragraph No. 2:

ORDER.—See Resolution.

Paragraph No. 3:

ORDER.—See Resolution.

Paragraph No. 5:

ORDER.—County Surveyor to consult local representatives, and report thereon to this Council with full details.

Paragraph No. 6:

ORDER.—County Surveyor to report on value of Courthouses in Arklow and Tinahely, and also probable cost of insurance, etc., etc.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—(1). That where large patches of macadam have been spread, these should be rolled in immediately in the Rathdown No. 2 and other areas.

(2). That the sums withdrawn from the road finances of Rathdown No. 2 area to complete the rolling of Long Hill Trunk Road be immediately returned for expenditure on the main roads in that area. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:

Resolved—That we call upon the Government to at once give a substantial Grant towards the relief of unemployed agricultural workers, who are denied unemployment benefit, and are in consequence faced with hunger and privation. If a grant be given, these men can be employed on repairing and maintaining roads which are in a bad state through heavy traffic. The County Surveyor's Report before us to-day bears testimony to the necessity for a special grant for road work.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, and

Resolved—That the rate of wages in the Shillelagh Rural District be the same for surfacemen as in Rathdrum Rural District, viz., 32s. 6d. a week, to date from the 1st December, 1924.

Passed.

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers:—

“That the County Council appoint an Assistant Surveyor to fill the vacancy occurring by the resignation of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E., for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and part of Rathdrum Rural District.”

On a show of hands being taken, the motion was declared lost, though several Councillors expressed themselves as being in favour of the appointment being made, provided it dated from the 1st April, 1925.

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond, and

Resolved—In accordance with the terms of the Resolution passed by Shillelagh Rural District Council on the 16th June, 1924, that the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, be again put into force in Shillelagh Rural District; that the Committee which was in existence when the operations of the Act were suspended be directed to resume the duties for which they were appointed; and that all expenses involved be chargeable to that Rural District.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond.
Seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming:

Resolved—That the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District caused by the resignation of Mr. Patrick Lee, Delgany, be filled by the appointment of Rev. Eugene Finn, C.C., Delgany; and that the vacancy caused by the transfer from the county of Rev. P. J. Rafter, C.C., Grey-stones, be filled by the appointment of his successor, Rev. Ernest Farrell, C.C., Grey-stones.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That as soon as ever there are sufficient monies to credit of the Council to meet them, the unissued Paying Orders in respect to Wicklow Harbour be issued, and that all Resolutions contrary to this motion be and are hereby rescinded.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That pursuant to the letters of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 16th August, 1924, No. G.36759/24, sums of £1,200 and £5,300 be borrowed from The National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purposes therein mentioned, and to be repaid on the instalment system within 5 years, with interest at half per cent. under Irish Bank rate, rising and falling therewith, but at no time to be less than 4% per annum as in said letter of sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loans.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That inasmuch as no provision has been made in the Estimates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, whereby effect could be given to the provisions of the Housing Acts and Orders of 1924, we hereby refer consideration of same to the Finance Committee, with instructions to consider and report on same to the County Council at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Passed.

At this stage the Presiding Chairman, with the unanimous consent of the Members present, made the following Order:—“Adjourned to Monday, the 15th December, 1924, at 12 o'clock, noon.”

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

The ADJOURNED AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 15th December, 1924.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors Felix O'Rafferty, Michael Fleming, W. J. Doyle, William Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, J. J. Redmond, and Andrew Kinsella.

BUSINESS:

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,

9th December, 1924.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara—

You are hereby summoned to attend the Adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 15th December, 1924, to consider the items on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on Monday, the 17th November, 1924, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned, and also to consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D., which, through inadvertence, was omitted from that Agenda:—

"That resolution proposed by Councillor Metcalfe, re cartage in Blessington district, be rescinded."

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(Signed) P. T. HEALY,

Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That this Council has heard with sincere regret of the death of Mr. Matthew Murtagh, and we hereby tender our sincere condolence to Mrs. Murtagh and the members of his family in their bereavement.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 15th December, 1924, at 10.30 a.m.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, Andrew Kinsella, Michael Fleming, John J. Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; W. J. Doyle, and F. O'Rafferty.

The Committee had under consideration an application received from Collector Michael J. Roche (No. 14 District) to be given the collection of the rates in No. 17 (Ballinglen) District, rendered vacant by the removal from office of Mr. Charles Byrne.

ORDER.—The Committee regret they cannot accede to Mr. Roche's request.

Applications were received from Collector Mrs. K. Doyle (No. 6 District) and from Collector Garret Byrne (No. 12 District) to be given their collection books for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, which had not yet been issued by the Secretary in consequence of the amounts still remaining uncollected and unlodged in these two districts.

Having considered the amounts of rates outstanding in their two districts, and the circumstances regarding same, the Committee recommend the Council to direct the Secretary to issue the Collection Books for 1924/1925 to Mrs. K. Doyle and Mr. Garret Byrne.

The Secretary submitted for consideration and amendment copy of the University Scholarship Scheme which he had prepared for the scholastic year 1925/1926.

ORDER.—Consideration postponed to meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the same date as the Special Meeting of the County Council which the Council is recommended to fix for an early date.

The Secretary also submitted for consideration and amendment copy of the Secondary School Scholarship Scheme which he had prepared for the Scholastic Year 1925/1926.

ORDER.—Consideration postponed to meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the same date as the Special Meeting of the County Council which the Council is recommended to fix for an early date.

Having considered a Report dated 11th December, 1924, submitted through the Law Agent from Mr. R. G. L. Leonard, K.C., and heard Mr. J. H. McCarroll in that connection, the Committee recommend the Council to agree to and approve of his views on the matter of the opposition to the East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill; Dublin Electricity Supply Bill; the Dublin and District Electricity Supply Bill; as expressed in Mr. Leonard's Report.

The Committee further recommend the Council to appoint the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Councillor J. J. Metcalfe as a sub-committee to be consulted regarding suggestions or agreements that any of the rival promoters may submit, prior to the County Wicklow County Council withdrawing any of their opposition.

(Signed) C. M. BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

15th December, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO THE WORKING OF THE DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME IN ROUNDWOOD SECTION.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen—

The Committee appointed to inquire into the working of the Direct Labour Scheme in Togher Area met at Rathdrum on Monday, the 13th October, 1924.

Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D., and Felix O'Rafferty attended, and a letter was handed in from Councillor J. J. Redmond stating that he could not see his way to attend and that he considered the Meeting should be held in Wicklow. The County Surveyor was in attendance. Mr. P. J. Rafferty, Inspecting Engineer, Roads Department, Ministry for Local Government, was present during the proceedings.

The Committee inquired into the various matters in connection with the Section and report that they consider that the working of the Togher Section has been unsatisfactory, and that the action of the Overseer in paying cash to workmen was most irregular, but they cannot find any evidence of dishonesty.

That while the Overseer compromised himself, they were satisfied he paid the money. The Overseer's method of keeping his books is wrong, and if the same system is adopted in other Sections the County Surveyor should take steps to have a radical change made.

The Committee consider that in their opinion the County Surveyor should have complete control of the employment of men and carters on the road work and that no outside body should be allowed to interfere, and that the County Council should direct the County Surveyor to issue instructions to the Gangers that, while the Resolution relative to employing Trade Union labour be strictly carried out, they are not to consult any organisation, or person, other than himself, on the employment of men.

The Committee further recommend:—

1. That Paying Orders be sent by post to each workman.
2. Overseers and Gangers make fortnightly reports on progress of work, etc.
3. That the week end on Saturdays.
4. That a proper Assistant be appointed for Rathdrum Area.

(Signed) C. M. BYRNE.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Report submitted by the Committee appointed at the Council's last Meeting to enquire into the working of the Direct Labour Scheme in Roundwood Section, subject to recommendation No. 1—"That Paying Orders be sent by post to each workman"—being expunged from the Report, as printed and circulated prior to this Meeting to each Member of the Council, the Finance Committee Meetings to be held on Fridays in future for the payment of men on road work.

Passed—Councillor W. J. Doyle dissenting.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that local roads committees shall be held in the several areas, and that these meetings shall be attended by the Assistant Surveyor for the area and the Road Overseers, to give such information as the committee may require, as regards to the road work carried out in the area."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

The enclosed documents have been to-day handed to me by Councillor Everett, re Unemployment Grants for the Newtown, Wicklow, and Carnew-Shillelagh areas.

I recommend that I put in estimates to re-open Pretty Bush Quarry, Tomacork Quarries, and to utilize the quarry used by the Wicklow Urban District Council, for the purpose of producing metal for the road from Killincarrig to Greystones, the Shillelagh-Carnew Road, and the road from Wicklow Urban District bounds to Rathnew.

The Form R.U.201 provides for a local contribution. Should you see your way to make such contribution it would be necessary to state the amount and source from which such contribution be obtained.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

Wicklow, 15th December, 1924.

ORDER.—The County Surveyor to put up schemes to the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government; no contribution out of the rates to be included in such scheme.

A letter dated 17th November, 1924, was read from the County Surveyor in which he submitted an application from Road Overseer Michael Turner, claiming extra remuneration for the work done by him in connection with the administration of Government Grants.

ORDER.—The Council regret this application cannot be acceded to.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

No proposals.

The Council had under consideration a petition from the residents of Donard town to have the causes leading up to the periodical flooding of that town removed.

The County Surveyor having intimated that this was a matter for the sanitary authority, the Council referred the petition to the Rural District Council of Baltinglass No. 1 for consideration.

The Council proceeded to consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

“That resolution proposed by Councillor Metcalfe, re cartage in Blessington district, be rescinded.”

The County Surveyor having intimated that subsequent to the passing of the Council's resolution referred to in the Notice of Motion he had entered into an arrangement whereby the services of local carters had been used instead of the Tramway service, the Council marked the motion “Not needed,” at the same time warning the County Surveyor that all orders of the Council must in future be carried out strictly, and without any deviation therefrom whatsoever.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That the unspread crushed stone now lying on the roadsides in the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council's area, awaiting the roller, be spread with barrows and surfacemen in large patches, as we believe the quantity of material does not necessitate the use of the roller.

Passed—the County Surveyor strongly protesting against the adoption of the Resolution.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

A provisional proposal (No. 663 in the Rural District Register) to take over, fence, repair and maintain the road leading from Three Trout Bridge by Old Mill to Mill Road, Greystones, was submitted, cost of same to be a district charge and not to exceed £600.

A proposal (No. 664 in the Rural District Register) to construct two footpaths with concrete curbs on the bridge carrying road over the D. & S. E. Railway, leading from Trafalgar road to Church road, Greystones, was approved. The new footpath on North side of bridge to connect with existing footpaths at both ends—that on the South side to be continued from a point on the curb on Trafalgar road to the end of guard wall leading to Eden road. Cost of same to be a district charge, and not to exceed £36—to be provided for in next year's Estimates.

A proposal (No. 665 on the Rural District Register) to continue the concrete curb of footpath from the corner of La Touche road, along the Church road, in a Northern direction, to a point opposite Montrose House, Greystones, was approved, cost of same to be a district charge and not to exceed £40—to be provided for in next year's Estimate.

A proposal (No. 666 on the Rural District Register) to construct a concrete curb to existing footpath from Montrose House, Church Road, Greystones, to the pass-way off Church road leading over D. and S. E. Railway, was approved, cost of same to be a district charge and not to exceed £38—to be provided for in next year's Estimates.

A communication dated 11th December, 1924, was submitted from T. Picton Bradshaw, Esq., Mount Temple, Clontarf, in which he complained of flooding at Sunnyside, Kilbride Road, Bri Chualann, and asked for the County Surveyor to meet him on the ground on the 16th instant.

In this connection, a letter dated 15th December, 1924, was submitted from the County Surveyor, in which he stated that the opening of the sewer which Mr. Bradshaw refers to was not made by the County Council's servants, and that the sewer from Miss Barnwell's house which runs across the branch road and through the grounds of Sunnyside is not under the control of the County Council.

ORDER.—Referred to the Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2.

A letter was submitted, dated the 9th October, 1924, from A. T. McDermott, Esq., Thorndale, Delgany, asking the Council to expend about £10 10s. 0d. in rebuilding 20' of wall between his property and the County Road from Delgany to Blacklion, knocked down by a falling elm-tree, which he stated had had its roots loosened by water from a small culvert in the County Road.

ORDER.—To be rebuilt when money is available.

The Council referred to the Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 an application dated 8th September, 1924, from the Secretary, Enniskerry Electric Supply Co-operative Society, Ltd., to the Council to pay £100 per annum to the Society for the erection and upkeep of three electric lamps, to light the two four-cross-roads at Enniskerry.

The Council also referred to the Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 a memorial from certain residents in Bellevue Avenue, Greystones, directing attention to the constant flooding during the winter months of that avenue, due to the overflowing of water from the ditch in the front garden of the premises “Umgola,” which takes the surface-water from the higher ground beyond this road.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That, owing to the now deplorable condition of the roads in Rathdown No. 2 area, and the amount of unemployment in that district, the debt of £1,200 now due to the County-at-Large be remitted to next year, and the same be expended to place the roads in Greystones area in suitable repair, in accordance with Resolution passed at last meeting of County Council, and also the Scalp main road, near Enniskerry.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That the County Surveyor's attention be directed to the fact that a new Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union has been established in Greystones, and that the Road Overseer for that area be informed of this fact by the County Surveyor, with a view to securing the members of the new branch their fair share of any employment on road maintenance which may be obtainable in their district.

Passed.

RATHDRUM:

A proposal (No. 11 on the District Register) to extend the footpath on the road in Aughrim leading to Roddenagh Bridge, for a distance of about 105 yards, not to exceed £50, to be included in next year's Estimates, was approved.

A letter dated 12th November, 1924, was submitted from the County Surveyor enclosing an application from Mrs. Margaret L. Phelan, Lawless's Hotel, Aughrim, in which she asked permission to remove part of the bridge wall at Aughrim Bridge on the Killacoran side.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A communication dated 7th December, 1924, was submitted from Mr. Laurence Murphy, Roundwood, containing a resolution passed by the newly-

formed Association of Motor and Horse-drawn Vehicle Owners, in that area, pointing out the neglected and dangerous condition of that part of the Trunk Road passing through their district.

ORDER.—The Ministry to be urged to give a special grant for this road.

SHILLELAGH:

No proposals.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 9th December, 1924, from Captain A. S. Godfree, Presbute, Carnew, complaining of the almost impassable condition of certain roads in his area.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That in cases where a change of the men employed on road work under the Direct Labour Scheme becomes necessary or advisable, the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th November, 1922—giving preference to married men having families—be in future strictly adhered to, and that all subsequent Resolutions or Orders in any way interfering with or altering the decision of the Council to give preference to such married men with families be, and are hereby rescinded.

Passed.

On his opening two letters from the Ministry of Local Government, addressed to him, as Chairman of the Council, the Chairman stated that no doubt members of the Council would recall that when Mr. P. T. Healy was promoted in 1922 to the position of Secretary—after he had discharged the duties of that position as Acting Secretary for over twelve months without making any claim on the Council for extra remuneration for so doing—the Finance Committee unanimously recommended that his appointment as Secretary be on the same terms and conditions, and with the same salary and emoluments as were enjoyed by his predecessor prior to his death. This recommendation of the Finance Committee was subsequently unanimously approved and adopted by the County Council.

The Chairman further stated that he took advantage of a recent visit to the Office of the Minister of Local Government, in company with Councillor James Everett, J.D., to satisfy himself and the members of the Council beyond doubt that Mr. Healy was being paid as Secretary in strict accordance with the expressed wishes of the Finance Committee and the County Council, and with the terms and conditions of his appointment. He had asked for a further letter to that effect from the Secretary to the Ministry, setting out Mr. Healy's salary and emoluments, and he now proposed to read that letter, so that it might appear in full in the minutes of proceedings of this day's Meeting, and so that it might also be circulated to the Press for publication.

The two letters referred to are as follow:—

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
23rd September, 1924.

G. 42603/1924.

Wicklow County.

A Chara—

With reference to the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council at their meeting on the 1st instant requesting the Department to hold an inquiry into the working of the Secretary's offices, I am instructed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that no Departmental reports have so far been submitted to him which reflect adversely on the administration of these offices.

Certain allegations appear to have been under the consideration of the Council but the Minister does not consider he would be warranted in imposing on County funds expenses incidental to such an Inquiry unless in the first place definite and serious causes of complaint be formulated which would prima facie justify the procedure contemplated.

Mise le meas,

(Signed) M. de Lasaigh, Leas Runaidhe.

The Presiding Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
11th December, 1924.

G. 94/2/1922.

Wicklow County.

A Chara—

Referring to your recent interview, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that all appointments to the staff of County Councils coming within the terms of the schedule to the attached Local Offices and Employments Order, 1924, whether temporary or permanent, are subject to the approval of the Minister. This includes temporary clerks employed for the purpose of rate applotment. Subject to any delegation of functions by the Wicklow County Council in Standing Orders or otherwise in regard to such temporary appointments of an urgent nature, the appointments would be in the first instance for the Council, or if so authorised, the Finance Committee.

As regards Franchise and Jurors registration work, this is a matter for the County Secretary, who receives the fees therefor and out of which he pays for clerical assistance, if required, which is engaged and remunerated directly by him.

Mr. Healy was appointed County Secretary in September, 1922, and the terms of his remuneration were fixed by the Finance Committee on 9th October, 1922. These terms were subsequently approved by the Minister. They provide for a salary of £300 per annum to carry bonus, while £115 per annum was allowed subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture for services in connection with the Diseases of Animals Acts. Fees were also allowed for the preparation of the Jurors' and Franchise Lists. Mr. Healy has also been allowed fees for the collection of motor tax. It is understood that Mr. Healy also receives emoluments in respect of his services as Clerk to the Old Age Pensions Committee.

I subjoin an estimate of Mr. Healy's income for the year ended 31st March, 1924:—

Salary	...	...	...	£300
Bonus	...	...	...	150
Diseases of Animals Acts	...	...	...	115
Old Age Pensions	...	...	...	15
Fees—				
Franchise	...	...	...	£270
Jurors	...	...	...	90
Motor Taxation	...	...	...	360
				720
Less remuneration for clerical assistance paid out of such fees, say	...	...	...	320
Net emoluments	...	...	...	400
Estimated total income	...	...	...	£980

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

C. M. Byrne, Esq., T.D.,
Chairman of Wicklow County Council.
Leinster House.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D., was, with the unanimous consent of the Council, marked "Lapsed":—

"I shall move that the salary and all emoluments received from all sources by the Secretary be published. That a salary be granted to the Secretary to cover secretarial work, and that for such work as Juries' Lists and Collector of Motor Duties a separate appointment be made and advertisement inserted for the appointments."

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor Andrew Kinsella, was postponed to next Meeting:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council: That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Redmond, that the Surveyor be instructed to employ only men who are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union be rescinded."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That the Resolution, proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor M. Fleming, that it be a direction from this Council to the Secretary to issue no advertisements to the "Wicklow Newsletter" during the year commencing the 1st October, 1924, be rescinded.

Passed.

In this connection the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move that owing to the fact that the "Wicklow Newsletter" has ceased to be printed in Wicklow, but on the contrary it is printed in Dublin. If that is true I do not see why the ratepayers should be called upon to give through their representatives any portion of the printing contracts from this Council, as the paper has not kept faith with the Council when entering into their contract in 1920, on a preference vote, and further, that the mover of the motion was not present and I say emphatically—as the seconder—that the Chairman ruled me out of order."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor Andrew Kinsella,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

That the Resolution debarring this Council from utilizing their borrowing powers for the relief of the rates, 1924/1925, be rescinded, and the powers granted to the Council to relieve the rates for that period be availed of.

After some discussion, a show of hands was taken of the members present, when the Chairman declared the motion to be lost.

The Secretary having read the Notice relating to the three vacancies existing on the Council, it was

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, and

Resolved—That Mr. Joseph Toole, of Rathdangan, be co-opted to fill the vacancy on this Council caused by the resignation of Mr. Patrick Healy, Rathdangan.

Passed.

It having been stated in the discussion that Mr. MacEvoy believed himself to be still a member of the Council, it was

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond, and

Resolved—That Mr. D. J. MacEvoy, of Ballyknockan, Blessington, be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by his resignation.

Passed, by six votes to one.

No Councillor from Bri Chualann being present at the Meeting, the Council decided to take no steps to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Martin Langton, 8 Auburn Villas, Bri Chualann.

Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, with the consent of the Council, withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:—

"I beg to give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that Ex-Poor Rate Collector R. Geoghegan's scale of pension be reconsidered and altered so as to grant him equality of treatment with other pensioned Ex-Poor Rate Collectors in County Wicklow."

In lieu thereof it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., and

Resolved—That Ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan's superannuation be referred to the Finance Committee for further investigation and report.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the present state of the Poor Rate Collections in the County, with special regard to the following points in that connection:

- The terms of their own Resolution passed on the 29th February, 1924.
- The terms of the Order made by the Ministry of Local Government applying the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924.
- The question of having collected and lodged to credit of the Council all rates represented by unexecuted Decrees outstanding as a result of cases heard in Dail Eireann or other Courts.

A special return was submitted by the Secretary showing the exact position of each Collector's accounts for the years 1920/21, 1921/22, 1922/23, 1923/24, and the current financial year, and also letters from the Ministry of Local Government dated 16th October, 1924, No. G.45748/1924, and the 25th November, 1924, No. G.528531/1924.

The Council, after considerable discussion, directed the Secretary to inform all rate collectors backward with their collections that they must take every necessary and possible step to get their collections closed, otherwise they will be dismissed, outstanding rates being urgently necessary if the Council is to continue all its services.

The Council deferred consideration of the scheme for the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep, drafted and recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture, with the assistance of the Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Finlay Kerr, M.R.C.V.S., and also deferred consideration of the memorials received from sheep-owners in the mountainous areas, against the putting into operation of a Compulsory Sheep-Dipping Scheme.

The Council had under consideration an application from the General President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Head Office, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, to have the rate of wages of members of the Union who are quarry workers in West Wicklow increased to 35/- per week, also pointing out the severe weather conditions under which road workers must labour, and asking the Council to seriously consider the question of providing protective clothing for them.

ORDER.—Noted.

An application dated 2nd November, 1924, was submitted from the Secretary to the Delgany Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, in which he applied on behalf of the road-men working in Rathdown Section for cilskins to wear on wet days.

ORDER.—Noted.

The Council also considered a further letter dated 1st October, 1924, from the General President of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Head Office, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, in which he urged the Council to pay the half-day's wages stopped from the men who left work for that period on the 28th August, 1924, to come to the Council's offices, Wicklow, where certain incidents took place, which were the subject of a special report by the Secretary to the last Meeting of the Council.

ORDER.—Refused.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:

Resolved—That the following two Councillors be appointed with the Vice-Chairman—the Chairman being already a member—to represent Wicklow County Council on the County Wicklow Carnegie Library Committee, which is about to be formed to administer the grant of money made by the Carnegie Trustees for the purpose of establishing a Rural Library Service in the County:—

- (1) Eamonn O'Neill, Vice-Chairman, Main Street, Baltinglass.
- (2) J. J. Redmond, Kenmare Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Greystones.
- (3) J. J. Metcalfe, Ballydonarea, Kilcoole.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee be hereby directed to take into consideration the terms of the superannuation which may be awarded to ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow (No. 14 District), so that same may come before the County Council for approval at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Passed.

In this connection the Secretary submitted the circular letter from the Department of Local Government, dated 21st July, 1924, No. R.30385/24, in which is outlined the procedure which must be adopted by local authorities for the award of superannuations to ex-officers.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we hereby accept the resignation of Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood (No. 10 District), and that the Finance Committee be directed to consider and report upon the terms of his superannuation allowance if and when he has first lodged to credit of the Council the full amount of his warrants for collection.

Passed.

The Council directed the Secretary to convene a meeting of the County Council to be held on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925, and meantime to issue the usual advertisement for a temporary Poor Rate Collector, to be paid 7d. in the £, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

Communications were submitted from ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael Magrath, Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, in which he claimed that his superannuation allowance should have been paid to him as from 4th January, 1921, instead of from the 1st April, 1921, and in which he stated that he had no desire to have to take legal proceedings against the Council with a view to having the matter adjusted.

ORDER.—Referred to the Council's Law Agent.

The Secretary read a letter dated 15th November, 1924, No. G.45748/1924, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and also the Sealed Order issued by the Minister dated 13th November, 1924, removing Mr. Charles Byrne, of The Height, Ballinglen, from the office of Poor Rate Collector in No. 17 District (Ballinglen), and declaring the said office to be vacant.

In these circumstances the letter from Mr. Charles Byrne resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector was not considered.

The Council directed the Secretary to issue the usual advertisement for a temporary Poor Rate Collector, to be paid 7d. in the £, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government, the appointment to be made at the Council's Meeting to be convened for Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925.

No order was made by the Council on the question of having the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway included within the scope of the Railways Bill, recently before the Oireachtas, that Bill having already been enacted.

The Council deferred to next meeting consideration of the correspondence from the Transport and Marine Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Dublin County Council, suggesting the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

The Council referred to the Law Agent the question of taking such steps as may be deemed necessary in connection with the Bill being promoted by the Dublin United Tramways Company, and its effect on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway if the powers to run omnibuses through different parts of the County be obtained thereunder.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,
THE COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW,

9th April, 1924.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON HIS AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE
DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY COMPANY,

For the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1923.

To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I beg to report that in accordance with the terms of the Council's Resolution, passed on the 28th May, 1923, I have to-day inspected the audited accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1923.

The Receipts of every nature from the working of the undertaking during the half-year amounted to £5,999 18s. 0d., being £226 18s. 2d. more than the receipts for the corresponding period of last year.

The Expenditure during the half-year amounted to £9,738 5s. 5d., which is £93 9s. 1d. more than the expenditure for the corresponding period of last year.

The excess of Expenditure over Income during the half-year was therefore £3,738 7s. 5d. The accounts show that to meet this deficit a sum of £136, received from the Ministry of Transport was applied. An unexpended £3,375 5s. 7d. of the sum received by the company under "The Irish Railway (Settlement of Claims) Act, 1921," was in like manner applied to meet the deficit, which thereby was reduced to £227 1s. 10d. This sum of £227 1s. 10d. must be provided by the Councils of the Counties Dublin and Wicklow, each of which is called upon to pay £113 10s. 11d. in addition to the Guaranteed Dividend of £500 for the half-year under review.

I subjoin herewith the figures by which for the past four half-years the Receipts have fallen short of the Expenses of working the Line:—

		Deficit.
Half-year ending 30th June, 1922	...	£3375 6 7
" " 31st December, 1922	...	3871 16 6
" " 30th June, 1923	...	3874 2 7
" " 31st December, 1923	...	3738 7 5
Total of deficits for four half-years	...	£14859 13 1

The half-yearly average loss therefore was £3,714 18s. 3d., apart altogether from the £1,000 which each County Council pays annually by way of Guaranteed Dividend.

I understand that the entire sum of £13,583 received by the Company under "The Irish Railway (Settlement of Claims) Act, 1921," has now been expended. It may reasonably be assumed, therefore, that the two Counties will in future be called upon to pay jointly in equal sums £3,700 each half-year to meet deficits on working expenses, as well as the Guaranteed Half-Yearly Dividend of £500 payable by each Council.

An annual charge of £4,700 solely for the purpose of continuing the working of this Tramway is manifestly an impossible burden on the 1,218 ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area in County Wicklow.

In my opinion this Line should be one of the scheduled lines brought within the provisions of the Government's Railway Bill, now before the Oireachtas, and I suggest that every effort should be directed by the Councils of both Counties to have this desirable object attained.

I have only to add that these accounts have been already audited on behalf of the Dublin County Council on the 4th February, 1924, by Messrs. Kevans and Company, and that no item therein calls for special comment on my part.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. T. HEALY,
Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council.

The Council discussed a resolution from the County Committee of Agriculture requesting the restoration to that Committee of the full proceeds of 1d. in the £.

ORDER.—Read.

The Secretary submitted correspondence and forms received in connection with a number of outbreaks of sheep-scab on certain holdings in the County.

ORDER.—Noted.

The Secretary also submitted reports dealing with certain breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, as received from the Garda Síochána.

ORDER.—Noted.

COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW,
10th November, 1924.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

Gentlemen—

On the 8th September, 1924, I carried out the inspection of County Wicklow portion of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway. Generally the line presents a somewhat less weed-grown appearance, and as many new sleepers have gradually been introduced the holding down bolts and rail connections are better kept up to their work.

The new sleepers are only done in patches where existing sleepers are too bad to remain, but although this work has been a good while in progress many of the sleepers left in will, in a comparatively short time, require replacement. Much trouble has been caused by the early decay of poor quality sleepers supplied by the British Government during the Control period.

The Engineer for the Line informs me that during the year 1,369 new sleepers, 2,408 sole plates, 1,244 fang bolts, 4,112 spikes, 453 pairs of Fish plates, and 1,828 bolts were used in this portion of the Line. The work was still in progress.

Although some improvement was noticeable in the alignment, much remains to be done in truing up the joints on sharp curves.

On the 27th ultimo, I visited the Depot at Templeogue. The usual overhaul and repair work was in progress. Engine No. 3 was in the Shops undergoing complete overhaul and repairs, and engine No. 9 undergoing minor repairs. One Composite Coach No. 5 was being rebuilt and also several wagons.

Considerable work has been done in turning wheels which were heavily worn, and this would account for some of the derailments.

A new Store Shed has been added, and generally the Depot was in reasonable repair.

The Petrol Coaches are laid up and the engines of No. 2 are not in place—being in Store Shed. I consider that the Management would be well advised to dispose of these Coaches if a reasonable price could be obtained.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

An application to have the necessary steps taken to put in force in Arklow Urban District the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, was received from Arklow Urban District Council.

It having been mentioned in the discussion that the Section referred to did not empower an Urban District Council to make an application of this nature, the Chairman marked the application "Read."

A further application was received from Arklow Urban District Council to have the Road Grant of £900 allocated to that area by the Ministry of Local Government supplemented by the County Council out of grants allocated to Rural Areas.

ORDER.—Read and Noted.

The Secretary submitted copy of the Workhouse Land and Buildings (Short Lettings) Order, of 1924, and circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th April, 1924, No. P.9286/1924, regarding same.

ORDER.—Noted.

The Secretary also submitted a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th May, 1924, and also copy of the District Courts Order of 1924.

ORDER.—Noted.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the action of our Secretary in accepting the sum of £8 15s. 0d. from Mr. John Finn, of Newtown, Baltinglass, for the meadowing on the two-acre field attached to the old Workhouse at Baltinglass, as being the highest of the four tenders received, and that the Council now sign and execute the Agreement prepared by the Law Agent in that connection.

Passed.

A letter dated 12th December, 1924, was submitted from Mr. Luke McDonnell, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass, in which he offered 10s. for two old doors at Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings.

ORDER.—Mr. Luke McDonnell to be informed these articles are not for sale.

Three communications were submitted from the caretaker of the Workhouse Buildings, Baltinglass, Mr. Patrick Furlong, with reference to:

1. Ordinary trespassers in the Workhouse Buildings.
2. Dealing with the condition of the Workhouse, and the difficulties confronting him in preventing undesirables from taking away portion of the property of the Council.
3. Reporting on the damage done by the recent storm.
4. Suggesting the advisability of setting the grass of the small field attaching to the Workhouse.

The Secretary stated, with regard to Nos. 1 and 2, that so far back as the 10th March, 1924, the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, Bri Chualann, had, at his request, issued instructions to the Inspector at Dunlavin to afford Mr. Furlong all necessary protection, so as to prevent looting, etc.

ORDER.—Read and Noted.

The Secretary submitted Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference in connection with the Dublin and District Electric Supply Bill (Liffey Water Power Development), lodged on behalf of the Corporation of Dublin.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That the Council's Law Agent be instructed to take all steps necessary and possible for the protection of the County Council and the inhabitants of the County, on the hearing of the Dublin and District Electric Supply (Liffey Water Power Development) Bill, now pending before the Joint Committee of the Oireachtas.

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to refer to the incoming Council, after the next Local Government Elections, the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, in which the Council was requested to make arrangements for the discharge of their duties under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.

A similar order was made by the Council in connection with the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 5th October, 1923, No. 40848/1923, in which the Council was urged to take immediate steps to frame a County Tuberculosis Scheme, with a view to providing complete and efficient arrangements for the treatment of tuberculosis patients in the County.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That this Council hereby approves of the appointments made, and the salaries fixed therefor, by the three School Attendance Committees set up to administer the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Sergeant J. Towey, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy; Sergeant T. Lavin, Aughrim; Sergeant D. Dennehy, Arklow; Sergeant E. Hunt, Greystones, and Sergeant W. J. McConville, Dunlavin, Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts, as requested by the Chief Superintendent, Civic Guard, Bri Chualann.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the Orders issued through the Trade Department of the Ministry of Local Government for items of Equipment necessary for the Council's administration of the Food and Drugs Acts in the County by their ex-officio Inspectors.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted an application from Mr. Albert Manning, Rathdrum, for payment of the sum of £168, representing the unpaid portion of the gratuity of £700 awarded him by the late Board of Guardians of Rathdrum Union, following the abolition of his office under that body.

ORDER.—To be paid if the Ministry for Local Government have no objection.

The following communication from the General Prisons Board was submitted:—

AN BORD PRÍOSUN,

CAISLEAN ATHA CLIATH,

12th November, 1924.

6403.

A Dhuine Uasail—

I am directed to state for the information of the Wicklow County Council that the closed Prison at Wicklow, not being further required for Government purposes, will automatically revert to the Wicklow County Council under the 31st Section of the Prisons Act, 1877, twelve months after the date on which the premises were last used for a public purpose. This date is the 5th September, 1924.

In the circumstances I am to request that you will inform the County Council that the General Prisons Board, with the approval of the Minister of Justice, are willing to hand these premises over at once to the Council, if the Council is prepared to take them, without waiting for the lapse of 12 months as provided in the Act already quoted.

If the County Council wishes to take over the premises, and will inform the Board accordingly, the necessary arrangements for giving over possession of them will be made.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) _____ Runaidhe.

An Runaidhe,
County Council,
Wicklow.

ORDER.—The Council will take over the Prison provided there are no conditions.

A letter was submitted, dated 18th July, 1924, from the Secretary, Power Section, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, 24 Kildare Street, Dublin, requesting the Council to provide accommodation in the owns of Bri Chualann and Dun-

lavin for the storage of Weights and Measures Sub-Standards, and also for the testing of Weights.

ORDER.—County Surveyor to make suitable inquiries in these towns, and to report thereon to the Council, with special regard to the costs which would be involved.

The Secretary submitted to the Council a long list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County, which was forwarded by the Irish Land Commission for their information.

ORDER.—Noted.

The Secretary also submitted a large file of correspondence received from the Irish County Councils' General Council, dealing exhaustively with many important points connected with County Administration, and also with the Local Government Bill, 1924, at present before the Oireachtas.

ORDER.—Received.

An application dated 11th November, 1924, was submitted from the Secretary, Greystones Parochial Hall Committee, for a licence for their Hall under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby authorised to issue to the Greystones Parochial Hall Committee a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for their Hall in Greystones.

The Secretary submitted the County Analyst's Reports received in respect to the quarters ended 31st March, 1924; 30th June, 1924; and 30th September, 1924:—

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by him during the Quarter ending 31st March, 1924:—

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Number	From	Result of Analysis.
Milk (New)	6	Bray	6 Genuine
Drugs	3	Powerscourt Dispensary	3 Genuine
Drugs	2	Bray Dispensary	2 Genuine
Drugs	3	Rathdrum Co. Home	3 Genuine

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter, 14; number adulterated, none.

Dated 15th April, 1924.

(Signed) JOHN KEANE, Public Analyst.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending 30/6/1924:—

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Number	From	Result of Analysis.
Milks Received 19/6/24	6	Bri Cualann, Sergt. Austin Rynne	4 Genuine 2 Not Genuine

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter, 6; number adulterated, 2.

Dated 23/7/1924.

(Signed) PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30/9/1924:—

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Number	From	Result of Analysis.
Drugs 11/7/'24	3	Rathdrum	2 Genuine, 1 Not Genuine
" "	3	Avoca	All Genuine
" "	6	Delgany	All Genuine
" "	3	Co. Fever Hospital	2 Genuine, 1 Not Genuine
" "	6	Co. Hospital	5 Genuine, 1 Not Genuine
" "	3	Bray No. 1	2 Genuine, 1 Not Genuine
" "	2	Tinahely	All Genuine
" "	3	Rathdrum	All Genuine
" "	3	Blessington	2 Genuine, 1 Not Genuine
" "	3	Coollattin	All Genuine
" "	3	Annamoe	All Genuine
" "	3	Dunlavin	All Genuine
" "	3	Co. Fever Hospital	All Genuine
" "	3	Co. Home	All Genuine
" "	6	Dunganstown	All Genuine
" "	3	Arklow	All Genuine
" "	2	Newcastle	All Genuine
" "	2	Aughrim	All Genuine
" "	6	Baltinglass	5 Genuine, 1 Not Genuine
" "	3	Arklow	2 Genuine, 1 Not Genuine
" 12/7/1924	3	Dunlavin	All Genuine
" 16/7/1924	3	Kiltagun	All Genuine
" 26/7/1924	3	Bray No. 1	All Genuine
" 8/8/1924	3	Newcastle	All Genuine
" 6/9/1924	3	Rathdrum	All Genuine
" 3/9/1924	3	Baltinglass	All Genuine
" 17/9/1924	2	Co. Hospital	All Genuine
" 25/9/1924	3	Coollattin	All Genuine
" "	3	Avoca	All Genuine
" "	3	Rathdrum	All Genuine

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter, 98; number adulterated, 7.

Date 17/10/1924.

(Signed) PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

The Secretary submitted three communications received from the Council's Law Agent relative to Baltinglass Union Workhouse Buildings, in which he desired to know, for the information of the Chief State Solicitor, whether a reinstatement clause should be inserted in the Award made on foot of the Council's claim for compensation in that connection.

ORDER.—The Council consents to a reinstatement clause being inserted in the Award.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated 10th December, 1924, which he had received from the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, stating that he had been directed by his Council to make an application to the County Council for a Loan or Grant of £7,000 under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, proposed to be amended by the Bill at present before the Oireachtas.

ORDER.—Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC
HEALTH.

27th February, 1924, No. P.8976/1924 (Miscellaneous). Circular letter directing that all documents relating to the business of the late Boards of Guardians in each County be forwarded to the Secretary of the County Board of Health, and that Title Deeds and Leases in respect to Guardians' property to be sent to the Secretary of the County Council for safe custody.

6th March, 1924, No. P.H.3753/24 (Miscellaneous). Circular letter directing a more stringent enforcement of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in connection with the sale of whiskey, and asking that the Minister be furnished with copies of the Quarterly Reports of the Public Analyst.

7th March, 1924. Circular letter stating that the Department will purchase all Road Plant required for each County on the Amalgamated Purchase System, and asking for particulars of the Council's requirements.

8th March, 1924, No. G.9450/1924. Circular letter stating that legislation is being introduced to authorise the continuance of the penny rate in the £ for Irish for the financial year 1924/25.

10th March, 1924. No. 11334/24, intimating that the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, requires that a Resolution to oppose certain private Bills relating to electric power should, to be effective, be passed by an absolute majority of the County Council.

27th March, 1924, No. F.13263/1924 (Miscellaneous). Circular letter enclosing copy of the Juries (Amendment) Bill, 1924.

2nd April, 1924, No. R/RS/33, sanctioning the advancing of a Loan by the County Council to the County Surveyor for the purchase of a motor-car to be used in the discharge of his duties.

4th April, 1924, No. G.14889/1924, sanctioning appeals by the County Council against the valuations placed on the property of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway situated in the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2.

8th April, 1924. Telegram stating that further delay in submitting suitable Road Improvement Scheme may involve loss of Road Grant already notified.

10th April, 1924, No. F.15962/1924 (Miscellaneous). Circular letter outlining certain provisions of the Juries (Amendment) Bill, 1924.

3rd May, 1924, No. 46738/1924. Sealed Order, in duplicate, determining that Shillelagh Rural District shall be the area of charge for Lugduff Water Supply.

30th April, 1924, No. 5663 (P), Miscellaneous, suggesting the procedure to be adopted where applicants for Old Age Pension are unable to procure a Baptismal Certificate.

Copy of the Adaptation (Licence Duties and Local Grants) Order, 1924.

Copy of the Adaptation (Estate Duty Grant) Order, 1924.

22nd May, 1924, intimating that Mrs. Crofts has been appointed Inspector for an area including that of the Council as from 1st June, 1924.

26th May, 1924, intimating that S. O h-Ealuighthe has been appointed Auditor of the Accounts of Wicklow County Council as from the 1st June, 1924.

6th June, 1924, No. M.H.1897, enclosing copy of a Sealed Order fixing at three the number of members necessary to form a quorum of the Joint Committee of Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

25th June, 1924, No. IRG/33. Copy of letter sent to County Surveyor on the subject of old British Road Fund Grant No. P.58—estimated amount, £1,423.

25th June, 1924, No. IRG/33. Copy of letter sent to the Town Surveyor, Bri Chualann, on the subject of old British Road Fund Grants No. P.22 and P.59—estimated amounts, £1,007 and £423, respectively.

27th June, 1924, No. RV/213. Enclosing copy of the Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1924.

11th July, 1924, No. G.30603/1924 (Wicklow County), conveying the Minister's sanction to a superannuation allowance of £47 12s. Od. per annum to Ex-Rate Collector Michael Magrath.

15th July, 1924, No. F.31891/1924 (Wicklow County), refusing to sanction payments to the Collectors for No. 5 and No. 6 districts in respect to the preparation of the Jurors' Lists.

1st August, 1924, No. G.34337/1924 (Wicklow County), stating that there would be no objection to the payment of compensation as proposed to the seven rate collectors under Wicklow County Council who were imprisoned or interned by the British Military Authorities, on condition that they first closed their Warrants to March, 1924, or to allowing Mr. John Murphy credit for certain monies raided from him.

26th August, 1924. Circular letter setting forth a revised scale of payment of County Surveyor's Travelling Expenses, with enclosed Memorandum in that connection.

12th September, 1924, No. G.41250/1924. Enclosing copy of letter from the Department of Justice, asking to be furnished with particulars of the cases in which the County Council is not satisfied that the Under-Sheriff has taken sufficient pains to enforce the execution of decrees for the recovery of rates.

12th September, 1924, No. G.41737/1924, enclosing copies of correspondence with Councillor Everett, T.D., concerning certain extracts from the Minutes and Accounts of the County Council for which he applied to the Secretary, together with the Ministry's reply thereto, that the Secretary is not under obligation to supply copies of documents, etc., unless so directed by the County Council.

20th September, 1924, No. G.42730/1924, sanctioning the continuance to the 31st December, 1924, of the Overdraft of £20,000.

22nd September, 1924, No. G.43118/1924, intimating that the Minister's sanction is not necessary in determining the constitution of the Finance Committee.

23rd September, 1924, No. G.43669/1924, stating that the Standing Orders have been noted.

24th September, 1924, No. R/DE/33, dealing with post-truce damage to roads and bridges.

29th September, 1924, No. R/TR/33, stating that the re-classification of the Greystones-Bri Chualann via Windgates road will be dealt with at the next general revision of the existing classification.

29th September, 1924, No. R/TR/33, stating that the re-classification of the road M.31 between Carnew and Shillelagh will be dealt with at the next general revision of the existing classification.

2nd October, 1924, No. R/Rv/33, outlining the procedure to be adopted in closing a road to certain traffic.

25th October, 1924, No. G.48565/1924, declining to sanction Appeal by the County Council to the Circuit Court against the Valuations placed on the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company's property in the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2.

1st November, 1924, No. P.H.49175/24, sanctioning the appointment of Miss Phyllis Ryan as Temporary Public Analyst at a salary of £100 per annum.

7th November, 1924, enclosing copy of Sealed Order fixing the townlands of Killincarrig and Rathdown Lower as the area of charge for the special expenses incurred in providing and maintaining a place at Greystones for the deposit of dust, ashes and rubbish.

Copy of the Local Elections Postponement (Amendment) Act, 1924.

Copy of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 1924.

25th July, 1924, enclosing copy of the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924.

22nd February, 1924, No. G.7475/1924, sanctioning the continuance for a period of six months of the Overdraft of £20,000.

3rd December, 1924, No. G.55189/24 (Miscellaneous). Circular letter suggesting the general lines along which economy might be effected in forthcoming local budgets.

10th December, 1924, No. R/RU/33. Enclosing form to be completed and returned in connection with the County Council's application for an Unemployment Grant.

20th November, 1924, No. IRG/33, in further reference to the old British Road Fund Grant No. P.58.

File of correspondence dealing with the financing of the County Wicklow Board of Health, including letters No. G. 42730/24, dated 21st November, 1924, and No. G.42730/24, dated 21st November, 1924, respectively, authorising an additional overdraft of £5,000 from the Council's Treasurer for that purpose.

List of Goods with Prices and Names of the Contractors, declared for the supply of all requirements to public bodies in the Free State for the six months ending 31st March, 1925.

Copy of the Drainage (Maintenance) Act, 1924.

12th December, 1924. G.56563/1924. Enclosing—with regard to The Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924—Leaflets as to the enforcement of Court Judgments where the Under Sheriff makes a Return of "No Goods."

Letters dated the 13th March, 1924; the 2nd May, 1924, and the 26th June, 1924, No. M.T. 209—relating to the Registration and Licensing of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles.

16th August, 1924. G. 36,759/1924—approving of the Council's proposal to raise Loans of £1,200 and £5,300, for the purchase of Road Machinery, the Loans to be obtained from the Treasurer, to be repayable in five years, with interest at one-half per cent. under Irish Banks' discount rate (varying), subject to a minimum of four per cent.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

16th April, 1924, No. S.S.111-24, asking whether The Council propose to institute legal proceedings against Mr. James Kennedy, Curraghawn, Tinahely, for breach of Article 1 of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905.

List specifying the Counties in the Free State in which each of the Department's Superintending Inspectors is to act.

26th May, 1924, No. V.B.1139-24, in connection with the working of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order during the coming season.

14th July, 1924. Copy of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915 Amendment Order of 1924.

15th July, 1924, No. G.2157/24. Enclosing copies of a List (Twenty-Second) of names approved by the Department for use in connection with Margarine.

17th July, 1924, No. V.1591-24, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Department directing that not only in July, but also in August, sheep exposed for sale in the Free State must be accompanied by a Declaration testifying that the sheep had been dipped since the 31st May previous.

FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION.

2nd April, 1924, No. 11188/24.Wk., intimating sanction to expenditure by County Wicklow Insurance Committee of a sum not exceeding £1,589 gross, in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis during the current year.

10th April, 1924, No. I.C./12/S.E., dealing with the appointment of the Council's proportion on the new Insurance Committee to be set up after the Local Government Elections.

26th June, 1924, No. IG/15/S.E., stating that in consequence of further postponement of the Local Government Elections, appointments to the County Insurance Committee would not fall to be made until after the new Councils had been formed.

12th September, 1924, No. 26983/24.W.k., stating that Mr. Laurence Redmond, of Balleeshal, Aughrim, has been declared to be appointed a member of the County Insurance Committee, in room of Mr. James Turner, resigned.

FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

4th April, 1924, No. L.7104/24, enclosing sample copy of the regulations for School Attendance Committees.

15th April, 1924, No. 8821-24, approving of the proposed regulations for the three School Attendance Committees for the Dispensary Districts in the Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1, together with communications dated 17th May, 1924, specifying the membership of each of the completed School Attendance Committees above referred to.

3rd June, 1924, No. 13216/24, conveying approval of the Council's Scheme for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools for the year 1924.

8th September, 1924, intimating that Rev. Father Brennan, C.C., Enniskerry, and Rev. William Jameson, M.A., Greystones, have been appointed members of the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, in succession to the Rev. P. J. Crimmins, P.P., and Rev. E. S. Daunt, respectively.

6th November, 1924, No. L.25540/24, approving of the awards of Secondary School Scholarships made by the Council for the scholastic year 1924/25.

28th July, 1924, No. 6071A, from the Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Power Section, 24 Kildare Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister for the holding of an Inquiry into the powers of charging authorised by the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas (Charges) Order, 1921.

22nd September, 1924, No. —, from same, enclosing copy of Notice of Enquiry in above connection.

21st August, 1924, from the Deputy Accountant, Office of Public Works, Dublin, asking whether the Council are now in a position to discharge the Arrears of Instalments due to the Board.

23rd August, 1924, No. 2408108, from the Secretary, Valuation Office, 6 Ely Place, Dublin, outlining the circumstances taken into consideration by the Commissioner when reducing the rateable valuation of certain property held by the different Railway Companies.

Supplemental Roll of Midwives, containing the names of those enrolled from 1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924, received from the Central Midwives Board, Saorstát Éireann.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT, J. H. MCCARROLL, ESQ., CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

5th March, 1924, advising the Council that Philip Keogh, Dunbur, was convicted under Section 1 of the Sheep Scab Order, 1905, and fined 5s. and £1 costs.

7th March, 1924, stating that the District Justice had requested him to bring to the Council's notice the fact that cattle, the property of Patrick Hetherington, Claramore, Rathdrum, against whom a decree for rates had been obtained, had been poisoned by a yew-tree growing upon the County road.

17th April, 1924, dealing with the claims by Messrs. Doyle, Barton, and Hopkins, against the County Council for damages sustained, due to the alleged unsafe condition of the roads.

23rd April, 1924, dealing with the purchase of a Quarry from Mr. Russell, Carrigmore.

13th May, 1924, enclosing copy of a letter received by him from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, outlining the Council's position with regard to opposition to The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill; The East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill; and The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill.

15th July, 1924, notifying the Council that their claim for the burning of Baltinglass Court House has been referred to the Investigators of the Compensation (Ireland) Commission.

17th July, 1924, stating that he had that day lodged with the Sheriff for execution fifty Decrees for rates obtained at the preceding Quarter Sessions.

25th July, 1924, outlining the Council's position with regard to the recovery of rates on Ballyremon Commons.

12th August, 1924, enclosing copy of letter which he had addressed to the Secretary, Irish Land Commission, 24 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, with regard to the purchase by the Council of a Quarry from John Pierce.

16th August, 1924, enclosing copy of a letter from the Ministry of Finance, Dublin, with regard to the rebuilding of Bri Chualann Court House.

23rd September, 1924, stating that in his opinion Personal Fidelity Bonds for Rate Collectors guaranteed by the Insurance Companies do not afford adequate protection to the County Council, and strongly recommending the Council to get back to the old system of personal sureties.

26th November, 1924, reporting that the Electricity Supply Bills came before the Government's Committee on the previous day.

26th November, 1924, in connection with the re-building of Tinahely and Shillelagh Barracks.

6th June, 1924, from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, and enclosure, dealing with the position created by the withdrawal from the Joint Committee of the representatives of Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council.

14th October, 1924, from same, enclosing Report showing the results of the applications for contributions towards maintenance made to the relatives of mental patients from County Wicklow maintained in that Institution.

Copy of letter dated 30th April, 1924, from the Secretary, National Bank, Ltd., 34 College Green, Dublin, to the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, setting out the terms on which the required advance to the Council of £1,200 would be considered by the Board.

Letters dated 17th May, 1924, from The Law Agent, Dublin Corporation, and the Town Clerk, Dublin, with enclosures, dealing with the application by Dublin Corporation for an Amending Order revising the charges to be made for Gas by the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company.

4th March, 1924, from The Law Agent, Dublin Corporation, 4 Harry Street, Dublin, being preliminary Notice in above connection.

8th April, 1924, from the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, Blessington, stating that all documentary records of the late Baltinglass Board of Guardians were burned with Baltinglass Workhouse, with the exception of one Bank Pass Book.

Ballynultagh,
Shillelagh,
27th March, 1924.

Dear Mr. Healy—

I am greatly obliged for your letter of 25th inst., with copy of resolution of condolence with myself and family in our recent bereavement, and I sincerely

thank the Chairman and all my colleagues on the Council, and the entire staff, for their kind expressions of sympathy in our loss.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Michael Fleming.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Sec., County Council.
Wicklow.

28th April, 1924, from Mr. Patrick Mulligan, The Paddock, Kilpedder, applying for the sum of £14 Os. Od. in respect to the considerable loss and expense incurred by him as a witness during the Ballyremon Commons case.

15th May, 1924, from Dr. P. J. Hamilton, Arklow, dealing with the rent, fire insurance, and caretaking of Arklow Fever Hospital.

18th August, 1924, from The Attorney-General, Dublin, acknowledging with thanks receipt of copy of the Council's Resolution congratulating him on his appointment to that office.

18th November, 1924, from Mr. Anthony Allen, Ballymoney, Donard, stating that he is quite unable to contribute £52 per annum towards the maintenance of his father in Portrane Mental Hospital, and requesting the Council to accept £40 per annum.

21st November, 1924, from Miss M. A. Callaghan, Innishowen, Bray Head, thanking the Council for the award to her of the University Scholarship for the year 1924.

Copy of Special Order, re Wicklow Electric Lighting, made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce to the Urban District Council of Wicklow.

30th July, 1924, from T. J. Mekitarian, Honorary Secretary, Irish Assistant Co. Surveyors' Association, Duleek, Co. Meath, applying for remuneration for the Assistant Surveyors for the extra work incurred under the present Trunk Road Grant.

5th May, 1924, from F. F. McCarthy, Esq., Secretary, Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Technical Schools, Wicklow, with regard to the reduction made in the contribution made by the Council to his Committee during the financial year 1924/25.

2nd May, 1924, from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report and certified copy of the Abstract of Accounts, on his Audit of the Accounts of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the four half-years ended 31st March, 1923.

2nd April, 1924, from the Accountant, Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company, Westland Row Station, Dublin, acknowledging receipt of appeals against the revised valuations of the Company's property in the County of Wicklow.

6th May, 1924, from Coyle and Company, Insurance Brokers, 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, asking for an opportunity of quoting when next the Council's Insurances come due for renewal.

7th September, 1924, from the Rector, Knockbeg Lay College, Carlow, asking for information as to the terms on which the Council's University Scholarships will be awarded next year.

Undated, received 12th September, 1924, from Mrs. M. Brady, Old Bridge, Roundwood, protesting against the difficulty of the papers set at the qualifying examination held this year for Secondary School Scholarships under the Council, and the manner in which the awards of Scholarships were made.

24th October, 1924, from The Co. Wicklow Garage and Motor Touring Company, Bri Chualann, drawing the attention of the Council to their New Mud-Splashing Device.

30th October, 1924, from same, in same connection.

27th October, 1924, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bri Chualann, dealing with the supply of equipment to the Inspectors appointed to administer the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in County Wicklow.

7th May, 1924, from the Director of Publicity, Sinn Fein, drawing the Council's attention to the prison treatment meted out to Republican prisoners.

From the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company pamphlet, entitled "The Future of the Irish Railways," explaining their position with regard to Railway Amalgamation.

1st March, 1924, from the Secretary, Carlow County Council, Court House, Carlow, enclosing copy of Resolution passed by his Council protesting against the proposed abolition of Rural District Councils.

11th April, 1924, from the Hon. Secretary, Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland, 35 Dawson Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Institute dealing with the appointments of County Surveyors in the Free State, and enclosing list of members of the Institute in June, 1923.

Undated, received 14th April, 1924, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Regional Committee, Irish Agricultural and Technical Officers' Organisation, Technical School, Baltinglass, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Committee relating to the reduction in the County Rate for Agricultural and Technical Instruction in respect of the financial year 1924/1925.

17th April, 1924, from the Town Clerk, Dublin Corporation, Exchange Buildings, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Corporation calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners.

23rd June, 1924, from the Secretary, Leix County Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council proposing an amendment of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924.

12th July, 1924, from the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council demanding that the Malicious Injuries Act be withdrawn from the Statute Book.

15th July, 1924, from the Secretary, Leix Co. Board of Health, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Board calling for the release of the political prisoners.

9th August, 1924, from the Secretary, Co. Galway Hospital and Dispensaries Committee, Central Hospital, Galway, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Committee, in which they state they view with horror the desecration of their dead, which the removal of patriot Irishmen from their graves at Tuam entailed.

20th August, 1924, from the Secretary, Roscommon County Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council regretting the delay in dealing with Pre-Truce Personal Injury Claims.

9th October, 1924, from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council dealing with the taking over by the National University of the College of Science.

2nd December, 1924, from the Secretary, Meath County Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council, calling upon the Free State Government to revise the personnel of its several Departments.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors M. Fleming; L. Redmond; A. Kinsella; W. Grainger; R. C. Barton; J. J. Redmond; B. Kelly; J. J. Metcalfe; Daniel Condren; John Fleming; William Byrne; Morgan Travers; P. Lee; Patrick Murphy; James Byrne; W. J. Doyle; James Everett, T.D.; F. O'Rafferty; D. J. MacEvoy; P. P. O'Reilly.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider Finance Committee's Report.
- 2.—To appoint a Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 (Brockagh) District, in strict accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement; and to Sign and Seal the usual Warrants for Collection.
- 3.—To appoint a Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 (Ballinlen) District, in strict accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, and to Sign and Seal the usual Warrants for Collection.
- 4.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor A. Kinsella:—"That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor Laurence Redmond, that the Surveyor be instructed to employ only men who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, be rescinded."
- 5.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that local Roads Committees shall be held in the several areas, and that these meetings shall be attended by the Assistant Surveyor for the area, and the Road Overseers to give such information as the Committee may require, as regards to the road work carried out in the area."
- 6.—To consider Correspondence from the the Transport and Marine Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, suggesting the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway."
- 7.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move that owing to the fact that the 'Wicklow Newsletter' has ceased to be printed in Wicklow, but on the contrary it is printed in Dublin, and if that is true, I do not see why ratepayers should be called upon, through their representatives, to give any portion of the printing contracts from this Council, as the paper has not kept faith with the Council when entering into their contract in 1920, on a preference vote, and further, that the mover of the motion was not present, and I say emphatically, as the seconder, that the Chairman ruled me out of order."
- 8.—To consider a letter and Resolution from Shillelagh Rural District Council requesting the use of a room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, to be granted to the local Sinn Fein Club, for the purpose of holding meetings therein.
- 9.—To make an order regarding all decrees in respect to Poor Rates returned marked "Nulla Bona."
- 10.—To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting the Council to make immediate arrangements for the transfer to a Sanatorium of a man suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, who is about to be discharged from the National Army.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925, in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, when the following members were present:—

Councillor R. C. Barton, Presiding Chairman; Councillors W. J. Doyle; A. Kinsella; Liam Grainger; Patrick Murphy; J. J. Metcalfe; James Everett, T.D.; D. J. MacEvoy; P. P. O'Reilly; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; F. O'Rafferty, and J. J. Roundmond.

Very full consideration was given to Counsel's legal opinion regarding Mr. Patrick Short. The Committee recommend the Council to follow the Counsel's advice and to pay Mr. Short, subject to Ministerial sanction, £3 10s. 0d. per week as from August 27th, 1924, to 31st January, 1925, the Secretary to see that the sums due to the County Council in respect of rates by Mr. Short are deducted before the aforesaid payment is made.

The Committee further recommend the Council to terminate Mr. Short's employment as from the 31st January, 1925.

The Committee considered correspondence from Mr. E. J. Hopkins, solicitor, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, threatening legal proceedings on behalf of his client, Miss Mary Fleming, Shillelagh, late Matron of Shillelagh Union Workhouse, unless a sum of £60 11s. 5d., claimed to be due to her in respect of pension, be paid before the 15th January, instant, this sum being calculated on a higher annual figure than that approved by the Minister for Local Government.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the County Council to direct the Secretary, if and when he receives a Civil Bill in this connection, to hand it over to the Law Officer, with a direction that he take such action as he deems advisable to fully protect the Council.

Having considered the finances of the County Wicklow Board of Health, in so far as the County Council is concerned therewith, the Committee recommend the Council to sign an advice note to-day for the transfer of the sum of £2,000 to the credit of the County Board of Health, with a view to relieving the immediate financial pressure upon that body.

The Committee deferred final consideration of the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, and Orders in that connection, to the Quarterly Meeting of the Committee, which will be held on the 27th January instant.

After due consideration of the facts and figures connected therewith, the Committee recommend the Council to grant a superannuation allowance of £30 7s. 4d. per annum, from the date of his resignation—viz., the 21st August, 1922—to ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, Rock Bog, Arklow, after twenty-one completed years of service, calculated on the average remuneration paid him by the Council for the three years completed prior to his resignation.

The Committee recommend the Council to direct to-day that the Finance Committee re-consider on the 27th January, instant, the terms of the superannuation allowance granted to ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan.

After due consideration of the facts and figures connected therewith, the Committee recommend the Council to grant a superannuation allowance of £54 6s. 2d. per annum, from the date of his resignation—viz., the 15th December, 1923—to ex-Poor Rate Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood, after twenty-five completed years of service, calculated on the average remuneration paid him by the Council for the three years completed prior to his resignation.

The Committee deferred to its Quarterly Meeting on the 27th January, inst., consideration of the draft schemes for the award of University and Secondary School Scholarships, already printed and circulated to each member of the Council.

Applications were received from Road Overseers Michael Turner and Joseph Brady for extra remuneration for their services in connection with the administration of road grants.

ORDER.—The Committee regret there are no funds available.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 17th December, 1924, No. 6694, A.B., from the Revenue Commissioners, Dublin Castle, requesting the Council to make certain monthly deductions from Mr. P. J. Foley's salary, and to transfer to them the total of the sums thus deducted, under Section 6 of the Finance Act, 1923.

ORDER.—The Committee directed that the deduction asked for be deferred to the 1st March, 1925, Mr. Foley to be instructed to interview the revenue officer and to have his income-tax account adjusted if possible within the three weeks from this date, failing which adjustment the indicated deductions are to be made.

Correspondence was submitted from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the sum of £8,256, now due by the Council to Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

ORDER.—To be paid as soon as the financial position of the Council will allow.

The Committee recommend the Council to approve and confirm the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable:—

1923-1924 RATE.	
3. Edward Lynch	£18 14 7
9. John Manley	52 16 3
18. Thomas Fleming	26 5 9
19. John Byrne	1 3 7
1924-1925 RATE.	
14. Michael Roche	£2 5 2

(Signed) R. C. BARTON,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

14th January, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor R. C. Barton;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:

Resolved—That the Report of the Finance Committee, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and confirmed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfer of the sum of £2,000 to credit of the County Wicklow Board of Health be now signed, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Finance Committee's Report.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. Murphy:

Resolved—That this Council hereby terminate the services of Mr. Patrick Short, as from the 31st January, 1925, and that notice thereof be forthwith given to Mr. Short.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 (Ballycullen) Collecting district, and also three applications received from Thomas Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood; George Byrne, Ballylusk, Ashford; and Patrick J. O'Neill, Ardair, Tonleage, Wicklow.

An application from E. O'Rafferty, of 58 Ferrybank, Arklow, was withdrawn with the Council's permission.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925, proceed

to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector temporarily for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycullen, Brockagh, Calary, Glendalough, Moneystown, Oldtown, and Togher, at a remuneration of 7d. in the pound, collected and lodged within each financial year.

No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the Warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable rates approved by the Ministry for Local Government will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties in a sum of £2,000. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon on the 14th January, 1925.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
1st January, 1925.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR MURPHY:—Councillors James Byrne; William Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; J. J. Redmond; R. C. Barton; P. P. O'Reilly, and Patrick Lee ... 10

FOR BYRNE:—Councillors W. J. Doyle; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; James Everett, T.D.; B. Kelly, and Laurence Redmond ... 6

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors D. Condren; F. O'Rafferty; M. Travers; M. Fleming, and John Fleming ... 5

In the final round, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR MURPHY:—Councillors James Byrne; William Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; M. Travers; P. Murphy; J. J. Redmond; R. C. Barton; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; P. P. O'Reilly; M. Fleming, and Patrick Lee ... 13

FOR BYRNE:—Councillors D. Condren; W. J. Doyle; F. O'Rafferty; Wm. Byrne; James Everett, T.D.; B. Kelly; J. Fleming, and Laurence Redmond ... 8

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That Mr. Thomas Murphy, of Mullinaveige, Roundwood, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 (Brockagh) Collecting District, at a poundage fee of 7d., in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government, and we approve of John Murphy, of Mullinaveige, Roundwood, and William Byrne, of Tomriland, Roundwood, as his sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £2,000 for the due performance of his duties as Collector.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 Collecting District be now Signed and Sealed for the year 1924-1925.

Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 (Ballinlen) Collecting District, and also four applications received from Edward O'Rafferty, 58 Ferrybank, Arklow; James O'Neill, Raheengreany, Shillelagh; Michael J. Doyle, Annacurra, and Denis J. Kinsella, Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely.

An application from Joseph S. Murphy, Tinahely, was withdrawn with the Council's consent.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector temporarily for the Electoral divisions of Ballinlen, Ballybeg, Coolballintaggart, Kilballyowne, Kilpipe, and Tinahely, at a remuneration of 7d. in the pound, collected and lodged within each financial year.

No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the Warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable rates approved by the Ministry for Local Government will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the Meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £3,000. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 noon on the 14th January, 1925.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
1st January, 1925.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors J. Everett, T.D.; Laurence Redmond, and Michl. Fleming ... 3

FOR O'RAFFERTY:—Councillors D. Condren; F. O'Rafferty; Morgan Travers; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; Bernard Kelly, and Patrick Lee ... 7

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors James Byrne; W. J. Doyle, and J. J. Redmond ... 3

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors William Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; R. C. Barton; P. P. O'Reilly, and John Fleming ... 8

A poll was taken between the candidates O'Neill and Doyle, who had tied, and the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR O'NEILL:—William Grainger; A. Kinsella; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; J. Everett, T.D.; Laurence Redmond, and Michael Fleming ... 7

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors James Byrne; D. Condren; W. J. Doyle; F. O'Rafferty; D. J. MacEvoy; Morgan Travers; J. J. Redmond; R. C. Barton; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; Bernard Kelly; P. P. O'Reilly; Patrick Lee, and J. Fleming ... 14

The third round was between the candidates O'Rafferty, Kinsella, and Doyle, and the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR O'RAFFERTY:—Councillors D. Condren; F. O'Rafferty; Morgan Travers; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; J. Everett, T.D.; Bernard Kelly; Patrick Lee and Michael Fleming ... 9

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors W. Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; R. C. Barton; P. P. O'Reilly, and J. Fleming ... 8

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors James Byrne; W. J. Doyle; J. J. Redmond, and Laurence Redmond ... 4

In the fourth and final round it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR O'RAFFERTY:—Councillors D. Condren; F. O'Rafferty; Morgan Travers; J. J. Redmond; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; J. Everett, T.D.; Bernard Kelly; Patrick Lee, and M. Fleming ... 10

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors James Byrne; W. J. Doyle; W. Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; R. C. Barton; P. P. O'Reilly; Laurence Redmond, and John Fleming ... 11

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;

Resolved—That Mr. Denis J. Kinsella, of Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 (Ballinglen) Collecting District, at a poundage fee of 7d., in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government and we approve of Michael Kavanagh, of Croghan, Ballyfad, Kilanerin, and Martin Byrne, of Craan, Tinahely, as his sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £3,000 for the due performance of his duties as Collector.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District be now Signed and Sealed for the years 1921-1922, 1922-1923, 1923-1924, and 1924-1925.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor Laurence Redmond, that the Surveyor be instructed to employ only men who are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, be rescinded.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors James Byrne; D. Condren; W. Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; R. C. Barton, and William Byrne

AGAINST THE MOTION:—Councillors W. J. Doyle; F. O'Rafferty; M. Travars; J. J. Redmond; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D.; Bernard Kelly; P. P. O'Reilly; Laurence Redmond, and Michael Fleming

Councillors Patrick Lee and John Fleming declined to vote.

The motion was thereupon declared by the Chairman to be lost by ten votes to nine.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, and

Resolved—That local Roads Committees shall be held in the several Electoral Areas, and that these Meetings shall be attended by the Assistant Surveyor and the Road Overseers for the area, to give such information as the Committee may require as regards to the road work carried out in the area, the working of this Resolution to be carried out by the County Surveyor's office.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary again submitted the entire correspondence received from the Transport and Marine Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, from the Dublin County Council, and from the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, pointing out the urgent necessity for the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

After a considerable discussion, the Council decided to make no appointments.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, and

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

That, owing to the fact that the "Wicklow Newsletter" has ceased to be printed in Wicklow, but on the contrary it is printed in Dublin, and, if that is true, I do not see why ratepayers should be called upon, through their representatives, to give any portion of the printing contracts from this Council when entering into their contract in 1920, on a preference vote, and, further, that the mover of the motion was not present, and I say emphatically, as the seconder, that the Chairman ruled me out of order.

The Chairman declared the Motion lost, on a show of hands being taken.

The Council had under consideration the following letter:—

COISTE CEANNTAIR TUATHA SÍOL EILIGH,
Oifigi and Coiste, Seomra an Bhuid,
SÍOL EILIGH,

22nd December, 1924.

Dear Sir—I have been directed by the Council of Shillelagh Rural District to transmit to you the accompanying letter received by them from Messrs Martin Kehoe and Michael Byrne, relative to the use of a room in Shillelagh Workhouse building, for the local Sinn Féin Club.

At the Meeting of the Council, in 15th instant, it was proposed by Councillor P. Donoghue, seconded by Councillor M. Brennan, and passed—"That the County Council be requested to grant this application."

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) JOHN HOPKINS, Clerk.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Granted.

The Secretary directed the Council's attention to the provisions of the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924, which he had explained by circular and leaflet to each Poor Rate Collector, and suggested that the Law Agent should be given specific directions regarding all Decrees relating to poor rates returned to him by the Sub-Sheriff marked "Nulla Bona."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor James Byrne:

Resolved—That the Council's Law Agent be directed, wherever he is returned a Decree marked "Nulla Bona," to take any further steps the law allows to see that the rates referred to in such Decrees are collected and lodged to credit of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letters received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—No. P. H. 57948-24, dated 19th December, 1924; No. P. H. 58433-24, dated 22nd December, 1924, and No. P. H. 58962-24, dated 30th December, 1924, requesting the Council to make immediate arrangements for the provision of sanatorium treatment to Private William Lavery, Market Square, Wicklow, who is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, and who is about to be discharged from the National Army.

After a discussion, the following Order was unanimously made by the Council:

"That this Council consider the Government should give this soldier the treatment he requires."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—

Resolved—That Councillors D. J. MacEvoy and P. P. O'Reilly be added to the sub-committee recently set up for consultation by the Solicitor and Counsel regarding the Electric Supply Bills.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

20th December, 1924, No. R-RS-33, stating that it is essential to efficient Road Administration in Co. Wicklow that two full-time Assistant Surveyors should be appointed.

ORDER. Referred to local Roads Committee.

22nd December, 1924, No. G. 57704-1924, outlining the procedure to be followed in cases where the Council is not satisfied that the Under-Sheriff has taken sufficient pains to levy the amounts of decrees for rates.

ORDER. Read and noted.

31st December, 1924, No. G. 58928-1924, stating that there is no objection to the proposed form of advertisement for Rate Collectors for Nos. 10 and 17 Districts.

1st January, 1925, No. I.R.-104, with reference to alterations in Telegraph Plant, rendered necessary by Road Improvement Schemes carried out under Government Grants.

2nd January, 1925, No. 264-1925, sanctioning continuance to the 31st March, 1925, of the Overdraft of £20,000 on the County Council's account.

5th January, 1925, No. P.57753-1924 (with enclosed copy of letter from Kildare Co. Council), suggesting a revision of the figure of Mr. J. R. Dagg's pension, in view of further data that has come before the Ministry.

8th January, 1924, No. 1111, Miscellaneous(m), circular letter dealing with forthcoming local elections, and intimating that the elections to County Councils, etc., are further postponed to the 31st March, 1925.

16th December, 1924, from the Secretary, Rathdown Union Ploughing Match Committee, containing copy of Resolution passed by the Committee protesting against the withdrawal of their subsidy.

19th December, 1924, from the Vice-President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, drawing attention to a report that carters in West Wicklow are compelled to work a full day on Saturdays.

7th January, 1925, from Mr. Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, intimating that the Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings have been much damaged by the recent storm, asking for the Council's directions as to disposal of blown-down parts or the buildings, and seeking their approval to his sale of part of a staircase and two doors to Mr. Peter Jackson, Deerpark.

9th January, 1925, from Mr. Patrick Byrne, Main Street, Baltinglass, Secretary, Baltinglass and Killealy School Attendance Committee, drawing attention to the discrepancy between his salary and that of the Clerks to Dunlavin and Blessington Committees.

10th January, 1925, from the Secretary of West Wicklow Sinn Féin Comhairle Ceanntair, Drummin, Annamoe, containing copy of resolution passed by his Committee demanding the release of all Irish political prisoners.

15th December, 1924, from the Secretary, Irish County Council's General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, intimating that the Annual Meeting of that body will be held on the 28th January, 1925.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 28th February, 1925.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T. D., Chairman; Councillors Andrew Kinsella, J. J. Redmond, William Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, J. Everett, T.D.; James Byrne, E. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, Morgan Travers. F. O'Rafferty, P. Murphy. Councillor James J. O'Toole also attended, and signed before the Secretary his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman read a medical certificate received from Councillor Michael Fleming, showing that the state of his health would not allow of his attendance at the meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

23rd February, 1925.

To Each Members of Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

No Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held on Monday, the 16th inst., owing to the fact that the Finance Committee were kept till 6 o'clock, p.m., considering the Rate Estimates for the service of the year ending the 31st March, 1926, in conference with representatives of the Executive Committee of the Farmers' Union, and with representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, with a view to effecting economies, if possible, in local administration.

I am, therefore, to summon you to attend the forthcoming Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 28th February, 1925, for the purpose of transacting the business on the printed Agenda, copy of which has already been forwarded you.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—P. T. HEALY, Secretary.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To pass Resolutions approving and adopting the Finance Committee's recommendations to award superannuation allowances to ex-Poor Rate Collectors James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow (No. 14 District), and John Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood (No. 10 District).
- 3.—To pass a Resolution approving and adopting the Finance Committee's recommendation varying the superannuation allowance of £24 13s. 7d. already awarded to ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan (No. 2 District), and increasing the said allowance to £30 13s. 4d. per annum.
- 4.—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and the several Rural District Councils.
- 5.—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.

- 6.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 7.—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 8.—To receive a Deputation from Carlow County Council with reference to (a) the payment to Carlow County Council of one-half the expenditure already incurred on war-damaged bridges; and (b) the re-construction of Knockloe and Rathglass bridges.
- 9.—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 10.—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 11.—To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1926, and to receive a Deputation in that connection from the Executive of the Co. Wicklow Farmers' Union, who wish to discuss the possibility of effecting economies in the cost of local administration.
- 12.—To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable to ensure that all outstanding rates be lodged to credit of the Council prior to the 31st March, 1925, and to consider important correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government with regard thereto.
- 13.—To make such arrangements as will place the Council in a position to finance the dependent Subsidiary Bodies, and to consider letters from the Ministry of Local Government in that connection.
- 14.—To pass a Resolution applying to the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) for an extension of the Limits of Road Expenditure in the several Rural Districts for the service of the Financial Year 1925-1926.
- 15.—To reconsider the question of filling the position of Assistant Surveyor in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and portion of Rathdrum Rural District, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E.
- 16.—To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting the Council to re-consider their decision on the Minister's application to have immediate arrangements made by the Council for the transfer to a sanatorium of a man suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, who is about to be discharged from the National Army.
- 17.—To fill a vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Shillelagh Rural District.
- 18.—To fill a vacancy existing on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
- 19.—To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1925 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.
- 20.—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and direct that legal proceedings be instituted with regard thereto.
- 21.—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 22.—To consider County Analyst's Report for the past Quarter.
- 23.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 24.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 25.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 26.—To consider General Correspondence.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

16th January, 1925.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of 28 and 29 Vic., cap. 26, Notice is hereby given that it is intended at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, the 16th February, 1925, to propose Resolutions granting superannuation allowances to the following two ex-Poor Rate Collectors whose resignations were accepted by Wicklow County Council.

Collecting District.	Name.	Annual amount of Proposed Pension.
14.	James Byrne	£30 7 4
10.	John Murphy	54 6 2

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)—P. T. HEALY, Secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 27th January, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. Redmond, Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Everett, T.D.; J. J. Metcalfe, Andrew Kinsella, and William Byrne.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils, recommended them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
COUNTY AT LARGE:	9835	15 1
BALTINGLASS No. 1:						
District Proposals	813	5 2
Committee's Proposals	813	5 2
RATHDOWN No. 2:						
District Proposals	38	19 7
Committee's Proposals	38	19 7
RATHDRUM:						
District Proposals	399	0 5
Committee's Proposals	399	0 5
SHILLELAGH:						
District Proposals	275	13 7
Committee's Proposals	275	13 7
REPAYMENT OF LOANS:	364	7 6

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same, in respect to the quarter ending 31st March, 1925:

TRANSFERS TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

County Board of Health	...	...	...	£1000	0	0
County Board of Health	...	...	...	1000	0	0
County Board of Health	...	...	...	1000	0	0
County Board of Health	...	...	...	470	16	5
Total				£3470	16	5

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Baltinglass No. 1	...	...	...	...	£312 0 0
Rathdown No. 2	...	...	...	...	269 0 0
Rathdrum	...	...	...	...	399 5 0
Shillelagh	...	...	...	...	136 10 0
Total					£1116 15 0

The Secretary submitted the following Resolution which was passed by the Co. Council at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of that body held on the 15th December, 1924:

“Resolved—That Ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan’s superannuation be referred to the Finance Committee for further investigation and report.”

The Committee, having examined and reviewed the facts and figures relating to Mr. Geoghegan’s pension, recommend the County Council to add, for the purpose of calculating his pension, to his twenty-one completed years of service five years approximately in recognition of his good service.

This recommendation, if adopted, will have the effect of increasing, as from the 1st January, 1925, Mr. Geoghegan’s pension from its present approved figure of £24 13s. 7d. to £30 13s. 4d. per annum, the latter being the annual sum recommended by this Committee to be paid to Mr. Geoghegan so far back as the 26th April, 1921.

As instructed by the Council, the Committee proceeded to consider the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, and the Orders issued in that connection, and to draft the following Scheme thereunder:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) ACT, 1924.

The Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1924.

The Housing (New Houses) Order, 1924.

The Housing (Re-constructed Houses) Order, 1924.

The Finance Committee recommend the County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the above-mentioned Act and Orders, to approve and adopt the following Scheme for the purpose of giving supplementary Local Assistance to persons in a position to satisfy the Council that a Grant has already been made by the Minister for Local Government in respect to a New House, or a Re-constructed House, for which a claim for such supplemental Local Assistance has been received by the Council.

NEW HOUSES.

No. of Houses.	No. of Rooms in each House.	Maximum Amount of Co. Council’s Grant available for such House.	Total sums set aside by the Co. Council for Local Assistance
12	3	£40 0 0	£480 0 0
12	4	50 0 0	600 0 0
12	5	60 0 0	720 0 0
			£1800 0 0

RECONSTRUCTED HOUSES.

2	3	£33 6 8	£66 13 4
2	4	46 13 4	93 6 8
2	5	60 0 0	120 0 0
			£280 0 0
Total			£2080 0 0

This £2,080 the Committee recommend should be made available out of revenue accruing from the proceeds of County Rates. The Committee deliberately refrain from allotting a specific number of houses to each Rural District, the object being to place the County Council in a position to deal with each application on its merits, in so far as the sum of £2,080 set aside for the Scheme will allow.

All New Houses or Reconstructed Houses, for the purpose of this Scheme, shall be in strict accordance with Plans approved by the Minister for Local Government, and evidence of such approval must be produced by the applicant in each case for inspection by the Council.

If, for any reason, the Minister refuses or reduces a Grant or any Instalment thereof, the Council will accordingly refuse or reduce proportionally the Grant or Instalment thereof payable under the provisions of this Scheme.

LOANS.

The Committee also recommend the County Council to entertain, in such cases as it may be deemed advisable to do so, applications for Loans from persons to whom Grants are payable by the Minister of Local Government, such Loan to any person not to exceed twice the amount of the Grant payable by the Minister, and to be repayable to the Council by instalments within a period of fifteen years, with interest at a rate not to exceed one-half per cent. above the rate at which the County Council can, at the date of making the Loan, themselves borrow the money, repayment to be secured by a Mortgage or charge on the house, in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the Order. Applicants to whom a Loan may be granted shall pay all costs in connection with such Loan, including the Investigation of Title, and the preparation and execution of any Deed of Mortgage, Charge or Bond.

REMISSION OF RATE.

The Committee further recommend the Council to give effect to the provisions of Section 7 of the Act, by remitting during the first nineteen years after each house has been valued for rating purposes, the amounts of rates specified in Part 2 of the Schedule to the original Act as follows:—

Number of Year after Valuation for rating purposes.	Proportion of Rates which may be remitted.
1st	Nineteen-twentieths
2nd	Eighteen-twentieths
3rd	Seventeen-twentieths
4th	Sixteen-twentieths
5th	Fifteen-twentieths.
6th	Fourteen-twentieths
7th	Thirteen-twentieths
8th	Twelve-twentieths
9th	Eleven-twentieths.
10th	Ten-twentieths
11th	Nine-twentieths
12th	Eight-twentieths
13th	Seven-twentieths
14th	Six-twentieths
15th	Five-twentieths
16th	Four-twentieths
17th	Three-twentieths
18th	Two-twentieths
19th	One-twentieth.

UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

The Secretary again submitted for consideration draft Schemes for the award of University and Secondary School Scholarships during the scholastic year 1925/1926, as already circulated to each member of the Council.

The Committee referred both draft Schemes back for consideration by the County Council, with special reference to the present low standard of marking necessary to obtain a scholarship.

A letter dated 26th January, 1925, was received from Mrs. Patrick Short, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, in which she asked the Council not to deduct all poor rates due out of any payment to be made by the Council to her husband.

The Committee regret they find themselves unable to accede to this request.

(Signed)—JOHN J. REDMOND,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

27th January, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted—for economic reasons no Schemes of University and Secondary School Scholarships or under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, to be put into operation for the year ending 31st March, 1926—the portions of the Report dealing with these three matters are therefore hereby to be deleted from the Report prior to its adoption.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That this Council hereby approves and adopts the recommendations of the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, varying and increasing ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan's Superannuation Allowance from £24 13s. 7d. to £30 13s. 4d., five additional years having been added for this purpose—as a recognition of good service—to his twenty-one years' completed service.

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Adjourned Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 16th February, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors W. J. Doyle, J. J. Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; William Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, and E. O'Neill.

The Committee had under consideration the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS £1,642 3 4

A letter dated 12th February, 1925, was submitted from ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael Magrath, Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, in which he stated that his solicitor has advised him that he is entitled to be paid a further quarter's pension for the period from 1st January, 1921, to the 31st March, 1921.

ORDER. Referred to the Law Agent.

An application dated the 14th February, 1925, was submitted from Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, under Article 15(3) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, the District Justices (Temporary Provision) Act, 1923, and the Provision of District Courts Order, 1924, for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his private house as offices in which to discharge his duties as District Court Clerk, in respect to the period from the 1st October, 1922, to the 31st December, 1924.

ORDER. Consideration deferred.

The Committee confirmed and approved the Secretary's action in applying to the Minister of Finance, Post-Truce Property Compensation Branch, 34 Molesworth Street, Dublin, for payment in cash to the County Council of the sum of £271 0s 9d due to Andrew Shirran, Ballyward, Manor-Kilbride, under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, so as to reduce the sum due by Mr. Shirran for poor rates by the full amount of that award, in respect of which the Minister intimated he is prepared to issue £250 in 5 per cent. Compensation Stock, the balance of £21 0s 9d to be paid in cash.

The Secretary reported to the Committee that the charge of embezzlement of £310 0s 1d made against ex-Poor Rate Collector Charles Byrne, of The Height, Ballinglen, by direction of the Minister of Local Government and the County Council, was heard in the Circuit Court, Wicklow, on Saturday, the 7th February, 1925, when a jury was found to acquit him, notwithstanding the fact that after the information had been sworn Mr. Byrne had lodged to credit of the Council £180 0s 0d, thereby reducing the afore-mentioned £310 0s 1d to £130 0s 1d, which sum has been collected and is still unlogged.

ORDER. To be referred to the Minister for Local Government for advice.

The following letter was submitted:—

General Prisons Board,
Dublin Castle,
17th January, 1925.

1946.

A Dhuine Uasail.

With reference to your letter of 15th instant respecting the taking over by your Council of the Closed Wicklow Prison, subject to the absence of binding conditions, I am directed to inform you that the Board are willing to hand over these premises fully and unconditionally to become the property of the Wicklow County Council.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) N. McCLURE, Runaidhe.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, County Council,
Wicklow.

ORDER. Secretary to take over the keys.

A letter was submitted dated 21st January, 1925, No. R/RM/33, from the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the working of the Direct Labour Scheme in Roundwood Section, and drawing attention to Article 18 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, with regard to which the Minister states the practice of issuing Paying Orders to the Overseers for distribution among the workmen should cease forthwith.

Having ascertained that the system of payment recommended in the Report above referred to, and now directed by the Ministry of Local Government, would cost the ratepayers an additional £149 odd, the Committee are of opinion that the County Council should continue for at least its period of office the present system of distributing Paying Orders in each Section by the Overseer for the Section.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence from Bri Chualann Urban District Council and the Department of Agriculture with regard to the proposal of the Urban District Council to have herds of dairy cattle from which milk is distributed in the urban area inspected by the Council's Veterinary Inspector, Mr. W. J. Richardson, Leabeg, Newcastle, who claims that such inspections are outside the scope of his regular duties and should be paid for by the Urban Council.

NO ORDER, as legal action is pending between Mr. Richardson, V.S., and Bri Chualann Urban District Council.

The following letter was submitted:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúla Agus Slainte Puiblí (Bothar),
Sraid Uachtarach an Mhóta, 51,
Baile Átha Cliath,
11th February, 1925.

R/RU/33.

A Chara,

With reference to the application of the Wicklow County Council for a Grant to relieve unemployment in the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received authority from the Minister for Finance to make a grant of £1,000 from the Relief Schemes Vote towards the relief of unemployment in the districts of Tinahely and Shillelagh. The general conditions and rate of wages applying to the Trunk Road Grant of last year apply to the Grant now notified.

I am to point out that any portion of this Grant unexpended on the 1st April next reverts to the Exchequer.

Forms No. 11 (Roads) are enclosed, on which proposals are to be submitted with detailed specifications in relation thereto.

Requisition Forms (97) are also enclosed.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) ———, a/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

ORDER. That the County Surveyor be authorised to expend the £1,000 Grant for Relief of Unemployment in quarrying stone at Tomacork, Ballyconnell, Coolroe, and Whiterock Quarries, in widening the Corner at Killavenny Church (building a stone-faced sod fence at said widening), also should the County Surveyor find a fair quality stone at any other quarry near Coolroe and Tinahely to quarry stone therein.

He is also authorised to carry out such extra work at side and back drains as he may find of utility to the roads.

RATE ESTIMATES, 1925-1926.

The Secretary submitted the Annual Estimates on Forms 44A and 44B of the amounts required to be raised as General Charges Rate during the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the sums demanded in respect to that period by the subsidiary bodies.

He pointed out that there were no figures available in respect to the Demand from the County Wicklow Board of Health, as up to that date no Demand had been approved by or submitted from that body.

At this stage the Committee entered into a Conference with representatives from the county appointed by the Executive Committee of the Farmer's Union, and by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, to discuss the possibility of effecting economies in the cost of local administration.

The Committee submit for the information of the Council the following extract from a letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dealing with the subject of Rate Estimates:—

COPY.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Upper Merrion Street,
Baile Átha Cliath,

21st January, 1925.

ESTIMATES 1924-25.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that inquiries have recently been addressed to this Department by some

local authorities as to the amount of the grants in aid of Local Taxation likely to be payable within the financial year commencing on the 1st April, 1925. Information has also been requested as to the manner of providing for repayment of instalments of loans obtained in pursuance of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924. The Minister deems it well to issue an Instructional Circular dealing with both these points.

LOCAL TAXATION GRANTS.

The principal Grants payable to County Councils in aid of Local Taxation in which this Department is concerned are:—

(1) Estate Duty Grant.

(2) Agricultural Grant.

(3) Grants under Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as amended, being grants in aid of:—

(a) Medical and Educational Expenditure by Boards of Health.

(b) Sanitary Salaries (Urban and Rural Councils).

(c) Maintenance of Lunatic Poor.

(d) Harbour Guarantees.

Local Taxation Grants are in the first place paid into the Land Purchase Guarantee Fund established under the Land Act. They comprise the greater part of that Fund and are liable to become attached therein to meet deficiencies caused by the non-payment of Land Purchase Annuities.

(1) ESTATE DUTY GRANT.

The Estate Duty Grant constitutes the first item of the cash portion of the Land Purchase Guarantee Fund. As a consequence of the large arrears of purchase annuities since 1921, the major portion of this Grant, for the financial years ended the 31st March, 1922, 1923, and 1924 has been absorbed in the Fund, with the result that the Local Taxation Account has not received the full monies in respect of this Grant which normally would have passed to it for distribution to local bodies.

In framing their Estimates for the past three years most County Councils took credit for Estate Duty Grant at the full rate. For the reasons above explained, the greater share of the Grant could not be issued. Its non-receipt has to some extent dislocated the finances of the Council. The position has somewhat improved, but as there is not yet a complete return to that prompt payment of annuities as they fall due, which would permit of the normal issue of the Estate Duty Grant, the County Council would do well to take due cognisance of this fact in the preparation of their Estimates for the coming year and should frame their budget so as to secure that in the coming financial year it will be possible to meet ordinary expenditure in the County without resort to overdrafts or borrowing for current expenses. To attain this end the assets and liabilities of the Council will require to be carefully considered. In present circumstances, the Minister cannot advise the Council to count upon the full amounts included in previous estimates in respect of Estate Duty Grant being paid in the coming financial year. This will affect the estimated assets of the Council at the end of the present year. On the information set out later in this Circular as to the arrears of Land Purchase Annuities in the County, the Council will have to determine to what extent they should reduce the amounts for which credit was taken in the estimates for the present and two previous years in respect of Estate Duty Grant, with a view to making provision therefor out of rates levied in the coming year. As a precautionary measure, the amount of the Grant for which credit should be taken in the coming year's estimates should be reckoned at one-half of the sum estimated for in past years.

The share of each County in the Estate Duty Grant absorbed in the Guarantee Fund in respect of Land Purchase arrears for the financial years ended the 31st March, 1922, 1923, and 1924 has been ascertained for the purpose of charging against each County the actual arrears of annuities in the County, in accordance with statutory regulations made in pursuance of the Purchase of Land Act, 1891.

The ascertained share of County Wicklow in the Grant for the period mentioned is £8,775 9s 6d, and the net amount of arrears which accrued in the County during the like period and were outstanding at the commencement of the year 1924 is £11,265 7s 3d.

As the amount of land purchase arrears in the County during the three years in question exceeds the ascertained share of the County of the Estate Duty Grant absorbed in the Guarantee Fund up to the 31st March, 1924, it will be necessary to charge the excess arrears against the County's share in the Agricultural Grant for the present half-year, unless there has been a reduction of arrears in the meantime. A more definite statement in regard to this matter will be made towards the middle of March next, when the position of the Guarantee Fund at that time is ascertained.

(2) AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

This Grant has been paid in full to the 30th September, 1924. The grant for the current half-year will be payable in March but may be subject to abatement, as already indicated. The full credit of the Grant should be given to agricultural land in the County for the year 1925-26.

(3) GRANTS UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898, AS AMENDED.

An advance on account of this Grant for 1924 has already been issued and the balance will be payable about March. In framing the Estimates for 1925-26 credit should be taken in the usual manner on the basis of the sums received for past years. The grant in respect of Medical and Educational Expenditure is to be applied in aid of expenses of the County Board of Health.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

To the Secretary of the County Council.

The terms of this letter, and each figure in the Form 44A submitted (copy of which form accompanies this Report), having received the most careful attention of the Conference, and having heard the Secretary's explanation as to the basis on which each figure in the Form was arrived at, the Committee made certain reductions under the following heads:—

- Debit Balance (Overdraft of £20,000);
- Maintenance of Courthouses;
- Reformatories and Industrial Schools;
- Assistant Surveyors;
- Maintenance of Steam-Rolling Plant;
- Postage;
- University Scholarships;
- Secondary School Scholarships;
- Scheme under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924;

and a revised copy of the Form 44A, showing the figures as modified by the Committee, is submitted herewith for the approval of the County Council, with a recommendation that these amended figures be approved and adopted for the purpose of calculating the rates for the service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1926.

The Committee had also under consideration the sums approved by the several Rural District Councils for Road Expenditure during the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, as appearing on Form 44B, a copy of which Form is submitted with this Report.

It was decided to refer these Road Expenditure figures to the County Council for consideration and decision.

(Signed) C. M. BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

16th February, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated to each member be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed—Councillor P. Murphy dissenting from the recommendation in the Report dealing with Bri Chualann Urban Council's correspondence about Veterinary Inspection of Dairy Herds of Cattle in that urban area.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, of Rockbog, Arklow (No. 14 District), who has devoted his whole time to the service of Wicklow County Council, and who was at the date of his resignation, according to medical certificate, incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body, be granted a Superannuation Allowance of £30 7s. 4d., subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That ex-Poor Rate Collector John Murphy, of Mullinaveige, Roundwood (No. 10 District), who has devoted his whole time to the service of Wicklow County Council, and who was at the date of his resignation, according to medical certificate, incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body, be granted a superannuation allowance of £54 6s. 2d., subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:

COUNTY AT LARGE:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large, amounting to £9,835 15s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:—

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £813 5s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £38 19s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM:—

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £399 0s. 5d. (any modification

made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:—

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;

Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £275 13s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:—

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £364 7s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £1,642 3s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
11th February, 1925.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON 16th FEBRUARY, 1925.

GENTLEMEN,

The Council having dispensed with the services of Mr. Patrick Short, Clerk in my Office, it will be necessary to replace him by a Clerk regularly appointed as the employment of temporary clerks cannot be continued.

A sum of £1,155 has been requisitioned from the Ministry for Local Government to recoup the Council for those sums expended in completing the repairs to certain Bridges damaged during the disturbances. I request permission to expend on the road maintenance as much of this amount as was expended from the road maintenance money during the present Financial year.

I will also require to re-distribute, as circumstances may indicate, the balances available in each Rural District, over the various Sections to enable the roads to be kept passable to the 31st March, 1925.

Arrangements must be made to provide money for the re-construction of Bridges at Knockloe, Rathglass, Ballingate, Ballisland, and Knockagilkey, and also to consider what is the most expedient course to adopt regarding Blessington and Humphreystown Bridges. The Bridges at Blessington and Humphreystown require special consideration inasmuch as that should any of the Schemes before the Oireachtas for the impounding of the River Liffey become operative both these Bridges will be submerged and replaced by new Bridges, therefore, I consider it would be unwise to proceed with any repairs until this matter is definitely settled. I would remind you that you are seeking to have protective Clauses inserted to meet this contingency.

The matter of Compensation for the destruction of Baltinglass Court House has been before the SHAW-RENTON Commission and a provisional award of £2,743 has been recommended, but you will require to definitely decide as to whether or not you propose to reinstate this building and also to appoint an Architect to undertake the work. You also require to appoint an Architect to undertake the work at Bri Chualann Court House.

Your Obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

PARAGRAPH 1:—ORDER. Advertisement to be issued for the appointment of a Clerk to succeed Mr. Short when the salary and terms of such appointment are recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Council: the services of the present temporary girl clerks to be continued until this new appointment is made.

PARAGRAPH 2:—ORDER. Granted.

PARAGRAPH 3:—ORDER. Granted.

PARAGRAPH 4:—ORDER. Consideration adjourned to next meeting.

PARAGRAPH No. 5:—ORDER. See Resolution.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond.

Resolved—That the sum of £2,743 as compensation for the destruction of Baltinglass Courthouse be accepted, provided that law costs properly incurred by the Council be also paid, and that this resolution is without prejudice.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

Resolved—That Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan be hereby appointed as architects to undertake the work of restoring the Courthouses of Baltinglass and Bri Chualann, on the usual professional terms, and report to this Council on the advisability of using the existing walls and making such diversions as will bring the finished structure to meet the requirements of a modern Court House, as well as altering the outside architectural features to make the aesthetic appearance of the building more pleasing.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the Ministry for Local Government be asked to increase the Limits of Expenditure for 1925-1926 to the amount of the County Surveyor's Estimate to the various Rural District Councils viz:—

Baltinglass No. 1	...	...	£9647
Rathdown No. 2	...	...	7285
Rathdrum	...	...	19601
Shillelagh	...	...	6796

Passed.

The following letters were submitted:—

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

Wicklow Branch,

WICKLOW.

16th February, 1925.

To the Presiding Chairman, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

A Chara,

Organiser Houston and myself were appointed by East Wicklow Branches of above to attend your Council to-day, for the purpose of placing before your Council the views of the workers in above area, as to the urgent necessity of improving the county roads, and thereby providing much wanted employment.

Hoping you will be able to arrange to receive deputation.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—JOHN CONROY, Secretary.

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

COUNTY WICKLOW BRANCH.

16th February, 1925.

To the Presiding Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

At a Meeting of Delegates held at Donard and Tinahely on yesterday, 15th instant, representing all South and West Wicklow Branches of above Union, Denis Houston, Organiser, and John Conroy, Secretary, Wicklow, were appointed and requested to attend your Council Meeting to-day as a Deputation with a view to urging on your Council the necessity for providing more money for the maintenance of the Roads in the County in a state consistent with the dignity of your Council and those whom you represent.

Hoping you will arrange to receive Deputation.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—

Laurence Moore, Donard.

James Murphy, Tinahely.

It was mentioned that the Finance Committee had received the members of the deputation at their Meeting held on the 16th February, 1924, when the Estimates for 1925/26 were under consideration.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

A Proposal was submitted to make sundry repairs to the County Court House, including:—(i) Outside repairs to roof of strong room at Peace Office; (ii) Judge's Room (Agricultural Office); (iii) W.C. at main stairs; (iv) Windows of Record Court; (v) Caretaker's apartments—in accordance with the specifications submitted. The Tender of James J. Finlayson, Market Square, Wicklow, was accepted at the sum of £42 16s. 0d.

The Proposals Committee recommend that where works are urgently necessary, which will not exceed in cost the sum of £5 0s. 0d., that the County Surveyor be empowered to seek at least three tenders locally, and to get the person with the least tender to execute such urgent works.

Order.—Recommendation adopted.

A Proposal to set aside the sum of £500 for the purpose of overhauling and maintaining steam-rolling plant was submitted and approved.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

Resolved—That this Council directs that a Loan of £6,000 be obtained for steam-rolling and repairing the road from the County Dublin bounds near Blessington via Blessington and Baltinglass to the County Carlow bounds, and we hereby ask the Minister for Local Government to give a Grant to help this project of £9,000.

Passed.

The Secretary intimated that he understood, in view of the correspondence which had recently passed, with the Roads Department of the Department

of Local Government and Public Health, Carlow County Council did not now consider it necessary to send a deputation with reference to (a) the payment to Carlow County Council of one-half the expenditure already incurred on war-damaged bridges, and (b) the re-construction of Knockloe and Rathglass bridges.

RATHDOWN No. 2.

The following Proposals, which were approved by the Rural District Council, were submitted:—

District Register No. 667. To repair, where dangerous, the fencing on the East Side of "Scalp"-Enniskerry Road, from the point where the stone-wall stops and the sunk fence begins. Not to exceed £50—work to be carried out by the County Surveyor.

District Register No. 668. To construct a concrete curb to footpath leading from Messrs. Dann's shop at the Beach, Greystones, to overhead railway bridge on Dublin and South Eastern Railway. Not to exceed £30—work to be carried out by County Surveyor.

District Register No. 669. To construct a footpath, with containing curb of concrete of usual section, from the boat-slip at Greystones Harbour, in a westerly direction to end of wall at junction of Trafalgar Road. Not to exceed £40—work to be carried out by County Surveyor.

District Register No. 670. To take over and maintain remainder of Marine Road, Greystones, from Coastguard Station to Railway station. Not to exceed £25—work to be carried out by County Surveyor.

District Register No. 663. To take over, fence, repair, and maintain the road leading from Three Trout Bridge, by Old Mill, to Mill Road, Greystones (passed provisionally at the Quarterly Meeting of the District Council on 8th October, 1924). Not to exceed £600—County Council to borrow the amount and to urge execution of work.

A Deputation consisting of Messrs. Raymond F. Fry and Thomas W. Batey was received by the Council, who heard from them the views of the motor-owners of Greystones and district as to the condition of the Greystones-Bray Road over Windgates, and the necessity for having it classified as a trunk road.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

Resolved—That we thoroughly agree with the views now placed before us by the Deputation representing the residents of Greystones and district, and we strongly urge the Minister for Local Government to classify the road from Greystones to Bray over Windgates as a trunk road, and to allocate a substantial Grant from the Road Fund for steam-rolling and repairing this road at the earliest possible date. Also the road from Rathnew to Arklow, which is the principal road for motor traffic from Dublin to Wexford.

Passed.

A further Deputation, consisting of Messrs. Henry J. Evans and William Archer, was received in connection with the great destruction caused by the recent storm and spring tides at Beach Road, Greystones, thereby threatening to render some twenty-four families homeless, and a loss of thousands of pounds in property, if immediate steps be not taken to prevent further encroachment by the sea.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we unanimously agree with the views now placed before us by the Deputation representing the residents of Beach Road, Greystones, and supported by various photos of the destruction wrought by the recent storm and spring tides, and fully appreciating the hourly menace and jeopardy in which upwards of two dozen families and £30,000 worth of property are placed, we strongly urge on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to allocate a substantial grant to place a suitable rampart wall similar to that which on

a small section of this road has withstood the eroding influence of the encroaching sea successfully.
Passed.

A letter dated 17th January, 1925, from Pennick and Co., Delgany, protesting against the condition of the Upper Kindlestown Road—chiefly between Richview and Easton—was submitted.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 19th January, 1925, was submitted from C. R. O'Callaghan, Esq., Goodbrooke, Delgany, also complaining about the Kindlestown Road from Delgany to Blacklion, the stones put out on it, and the manner they are spread.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 30th January, 1925, was submitted from Joseph Martin, Waterworks House, Kileroney, Kilmacanoge, complaining of an unprotected dangerous dyke at Kileroney Lane.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 25th January, 1925, was submitted from Mr. M. Whiston, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Greystones, asking for an equal share of the work in that area for members of his Branch.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A Memorial was submitted, signed by prominent ratepayers and motor-owners of Enniskerry, regarding the condition of the Wicklow Section of the Dublin-Enniskerry and Enniskerry-Kilbride roads.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 24th February, 1924, was submitted from I. W. Judd, Riversdale, Delgany, complaining of the flooding of his premises, which he states is due to the stopped condition of the sewers along by the Dargle Road.

ORDER.—Referred to the County Surveyor.

RATHDRUM.

The following Proposals, which were approved by the Rural District Council, were submitted:—

District Register No. 512. To repair and maintain permanently road and footpath (if any) from Avoca to Barraniskey, between the three-roads on Ballinastraw and the three-roads on Kilnagig Lower. No sum specified—County Surveyor to report on this proposal before next Quarterly Meeting.

District Register No. 513. To repair and maintain road and footpath (if any) from Avoca, between the three-roads on Ballinastraw and the three-roads at the Avoca-Arklow road on Kilmagig Lower. No sum specified—the County Surveyor to report on this proposal before next Quarterly Meeting.

District Register No. 514. To build a bridge over the river at Sheeanamore. No sum specified—the County Surveyor to report on this proposal before next Quarterly Meeting.

District Register No. 515. To raise by loan the sum of £1,964 to re-surface the road from Rathnew to Wicklow Urban District Bounds at Bollarney.

ORDER.—Approved (see Resolution).

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That this Council direct that a loan of £1,000 be obtained in order to re-surface the road from Rathnew to Wicklow U.D. Bounds and that we ask the Ministry for Local Government to give a Grant for an equal amount for this purpose.

Passed.

The following telegram was submitted by the Secretary:—

"Roundwood.

The Clerk, County Council, Wicklow.

Thanks for order made at your Meeting, December 15th. Would respectfully suggest time now ripe to follow up order.

Laurence Murphy, Secretary, Togher and Glendalough Motor Union."

SHILLELAGH.

No Proposals.

The following letter was submitted:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
BOTHAR.

SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA 51,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

11th February, 1925.

R/RU/33.

A Chara,

With reference to the application of the Wicklow County Council for a Grant to relieve unemployment in the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received authority from the Minister for Finance to make a grant of £1,000 from the Relief Schemes Vote towards the relief of unemployment in the districts of Tinahely and Shillelagh. The general conditions and rate of wages applying to the Trunk Road Grant of last year apply to the Grant now notified.

I am to point out that any portion of this grant unexpended on the 1st April next reverts to the Exchequer.

Forms No. 11 (Roads) are enclosed on which proposals are to be submitted with detailed specifications in relation thereto.

Requisition Forms (97) are also enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—J. HUISON,

Runaidhe

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe

Resolved—That we now sign the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts incurred during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1924.

Passed.

At this stage the Council went into committee to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the Forms 44A and 44B, in connection with the Estimates of Rates required for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1926. A prolonged discussion thereon ensued, and after the committee stage of the proceedings had terminated the Council decided to vary the recommendation of the Finance Committee—to spread the repayment to the Treasurer of the Council's overdraft of £20,000 over a period of ten years, i.e., ten annual payments of £2,000 each—and directed that instead the Council's Treasurer be asked to sanction a Loan of £30,000 (which £30,000 is to include the Council's present overdraft of £20,000) repayable in five years, in five annual instalments of £6,000, in accordance with the terms of the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, which was submitted by the Chairman:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,

9,585/1925.

Wicklow County.

SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH.
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

27th February, 1925.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the Council's overdraft, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions a loan of £30,000 repayable in five years under the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary was instructed to make arrangements—at as early a date as possible after the additional £10,000 included in the before-mentioned Loan became available—to transfer £6,000 out of the £10,000 to credit of the County Wicklow Board of Health, with a view to relieving the present acute financial pressure on that body—this payment of £6,000 to the County Board of Health, in respect to the financial year 1925/26, to be in addition to the £30,128, at which latter figure that body's demand was finally approved and adopted by the County Council for the financial year in question.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers:

That this Council, for economic reasons, decide to strike no separate rate this year for the teaching of Irish under the County Technical Instruction Committee.

On a show of hands being taken the motion was declared lost by five votes to four.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved—That the sums to be expended in each Rural District on Road Expenditure during the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, be exactly the same amounts as were assessed for the same purposes during the financial year 1924/1925.

On a show of hands being taken the motion was declared passed by nine votes to three.

In this connection, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

"I beg to give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at next meeting of the County Council:—That Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, reducing the County Surveyor's Estimates, be rescinded."

Consequent on the reduction made in the Estimate for the year 1925-1926, under the heading "Maintenance of Children from County Wicklow in Reformatory and Industrial Schools," the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council.—That the contribution allowed by the Council of 5s. per head per week for children from County Wicklow admitted to Reformatory or Industrial Schools be reduced to 4s. per head per week, and that all Resolutions or orders to be contrary in the records be rescinded as from the 1st April, 1925."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt, and seal the Estimates (Forms 45 and 46) now submitted to us, and determine the rates in the pound to be levied in each Rural District in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926, as follows:—

GENERAL CHARGES.

	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
Baltinglass No. 1	6s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	8s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Rathdown No. 2	7s. 4d.	8s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Rathdrum	6s. 8d.	8s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Shillelagh	7s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	8s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

	d.
Public Health—Baltinglass No. 1.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Water Supply—Ballyknockan	0 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Public Health—Rathdown No. 2	2 $\frac{3}{4}$.
Greystones Water Supply, etc.	5
Greystones Sewerage	13 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Enniskerry Sewerage	5 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Greystones Lighting	2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Public Health—Rathdrum	0 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Sewerage and Water Supplies—Newcastle Dispensary District	3 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Public Health—Shillelagh	1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Arklow Harbour	2 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Wicklow Harbour	4
Blessington Tramway	26
Criminal Injuries—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	3 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Criminal Injury—Rathdrum Rural District	—
Criminal Injuries—County at Large Urban	0 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Criminal Injury—Arklow Urban District	£23 7 6
Same—Wicklow Urban District	50 14 9
Criminal Injuries—Bri Chualann Urban District	289 1 6
Damage to Property Act, 1923—County at Large Urban	6
Adjustment Order—District first known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural	2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Same—Rathdown No. 2 Rural and Bri Chualann Urban Districts	4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Compulsory Education—Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow E.D.	0 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Same—Baltinglass and Kiltegan Dispensary Districts	0 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Same—Dunlavin Dispensary District	1 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Same—Blessington Dispensary District	1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Criminal Injury—Kilmacanogue E.D.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Same—Powercourt E. D.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Criminal Injuries—Kilcoole and Newcastle Lower E.D.'s.	1
Criminal Injury—Killiskey E.D.	12 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Criminal Injuries—Glencaly E.D.	11 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Criminal Injury—Dunganstown W. E.D.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Criminal Injuries—Arklow Rural E.D.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Criminal Injury—Rathdrum E.D.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Same—Kilpipe E.D.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Same—Killinure and Rath E.D.'s	4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 45 and 46, and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office) do determine the amounts to be demanded, from each Urban District Council, as follow:—

Name of Urban District	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total.
Arklow	£1415 2 6	£403 16 6	£1818 19 0
Bri Chualann	6131 5 2	1192 5 10	7323 11 0
Wicklow	1333 8 9	1241 7 3	2574 16 0
Passed.			

The Secretary submitted a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting the Council to reconsider their decision on the Minister's application to have immediate arrangements made

by the Council for the transfer to a Sanatorium of a man suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, who was about to be discharged from the National Army.

NO ORDER. The Secretary having intimated that the man referred to had since died.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

Resolved—That licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1903, be hereby renewed to the following:—

Thomas Miller, Blessington;
Samuel Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow;
Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh;
William Alcorn, Wicklow;
Laurence Murphy, Togher;
S. V. Delahunt, Wicklow;
G. B. Hopkins, Wicklow;
John E. Griffin, Bri Chualann;
Thomas M. Barker, Coolboy, Tinahely;
James Bradshaw, Kiltegan;
Mrs. M. Toomey, Hollywood;
James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride;
Denis J. Cogan, Laragh;
J. P. Deegan, Ashford;
Michael Tutty, Hollywood;
James Healy, Rathdangan;
John Kilmartin, Rathdangan;
F. J. Allen, Donard;
Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan;
Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum;
P. J. Graham, Knockananna;
J. W. Hanbidge, Dunlavin;
James Lawler, Dunlavin;
Robert Griffin, Bri Chualann;
F. J. Sutton, Rathdrum;
John M. Geraty, Carnew;
Arthur Hennessy, Blessington;
W. F. Murphy, Aughrim;
Samuel H. Correll, Carnew;
Arthur R. H. Pasley, Tinahely.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond.

Resolved—That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1903, be granted to Simon Lambert, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That a Licence be granted to the Trustees of Trafalgar Hall, Greystones, under the Cinematograph Act.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Peadar P. O'Raghallaigh;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

Resolved—That, in the event of any of the Electric Supply Bills passing, the solicitor of the Council be directed to summon a meeting of the persons affected by the Act, and consult with them and the local councillors and obtain their views as to the facilities and disabilities necessarily imposed by the Act.

Passed.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 25th May, 1925.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors, M. Fleming, Liam Grainger, Patrick Doyle, Andrew Kinsella, Robert C. Barton, James J. O'Toole, Bernard Kelly, Laurence Redmond, F. O'Rafferty, William Byrne, E. O'Neill, D. J. MacEvoy, James Everett, T.D.; W. J. Doyle, J. J. Metcalfe, Padraig Ua Murchadha, James Byrne, John Fleming, P. P. O'Reilly, and John J. Redmond.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and from the several Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To consider an application received from Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his private house in Bri Chualann as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st October, 1922, to the 31st December, 1924.
- 4.—To consider an application received from Mr. Michael Kelly, District Court Clerk (Blessington and Dunlavin), for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his father's private house at Harristown, Hollywood, as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st November, 1922, to date.
- 5.—To receive from Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, 102 Grafton Street, Dublin, reports and plans for the rebuilding of the courthouses in Baltinglass and Bri Chualann.
- 6.—To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that immediate arrangements may be made for the provision of sanatorium treatment for a private who is about to be discharged from the National Army on account of pulmonary tuberculosis.
- 7.—To consider a communication from Mr. J. R. Dagg, 4 Palmerston Road, Dublin, demanding payment of two sums, viz., £42 10s. and £167 9s. 4d., which he claims are due to him by the Council.
- 8.—To consider a communication from Mr. James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, claiming the sum of £3 0s. 0d., stated to be due to him as wages whilst acting as overseer in the Baltinglass section.
- 9.—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government in connection with the rates collected and uncollected in Ex-Collector Charles Byrne's district (No. 17), and to give a direction as to the steps to be taken in that connection.
- 10.—To consider a letter from Mr. John P. Hickey, ex-Poor Rate Collector in No. 7 District, claiming a gratuity which he states is due to him under the terms of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919.
- 11.—To consider a communication from Mrs. M. Short, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, in which she asks the Council to award a pension to her husband, Mr. Patrick Short, late clerk in the County Surveyor's Office.
- 12.—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 13.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 14.—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.

- 15.—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that the sum of £10,350 has been provisionally allocated to the Council from the Trunk Road Grant of £450,000 for the improvement of Trunk Roads.
- 16.—To consider a series of resolutions passed by the local roads committee for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, at the meeting of that committee held on the 20th April, 1925.
- 17.—To decide what representations, if any, will be made by the Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the routes passing through Co. Wicklow on which the Dublin United Tramways Company propose to run omnibuses.
- 18.—To consider the decision of the National Health Insurance Commission under Section 66 of the Act of 1911, regarding the stamping of insurance cards for carters and stone-breakers.
- 19.—To consider a letter dated 13th April, 1925, from Mr. James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, containing general complaints as to the working of the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads in West Wicklow.
- 20.—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 21.—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 22.—To consider communications dated 23rd, 28th April, 1925, and 7th May, 1925, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, regarding the proposal of the Minister for Finance to pay to the Council, in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, double the amount of Agricultural Grant made for the relief of agricultural ratepayers.
- 23.—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, and Sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.
- 24.—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year 1925-1926.
- 25.—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Collection Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 26.—To Sign and Seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bri Chualann, and Wicklow.
- 27.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I beg to give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at the next meeting of the County Council—That Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, reducing the County Surveyor's Estimates, be rescinded."
- 28.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council—That the contribution allowed by the Council of 5s. per head per week for children from Co. Wicklow admitted to Reformatory or Industrial Schools be reduced to 4s. per head per week, and that all Resolutions or orders to the contrary in the records be rescinded as from the 1st April, 1925."
- 29.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I beg to give Notice that I, or some other member for me, shall move at the next meeting of the Council—That the Resolution passed in year 1924 reducing the wages of the road workers be rescinded and that the rates of wages to be paid to all permanent road workers be increased to the rates existing before reduction, and that each permanent road employé be supplied with a suit of oilskins and leggings."
- 30.—To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable to ensure that all outstanding rates be lodged to credit of the Council forthwith, and to consider important correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government with regard thereto.

- 31.—To consider a communication dated 13th March, 1925, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in which he states that Mr. D. J. Kinsella is not sufficiently old for the responsible position of rate collector for No. 17 Collecting District, and accordingly is not prepared to sanction his appointment.
- 32.—To consider communications from the Minister for Local Government regarding the superannuation proposed to be allowed by the County Council to Ex-Poor Rate Collectors John Murphy (No. 10 District), and James Byrne (No. 14 District).
- 33.—To consider a communication dated 27th April, 1925, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health urging that suitable arrangements be made by the County Council for affording treatment to inhabitants of the County notified under Section 17 of the Local Government Act, 1925, as suffering from tuberculosis.
- 34.—To consider communication from the Council's Law Agent, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Church Street, Wicklow, dated 4th May, 1925, regarding the Electricity Supply Bills.
- 35.—To receive a deputation from Wicklow Urban District Council relative to the instalments on foot of Wicklow Harbour Loan still remaining unpaid, and to consider a communication dated 23rd April, 1925, from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners in that connection.
- 36.—To execute a Mortgage submitted by the Treasurer (the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow) in connection with the Loan of £30,000, repayment of which is spread over a period of five years.
- 37.—To execute an Agreement with Miss Phyllis Ryan for the discharge of her duties as County Analyst.
- 38.—To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, dealing with casualties to sheep on account of worrying by dogs during the year 1924, and enclosing draft Order in that connection which the Department is prepared to issue on the application of the Council.
- 39.—To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1925 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.
- 40.—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and direct that legal proceedings be instituted with regard thereto.
- 41.—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 42.—To consider County Analyst's Report for the past Quarter.
- 43.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 44.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 45.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 46.—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby place on record our sense of the great loss this Council has sustained by the death of our esteemed colleague, Mr. Daniel Condren, and we tender to his wife and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Councillor James Everett, T.D., challenged the accuracy of the minutes, and objected to their being signed by the Chairman. He pointed out that whilst the printed summons convened the meeting for 12.30 o'clock, the Council did not, in point of fact, begin its deliberations until after 2 p.m. He requested that the Council's standing order in that connection be read to the Meeting, as he held that every action taken by the Council that day was illegal.

The Secretary thereupon read the Council's Standing Order No. 20, as follows:—"If at the expiration of one hour after the time at which any Meeting of the Council is appointed to be held, a quorum shall not be present, no meeting shall take place." It was

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella, and

Resolved—That the Minutes, as printed and circulated, are a true record, and that they be now signed by the Chairman.

Passed. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting on the ground that the Meeting was not held at the hour mentioned in the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 28th April, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor John J. Redmond, Presiding Chairman; Councillors John Fleming, J. J. Metcalfe, and F. O'Rafferty.

The Committee had before them in connection with the financing of the County Wicklow Board of Health the following letter from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council:—

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH,
Secretary's Office,
COUNTY HOME, RATHDRUM,
April 27th, 1925.

Dear Mr. Healy,

As you are aware the £6,000 recently sent the Board of Health was required to meet the liabilities of that body up to 31st March, this being due to previous under-estimating, and as you are also aware it is very hard on this body to carry on. We understand that the Board will not be entitled to an instalment of their Demand until the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council on 25th May, and that the amount then due will be somewhere about £7,500. If you could possibly manage it, we would be very anxious that you send them £2,000 on account, so as to keep Home Help running.

Councillors James Byrne, Doyle, Everett, and Fleming, who were here to-day, all agree with us in asking you to do this.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—

C. M. Byrne, Chairman.
Eamonn O'Neill, Vice-Chairman.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, County Council,
Wicklow.

The Committee directed that a sum of £2,000 be paid to credit of the account of the County Wicklow Board of Health with as little delay as possible, and an Advice Note was signed with a view to giving effect to the terms of this order.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils, recommended them for payment as follows:—

COUNTY AT LARGE	...	...	£7,901 10 1
BALTINGLASS No. 1:—			
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	£351 0 1	351 0 1	
RATHDOWN No. 2:—			
District Proposals			
Committee's Proposals	79 12 9	79 12 9	

RATHDRUM:—

District Proposals	333 14 9	333 14 9
Committee's Proposals		

SHILLELAGH:—

District Proposals	298 1 3	£98 1 3
Committee's Proposals	...	1,333 6 8

REPAYMENT OF LOANS

The Committee having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and from the Rural District Councils, recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same, in respect to the Quarter ending 30th June, 1925:—

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

County Board of Health	...	£1000 0 0
" " " "	...	2000 0 0
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TOTAL		£7000 0 0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Baltinglass No. 1	...	£1200 5 0
Rathdown No. 2	...	1240 0 0
Rathdrum	...	2022 0 0
Shillelagh	...	955 0 0
TOTAL		£5418 5 0

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rate declared to be irrecoverable, received from the under-mentioned Rate Collectors, and subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government recommend them for the Council's approval as follows:—

1920/1921 RATE.	
No. 4 District—William Burke	£3 4 2
1921/1922 RATE.	
No. 4 District—Patrick Doyle	9 0 3
1922/1923 RATE.	
No. 6 District—Mrs. K. Doyle	40 12 5
1923/1924 RATE.	
No. 2 District—Michael Halpin	13 4 5
No. 3 District—Edward Lynch	15 5 1
No. 6 District—Mrs. K. Doyle	86 0 5
No. 11 District—James J. Porter	120 17 7
1924/1925 RATE.	
No. 8 District—Patrick Mulligan	47 18 5
No. 13/15 District—William J. Quinn	209 8 3
No. 14 District—Michael Roche	2 8 9

The Committee had again before them an application dated 14th February, 1925, received from Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his private house in Bri Chualann as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st October, 1922, to the 31st December, 1924, the office in the Court House, Bri Chualann, used for that purpose, not being available in consequence of the building having been destroyed.

ORDER.—Referred to County Council.

A communication dated 2nd March, 1925, No. Z.26, was submitted from the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, 5 Ely Place, Dublin, stating that the Commission are reporting that the County Council are entitled to £2,743 in

respect to the Courthouse at Baltinglass, this sum to be expended in reinstatement of the structure, and also a communication dated 22nd April, 1925, No. D.46/364, from the Ministry of Finance, Dublin, indicating the conditions which, if complied with, will secure payments by the Minister of Finance up to, but not exceeding, the sum of £2,743, in connection with the reinstatement of the Courthouse.

The Secretary reported that in compliance with the County Council's order, he had taken over unconditionally on the 24th March, 1925, from the General Prisons Board all the premises and land comprised in the old Prison at Wicklow.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to appoint a Committee of Inspection to report generally as to the disposal or otherwise of these premises.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated 31st April, 1925, No. F.H.13597/25, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that immediate arrangements may be made for the provision of sanatorium treatment for a Private who is about to be discharged from the National Army on account of pulmonary tuberculosis.

ORDER.—Referred to the County Council.

A communication dated 10th March, 1925, was received from Miss A. Conway, Salem, Wicklow, intimating that her brother, S. Conway, Esq., V.S., veterinary inspector under the Council, met with a very serious motor accident on the 24th ulto., while returning from a professional call, in consequence of which he is unable to discharge his duties, and submitting Dr. W. J. McCormack's certificate in that connection.

A further letter dated 19th March, 1925, No. L.1196-1925, was submitted from the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture, approving of the arrangements under which Mr. Robert Joseph Nolan, V.S., is to act for Mr. Conway during the illness of the latter, Mr. Nolan to receive the same rate of wages as is being given to Mr. Conway.

ORDER.—Arrangements confirmed and recommended for approval to the Council.

A letter dated 31st March, 1925, was submitted from Mr. J. R. Dagg, 4 Palmerston Road, Dublin, in which he demanded payment of two sums, viz., £42 10s. 0d. for discharging duties in January and February of 1922, for the County Wicklow Board of Health, following the abolition of Unions, and £167 9s. 4d., which he claims is still due to him in respect to arrears of pension.

ORDER.—Referred to County Council.

The Secretary submitted correspondence which had passed in connection with the apportionment of the salary of £100 per annum paid to the County Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, as between the County Council and the County Wicklow Board of Health. Included in the correspondence was a letter dated 30th March, 1925, intimating that the County Board of Health was of opinion that the amount might be borne in equal proportions by these two bodies, and a letter dated 9th April, 1925, No. P. H. 15479/25, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in which the Minister states that it appears to him that the proposal of the County Board of Health to contribute £50 a year (half the salary) is approximate to the expenditure under the old system.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to apportion, as from the 1st July, 1924, the salary of £100 per annum paid to the County Analyst as follows:—£50 per annum to be paid by the County Council, and the remaining £50 to be paid by the County Wicklow Board of Health.

A letter dated 13th April, 1925, was submitted from Mr. James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, in which he applied, under the threat of legal proceedings, for payment of a sum of £3 0s. 0d., claimed to be due to him as wages while acting as overseer in the Baltinglass Section for the week ending 11th July, 1922, during which week he was engaged by the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., to take charge of the roadmen during the absence of Overseer Patrick Keogh.

ORDER.—Referred to the County Council for consideration.

The Committee also referred to the County Council for consideration a circular letter dated 21st April, 1925, No. G.15477/25, which had been addressed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to each Rural District and County Council in connection with the transfer of officers of Rural District Councils, under Section 82 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The following letter from the Minister of Local Government in connection with the rates outstanding in Ex-Collector Charles Byrne's district (No. 17) was referred to the County Council for consideration and appropriate action:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
UPPER MERRION STREET,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

Wicklow County.

9th April, 1925.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, regarding rates collected but not lodged, by Ex-Collector Charles Byrne, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Council should place the matter in the hands of their Solicitor with a view to proceedings being taken against the Collector and his Sureties under his bond.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—M. De LISAIGH,

Leas Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The following letter from Ex-Poor Rate Collector John P. Hickey (No. 7 District) was also referred to the County Council for consideration:—

GLEANN NA SMOL,

BOGHALL ROAD,

BRI CHUALANN.

20th March, 1925.

Dear Mr. Healy,

Re attached copies of correspondence, I am informed, that, having complied with the conditions of Section 8 of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1919, I am entitled to some consideration from your Council under the provisions of said Act, because of having to resign my position as Rate Collector, owing to the conditions imposed upon me by your Council at the time.

I shall be glad if you will kindly inform me, what amount I am entitled to under the Sections of the Act.

Yours faithfully

(Signed)—JOHN P. HICKEY.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Correspondence was submitted from the Power Section, Department of Industry and Commerce, regarding the necessity of providing certain fittings required by the Sand Blast Machine, forming portion of the County's Standard Weights and Measures.

The Committee recommend that authority be given to the Department of Industry and Commerce for the provision of the necessary items of equipment.

The Secretary reported that, following the existing practice, he had caused the lands attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse Premises to be set by public auction, at which they realised a total sum of £23 18s. 0d., as compared with a total sum of £23 5s. 0d. for the previous year.

The Secretary also reported that he had consulted with Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Vice-Chairman, as to the most profitable course of action that might be adopted in connection with the lands attaching to Baltinglass Workhouse premises, as a consequence of which he believed the Council would derive most profit by letting the land run to meadow, and by selling the meadow at the appropriate time later in the year, as had been done last year.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to approve of these letting arrangements at the figure mentioned.

It was reported to the Committee that a room in the workhouse premises, Shillelagh, were being used for carrying on a wood industry, under the patronage of Lady Albreda Bourke, at a rent of 6d. per week.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to approve of this room being so used, the rent to continue at 6d. per week.

The following letter was submitted:—

NEWTOWN-MT.-KENNEDY,
CO. WICKLOW.

15/2/25.

Gentlemen,

As you all know the sad circumstances about my husband, Patrick Short, and as I am left with four young children totally unprovided for, I would respectfully ask you to give him a pension. I know the L.G.B. are anxious to do something for him, as his case has been explained to them, and they are prepared to go into it if the Council grant pension.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—MARIA SHORT.

ORDER.—Recommended to the County Council for consideration.

The Secretary again brought to the notice of the Committee the entire facts relating to the very large sums still outstanding in Ex-Poor Rate Collector John Cullen's districts (Nos. 5 and 6) for the years 1920/1921 and 1921/1922, and submitted a full report in that connection.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to order the Law Agent to take immediately such steps as will secure the definite closing of these two collections.

A letter was submitted from Sister Mary de Sales, Convent of Mercy, Arklow, in which she asked the County Council to offer at least one University Scholarship this year, with a view to meeting the case of a very deserving pupil, at present in that College.

ORDER.—The Committee regret not being able to accede to this request.

The Secretary again submitted correspondence from the Hibernian Insurance Company, and from the Ministry for Local Government, regarding the Insurance Company's Collective Fidelity Bond, at present in operation for the majority of the rate collectors in the county, which form of Bond falls far short of the requirements of the Public Bodies Order of 1904 in that connection.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to issue the collecting books for 1925/1926 to those rate collectors only who have first furnished the old form of Collector's Fidelity Bond with personal sureties, thereby ensuring, apart altogether from several other most important considerations, a saving to the rates of between £60 and £70 per annum.

(Signed)—JOHN J. REDMOND,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

28th April, 1925.

Following a discussion which took place on the last two paragraphs of this Report, as to the class of Bond which should be in operation with regard to the rate collections, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, and

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be and it is hereby, approved and adopted—the last two paragraphs in the Report dealing with the Bonds for Poor Rate Collectors having been first expunged therefrom.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond.

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

The Finance Committee recommended for the Council's consideration an application received from Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his private house in Bri Chualann, stated to be used as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st October, 1922, to the 31st December, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly.

Resolved—That Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, be paid the sum of Five Shillings (5s.) per week, as from the 1st October, 1922, for the use of two rooms in his house stated to have been devoted exclusively to the duties of his office, consequent upon the Court House in Bri Chualann having been destroyed.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy;

Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

That Bri Chualann Urban Council be asked to provide the necessary office accommodation for Mr. M. J. Hoey, and that Mr. Hoey's claim for the period that has elapsed be referred to the new Council for consideration.

On a show of hands being taken, it was found that 8 of the Councillors present voted for the amendment, and 10 against. The Chairman thereupon declared the amendment lost and Councillor William Byrne's motion passed by 10 votes to 8.

The Finance Committee further recommended for the Council's consideration an application received from Mr. Michael Kelly, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, for Blessington and Dunlavin districts, for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his father's private house at Harristown as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st November, 1922, to date.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly.

Resolved—That Mr. Michael Kelly, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, be paid the sum of 5s. per week, as from the 1st November, 1922, for the use of two rooms in his father's house, stated to have been devoted exclusively to the duties of his office, consequent upon the Court Houses in Blessington and Dunlavin having been destroyed.

Passed. The Secretary to be furnished with the usual certificates necessary for audit purposes.

The Secretary submitted correspondence dated 4th and 21st May, 1925, received from Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, Grafton Chambers, 102 Grafton Street, Dublin, who had been entrusted by the Council with the preparation of Plans and Specifications for the rebuilding of the Courthouses destroyed in Baltinglass and Bri Chualann, and also communications dated 2nd March and 22nd April, 1925, received from the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, and from the Ministry of Finance, respectively, in that connection. The Secretary further submitted Plan and Specification in respect to Baltinglass Courthouse, and Plan only in respect to Bri Chualann Courthouse. Mr. P. J. Foley, who was present at the meeting, explained these documents in detail to the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor Eamon O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy, and

Resolved—That tenders be invited for Baltinglass and Bri Chualann Court-house for the next Meeting of the Proposals Committee, according to Plans and Specifications prepared by Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan, which Committee will submit a conditionally accepted tender to the County Council.

Passed.

Acting on the suggestion of Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., the Council proceeded to appoint a Quantity Surveyor for these works. The Secretary submitted in this connection an application dated 21st May, 1925, received from A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., Chartered Quantity Surveyor, 5 St. Andrew Street, Dublin. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. C. Barton.

That Mr. A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., of 5 St. Andrew Street, Dublin, be appointed Quantity Surveyor for the rebuilding of both Baltinglass and Bri Chualann Courthouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor John Fleming.

That Messrs. Morris and Kavanagh, Surveyors and Civil Engineers, of 68, Harcourt Street, Dublin, be appointed Quantity Surveyors.

It was

Proposed by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;

Seconded by Councillor William Grainger.

That Thomas F. Slevin, Esq., C.E., 23 Stephen's Green, N. Dublin, be appointed Quantity Surveyor.

On a show of hands being taken it was found that the members present voted as follows:—For Smith, 8 votes; for Messrs. Morris and Kavanagh, 6 votes and for Slevin, 3 votes.

Mr. Slevin's name having been eliminated, it was found on a show of hands that in the second round the voting was as follow:—For Smith, 13 votes; for Messrs. Morris and Kavanagh, 6 votes.

The Chairman thereupon declared Mr. A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., appointed to the position by 13 votes to 6.

The Finance Committee referred to the Council for consideration communications dated 31st April, 29th April, and 7th May, 1925, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that immediate arrangements may be made for the provision of sanatorium treatment for Private George Carroll, of Killajesh, Kiltegan, who was about to be discharged from the National Army suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. It was stated in the discussion which followed that it was not now necessary for the Council to provide treatment as required, inasmuch as the man was an insured person within the meaning of the Act, and consequently such sanatorium treatment as he required would be provided by the County Insurance Committee, to whom the Council now referred the matter.

In accordance with the recommendation made by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 28th April, 1925, the Secretary submitted a voluminous file of correspondence regarding the claim of Mr. J. R. Dagg, 4 Palmerstown Road, Dublin, for the payment of two sums, viz., £42 10s. 0d. and £167 9s. 4d. stated to be due to him by the Council as arrears of pension. After a protracted discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

seconded by Councillor Eamon O'Neill, and

Resolved—That Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, as Law Agent to both the County Council and the County Board of Health, be instructed to go fully into the facts connected with Mr. J. R. Dagg's claims with Mr. P. W. Sheehan, Secretary to the County Board of Health, our Secretary, and the Secretary to the Ministry for Local Government, and that he furnish a report thereon afterwards, to this Council.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

Straford-on-Slaney,

County Wicklow.

13th April, 1925.

Mr. P. T. Healy,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,
I have to apply to the Wicklow County Council for the sum of £3 as wages

due while acting as Overseer in the Baltinglass section for the week ending 11th July, 1922, I was engaged by Mr. Foley to take charge of the roadmen during the absence of overseer Patrick Keogh. I have applied to Mr. Foley on two occasions for this money, and he seem to have taken no notice of it.

I wish to remind the County Council that if the above sum is not paid to me on or before 26th of April, 1925, I will be obliged to place the matter in the hands of a solicitor to have the amount collected.

Yours,

(Signed), JAMES MAHER.

as were also communications in that connection dated 25th April and 12th May, 1925, from Road Overseer Patk. Keogh, and S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor.

Order. Council accepts no responsibility.

The following letter which was referred to the Council by the Finance Committee, was submitted by the Secretary:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH.
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

G.15689/1925.

Wicklow County.

9th April, 1925.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant regarding rates collected but not lodged by ex-Collector Charles Byrne. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Council should place the matter in the hands of their Solicitor with a view to proceedings being taken against the Collector and his sureties under his Bond.

Mise, le meas.

(Signed) M. de Lasaigh.

Leas Runaidhe.

The Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Matter to be referred to the Council's Solicitor for him to take whatever steps he considers necessary to recover the monies due to this Council.

The Secretary submitted the following letter which had been referred by the Finance Committee to the Council for consideration:—

Gleann-naSmol,

Boghall Road,

BRI CHUALANN,

20th March, 1925.

Dear Mr. Healy,

Re attached copies of correspondence, I am informed, that having complied with the conditions of Section 8 of the Local G. B. (Ireland) Act, 1919, I am entitled to some consideration from your Council under the provisions of the said Act, because of having to resign my position as Rate Collector owing to the conditions imposed upon me by your Council at the time. I shall be glad if you will inform me what amount I am entitled to under the section of the Act.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), John P. Hickey.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

The Chairman read the following letter which he had received from the wife of Mr. Patrick Short, formerly a Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, in connection with the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, and now a patient in Grangegorman Mental Hospital:—

NEWTOWN-MOUNT-KENNEDY.

COUNTY WICKLOW,

15-2-'25.

Gentlemen,

As you all know the sad circumstances about my husband, Patrick Short, and as I am left with four young children totally unprovided for, I would respectfully ask you to give him a pension. I know the L. G. B. are anxious to do something for him as his case has been explained to them, and they are prepared to go into it if the Council grant pension.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed). Maria Short.

ORDER. Referred to the Council's Law Agent and the Minister for Local Government for a ruling as to the manner in which any payment made by the Council in this connection could be legally made to Mr. Patrick Short.

The Council had before them a circular letter from the Minister of Local Government, dated 21st April, 1925. No. G.15477/1925, reviewing the Council's position regarding transfer of officers following the abolition of Rural District Councils under the Local Government Act, 1925.

ORDER. Referred to the new Council for consideration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 25th May, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors D. J. MacEvoy, Patrick Murphy, Peter P. O'Reilly, and James Byrne.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:—£1,134 19s. 5d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rate declared to be irrecoverable, received from the under-mentioned Rate Collectors, and subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government recommend them for the Council's approval as follows:—

No. 10 District	1920/1921 RATE.	
	John Murphy	£21 11 4
No. 19 District	1921/1922 RATE.	
	John Byrne	156 12 8
No. 10 District	1923/1924 RATE.	
	John Murphy	41 15 1

Applications for increase of salary were submitted from Messrs. W. C. Byrne and M. J. Fox, of the Council's permanent clerical staff.

The Committee recommend that the sum of £20 be paid to each of these clerks for the extra work performed by them during the past two years. The Committee consider that the new Council should take into consideration at an early date the question of drafting a scale of annual increments for the permanent clerks.

The Committee had under consideration the question of terms of appointment of the new clerk required in the County Surveyor's Office in room of Mr. Patk. Short.

ORDER. Referred to the new Council for consideration, the present arrangement providing temporary assistants to be continued meantime.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 7th May, 1925, from the Minister for Local Government, in which he sanctioned the proposal of the County Council to pay Mr. Patrick Short, late clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, the sum of £78 15s. 0d., being £3 10s. per week in respect of salary from 27th August, 1924, to the 31st January, 1925.

ORDER. Referred to the Solicitor and the Minister for Local Government, for a ruling as to the manner in which this payment shall be made. The Secretary is hereby authorised to deduct from any payment made in this connection the total amount of poor rates at present due by Mr. Short, amounting in all to £29 15s. 9d.

A letter dated 20th May, 1925, was submitted from Collector Michael Roche (No. 14 District) in which he asked the Council to undertake such legal proceedings as are necessary under the provisions of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1923, to collect the rates on Mr. Myles Doyle's vacant house at Ballyraine, this being the only item of rates now outstanding in his district.

ORDER. Referred to the new Council for consideration and decision.

A letter dated 20th, May, 1925, was submitted from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, 4 Church Street, Wicklow, the Council's Law Agent, in which he enclosed a draft drawn in favour of the County Board of Health and the County

Council for the sum of £101 19s. 6d., forwarded him by the Secretary to the Office of Public Works in full discharge of all claims incidental to the use of or interference with the Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh during the period of occupation by National Troops.

ORDER. Referred to the Law Agent to have details regarding same cleared up.

A communication dated 15th May, 1925, was submitted from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bri Chualann, asking the Council to provide an Office and working accommodation in Bri Chualann for the Inspector of Weights and Measures whilst discharging the duties of his position.

ORDER. The Committee consider that storage, etc., in this connection might be provided in the Garda barracks for the present, pending the rebuilding of the Courthouse in Bri Chualann.

A letter dated 23rd January, 1925, No. G.58420/24, was submitted from the Minister for Local Government, relative to the Council's proposal to pay the sum of £200 in discharge of Mr. P. J. Foley's second account for professional services rendered in rebutting Malicious Injury Claims.

The Committee noted that the Minister is prepared to sanction the payment of a sum of £154 7s. 0d. in full settlement of this account.

A third detailed account was submitted by the Secretary from Mr. P. J. Foley, in similar circumstances, amounting in all to the sum of £211 12s. 0d.

ORDER. The Committee recommend Mr. Foley to be paid the sum of £200 0s. 0d. in full discharge of this account, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Correspondence (including a letter dated 14th May, 1925, No. G.22941/25) was submitted regarding a claim by Mr. A. Chatterton, Estate Office, Enniskerry, for refund of rates amounting to £10 4s. 10d., which had been paid by him on a damaged building in Enniskerry, formerly used as an R.I.C. Barracks.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the Council should point out to the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the County Council has no legal power to refund rates paid on a destroyed building in the circumstances.

A communication dated 15th May, 1925, was received from A. Cullen, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, urging the Council to pay to Miss Agnes E. Keating, formerly a nurse in Wicklow Fever Hospital, arrears of pension claimed to be due to her.

ORDER. Referred to the Minister for Local Government, for sanction for amount already passed by County Board of Health.

A letter dated 22nd May, 1925, was received from Miss Mary Manifold, Fever Hospital, Arklow, in which she asked the Council to grant her a pension, stated to have been recommended to her two years ago on abolition of office, after twenty years' service as caretaker of the Fever Hospital.

ORDER. Referred to the County Board of Health for consideration.

A letter dated 6th November, 1924, No. L.25540/24, was submitted from the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, on the subject of the renewal of Secondary School Scholarships awarded by the Council for the scholastic year 1924/1925.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the Chairman of the Council, C. M. Byrne, Esq., T.D., be asked to interview the Minister with a view to urging him to approve and sanction the renewal of such Secondary School Scholarships as the County Council may recommend, for the scholastic year 1925/1926.

(Signed) C. M. BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

25th May, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW: COUNTY AT LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor James Byrne;

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £7,901 10s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. O'Toole;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £351 0s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Murphy.

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £79 12s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly;

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £333 14s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £293 1s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £1,134 19s. 5d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne;

Resolved:—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
20th May, 1925.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 25th May, 1925.
GENTLEMEN,

A Road Improvement Grant of £10,350 has been indicated to County Wicklow; the roads to be improved are Trunk Roads, and the general conditions of the Grant are identical with the Grant of last year.

I recommend that the undernoted roads be improved:—

- (1). Trunk Road T.43, Dublin to Bri Chualann, between the Co. Dublin Bounds at the Scalp and the Junction with the Trunk Road T.7 at Kileroney. Estimated cost £3,446.
- (2). To complete the rolling of that part of Trunk Road T.7, Rathnew to Rathdrum, at Glenealy, from Deputy's Pass to Kilcommon and from Glasnarget Railway Bridge to Rathdrum Bridge. Estimated cost £3,102.
- (3). To re-surface the road from Wicklow U.D. Bounds at Bolarney and Rathnew. Estimated cost £1,747. (Using local stone and only putting a light surface coat).
- (4). To improve the Trunk Road T.42 starting at the County Bounds at Brittas and working South, towards Baltinglass and to roll in stone already prepared. Estimated cost £2,055.

These estimates do not include any appreciable widening and aim mainly at producing a reasonable lasting road surface. I do not consider that patch work rolling is justifiable having regard to the object of the Road Grants, as this class of work is merely a temporary smoothing of the road.

I understand that further Grants may be made on the recognised Tourist Routes, viz:—to Glendalough and to Greystones, via Windgates. In the case of the Bolarney-Rathnew road I would strongly recommend Tar Bitumen macadam at a probable cost of £3,000, but this would leave insufficient money to do other necessary work.

I beg to report that at the entrance to the Graveyard at Glendalough a permanent wooden shed has been erected and I consider that this should be removed as it now forms an obstruction. The owner of this shed refuses to remove it on the grounds that for over thirty years during the tourist season a temporary canvas refreshment booth occupied the site.

The work of maintaining the roads by tar dressing and tar patching pot holes is greatly hampered owing to the difficulty in obtaining a sufficient quantity of chippings. I strongly recommend that at least two Granulating Crushers for the production of chippings be obtained. The probable cost would be £550. Also some more tar or bitumen boilers are required at a probable cost of £100.

Considerable damage is being caused on the edges of the roads, on the near side, in descending steep hills, owing to the driving of heavy laden vehicles in the water tables. This is most most noticeable on the hill at Ballywaltrim—from Holybrook to the Killarney and towards Kileroney road; the long Hill and the hill from Knockmore to Dargle Bridge. This practice arises from want of proper braking arrangements on the vehicles.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDERS:—

Paragraph 3.—Referred to Council's Solicitor.

Paragraph 4.—To be purchased by the County Surveyor out of whatever monies he may have in hand.

Paragraph 5.—Referred to the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request the

Minister for Local Government to take into consideration, when deciding the question of making the main trunk road from Dublin to Cork, the road via Blessington, Baltinglass, and Carlow, or such minor deviation as may seem expedient.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter in connection with Trunk Road Grants was submitted by the Secretary:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH
(ROADS), 51 UPPER MOUNT STREET,
DUBLIN.

29th April, 1925.

SGB/202.

TRUNK ROAD GRANT, £450,000.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Wicklow County Council that a sum of £10,350 has been provisionally allocated to the Council from the above-mentioned Grant for the improvement of Trunk Roads.

The conditions (Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive) governing the Trunk Road Grant notified by Circular Letter SGA/201 of the 18th February, 1924, apply to the Grant now notified.

The Council in apportioning the grant should take into consideration the necessity for improving Trunk roads in the urban districts in their County as well as Trunk Roads in the rural areas.

While the sections of road selected for improvement must not be too numerous, separate proposals for tar or bitumen treatment of any section or sections of Trunk Roads in the County may be put forward.

Proposals should be submitted on the enclosed Form 11, and should be accompanied by specifications and a statement showing what provision has been made by the Council for the maintenance and improvement of roads during the current financial year in each Rural District.

As the name of the stone proposed to be used is frequently omitted from specifications care should be taken to insert the name of the stone proposed.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

As was also a communication dated 22nd April, 1925, with enclosures, received from the Clerk to Bri Chualann Urban District Council, in reference to the monies being expended in patching and tarring the road from Sunnybank to the Vevay Boundary, which is the portion of the proposed Trunk Road to Grey-stones within the urban area.

It was
Proposed by Councillor P. Ua Murchadha;
Seconded by Councillor John Fleming;

That the recommendation in the County Surveyor's Report, as printed and circulated be hereby adopted.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy.

That the Grant of £10,350 be equally divided between the four Rural Districts in the county.

After a protracted discussion these motions by Councillors P. Murphy and Eamonn O'Neill were withdrawn with the Council's consent, after which it was
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle; and

Resolved—That the figures estimated in the County Surveyor's Report be amended and reduced as follows:—

- (1). From £3,446 to £2,046.
- (2). From £3,102 to £2,200.
- (3). From £1,747 to £1,547

and that this gross reduction of £2,502 be expended as follows:—£1,000 on the temporary Trunk Roads in Shillelagh Rural District, £702 on the Avoca to Aughrim Road, via Woodenbridge, and £800 on repair work on the Rathnew-Arklow road—and that the Minister for Local Government be asked to schedule the latter as a Trunk Road, and also temporarily schedule as a Trunk Road the road from Aughrim to Woodenbridge, for tourist traffic purposes.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:

Temperance Hotel,
Glendalough,
Rathdrum.
March 12th, 1925.

The Secretary.
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for permission to erect a railing to enclose the frontage opposite my house. It is general knowledge that during the summer months a lot of inconvenience and annoyance is caused me by motors and char-a-bancs parking in front of my house, thereby blocking up the passage to the house and yard, etc. Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,
Yours truly,
(Signed) LAURENCE KAVANAGH.

ORDER.—Permission granted.

The Council proceeded to consider the following letter relative to Mr. D. J. Kinsella, recently appointed Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District:—

ROINN RIALTAIS ATIÚLA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
18th March, 1925.

G.11615/1925.
Wicklow County.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 10th, instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he does not consider that Mr. Kinsella is sufficiently old for the responsible position of Rate Collector, and, accordingly he is not prepared to sanction his appointment. The Council should take steps to make a fresh appointment.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) M. DE LASAIGH.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;

Resolved—That this Council again request the Minister for Local Government to sanction their appointment of Mr. D. J. Kinsella, of Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely, as Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District, two birth certificates being now before us showing that he is over twenty-one years of age—and there is a very large sum outstanding on rates in that District which is urgently needed by this Council.

Passed.

At this stage the meeting adjourned, the Secretary having been first directed to convene the adjourned Quarterly Meeting on Monday, the 8th June, 1925.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 8th June, 1925, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors M. Fleming, Laurence Redmond, A. Kinsella, Patrick Doyle, James Everett, T.D.; William Byrne, E. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Redmond, Bernard Kelly, J. J. Metcalfe.

A letter dated 8th June was read from the Council's Law Agent, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., regretting that he was unable to attend in consequence of having to be present at a Meeting of Rathdrum Rural District Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Resolved—That we have learned with deep regret of the sad loss that has befallen Mr. P. J. Noonan, the popular representative of the "Wicklow People" at meetings of this Council, by the death of his mother, and we tender to him and the other members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Resolved—That we tender to Dr. D. P. Kenna, our Coroner for West Wicklow, the assurance of our sincere sympathy on the death of his brother, Dr. Michael Kenna.

Passed.

Court House,
Wicklow,
2nd June, 1925.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara—

You are hereby summoned to attend the adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 8th June, 1925, to consider the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 25th May, ulto., which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.

Mise, le meas,

P. T. HEALY,
Secretary to the Co. Council.

Form X. 54.

The accompanying copy of the Memorandum of Decision of the National Health Insurance Commission on a question recently submitted to them for formal decision under Section 66 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, is enclosed for information.

National Health Insurance Commission,
Upper Mount Street, Dublin.

Form X. 39.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS, 1911 TO 1924.

Memorandum of Decision of the Irish Insurance Commissioners on Application under Section 66 (1) of National Insurance Act, 1911, as amended by Section 10 (1) of the National Health Insurance Act, 1920, or under Section 27 (2) of National Insurance Act, 1913.

The decision of the Irish Insurance Commissioners on the question raised on the application, dated the 11th day of December, 1924, made by the County Council of the County of Wicklow, is as follows:—

The employment by applicant of Mr. Patrick Short, of Ballylusk, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, as carter under the conditions set out in the application and as detailed at the Hearing which was held at Wicklow on 12th March, 1925, is employment within the meaning of the Acts.

Signed (on behalf of the Irish Insurance Commissioners),
(Sgd.) PIERCE KENT.

Dated 5th May, 1925.

N.B.—The above decision has been given on the facts disclosed in connection with the case, and is not applicable to any case in which the circumstances, or terms of employment, are materially different.

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The decision of the Irish Insurance Commissioners on the question raised on the application, dated the 11th day of December, 1924, made by the County Council of the County of Wicklow, is as follows:—

The employment by applicant of Mr. Thomas Reilly, of Delgany, Co. Wicklow, as stonebreaker under the conditions set out in the application and as detailed at the Hearing which was held at Wicklow on 12th March, 1925, is employment within the meaning of the Acts.

Signed (on behalf of the Irish Insurance Commissioners),
(Sgd.) PIERCE KENT.

Dated 5th May, 1925.

N.B.—The above decision has been given on the facts disclosed in connection with the case, and is not applicable to any case in which the circumstances, or terms of employment, are materially different.

4 Church Street, Wicklow,
7th May, 1925.

Wicklow County Council and Insurance of Patrick Short,
Ballylusk, Ashford, Carter, and Thomas Reilly, of Delgany,
Stonebreaker.

Dear Sir—

I beg to advise that I was to-day notified of the decision of the National Health Insurance Commission under Section 66 of the Act of 1911. The Commission have decided that the employment of Messrs. Short and Reilly is employment within the meaning of the Acts.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the County Surveyor, and will be obliged if you let me know do the Council desire to have the question further tested by appeal.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. H. McCARROLL,
Law Agent to the Council.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Court House, Wicklow.

P.S.—I have been speaking over this matter with Mr. Cunnam, B.L., who held the Briefs on the two Inquiries, and he strongly suggests that an appeal should be taken.

ORDER.—Cards for the two classes of employees indicated to be stamped so that the men referred to may be put in benefit, the Secretary to be guided in this connection by the instructions received from the National Health Insurance Commission.

The Secretary submitted the two following letters which he had received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the administration of Trunk Road Grants and the necessity for an adequate survey staff:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI BOTHAR,
SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA 51,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
3rd June, 1925.

R/SGB/33

Wicklow County: Survey Staff.

A Chara—

Adverting to his letter of the 30th May, 1924, and subsequent references relative to the appointment by Wicklow County Council of an Assistant Surveyor, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the grants made from State Funds to County Wicklow for road improvement work have been unsatisfactorily administered owing to the failure of the Council to provide adequate properly qualified assistance for the County Surveyor. The returns of material supplied and work done furnished by gangers and foremen are unreliable and the County Surveyor cannot possibly be expected to vouch for expenditure in such circumstances. Work done in the County under the grants compares unfavourably regarding cost, etc., with that in other counties. The surfaces are so deteriorated after a few months' wear it is impossible to believe that the quantities of stone returned as put into these surfaces have actually been supplied.

In the circumstances the Minister does not propose to make available the grant of £10,350 recently notified until such time as the Council have made arrangements to employ adequate assistance for the County Surveyor.

The Minister considers that the County Surveyor should have at least one capable whole-time clerk and three whole-time Assistant Surveyors. Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant Surveyor, who, it is understood, engages in private practice from his Office in Dublin, can scarcely give sufficient attention to his duties as Assistant Surveyor.

Any future appointments should be made on the basis of whole-time service.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) M. de LASAIGH,

Leas Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
The Court House, Wicklow.

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI BOTHAR,
SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
5th June, 1925.

R/SGB/33

Trunk Road Grant—£450,000.
Wicklow County Share—£10,350.

A Chara—

With reference to his letter of the 3rd instant, relative to the appointment by Wicklow County Council of an Assistant Surveyor, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is prepared to approve of the work recommended by the County Surveyor to be carried out on the Rathnew-Rathdrum and Bray-Wicklow Road, under the above-mentioned Grant, on the understanding that the Council will appoint an additional Assistant Surveyor at least temporarily.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McCARRON,

Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

ORDER.—Temporary Assistant Surveyor to be appointed, to be remunerated at the rate of £5 5s. 0d. per week, with travelling expenses allowed by the Minister's scale, all claims submitted to the Secretary in connection with such expenses to be first checked and approved by the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor Laurence Redmond.

Resolved—That Mr. M. O'Brien, of Roslyn, Aylesbury Park, Pembroke, Dublin, be appointed as Temporary Assistant Surveyor for the district now vacant; that his remuneration be fixed at £5 5s. 0d. per week, with travelling expenses according to the Minister's approved scale; and that the appointment be terminable on one month's notice being given by either party.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, and
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

That Mr. Cecil Gelittie, of Main Street, Wicklow, be appointed as Assistant Surveyor temporarily.

On a show of hands being taken the Chairman declared the amendment lost and the original motion passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
8th June, 1925.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I request more definite instructions as to the nature and extent of the work to be done in expending the following sums:—

1. £1,000 on the Shillelagh "Temporary" Trunk Roads. I recommend the drainage, widening, strengthening, and surfacing of that part of the Shillelagh-Carnew Road, known as the "New Line," as far as the money will admit. This portion of the road is in a very bad condition.

2. £702 on the "Temporary" Trunk Road, Avoca-Aughrim, via Woodenbridge. I recommend the strengthening and surfacing that part of the road from near Ballycoogue Steps towards Woodenbridge, as far as the money admits.

3. £800 on the "Temporary" Trunk Road, Rathnew-Arklow. I recommend surfacing that part of the road from Coolbeg towards Barndarrig, as far as the money admits.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDER.—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly,
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed to have the war-damaged bridges at Blessington and Humphreystown restored, immediately, as they are in a dangerous condition, more particularly Blessington Bridge, which should have preference, and as the County Surveyor has pointed out it is impossible to do the work by Direct Labour, work to be done by contract.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the widening and reconstruction of Ballingate small bridge, work to be done by Direct Labour, and that he be authorised to proceed with the reconstruction of Balisland Bridge by contract if possible. The funds necessary for these works to be taken from the road money, provided that this fund be recouped from monies provided from the Bridge Reconstruction sixpenny rate; and the County

Surveyor be also authorised to proceed with repair of Knocknagilky Bridge by contract if possible.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 11th May, 1925, from Laurence Lennon, of Deepark, Baltinglass, in which he offered the sum of £1 10s. 0d. for two small broken-down sheds at Baltinglass Workhouse.

ORDER.—Tender accepted.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

No Proposals.

A letter dated 9th April, 1925, was submitted from the Clerk to the Rural District Council, forwarding a resolution asking the County Council to speed up the Ministry's decision regarding the Grant and Loan to be expended in that area, and requesting the Council to send only new plant to West Wicklow.

ORDER.—See Report.

The following Report from the local roads committee for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District was submitted:—

Turnant House,
Dunlavin,
25th April, 1925.

P. T. Healy, Esq.

Dear Sir—

Below are copies of resolutions passed by the Local Roads Committee on Monday, 20th inst., which I am directed to forward to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. J. FOLEY, Assistant Surveyor.

1. Proposed by Mr. Edward O'Neill,
Seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:

That all metal be broken by crusher except where it is impossible to bring the crusher.

2. Proposed by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly,
Seconded by Mr. D. MacEvoy:

That Carrigower or other similar stone be used in preference to any limestone where possible.

3. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:

That the names of persons taking Council's road metal be referred to the Council's Solicitor.

4. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:

That Carrig quarry be acquired and opened at once.

5. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. Edward O'Neill:

That a quarry be acquired and opened at Hollywood at once; that all the hedges be cut, and if not done the occupiers to be prosecuted.

6. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. Edward O'Neill:

That caretakers be appointed to keep such mountain roads as the assistant may direct and the amount payable to be approved of by the County Surveyor, and that damages to the roads by tractors in Kiltegan area to be referred to the Council's Solicitor.

7. Proposed by Mr. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. Edward O'Neill:

No. 1. That the two new Marshall rollers be kept permanently in the Baltinglass 1 area.

8. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. Edward O'Neill:

That the assistant dismiss any man found idle.

9. Proposed by Mr. Edward O'Neill,
Seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:

That Morrissey's crusher be put to work immediately at Carrigower and that as soon as our own crushers are available the local men be employed to work them as required.

Note.—All resolutions were passed unanimously and an order made that a copy be furnished direct to the Secretary of the County Council.

Resolution No. 1: ORDER—Adopted.

Resolution No. 2: ORDER—Adopted.

Resolution No. 3: ORDER—Approved.

Resolution No. 4: ORDER—Referred to Solicitor.

Resolution No. 5: ORDER—Adopted if possible.

Resolution No. 6: ORDER—Referred to New Council.

Resolution No. 7: ORDER—Deleted.

Resolution No. 8: ORDER—Permitted.

Resolution No. 9: ORDER—Approved.

The following two letters were, after a discussion, marked read:—

Stratford-on-Slaney,
Co. Wicklow,
13th April, 1925.

Mr. P. T. Healy,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara—

In the interests of fair play and justice I would be grateful to you if you would bring the following matter under the notice of the members of the County Council at their next meeting.

That a large number of reports in connection with the mismanagement of the Direct Labour Scheme in West Wicklow has been submitted to the authorities of the County Council, and as a result of those reports not being investigated a large number of workers has been deprived of their employment.

The question may arise that those men were not members of the Transport Union, but the answer to that is that they were all members of the Transport Union but were obliged to withdraw from that Union as a protest against a certain official of the Transport Union in putting to his own use the members' contributions. The Union's Executive were asked to investigate the matter but they refused.

I consider that it is most unjust to have to suffer the loss of employment because the Transport Union has mismanaged the affairs of the Union and misapplied the funds.

I wish to suggest that a Committee be appointed to investigate the serious charges that have been made against the overseer, as I am aware that the rate-payers have been defrauded of thousands of pounds by their (the overseer's) mismanagement and neglect of duty.

Yours,

(Signed) JAMES MAHER.

Independent Co-Operative Trades Union,
Baltinglass Branch,
24th April, 1925.

To Mr. P. T. Healy,
Sec., County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Sir—

I have been informed by our Organiser, Mr. J. Maher, that on a complaint received by you from him re mismanagement of Direct Labour in West Wicklow you intend to bring same before the Council meeting on Monday next.

I can assure you that there is a large number of men, farmers and workers, and myself who can bear him out in all his statements to you.

It is nothing short of a scandal to cause unnecessary suffering to unfortunate men with large families by the spiteful manner by which the overseers carry out the administration. I would be very pleased if you would bring this letter before the Council, as the Ratepayers are unaware of how they are plundered by the overseers in the spending of the rates. This matter is now going on for the past three years and we consider that it is now time to bring it to a close.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) PATRICK MURPHY, Chairman.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Honorary Secretary, Baltinglass Athletic Sports Committee, dated 6th June, 1925, in which he asked for permission to use the steam-roller to roll the track, prior to the sports to be held on the 14th instant.

ORDER.—Granted.

The Secretary also submitted a letter dated 8th June, 1925, from Mr. Matthew Byrne, Baltinglass, asking for permission to erect a paling outside his house.

ORDER.—Granted.

RATHDOWN No. 2:—

Form 20 was submitted by the District Council containing the following four proposals, which the Rural District Council recommend as needing urgent attention:—

District Register No. 1. To take over, fence, repair, and maintain the roadway leading from Three Trout Bridge, by Old Mill, to Mill Road, Grey-stones. Cost not to exceed £600.

District Register No. 2. To take over, repair, and maintain the road from Glen of the Downs to Delgany, via Ballydonagh House. Cost not to exceed £30.

District Register No. 3. To continue the concrete curbing of footpath on road leading from Delgany to Killincarrig, from Avenmore House to the extreme end of wall on East Side of Mr. Ludlow's House. Cost not to exceed £48.

District Register No. 4. To construct a concrete curb to existing footpath from easterly end of wall at East Side of Mr. Ludlow's House at Killincarrig to Killincarrig cross roads, situated on road leading from Delgany to Killincarrig. Cost not to exceed £48.

A letter dated 16th March, 1925, was read from R. H. Hill, 23a Burgh Quay, Dublin, in which he complained of the state of the Beach Road, Grey-stones, near his cottage, which is called "The Bungalow."

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 15th May, 1925, was received from T. Fitzpatrick, Ennis-kerry, asking permission to erect a petrol-filling station at Killarney Road, Bri Chualann, on the cross-roads.

ORDER.—Petrol pump alone to be on the road, rent to be fixed by County Surveyor after consultation with the Ministry.

A letter dated 19th May, 1925, was received from Mr. W. Q. Fitzgerald, Glen Owen, Delgany, complaining of the causes which lead to the periodical flooding of his premises.

ORDER.—Referred to the County Surveyor.

A letter dated 6th June, 1925, addressed to the Chairman, was submitted from S. A. French, Secretary, Greystones and District Development Association, "Tripleton," Greystones, in which he drew attention to the urgent need for a water-tap on the South Beach, Greystones.

ORDER.—Referred to Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, in pursuance of Section 3 (a) of the Dublin United Tramways Omnibus Services Act, of 1925, containing particulars of routes passing through County Wicklow on which the Dublin United Tramways Company propose to run omnibuses.

ORDER.—Representations to be made by the County Surveyor that the Roads in County Wicklow are wholly unsuited to such heavy traffic.

RATHDRUM:—

No Proposals.

A letter dated 7th May, 1925, was submitted from the Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Kilcoole, asking to have a large share of monies expended on roads in that area, and enclosing a communication from Dr. Finnegan outlining the need for employment in the district of Kilcoole.

A letter dated 15th May, 1925, was submitted from Arklow Development Association, enclosing resolution complaining of the road between Rathnew and Arklow, and also referring to the need for regulations controlling the speed of motors.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A further letter, dated 15th May, 1925, was submitted from the Clerk of Arklow Urban District Council, containing a resolution calling the Council's attention to the bad state of the road between Rathnew and Arklow, and requesting to have it put into proper repair.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 6th June, 1925, was submitted from Michael Duffy, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, in which he asked to be re-employed on road work.

The County Surveyor submitted two letters dated 16th May and 4th June, 1925, which he received from Patrick Barrett, Laragh Bridge, Rathdrum, relative to a tent or stand erected by him at the Churches, which was reported to the County Surveyor as being an obstruction which should be removed.

ORDER.—No proceedings to be taken.

The County Surveyor also submitted a communication dated 20th April, 1925, which he had received from Mr. T. Grant, Secretary, Rathdrum Handball Club, asking for permission to build an addition of three feet to the main road wall at Lower Street, Rathdrum, for the purpose of a handball alley.

ORDER.—Granted.

SHILLELAGH:—

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

The Secretary, on being asked if the Minister for Local Government had accorded his sanction to Mr. Denis J. Kinsella's appointment as Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District, submitted the following communication in that connection which had reached him that morning:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEAN UACH,
BALE ATHA CLIATH,

6th June, 1925.

G. 26280/1925.

Wicklow County.

A Chara—

Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose herewith a Declaration Form to be subscribed by Mr. Kinsella and submitted to this Department for inspection.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) M. de LASAIGH,

Leas Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary having read communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 23rd and 28th April, 1925, No. G.19559/1925, and 7th May, 1925, No. G.22431/1925, on the subject of the proposal of the Minister of Finance that the Agricultural Grant, to be paid to County Councils by the Government during the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, be doubled, and that the benefit of such increased Grant be allowed to agricultural ratepayers in the present year of assessment, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the Secretary's action in altering the Poor Rate Books, Demand Notes, and Rate receipts for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, so as to give effect to the provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act of 1925, referred to in the letters from the Ministry of Local Government dated 23rd April, 28th April, and 7th May, 1925.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:

Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books—including the separate rate of 6d. in the £ under the Criminal and Malicious Injuries (Amendment) Act, 1923—and that we Sign and Seal the Poor Rate Books and Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Secretary to the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the books, etc., of the collectors of Poor Rate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £1,818 19s. 0d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor B. Kelly:

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban

District Council of Bri Chualann, for the amount of £7,323 11s. 0d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Kelly,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £2,574 16s. 0d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

The Chairman ruled that the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda paper in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D., was not in order:—

"I beg to give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at the next meeting of the County Council—That Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, reducing the County Surveyor's Estimates, be rescinded."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That the contribution allowed by the Council of 5s. per head per week for children from Co. Wicklow admitted to Reformatory or Industrial Schools be reduced to 4s. per head per week, and that all Resolutions or orders to the contrary in the records be rescinded as from the 1st April, 1925.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., and
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

That the Resolution passed in the year 1924 reducing the wages of the road workers be rescinded and that the rates of wages to be paid to all permanent road workers be increased to the rates existing before reduction, and that each permanent road employe be supplied with a suit of oilskins and leggings.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, and
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:

That Councillor Everett's Notice of Motion, No. 29 on the printed Agenda, be left over for the new Council, for consideration.

A poll having been taken it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT:—Councillors A. Kinsella, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, B. Kelly, and M. Fleming—7.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:—Councillors J. J. Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; P. P. O'Reilly, Laurence Redmond, and Patrick Doyle—5.

The Chairman declared the original motion lost by five votes to seven. The amendment was thereupon put as a substantive resolution and declared by the Chairman to have been passed by seven votes to five.

The Secretary again drew the Council's attention to the large sums of rates outstanding and unlogged in respect to the financial years 1920/1921 and 1921/1922 in Districts Nos. 5 and 6, for which Mr. John Cullen, Donard, was the Collector, and submitted the following up to date statement of the position of the collections, from which Mr. John Cullen was dismissed by the Council with the approval of the Minister:—

SUMMARY OF JOHN CULLEN'S COLLECTIONS. DISTRICTS No. 5 and 6.

Totals of Abstracts:—		
5. 20/21	£1445	6 5
5. 21/22	1301	12 10
6. 20/21	2329	12 5
6. 21/22	4264	2 9
	£9340	14 5 (a)

Receipts not in books when handed in, but which are not brought to a/c in the Deputy Checker's

Abstracts:—		
5. 20/21	£3	16 6
5. 21/22	136	7 4
6. 20/21	21	5 1
6. 21/22	1077	1 5
	£1238	10 4 (b)

Receipts still in books in County Council Office, but on which rates have been paid direct to Office:—

5. 20/21	£10	19 10
5. 21/22	353	18 11
6. 20/21	3	13 3
6. 21/22	1498	5 6
	£1866	17 6 (c)

Receipts still in books in County Council Office, on which rates have not been lodged to the credit of the County Council:—

5. 20/21	£14	0 7
5. 21/22	85	14 11
6. 20/21	111	15 7
6. 21/22	525	4 1
	£736	15 2 (d)

WARRANTS:—		
5. 20/21	£1474	3 4
5. 21/22	1877	14 0
6. 20/21	2466	6 4
6. 21/22	7364	13 9
	£13182	17 5

STATEMENT OF POSITION ON 25/4/1925 IN RESPECT TO JOHN CULLEN'S COLLECTIONS.

Lodged in respect to receipts taken from books by John Cullen £8719 7 3 (e)

Lodged in respect to receipts still in books in Co. Council Office 1854 17 6 (f)

John Cullen's Liability:—
Total of (a) and (b) on Summary £10579 4 9
Less total (e) above 8719 7 3

Collected and unlogged 1859 17 6
Add £12 paid on a/c (R. No. 477) which Cullen said he received 12 0 0
R. No. 412. Summons-server says Cullen admitted in Blessington Court this was paid him 2 0 3

CULLEN'S TOTAL LIABILITY £1873 17 9 (g)
VALID RATE RECEIPTS:—
Total (d) on Summary £736 15 2
Less R. No. 412 (above) 2 0 3

TOTAL OF WARRANTS £734 14 11 (h)

£13182 17 5

N.B.—To avoid complication the amount collected and lodged by Ex-Collector Michael Magrath (£16 1s. 5d.) is not included. As this sum is included in totals (b) and (c) above, the matter adjusts itself and Cullen's liability is not affected.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Resolved—That, with a view to giving effect to the repeated instructions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the recommendations of the Finance Committee in Report No. 1, relative to the large sums still outstanding in Ex-Poor Rate Collector John Cullen's districts (Nos. 5 and 6) for the years 1920/21 and 1921/1922, we hereby direct the Law Agent to take immediately such steps as will secure, within six weeks from this date, the definite closing of these two collections to the satisfaction of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby directed to issue to each Poor Rate Collector the Collection Books respecting his District for the year 1925/1926, with the least possible delay, so as to relieve financial pressure on the Council.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

Gentlemen—

Newtown, 8/6/25.

As you all know, I have been left with four young children totally unprovided for. I would respectfully ask the Council to give me time to pay rates that is to be stopped out of the pay due to my husband. I want the money to pay back rent; if not paid I will be evicted with my children. I am trying to keep a home and if evicted will be compelled to look for home help for myself and little ones. The L.G.B. are quite willing for the rates to be taken in instalments over a couple of years. Trusting you will rescind the order and meet me in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) MARIA SHORT.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, we allow Mrs. Maria Short to pay in instalments the £29 15s. 9d. Poor Rates due by her up to the 31st March, 1925, and that the two Orders already made by the Council in this connection be hereby rescinded—the Secretary to pay the full arrears of salary due to Mr. Patrick Short, amounting to £78 15s. 0d., when the Minister has approved hereon.

Passed.

The Chairman ruled out of order the following motion:

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

That instructions be given to the Returning Officer to not employ persons who are receiving salaries from other sources, or engaged in other occupations as whole-time officers receiving salaries, as Presiding Officers or Poll Clerks, and that suitable persons unemployed be given the positions providing they are qualified.