

11th July, 1928.

Section 3 (1) and Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following two representatives on Arklow Harbour Board, to hold office until their successors are appointed:—

Denis Condren, 81 Lower Main Street, Arklow.
Thomas Weadick, 4 Harbour Road, Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by Section 3 (1) and Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following six representatives on Wicklow Harbour Board, to hold office until their successors are appointed.

James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.
C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
Joseph Jacob, Rathnew, Wicklow.
William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.
Timothy Mulcahy, Ballinakill, Rathdrum.
John J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;
Seconded by " David H Haskins ;

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following eight representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.
William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.
John J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.
David H Haskins, "The Cedars," Dunganstown, Wicklow.
Joseph Jacob, Rathnew, Wicklow.
C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
Timothy Mulcahy, Ballinakill, Rathdrum.
Thomas Weadick, 4 Harbour Road, Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That all the members of the County Council for the time being be appointed to constitute the County Old Age Pensions Committee for the ensuing three years.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;
Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub Committee:—

Very Rev Patrick Kennedy, P.P., Avonpark, Rathdrum.
Rev J O'Doherty, C.C., The Presbytery, Rathdrum.
John Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.
James Byrne, Ballinderry Rathdrum.
Patrick O'Neill, Ballintombay, Rathdrum.
Timothy Mulcahy, Ballinakill, Rathdrum.
Patrick J Cary, Tomanerrin, Aughrim.
Joseph Walsh, The Hotel, Rathdrum.
The incoming Rector.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by " John J Barry ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Dr. Butler, P.P., Roundwood.
Rev Patrick Vaughan, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy.
Rev J S Wylie, Newtownmountkennedy.
R W Condell, Newtownmountkennedy.
James Doyle, Newtownmountkennedy.

John Conroy, Newtownmountkennedy.
Laurence Murphy, Togher House, Roundwood.
John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Delgany Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

John J Redmond, 4 Kenmare Terrace, Greystones.
Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bray.
Joseph Byrne, Kilbride House, Bray.
Rev John Murnane, B.A., C.C., Greystones.
Rev D J Lucy, C.C., Kilmacanoge.
Very Rev John Kennedy, P.P., Enniskerry.
Rev John Twomey, C.C., Delgany.
Miss A Griffin, Clonroe, Enniskerry.
Patrick Toole, Kilmacanoge, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;
Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev P J McGrath, Parochial House, Arklow.
Captain Dudley Clare Robinson, Ovoca Manor, Avoca.
Felix O'Rafferty, Ferrybank, Arklow.
Thomas Birthistle, Main Street, Arklow.
Thomas E Greene, Main Street, Arklow.
Mrs Mary Hoyne, Main Street, Arklow.
Laurence Murray, Kilmagig, Avoca.
Denis J Kavanagh, Main Street, Arklow.
Thomas Weadick, 4 Harbour Road, Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;
Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

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Rev Canon A D Moore, Nunsross, Ashford.
William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew.
James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.
C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
James Smullen, Wicklow.
Joseph Jacob, Rathnew, Wicklow.
Charles Byrne, Keatingstown, Wicklow.
Very Rev Michael Canon Hoey, P.P., Wicklow.
Rev A W F Orr, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
J J Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely.
Patrick Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely.
James Kavanagh, Kilballyowen, Aughrim.
James McCrea, Carnew.
Very Rev J P Donohoe, P.P., Killinure, Tullow.
Rev Canon Rennison, The Rectory, Shillelagh.
Rev M A Newcombe, C.C., Coolafancy, Tinahely.
Rev J W Hanton, C.C., Tinahely.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;
Seconded by " D J Kehoe ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Baltinglass No.

1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev T O'Neill, P.P., Baltinglass.
Mrs J T Clarke, Main Street, Baltinglass.
William Byrne, P.C., Redwells, Baltinglass.
Joseph Doyle, P.C., Talbotstown, Kiltegan.
Edward O'Neill, Main Street, Baltinglass.
Michael Timmins, Weavers' Square, Baltinglass.
George Fisher, Merginstown Demesne, Dunlavin.
James Quinn, Vallemount, Blessington.
D J Kehoe, Weavers' Square, Baltinglass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by " John Dunne ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to constitute Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Richard Bowden, P.P., St. Cronan's, Bray.
Rev Canon Scott, M.A., The Rectory, Bray.
Rev K R Brady, C.C., St. Peter's Presbytery, Bray.
Rev F Gleeson, C.C., The Presbytery, Bray.
John Dunne, 10 Dargan Street, Bray.
H R Greene, 8 Florence Terrace, Bray.
G J Birmingham, Claremont Terrace, Bray.
P J Sexton, 6 Sutton Villas, Bray.
Edward Byrne, P.C., 9 Florence Road, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That the existing Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee for the Blessington area be reappointed for the ensuing three years.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;
Seconded by " Denis Condren ;

Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations necessary in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the Lists revised accordingly.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That the following be the dates fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the Proposals and Finance Committees and the County Council for the year 1928-1929:—

| Place of Meeting | Hour | Summer | Autumn | Winter | Spring |
|--|------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Quarter 1928 | Quarter 1928 | Quarter 1929 | Quarter 1929 |
| Proposals Committee, Courthouse, Wicklow | 12 | Monday July 30th | Monday October 29th | Monday January 28th | Monday April 29th |
| County Council Courthouse, Wicklow | 12 | Monday August 27th | Monday November 19th | Monday February 18th | Monday May 27th |

Passed.

The Secretary having submitted a copy of the notice sent to each Councillor on the 23rd May, 1928, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, it was, in accordance with Notice of Motion,

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by " C M Byrne ; and

Resolved—That the Council approve of the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of

Four Hundred Pounds for the purpose of completing the erection of the Convent for the Sisters in charge of the County Home, Rathdrum.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to their next Meeting item No. 21 on the Agenda, being a letter dated 1st June, 1928, from the Hibernian Insurance Company threatening to withdraw their Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the cases of certain poor rate collectors.

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The Council referred to the quarterly meeting of the Finance Committee a letter dated 18th June, No. G.42940/1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, declining to sanction payment of poundage fees to Collector Michael Halpin until they received the considered recommendations of the Council on the matter.

The Council adjourned consideration of a file of correspondence from the Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, asking for monthly payments of £200 in advance of the arbitrators' half-yearly certificate.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, contained in his letter of the 15th June, 1928, we hereby appoint Sergeant Patrick Canney, Shillelagh, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, in room of Sergeant Denis Murray, who has been transferred from the area.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted from the County Surveyor:—11th July, 1928. Gentlemen. With your permission I propose taking my 30 days leave of absence from the 28th July, 1928, to the 31st August, 1928 (both days inclusive). It will be necessary to authorise and direct the Assistants, each in his own Area, to attend to any urgent matters which may occur during that period. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—Granted.

The following report was also submitted from the County Surveyor:—11th July, 1928, Gentlemen. In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies Order, as amended, I beg to report two Sudden Damages. (1) at the "Dell", on the road from Rathdrum to Laragh. The cost of repairing same will be about £40. (2) In the Street of Rathdrum, on the road leading to the Fairgreen from Rathdrum. The cost of repairing this will be about £10. I submit the Plans for road widening at St. Valerie Bridge, Bray, as approved by the Minister for Local Government. This matter required a good deal of consideration and if it is now to be proceeded with at all should be done immediately. Yours faithfully, (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER.—Submitted to County Council.

The Council directed the Secretary to write to the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, Bray, suggesting that the dangerous condition of the St. Valerie Bridge warrants the stationing of a Guard on the bridge to prevent the ever-present danger of life being lost.

Proposed by Councillor George Kearon ;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That proper notices and signs be erected by the County Surveyor to meet the conditions of traffic at the following corners:— at Deputy's Pass entering the main road, at Ellis's, Seapark, and at Ticknock, Arklow.

Passed

Colm Byrne
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27th August, 1928.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 27th August, 1928.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;

Councillors Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David H Haskins, Timothy Mulcahy, William Byrne, George Kearon, Major Christopher C Mitchell, William J Henry, Denis Condren, Laurence Moore, Joseph Jacob, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D. ; Peter P O'Reilly, Thomas Weadick, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, John J Barry, James Kavanagh, Daniel J Kehoe, James McCrea, John W Ryan, and John J Metcalfe.

The minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS :

- 1 To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2 To consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to obtaining a grant for the improvement of the roads from Marlton to Arklow via Brittas Bridge and Jack White's Cross Roads.
- 3 To consider the condition of the poor rate collections of Collectors Halpin, Manley, Porter, Kinsella and John Byrne, as reported in Finance Committee's Report No. 2.
- 4 To consider the names of two persons to be proposed by Mrs K Doyle as parties with her in a new Fidelity Bond, in connection with the discharge of her duties as poor rate collector.
- 5 To sign and Seal, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the Law Agent's Bill of costs in connection with the County Council's opposition to the Electricity Supply Bills in 1924.
- 6 To consider the Finance Committee's proposal that the Minister for Finance be recommended to pay the Law Agent the full sum of £1,900 awarded by the Court for the reconstruction of the documents of title destroyed in the burning of Baltinglass, Workhouse Buildings.
- 7 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 8 To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 9 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 10 To consider Proposals for Printing and Advertising Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 11 To consider the amended proposals for the expenditure of £1000 on the improvement of St. Valerie Bridge, Bray.
- 12 To consider letter dated 25th July, 1928, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, suggesting steps that might be taken to lessen the danger to traffic at St. Valerie Bridge, Bray.
- 13 To consider correspondence, extracts from conditions of contract, maps and County Surveyor's reports regarding the proposals of the Electricity Supply Board to supply electricity to the towns of Baltinglass, Bray and Rathdrum.
- 14 To consider letters from the Greystones and District Development Society asking the Council to widen the Railway Bridge at Greystones and to take over the main roads on the Burnaby Estate.
- 15 To consider a letter dated 30th July, 1928, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, regarding the need for warning signs on the roads leading to Glendalough and Roundwood.
- 16 To consider correspondence regarding the danger to traffic at the junction of Fassaroe Lane with the Lower Dargle Road, Bray.
- 17 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 18 To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 19 To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable for the recovery of the sum of £240 10s 6d, being the amount of three criminal injury decrees which the Council under compulsion discharged on behalf of Wicklow Urban District Council, and which that Council has refused to recoup them.
- 20 To again consider correspondence with the Secretary of the Dublin

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and Blessington Steam Tramway Joint Committee of Management, regarding the Joint Committee's application to the Council to advance them £200 a month on foot of working expenses.

21 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, giving notice of the Minister's intention to amend the Wicklow County Scheme by providing for the establishment of a Fever Hospital at Wicklow and a District Hospital at Baltinglass.

22 To again consider a letter from the Hibernian Insurance Company stating that if the Council did not take strong measures to compel collectors to carry out their duties in a more satisfactory manner they would be reluctantly compelled to withdraw their Bond of indemnity to the Council.

23 To consider correspondence relating to a severe accident which has occurred to poor rate collector P J O'Byrne, and to appoint a suitable person to discharge his duties during his temporary incapacity.

24 To consider copy of the Scheme approved by the Minister for industry and Commerce for the expenditure of monies voted by public bodies for advertising pleasure resorts.

25 To pass a Resolution nominating a representative on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association.

26 To execute an Agreement with Mrs Elise G K Waller, of Troy, Londonderry, in connection with the letting of Dunlavin Courthouse to the Council.

27 To consider the Barrow Drainage Act, 1927, and a circular letter dated 12th July, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health concerning the working of Drainage Committees.

28 To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ending 30th June, 1928.

29 To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

30 To fill two vacancies existing on Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

31 To consider a recommendation of Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee that the Rev Edward O'Brien, C.C., be appointed on the Committee in room of the Rev F Gleeson, C.C.

32 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

33 To receive Reports from County Officers.

34 To consider Official Correspondence.

35 To consider General Correspondence.

The Council having decided to receive a deputation which was present representing the workers and ratepayers of Anghrim, and consisting of Messrs James Butler, William Morrissey and P J Phelan, the members of the deputation described the distress which existed in that village and district because of unemployment, and was accentuated by the closing down of the local flour mill, and asked the Council to relieve the situation by employing men on works of road improvement in the locality. The Council replied that they had at present no funds available to apply to such a purpose, but that they were that day passing a Resolution seeking a grant from the Government, and that when the grant became available the needs of this locality would be kept in mind.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 20th July, 1928.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne, Joseph Jacob, W J Henry and Major Christopher C Mitchell.

The Committee, being confronted with the difficulty of investigating expenditure on roads during the County Surveyor's absence from their meetings, instructed the Secretary to inform the County Surveyor that they required him to be present at all their future meetings, and to intimate to him that in the event of his future absence on leave with the consent of the Council, the person duly appointed by the Council as his representative was to be present instead.

The Committee called for a return showing the condition of the poor rate collection for all periods prior to the 31st March, 1928, and the Secretary submitted the figures as they stood on the 30th June, 1928. Being thoroughly dissatisfied with the condition of certain collections, the Committee instructed the Secretary to request Collectors Halpin, Healy, Mrs. K Doyle, Manley, Porter, Kinsella and John Byrne to attend at the Committee's Quarterly Meeting on the 30th July, 1928, bringing for submission to the meeting a schedule showing each individual sum outstanding, the name of the ratepayer in default, the period concerned, and a full explanation of the steps already taken to secure payment.

The Committee had under discussion the enormous daily motor tourist traffic on the following roads:—from Marlton to Brittas, from Brittas Bridge to Jack White's, and from Jack White's to Arklow, which causes such damage to roads as the Council is absolutely unable to cope with out of rates. They therefore urge the Council to send a representative deputation to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to obtaining a sum by way of grant sufficient to put these roads in such a condition as will bear this enormous tourist traffic, which it is found is steadily increasing year by year.

(Signed), DAVID H. HASKINS, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

3rd August, 1928.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by .. William Byrne ;

27th August, 1928

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by .. William Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following as members of a deputation to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to obtaining a grant for the improvement of the roads from Marlton to Arklow via Brittas Bridge and Jack White's cross roads, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1:—Deputies, O'Mahony, Everett and

Moore, with our Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne and Councillors Edward Byrne, D H Haskins, and Major Mitchell—and that the occasion thus offered be availed of by our representatives to discuss with the Minister the whole question of maintenance of Co. Wicklow roads, consequent upon their being used daily as pleasure roads for tourists and the residents of Dublin City and district, this maintenance being entirely too costly to be met by the ratepayers of County Wicklow out of rates, and this Council desires to point out that public bodies, unassisted by Government Grants, cannot in this County relieve out of rates the great distress prevailing in almost all districts consequent upon unemployment.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO 2.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Proposals and Finance Committees of the newly-elected County Council of the County of Wicklow, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 30th July, 1928.

The following members were present.

Councillors D H Haskins, C M Ua Broin, Edward Byrne, James Everett, Joseph Jacob, William Byrne and William J Henry.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor D H Haskins.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That Councillor D H Haskins be elected Chairman of of the Proposals and Finance Committees, until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed

Minutes of previous meetings were thereupon confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee had under consideration the following Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

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|----------------------------|-------|----|---|
| County at-Large | 10103 | 19 | 7 |
| (Former) Baltinglass No. 1 | 33 | 5 | 0 |
| " Rathdown No. 2 | 38 | 19 | 7 |
| " Rathdrum | 59 | 2 | 5 |
| " Shillelagh | 8 | 5 | 8 |
| Repayment of Loans | 364 | 7 | 6 |

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board and Public Assistance, recommend the Council to make the following transfer on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1928.

County Board of Public Assistance .. £9175 10 0

The Secretary submitted the following advertisement, which had been published in accordance with the Order of the Council given at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 21st May, 1928:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ROAD PLANT FOR SALE.

The Wicklow County Council invite tenders for the purchase of

the following Road Plant:—

- 1 10-ton Marshall Steam Roller (can be seen at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanoge).
- 1 12-ton Marshall Steam Roller (can be seen at Dunlavin).
- 1 12-ton Marshall Steam Roller (can be seen at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanoge).
- 1 10-ton Robey Steam Roller (can be seen at Glen of Downs Quarry).
- 1 6 H.P. Compound Marshall Traction Engine (can be seen at Glen of Downs Quarry).
- 1 6 H.P. Compound Ruston and Hornsby Traction Engine (can be seen at Carrigmore Quarry, Glenealy).
- 4 Sleeping Vans (2 at Dunlavin and 2 at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanoge.)
- 9 Water Carts (2 at Shillelagh ; 1 at Avoca ; 2 at Carrigmore ; 1 at Rocky Valley ; 1 at Kilmoney, Enniskerry ; 2 at Dunlavin).

Each item is to be separately tendered for. The tender to be enclosed in a sealed envelope, marked on outside in such a manner as to clearly indicate the item tendered for.

Tenders to be addressed to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Court House, Wicklow, so that they will reach his office not later than 11 o'clock, a.m., on the 30th July, 1928.

By order,
S G Gallagher,
County Surveyor.

Court House, Wicklow.
11th July, 1928.

10-ton Marshall Roller at Kilmacanoge. The following tenders were received:—P Cunningham, Dunleer, Co. Louth, £215; Messrs T J Moran & Co., Ltd., Crumlin Road, Dublin, £165. Neither of these tenders being considered of sufficient amount, the Committee refused to accept any tender.

12-ton Marshall Roller at Kilmacanoge. The following tenders were received:—Messrs T J Moran and Company, Ltd., Crumlin Road, Dublin, £195; Edward Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy, £150; P Cunningham, Dunleer, Co. Louth, £75. None of these tenders being considered of sufficient amount, the Committee refused to accept any tender.

Robey Roller at Glen of the Downs. The Committee accepted the only tender received, viz., that of Messrs T J Moran and Company, Ltd., Crumlin Road, Dublin, at £125.

Marshall Traction Engine at Glen of the Downs. The following tenders were received:—Edward Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy, £140; George Carroll, Farns, Co. Wexford, £120; James Lawler, Athy, £55; Patrick Cunningham, Dunleer, Co. Louth, £51. The Committee accepted Mr Kavanagh's tender at £140.

Ruston and Hornsby Traction Engine at Carrigmore Quarry. The following tenders were received:—Edward Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy, £200; Patrick Cunningham, Dunleer, Co. Louth, £70; R R Graham, Maynooth, £50. The Committee accepted Mr Kavanagh's tender at £200.

Sleeping Vans at Dunlavin. The Committee refused to accept either of the following tenders for the van on Dunlavin fair-green, on the grounds that they are too low:—P Cunningham, Dunleer, Co. Louth, £36; R R Graham, Maynooth, £10. The Committee accepted at £30 10s the tender of Mr P Cunningham, Dunleer, Co. Louth, for the van at Carrigmore Quarry, Dunlavin.

Sleeping Vans at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanoge. The following tenders were received:—Edward Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy, £20 for both vans, provided he got the two engines also; Henry Fox, Kiltiernan, Co. Dublin, £10 for van No. 2; P Cunningham, Dunleer, Co. Louth, £6 for No. 2 van. None of these tenders being considered of sufficient amount, the Committee refused to accept any tender.

Water Carts. The Committee refused to accept at £10 the tender of P Cunningham, Dunleer, Co. Louth, for either of the water carts at Dunlavin. They accepted at £3 the tender of Mr R R Graham, Maynooth, for the two water carts at Carrigmore Quarry, Glenealy. They refused to accept at £12 the tender of New Ross Urban District Council for water cart No. 1 at Shillelagh. The two last-mentioned refusals were based on the consideration that the amounts tendered were insufficient in each case.

POOR RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated 5th July, 1928, No. G.48806/28 (Fa) Cille Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, drawing attention to the large sum of over £6,200 outstanding on the 30th June, and stating that all collectors with rates not lodged should be called upon to close without delay, and might be warned that failure to do so might involve application to their sureties. A second letter dated 19th July, 1928, was submitted from the Hibernian Insurance Company, Ltd., who issued a comprehensive Fidelity Bond for the majority of the poor rate collectors in the County, in which letter attention was drawn to the necessity of enforcing all the provisions governing poor rate collectors in the case of Collectors Michael Halpin, John Byrne, and P J O'Byrne, whose collections were in a backward condition. The Secretary further submitted a detailed statement showing the actual condition on that date of the collections for which the following collectors were responsible:—Michael Halpin, Frank Healy, Mrs K Doyle, John Manly, J J Porter, D J Kinsella and John Byrne, and intimated that in accordance with the direction given by the Committee at their previous meeting these collectors were in attendance for interview, with the exception of Collector Halpin, who sent a medical certificate to the effect that he was unable to travel. Owing to the exceptional circumstances attaching to the collection of rates in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts for some years past, the Committee instructed the Secretary to issue to Collectors Mrs K Doyle and Frank Healy their poor rate collec-

tion books for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1929. It was then

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor David H Haskins;

Resolved—That having again carefully investigated the condition of the poor rate collections of Michael Halpin, John Manly, J J Porter, D J Kinsella and John Byrne, we hereby finally warn these collectors that the condition of their collections will be a special item on the agenda for consideration by the County Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body to be held on the 27th August, 1928, on which day the Council will formally suspend any collector whose collection is not in a satisfactory condition.

Passed.

The Committee, having read a communication dated 21st July, 1928, from the Council's Law Agent, instructed the Secretary to call upon Collector Mrs K Doyle (No. 6 District) to enter into a new personal Fidelity Bond and to submit for approval in the first instance the names of the two sureties she proposes as parties to such Bond.

The Secretary brought forward again for consideration the question of taking some definite action with a view to securing the closing of the poor rate collections in No. 17 District, for which ex-Collector Charles Byrne was responsible, and concerning which there is the sum of £584 12s 8d still outstanding, and unlogged, and he reminded the Committee that the period of one month allowed to Mr Charles Byrne and his sureties for the purpose of making some financial arrangement to lodge a sufficient sum to close the collections had long since lapsed. Having heard the views of the Law Agent on the subject, the Committee made the following Order:—Having again reviewed this case, the Committee have directed the Law Agent to proceed forthwith to carry out the Council's Order, and to recover by every legal means available the full amount required to close the collections for which Mr Charles Byrne is accountable.

The Committee regret they cannot comply with the request contained in the following letter received from Collector Patrick Mulligan (No. 8 District):—Calary, Kilmacanoge, 16th May, 1928. (The Secretary, Wicklow County Council. Sir. I respectfully beg the favour of the consideration by the Wicklow County Council of the following. As you are aware the paying of rates on Ballyremon Commons has been a matter of contention for a number of years—from 1916 to 1927, when a final settlement was arrived at. During these years I have attended Wicklow and Bray Courts on twelve different days thereby incurring considerable expense and loss of time. In addition to attending courts I spent three other days with Mr Joseph Lynch, (Court Registrar), in connection with arbitration proceedings. I now make application to your Council for some compensation to which I am sure you will deem I am justly entitled. I have calculated my expenses as follows:—Twelve days attending courts, £12; three days interviewing Mr Lynch, £3; travelling to Wicklow on two occasions to interview Mr McCarroll, solicitor, with warrants and demand notes, £2; one day serving summonses with P Byrne, summons server, £1; three telegrams postage 2/6 each 7/6; total £18 7s 6d. Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, Yours faithfully (signed) Patrick Mulligan.

A letter dated 1st July, 1928, was submitted from Mr James

Byrne, The Forge, Shillelagh, in which he regretted he was financially unable to pay the sum of £2 due in respect of a letting to him of portion of the lands attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings. A further letter dated 4th July, 1928, was received from the same man, in which he pointed out that there were two breaks in the wall of the Union boundary adjoining the laneway at the Workhouse Buildings, Shillelagh, concerning which there were complaints that the Coollatin farming machinery had not room to pass the heap of fallen stones. He suggested that the work of rebuilding these walls be given him, and the amount due by him to the County Council could be stopped from whatever sum would accrue due to him for such rebuilding. ORDER—The County Surveyor to report in detail on the damaged walls and the probable cost of rebuilding same.

The Committee had under consideration the following letter received from the Department of Agriculture:—24th July, 1928. L.2710/26. Sir. With reference to previous correspondence relative to arrangements for carrying out the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, in County Wicklow, I have to subjoin the following particulars, indicating the number, according to the Department's records, of cases of Bovine Tuberculosis dealt with by your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors during the year ended the 30th ultimo and the rates of remuneration for duties under the Order in their respective districts:—

| Inspector | District | No. of cases | Rate of Remuneration for Bovine Tuberculosis Work |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|---|
| A F Walsh | Ballinglass | 4 | £30 per annum |
| do | Shillelagh | 1 | 35 " " |
| S Conway | Rathdrum | 3 | 50 " " |
| do | Naas No. 2 | 1 | 15 " " |
| W J Richardson | Rathdown No. 2 | 1 | 12 10s. " " |

It would seem from the above statement that, in view of the apparently small incidence of the disease, the rates of remuneration for Bovine Tuberculosis work are unnecessarily high and, in the circumstances, the Department will be glad to be favoured with the observations of your Local Authority regarding the question of a revision of the amounts of the

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allowance therefor. I am, Sir, your obedient Servant, (signed) E A M Morris, Secretary." Communications were submitted from Veterinary Inspector S Conway, V.S., in which he pointed out that there were more cases in his area during the year in question than he was credited with in the Department's communication. ORDER—The Committee decide to make no change for a further experimental period, and to pay for the cost of administration of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order at the rates set forth in the Department's letter.

Correspondence was submitted from the County Surveyor and from Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., relative to an application received from Mr Manley, Whitestown House, Stratford-on-Slaney, for compensation in respect of a bullock alleged to have been found drowned in a dyke on his land, in consequence of work done at a gullet by the County Council's employees. Having heard the County Surveyor concerning the facts of the case, the Committee recommend the Council to repudiate liability.

A letter dated 28th July, 1928, was submitted from the Council's Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor, 4 Church Street, Wicklow, with which he enclosed a Bill of Costs incurred in connection with the County Council's opposition to Electricity Supply Bills in the year 1924, amounting in all to £1619 5s 6d. The Law Agent, who was present, submitted this Bill, and asked the Committee to recommend the Council to sign and seal the Certificate of Taxation therefor. He further asked the Committee to make him a payment of £300 on account of the total included in the Bill. The Secretary pointed out that the Law Agent had already a considerable time ago been paid by the Council two sums of £300 each on account of this Bill, and that consequently a further payment of £300 would bring the total sum paid on foot of the untaxed Bill to £900. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to sign and seal the Certificate for Taxation of this Bill of Costs, and they direct that the Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, be paid a further sum of £300 on account at the next meeting of the Committee.

Following an application made personally by the Law Agent in respect of the criminal injury award regarding the legal document destroyed in the arson of the Workhouse Buildings, Baltinglass, during the troubled times, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That the County Council be asked to recommend the Minister for Finance to pay Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor, direct, the sum of £1900, the amount agreed upon for the reconstruction and restoration of the documents of title destroyed in the troubled times on the 5th or 6th days of February, 1923, in respect of which a decree was given by Judge Doyle on the 8th day of May, 1925, for the sum of £2034 15s, and that the Secretary and the Law Agent be instructed to sign the application for registration.

Passed.

A letter dated 16th July, 1928, was submitted from Mr Patrick Furlong, caretaker of Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings, in which he suggested that the Council should dispose of eight small buildings, certain eavegutters and ceiling boards and fifteen or sixteen doors, which were rapidly being destroyed by weather and would shortly become totally valueless. ORDER—The Committee direct the County Surveyor to make an inspection of the buildings, etc., and to report in detail in due course.

(Signed) DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

4th August, 1928.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Wicklow Board of Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, be now signed.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

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(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

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No. G.59042/28
Hgh. (S)

24th August, 1928.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under consideration the general question of the control of officers entrusted with the collection of public revenue. The cases of default which have arisen have given rise to considerable anxiety and the circumstances disclosed indicate a necessity for the adop-

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tion generally of effective measures to secure the prompt collection and immediate lodgment of all monies collected as well as the accurate and careful checking of the accounts of the Collectors at frequent intervals.

Rate Collectors have in many cases been in the habit of lodging public funds to their own accounts and then transferring such sums by way of personal cheques to the Local Authority to close their warrants. Apart from the loss of the immediate benefit of the revenue by the Local Authority the procedure enabled certain defaulting Rate Collectors to convert substantial sums to their own use. This practice must be discontinued and Collectors must understand definitely that any public monies received by them should be lodged without delay in the nearest branch of the Bank keeping the account of the Local Authority. It may be in some cases that a branch of the County Council's Bank is not within easy distance and that for this reason a Collector may have been in the habit of lodging rate monies to his own account in a local Bank. In such circumstances he should arrange with his banker to receive such monies for transfer to the credit of the Local Authority at their Bank. If necessary the general circumstances should be explained to the Manager of the Bank acting as Treasurer to the Local Authority with the object of arranging through him for the receipt in outlying localities of rate monies in Branch Banks for transference through them to the Local Authority's account and the issue of a usual lodgment docket to the Collector as a voucher for the money so lodged.

The arrangement for checking Collector's accounts have not in all cases proved satisfactory. A mere perfunctory reconciliation of the cash lodged with the total of the counterfoils of the receipts ascertained to have been issued since the previous checking will not be sufficient. A complete scrutiny should be made at each checking to insure that no receipts are missing since the last previous checking which are not covered by cash lodged. An intelligent check will take cognisance of the periodic progress of the collection while scrutiny of the unissued receipts might enable a wide awake inspector to form an opinion as to whether there is a likelihood of any of the ratepayers concerned having paid their rates without receiving the official receipt. It is realised that

an Inspector will find difficulty in detecting the over holding of monies by a Collector where the receipt remains unissued and every effort should be made to ensure that ratepayers will insist on getting the official receipts without delay. A Press notice warning ratepayers of the importance of this and of the consequences which may follow their failure to do so might be inserted if the Council considers such publication to be necessary. The Demand Notes might contain a notice that payments by cheque, money order or postal order should be crossed and made in favour of the Local Authority. When issuing receipts for rates paid in this manner the Collectors would do well to record on the receipts and counterfoil that the payment was made by cheque or otherwise. The receipt should be issued without delay. If it is not convenient to deliver the receipt personally it should be posted immediately. If an unopened envelope be used ½d postage would suffice.

The requirements of the Public Bodies Order in regard to checking should be stringently observed. There should be close co-operation between the Inspector entrusted with the checking of the Collector's accounts and the County Secretary particularly in regard to the issue of form 60 to ratepayers whose rates appear to remain unpaid at times when it might reasonably be expected that the sums due should have been lodged. The Inspector should pay due regard to the promptness with which the Demand Notes are issued and the subsequent periodic progress of the collection. Any dilatoriness should be specially reported and Collectors should understand that regular and progressive lodgments of rates will be expected from the dates they receive their warrants until closed.

A feature of the cases of default which have come to notice has been the delay in swearing informations against the officers concerned owing to hesitation on the part of superior officers to take such course without the express authority of the Local Authority. The Minister does not consider it necessary to stress the consequences which have ensued from this procedure but takes this opportunity of requesting the Council to adopt at their next meeting a resolution empowering and directing their County Secretary to make an information against any Collector who may fail to lodge monies collected on behalf of the Council to their credit. In the past it has been observed that on occasions Local Authorities have received cheques from Rate Collectors purporting to account for rate monies received by them which on presentation have been dishonoured. The unauthorised nature of the practice of lodging rate monies to a Collector's private account has already been adverted to and the Minister would regard a transaction of this nature as a clear indication that the money in question has been wrongfully converted to the Collector's use. Once a County Secretary is satisfied that a Collector has misappropriated money he should immediately swear the necessary information to secure the apprehension of the offender. It would be well that the County Secretary should also be authorised to suspend from duty any Collector whose conduct proves unsatisfactory.

Cases have been observed where the sureties of defaulting officers have proved to be worthless and the Minister desires that the Council should where personal sureties are to be accepted first satisfy themselves by Banker's references that such sureties are of sufficient substance for the undertakings guaranteed.

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Rate Checkers should be required to furnish adequate Bonds for the due and faithful discharge of their duties.

A copy of this circular should be issued to each Rate Collector for his guidance and strict compliance with the requirements outlined.

The Secretary of the Board of Health should also be supplied with a copy of the application of the principles to Rent Collectors and other officials in the employment of the Board.

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E P McCARRON, Runaidhe.

To each County Council.

ORDER—Submitted and considered, the question of delegating certain powers to the Secretary adjourned until after the 30th September, 1928.

The Council had before them the recommendation in Finance Committee's Report No. 2 regarding the steps that should be taken with regard to poor rate collectors Halpin, Manley, Porter, Kinsella and John Byrne in the event of their failing to close their collections, a statement submitted by the Secretary showing the progress made by these collectors since the Finance Committee meeting, and a medical certificate from Collector Halpin to the effect that at the moment he was unable to discharge his duties through illness. After discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Seconded by Councillor John W Ryan ;

Resolved—That Collectors Halpin, Manley, Porter, Kinsella and John Byrne be given until the 30th September to put their collections in a satisfactory condition, and that after that date the Finance Committee be empowered to take such action as they deem advisable as regards those collectors.

Passed.

A letter dated 17th August, 1928, having been submitted from Mrs K Doyle proposing Messrs Michael J Doyle and Denis Doyle as two sureties to enter with her into a fresh Fidelity Bond, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " W J Henry ; and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of Mr Michael J Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, Delgany, and Mr Denis Doyle, Sugar Loaf, Kilmurray (and Drummond, Bray), as sureties to enter with Mrs K Doyle, poor rate collector for No. 6 District, into a new Fidelity Bond for the due discharge of the duties of her position, and that Mrs Doyle be instructed to have the new Bond completed forthwith.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal (in accordance with the recommendation in Finance Committee's Report No. 2) the Certificate for Taxation of the Bill of Costs of the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq, in connection with this Council's opposition to certain Electricity Supply Bills in the year 1924.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " John J Barry ;

Resolved—That whereas pursuant to Decree dated the 8th May, 1925, it was decreed that the sum of £2000 for compensation and the sum of £34 15s for costs and expenses should be paid in respect of the burning on the 5th February, 1923, or early on the 6th February, 1923, of Title Deeds and Office Furniture, etc., in Baltinglass Union, and whereas on the 23rd August, 1926, the Council accepted Mr J H McCarroll's proposal to reconstruct and restore

the said documents of title for the sum of £1900, the balance of the Decree of £134 15s to be paid to the Council, NOW it is hereby resolved that the County Secretary be directed to pay to Mr J H McCarroll, the sum of £1240 when same is received from the Finance Department and that the Council transfer to Mr McCarroll the sum of £850 5% War Compensation Stock when same is issued by the Ministry of Finance to the Council, it being understood that these figures include the ten per cent payable under the Damage to Property (Compensation) (Amendment) Act, 1926.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3,

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 17th August, 1928.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors William Byrne and Joseph Jacob.

The Committee had under consideration the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£2181 2s 0d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the under-mentioned rate collectors, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:

| Year | District No | Name of Collector | Allowed £ s d | Disallowed £ s d |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1922/1923 | 9 | John Manley | 9 10 0 | — |
| 1924/1925 | 9 | do | 23 11 5 | — |
| 1925/1926 | 9 | do | 26 11 4 | — |
| 1926/1927 | 2 | Michael Halpin | 2 0 6 | 7 4 10 |
| do | 6 | Mrs K Doyle | 18 14 1 | — |

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| do | 17 | D J Kinsella | 30 13 7 | — |
| 1927/1928 | 1 | Luke McDonnell | 8 14 7 | 3 5 9 |
| do | 3 | Edward Lynch | 4 19 11 | — |
| do | 4 | William Burke | 5 2 1 | — |
| do | 6 | Mrs K Doyle | 52 6 4 | — |
| do | 7 | P J Doyle | 133 11 5 | — |
| do | 9 | John Manley | 27 4 7 | — |
| do | 10 | W P Murphy | 45 1 1 | 14 6 6 |
| do | 16 | P J O'Byrne | 92 17 0 | 26 4 6 |
| do | 18 | Thomas Fleming | 12 9 0 | — |

The Committee had before them (i) application dated 9th August, 1928, from Miss Mary Nolan, Ballyvroghan, Donard, for the extension of her secondary school scholarship value £55 for the scholastic year 1928-1929 ; (ii) report dated 9th August, 1928, from the head mistress, Loreto Convent School, Gorey, stating for the past scholastic year the above-mentioned student's conduct was very good and her application and progress highly satisfactory ; and (iii) letter dated 16th August, 1928, from the Assistant Commissioner of Secondary Education, 1 Hume Street, Dublin, stating that his Department sanctions the renewal of this scholarship for the ensuing scholastic year. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to confirm the extension for a fifth year of the scholarship awarded to this student.

The Committee had under consideration the following paragraph in a letter dated 18th June, 1928, No. G.42940/1928 Cill Mhanntain (Fa), from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, which had been referred to them by the Council:—"As regards Collector Halpin, the Minister will await the considered recommendations of the Council who should be fully informed of this Collector's record and who it is presumed will not concede full poundage in the circumstances." The Committee having taken into consideration all the facts of the case, recommend that the Minister be asked to sanction the payment to Collector Halpin of the poundage he is entitled to in respect to such moieties of collections as have been lodged.

The Committee had before them letter dated 26th July, 1928, from J W Barrett Esq., Hon. Secretary, Arklow Tourist Development Committee, enclosing copy of resolution passed by that committee asking for particulars as to the amount of road grants allocated to County Wicklow during the three years ended 31st March, 1928, and for particulars as to where the various grants have been expended. ORDER—The required information to be furnished.

(Signed DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

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Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by Councillor William Byrne ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " W Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large, amounting in all to £10,103 19s 7d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe ;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District amounting to £33 5s 0d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) RATHDOWN No 2.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £38 19s 7d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Seconded by " John J Barry ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £59 2s 5d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

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(former) SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;

Seconded by Councillor James Kavanagh ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £8 5s 8d (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 James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Denis Condren ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to 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 John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " David H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for additional Payments amounting to £2181 2s 0d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " William Henry ;

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 WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS :—

1. To the County Printing Works, Main Street, Wicklow, for Printing, Providing and Supplying the Books, Forms, Notices, Circulars, Stationery, etc., required for the County Council and for the County Registrar, and their several offices, as the same may be ordered, exclusive of the Registration Lists, for the sum of £404 15s 1d per annum for the three years commencing 1st October, 1928, and ending 30th September, 1931. Sureties—William John Haskins, "Overdene," Wicklow, and John Joseph Clarke, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

2. To execute the whole of the advertising required by the County Council and their several offices, and for certain advertising required by the County Registrar at a cost not to exceed 6d per line.

ORDER—Tenders accepted from owners of "Wicklow People" and "Leinster Leader" at 6d per line for such advertisements as the Secretary in his discretion considers necessary during the three years commencing 1st October, 1928, and ending 30th September, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by " Major C Mitchell ;

Resolved—That such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council be now Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted (i) letter dated 3rd July, 1928, No. R/SGN/33/2, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, returning plans and specification prepared by the County Surveyor for the proposed improvement of St. Valerie Bridge, Bray, and stating that this work which it was proposed to carry out for about £1000 would meet the needs of the position, and (ii) letter from same dated 27th July, 1928, No. R/SGN/33/2, stating that the Minister declines to receive a deputation on the subject, as he does not concur with the view that the proposed improvements would not meet the requirements of traffic and is not prepared to agree to the building of a wider bridge.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Seconded by " John W Ryan ;

Resolved—That whereas the Minister for Local Government has allotted the sum of £3000 for roads improvements and has indicated his sanction to an expenditure of £966 out of this sum for the easement of the dangerous bridge at St. Valerie, Bray, we, having hereby approved of this latter expenditure, now request the Minister to allow the balance, viz £2034, to be allotted to the improvement of roads generally.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 1.

27th August, 1928. Gentlemen. Regarding St. Valerie Bridge. It has been suggested that steps be taken to lessen the danger to traffic here, and I wish to point out that at the Regulation side of the Bridge Warning Signs are and have been erected—not only the official ones but additional notices warning the public that they are approaching a dangerous bridge. Re bridge at Greystones and roads on Burnaby estate. The Railway Bridge at Greystones is not vested in the County Council. It is the property of the Great Southern Railway Co. Some years ago, by direction of the County Council, I approached the Railway Company and they were quite willing to widen the Bridge provided the County Council bear the cost. There are no Main Roads on the Burnaby Estate but there are a number of public roads which the County Council, if they think fit, might take over and maintain, but any proposal to this effect should be brought forward in the manner prescribed so that it may be included in the Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1929/1930. The statutory Warning Signs on the road from Glendalough to Round-

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wood, indicating road junctions and dangerous places, have been erected but the number of these signs can be augmented provided the County Council allocate the necessary money in next year's Road Scheme. The amount set aside for this purpose in this year's Scheme was struck out. Understanding from the public press that a Grant was to be given for the Arklow-Jack White's Road, I prepared the necessary Proposals and Estimates for same and forwarded them to the Ministry so that there would be no delay in the event of a Grant being forthcoming. The Electricity Supply Board have furnished Plans and Contracts relating to the work to be done by their contractors in the erection of poles, etc., for the supplying of electricity to the towns of Baltinglass, Bray and Rathdrum. The question as to whether the County Council, as a road authority, are sufficiently protected is a matter for consideration by your legal adviser. I beg to report a Sudden Damage at Inchnagrush Bridge, on the road from Aughrim to Aughavannagh. I have made arrangements to have the necessary repairs carried out and the necessary certificate has been signed by two Councillors. The cost of the repairs will be approximately £28.

Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

ORDER. Submitted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

27th August, 1928. Gentlemen. There are several roads in West Wicklow, including the road from Kiltegan to Baltinglass and parts of the Trunk Road from Baltinglass to Blessington which we have patch rolled, and unless they are tar dressed will greatly depreciate and I suggest that if you could see your way to provide a sum of about £300 to purchase tar that we would be able to save these roads. Yours faithfully, (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;

Seconded by " Peter P O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That the £300 asked for by the County Surveyor additional to the sums provided in the Road Works Scheme for 1928/1929 be allowed and granted, and that this £300 be included in the Estimates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930.

Passed.

A letter dated 25th July, 1928, was submitted from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, stating in reply to the Council's suggestion that a Guard was not available to station at St. Valerie Bridge, but that a patrol had been detailed in the vicinity of the bridge, and also suggesting that the existing walls should be removed and replaced by a structure which would enable a better view to be got than is at present obtainable, failing which at least danger notices should be placed at each end of the bridge.

ORDER.—See County Surveyor's Report No. 1

The Secretary submitted extracts from conditions of contracts and maps, which he had received from the Electricity Supply Board in connection with their proposal to supply electricity to the towns of Baltinglass, Bray and Rathdrum, letters from the County Surveyor stating that he could see nothing in these documents to indemnify the County Council against liability for any accident arising by reason of the erection of the poles or of the presence of the wires charged with electricity, letter dated

24th July, 1928, from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., suggesting certain amendments that should be made in the conditions of the contracts, a letter dated 25th August, 1928, from the Electricity Supply Board, stating that they will be responsible for any liability arising in respect of poles, wires, or other property of the Board which may be erected in the several areas, the contractor carrying out these works on behalf of the Board being liable in these matters during the course of his operations.

ORDER—Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE DEALING WITH ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

19th July, 1928, from Samuel A French, Esq., Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, "Tripleton", Greystones, asking the Council to widen the Railway Bridge at Greystones and to take over the main roads on the Burnaby Estate.

ORDER—See County Surveyor's Report No. 1.

30th July, 1928, No. DW, 2265/28, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, regarding the necessity for warning signs on the road from Glendalough to Roundwood.

ORDER—See County Surveyor's Report No. 1.

4th August, 1928, and 13th August, 1928, from Lieutenant-Colonel Claude Brabazon, Fassaroe, Bray, and Paul Gleeson, Esq., B.L., Fassaroe, Bray, respectively, regarding the danger to traffic at the junction of Fassaroe Lane with the Lower Dargle Road, Bray.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor for special report.

15th August, 1928, from Terence Doyle, Esq., solicitor, Tullow, enclosing Power of Attorney from Mr. James Nolan to Mr. James Condren, whereby the former empowers the latter to receive such monies as may become due to him in respect of his road contracts.

ORDER—Approved.

16th August, 1928, from Mr. Joseph Brady, contractor, Kilmacanogue, Bray, offering £4 for the sleeping van at present at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.

ORDER—Refused.

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20th August, 1928, with map, from John Malone Esq., 105 Connaught Street, Phibsboro', Dublin, seeking permission to erect a memorial cross beside the Rathnew-Wicklow road in memory of his son who was killed in a motor accident at the spot.

ORDER—Granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.
23rd August, 1928, from J W Barrett Esq., Clerk, Urban District Council, Arklow, seeking permission on behalf of his Council to store their horse brush and mud tumbler in the yard attached to Arklow Courthouse.

ORDER—Granted.
23rd August, 1928, from Mr. John McCabe, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Avoca, urging the Council to carry out certain special works in his area for the relief of unemployment.

ORDER—Noted.
24th August, 1928, from Mr Bernard Flood, Donard, claiming an additional £40 in respect of his contract for making a footpath to Donard chapel, on the grounds that he would have to do certain work which he stated was not provided for in the contract.

ORDER—Mr P J Foley, Assistant Surveyor, having informed the Council that the alleged extra work was provided for in the contract, the Council declined to make any extra payment.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William J Henry ;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to take statistics covering a period of one week of all vehicles entering and leaving Co. Wicklow at the following points :—At Sunnybank, Bray ; at the Scalp ; at Kilmacanoge, and at three selected places on the Blessington Road and two places on the Shillelagh-Tullow roads—identification numbers to be taken where possible, the entire cost of doing so to be confined to the sum twenty of pounds.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be asked to report to this Council in detail regarding the expenditure of the grant allotted to repairing the Shillelagh-Carnew road, it having been represented here to-day that an adequate return has not been received therefor.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Peter P O'Reilly ;
Seconded by " Laurence Moore ;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the bad bend on the road at George Pender's, Baltiboys, straightened out of next year's rates.

Passed.

Councillor Laurence Moore stated to the meeting that he was informed that Messrs James Feeney, Threecastles, Manor-Kilbride, Michael Meade, Goldenhill, Manor-Kilbride, James Corrigan, Dunlavin, and James Whittle, Dunlavin, had their clothes destroyed by tar whilst working for the County Council. The Council directed the County Surveyor to investigate each case, and deal with it along the lines indicated by the Council in previous similar cases.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary again submitted the file of correspondence regarding three criminal injury decrees totalling £840 10s 6d leviable over the Castle and Kilmantin Wards of Wicklow Urban District which had been by the Council but which Wicklow Urban District Council refused to recoup them. He stated that as directed at the Council's meeting on the 13th February, 1928, he had communicated the facts to the three T.D.'s for the County, and that Dr. Ryan, T.D., on behalf of Mr Seamus Moore, T.D., had raised the matter in the Dail. On that occasion the Minister for Finance replied as follows :—" I have been informed that the Wicklow Urban District Council is indebted to the Wicklow County Council in a sum of £840 10s 6d stated to have been paid by the latter's Treasurer, under compulsion, on foot of three criminal injury awards properly leviable over portion of the Urban District. I am not aware that the Urban Council could not hope to pay this amount within a reasonable term of years, or that the County Council is helpless in regard to the recovery of the debt. The Government is not prepared to accept liability for the debt as a State charge. The injuries in respect of which the decrees were granted occurred on the 15th April, 1919, and the liability for decrees awarded in respect of criminal injuries sustained prior to the 21st January, 1919, rests with the Local Authorities, Under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, they were relieved of the liability for injuries sustained subsequent but not prior to that date."

ORDER—Adjourned.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which he had received from the Secretary of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Joint Committee of Management, strongly urging the Council to advance the Committee £200 a month to meet working expenses on foot of the Arbitrators' certificates, as otherwise they would be unable to carry on the working of the line.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry ;
Seconded by " Peter P O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the third paragraph of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1927, and Section 41 of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company Order, 1887, we comply with the request of the Joint Committee of Management of the said Tramway to advance £200 a month on account of the amounts in the Arbitrators' half-yearly certificates, in order that the Committee may be in a position to meet working expenses as they become due.

Passed

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The Council directed the Secretary to ask the Joint Committee to furnish a report of their proceedings.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—

26th July, 1928. P.48378/1928(SG) Cill Mhanntain. A Chara. In pursuance of the provisions of Section 5 (2) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give one month's notice to the Wicklow County Council of his intention to amend and modify the Wicklow County Scheme by providing that Article 15 (1) thereof shall read as follows :—

15 (1) Subject to the provisions of this scheme, and to any directions of the Minister in that behalf, the Board of Health shall provide and maintain the reception and maintenance of persons in the County eligible for relief :—

- (a) A County Home at Rathdrum for aged and infirm persons, chronic invalids, children and expectant mothers.
- (b) A County Hospital at Wicklow for the treatment of medical, surgical, and maternity cases.
- (c) A Fever Hospital at Wicklow for the treatment of cases of infectious and contagious diseases.
- (d) A District Hospital at Baltinglass for the treatment of medical, surgical and maternity cases, and cases of infectious and contagious diseases.

Any representation which the Council may desire to make in respect of the proposed amendment should be submitted to the Minister within a period of one month from the date of this notice. Is Mise, le meas (signed) Tomas Mac Ardghail, ar son Runaidhe.

The Secretary also submitted a further letter 9th August, 1928, No. G.54234/1928 (Sg) Cill Mhanntain, from the Department, stating that the Minister would be prepared to consider any recommendations made in this connection by the Council before the 31st August, 1928, and also a letter from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, dated 23rd August, 1928, stating that the proposed amendments met with that Board's approval.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That having considered the terms of the Minister's letter dated the 26th July, 1928, No. P.48378/28 (Sg) Cill Mhanntain, outlining the modifications about to be made by the Minister in the County Board of Health Scheme, whilst this Council approves of modifications in Article (15) (1) of the

Scheme in so far as (a), (b), and (d) are concerned, as to (c) we are of opinion that the Fever Hospital in Shillelagh should be retained there, but transferred to the Fever Hospital proper, which is only about a quarter of a mile further south, and is eminently suitable for the purpose after some slight repairs, as we consider the building proposed to be used in Wicklow is inadequate for the purpose of a County Fever Hospital.

Passed.

The Council had again under consideration letter dated 1st June, 1928, from the Secretary, Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, 48/49 Dame Street, Dublin, impressing upon the Council the necessity for taking strong measures to compel the different collectors to carry out their duties in a more satisfactory manner, failing which they would be reluctantly compelled to withdraw their bond of indemnity to the Council.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted the following letters (i) 23rd June, 1928, from Miss Bride O'Byrne, Ballygreen Park, Aghrim, reporting that her brother, poor rate collector P J O'Byrne, met with an accident when cycling on the 21st June, 1928, and was conveyed to the Meath Hospital, where he would be for some time ; (ii) medical certificate enclosed with the afore-mentioned ; (iii) 12th July, 1928, No. G.49446/1928, Cill Mhanntain Fa, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, noting the accident, and presuming that arrangements were being made for the collection of the rates in the district during Mr O'Byrne's absence in accordance with Article 104 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925 ; (iv) 22nd August, 1928, from Miss Sarah Anne O'Byrne, Ballygreen Park, Aghrim, stating that her brother expected to be able to resume duty in about a month, and seeking the Council's approval to her carrying out his duties until his return.

Proposed by Councillor John J Barry ;
Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of Miss Sarah Anne O'Byrne, Ballygreen, Park, Aghrim, to act as deputy poor rate collector in No. 16 District during such time as her brother, Mr P J O'Byrne, is incapacitated from discharging the duties of his position because of a fractured arm, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to accord his approval to her so acting.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated 10th June, 1928, from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, enclosing copy of the Scheme approved by the Minister for Industry and Commerce for the current financial year, under which the Association is authorised to expend the funds voted by public bodies for advertising purposes, in accordance with Section 67 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and reminding the Council that every public body contributing £100 or over to the funds of the Association was empowered to nominate a member to the Board of the Association.

ORDER—Scheme submitted.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That Councillor William Henry, of Burgagemore, Blessington, be hereby nominated as this Council's representative for the current financial year on the Board of the Irish Tourist Association, and that this Resolution be Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council

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in duplicate one copy thereof to be furnished of the Secretary of the Irish Tourist Association.

L.S.

Given under the Seal of Wicklow County

Council this 27th day of August, 1928.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;
Seconded by " William Henry ;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mrs Elise G K Waller, of Troy, Londonderry, submitted by Messrs McMahon and Tweedy, solicitors, 13 Hume Street, Dublin, with their letter of the 26th June, 1928, in connection with the letting of Dunlavin Courthouse to the Council, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Council had before them the Barrow Drainage Act, 1927, and circular letter dated 12th July, 1928, No. G.50168/1928, Ilghneitheach (B.C.T.), from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, setting forth the procedure for financing Drainage Committees to enable them to meet expenditure incurred in maintenance work under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—" 12 Dawson Street, Dublin. 23rd August, 1928. Dear Sir. We have been consulted by Mrs Mary A McDonnell, formerly Shorthand-typist in the employment of the late Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council with reference to her claim for Superannuation about which she was in correspondence with you previously. This matter cannot be allowed to remain any longer in abeyance and we would now be glad to hear from you definitely whether it is the intention of your Council to pay the superannuation granted by them whether it will be necessary for Mrs MacDonnell to have recourse to the Courts of Law in order to secure her rights under the Local Government Act, 1925. Your immediate reply will oblige. In the event of your decision being not to comply with this demand kindly let us know whether Mr Joseph H McCarroll, solicitor, for the County Council, will accept service of proceedings which we are instructed in that event to institute without further correspondence. Yours faithfully (signed) Little, O h-Uadhaigh and Proud, solicitors."

ORDER—Referred to Law Agent.

The Secretary submitted letter dated 23rd August, 1928, from Mr Joseph T O'Byrne, Assistant Surveyor, enclosing draft plan of Wicklow Gaol, together with particulars of the quantity of building stones and fittings, etc, therein. The Council's Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, explained the delay which had occurred in carrying out the Council's previous order, and suggested that the premises be disposed of by auctioneer's sale, as distinct from the acceptance of tenders following advertisement. He also asked for the Council's instructions as to whether they wished to retain the plot of land and sell the stonework standing on same or not.

ORDER—To be advertised.

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;
Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we desire to direct the attention of the Minister for Justice in a very special manner to the excessive and exceedingly dangerous speeds attained by certain buses, which if not controlled in a drastic manner must inevitably lead to accidents incurring loss of life, and we would

respectfully urge the Minister to give this matter his earnest personal attention.
Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Thomas Weadick and accepted by the Chairman :—" I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on the 27th day of August, 1928, I shall move that the Council approve of the opening of the sea-road from Arklow to Brittas through the townland of Ardinary."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman :—" That with a view to relieving the widespread unemployment that prevails all over the county this Council agrees to borrow a sum of £20,000 as a long-term loan to repair all the roads and remove dangerous corners and thereby provide work for the unemployed, on condition the Government give a Grant of £30,000."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming and accepted by the Chairman :—" I beg to give notice that I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the County Council will take the case of James Farrell, Umrigar, road contractor, into consideration—James Farrell states he has at the bidding of Mr Boyd put out 150 extra yards of Tomacork quarry stones had them broken and spread on the road and has been paid nothing for all this extra work."

The County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 30th June, 1928, was submitted as follows :—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30th June, 1928.

4 new milks, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, genuine ; 2 margarines, Blessington, Sergeant Olwill, genuine ; 2 lards, do, do, do ; 2 butters, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine ; 1 margarine, do, do, do ; 1 sugar, do, do, do ; 1 tea, do, do, do ; 1 coffee, Aughrim, Sergeant Quinn, genuine ; 1 jam, do, do, do ; 1 raspberry wine, do, do, do ; 1 butter, Shillelagh, Sergeant Murray, genuine ; 1 lard, do, do, do ; 1 cheese, do, do, do ; 4 new milks, Bray, Guard Stanton, genuine ; 5 whiskeys, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine ; 1 brandy, do, do, do ; 4 new milks, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine ; 1 butter, Newtownmontkennedy, Sergeant Cox, genuine ; 1 tea, do, do, do ; 1 jam, do, do, do ; 1 new milk, do, do, do ; 1 sugar, do, do, do ; 1 margarine, do, do, do ; 1 stout, do, do, do ; 1 lemonade, do, do, do ; 1 cheese, do, do, do ; 2 new milks, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine ; 2 butters, do, do, do ; 1 peppermint cordial, Aughrim, Sergeant Quinn, genuine ; 1 tea, do, do, do ; 1 butter, do,

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do, do ; 1 margarine, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine ; 1 butter, do, do, do ; 3 new milks, do, do, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine ; 1 whiskey, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, genuine ; 1 milk, do, do, genuine ; 1 butter, do, do, do ; 2 margarines, Blessington, Sergeant Olwill, genuine ; 1 butter, do, do, do ; 3 new milks, Arklow, Sergeant McEvaddy, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine ; 1 butter, do, do, genuine ; 3 drugs, Annamoe, genuine ; 3 drugs, Delgany, genuine ; 3 drugs, Bray No. 1, genuine ; 3 drugs, Co Hospital, genuine ; 3 drugs, Dunganstown, genuine ; 3 drugs, Aughrim, genuine ; 3 drugs, Bray No. 1, genuine ; 3 drugs, Blessington, genuine ; 3 drugs, Co. Home, Rathdrum, genuine ; 3 drugs, Baltinglass, genuine ; 2 drugs, Aughrim, genuine ; 3 drugs, Shillelagh Fever Hospital, genuine ; 2 drugs, Bray No. 1, genuine ; 2 drugs, Blessington, genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 64, Drugs 39.
Total—103. Number adulterated—New Milks, 2 ; Drugs, nil. Date 14-7-1928.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Read and noted.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;
Seconded by Councillor James Kavanagh ;

Resolved—That Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Acts

be hereby granted to Elizabeth Kavanagh, Aughrim, and Christopher Kehoe, Ballyknockan, Blessington.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 18th July, 1928, from D J Purcell, E-q., Clerk, Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, County Hospital, Naas, reporting one vacancy on that sub-committee. It was also stated that Mr. James Murphy, Blessington, a member of the sub-committee, was dead.

Proposed by Councillor Laurence Moore ;
Seconded by " Peter P O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That Messrs Thomas Clarke, Blessington, and John Byrne, Baltiboy's, Blessington, be selected to fill the two vacancies on Naas No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Phelim Devitt, Esq., Clerk, Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, Town Hall, Bray, conveying a recommendation of the sub-committee that the Rev. Edward O'Brien, C.C., be added to the sub-committee instead of the Rev. F. Gleeson. On the motion of Councillor Joseph Byrne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne, the Council agreed to this recommendation.

The following correspondence was submitted :—

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

18th May, 1928, No. G.55591/1927 Ilghneitheach, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister under Section 2 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, declaring the office of "Accountant", including the position of "Treasurer" other than a Banking Company, to be an office to which that Act applies.

26th May, 1928, No. G.36993/1928 Cill Mhanntain Fa, sanctioning a temporary overdraft not exceeding £20,000 to the 1st September, 1928.

ORDER—In the exceptional circumstances Extension of this Overdraft to 31st October, 1928, to be asked for.

7th June, 1928, stating that the Local Government Act, 1925, does not authorise the payment of travelling expenses to Councillors who do not attend at least three-quarters of the meetings held in any six months period, and that the fact that an election is held during the period and that certain members before the election may cease to be members thereafter cannot be taken into consideration.

2nd June, 1928, No. F.21124/1928, Cill Mhanntain (c), enclosing copy of the polling districts and polling places scheme confirmed by the Minister in pursuance of section 14 (4) of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

21st July, 1928, No. IR/107/1, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister under Section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1925, authorising the Council to close to public traffic the approaches to Balisland bridge.

27th July, 1928, No. 52589/1928 Ilgh(M), enclosing copy of Order made by the Minister under the Public Health and Local Government Conferences Act, 1885, setting forth the conditions under which expenses may be paid to delegates appointed by a local authority to attend certain public conferences.

31st July, 1928, No. G.46353/1928, Ilghneitheach, enclosing copy of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, and explaining the provisions of that Act.

3rd August, 1928, No. S.55036/1928 Ilgh. (B.C.T.), enclosing copy of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Bill, 1928, as passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas, and explaining the working of the Act.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE,

12th July, 1928, No. L.1833/28, enclosing copy of notice prepared with reference to the improper use of goads in driving cattle, and asking the Council to have this notice prominently displayed on any hoardings under their control.

The Dublin Swine Fever Order of 1928 (No. 2).

10th August, 1928, No. L.2669/28, stating that an officer of the Department had purchased in Rathdrum a sample of butter which on

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analysis was found to contain more than the maximum proportion of water allowable, and asking that proceedings be instituted on behalf of the Council in respect of the transaction.

10th August, 1928, No. L.2668-28, stating that an officer of the Department had purchased in Wicklow a sample of butter which on analysis was found to contain more than the maximum proportion of water allowable and asking that proceedings be instituted on behalf of the Council in respect of the transaction.

14th August, 1928, No. L.2697/28, stating that an officer of the Department had obtained fourteen samples of butter in Bray, Rathdrum, Wicklow and Greystones, which on analysis proved to be genuine.

24th July, 1928, No. T.66556, from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch), 14 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, enclosing copy of the The Blessington and Poulaphuca Steam Tramway Company (Cesser of Powers), Order, 1928.

8th August, 1928, No. 21440, from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Power Section), 38 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of letter addressed to the Council's Treasurer regarding the latter's responsibility for providing equipment necessary under the Weights and Measures Acts, in the event of default by the Council.

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

3rd August, 1928, stating with reference to the malicious injury claim of Hanify v. Co. Council, that the occurrence was undoubtedly malicious, and that he would try to agree with the other side on a figure so as to avoid unnecessary expense.

3rd August, 1928, reporting that at Rathdrum District Court on the 2nd August Patrick Donnelly and Michael Brien were committed to St. Kiernan's Industrial School, Rathdrum, the mothers of both children being inmates of the County Home, and one of them an imbecile.

21st August, 1928, stating that at Newtownmountkennedy District Court that day an order was made committing Julia Kenna to an industrial school until August, 1934, her father to contribute 2/- per week towards her maintenance under pain of imprisonment.

23rd August, 1928, reporting that at Arklow District Court two days before an order was made committing two children named Tobin to an industrial school, the mother to contribute 1s. 0d. per week in respect of each child towards their maintenance.

Third Annual Report and Balance Sheet to April 30th, 1928, of Greystones and District Development Society.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee on the 1st July, 1928.

2nd June, 1928, from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, stating that his Board have sanctioned overdraft accommodation to a limit of £20,000 to the 1st September, 1928, on the understanding that it is purely of a temporary nature, and must be discharged before the date named.

June, 1928, letter and leaflet from the promoters of a campaign for the renunciation of war and disarmament, 4 Eustace Street, Dublin.

26th June, 1928, from the Rector, Salesian Agricultural College, Warrenstown, Drumree, Co. Meath, enclosing copy of his college prospectus and circular.

6th July, 1928, from the Hon. Secretaries, Mansion House, Dublin, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the Public Health Congress to be held in Dublin from the 15th to the 20th August, 1928, under the auspices of the Royal Institute of Public Health, and enclosing preliminary programme.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 6th July, 1928.

28th July 1928, from Miss Maud Gonne McBride, Hon. Secretary, Women Prisoners' Defence League, 47 Parnell Square, Dublin, enclosing leaflet for the Council's consideration.

Report on the Public Museums of the British Isles, from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

Minutes of the Meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 3rd August, 1928.

17th August, 1928, from the Hibernian Insurance Company 48/49 Dame Street, Dublin, enclosing cheque value £92 10s 0d in settlement of the Council's claim in respect of the burning of a sleeping van at Riheen, Roundwood.

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A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd October, 1928, pursuant to requisition handed to the Chairman signed by ten members of the Council.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;
Councillors Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Jacob, Peadar P O Raghallaigh, Laurence Moore, John Dunne, Edward Byrne, Thomas Weadick, Timothy Mulcahy, D H Haskins, William Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Heatley, George Kearon, Major C Mitchell, Denis Condren, John J Metcalfe, William Henry, Michael Fleming, James McCrea, James Kavanagh and Patrick Doyle.

BUSINESS :

1. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—" That with a view to relieving the widespread unemployment that prevails all over the county this Council agrees to borrow a sum of £20,000 as a long-term loan to repair all the roads and remove dangerous corners and thereby provide work for the unemployed, on condition the Government give a Grant of £30,000."

2. To consider the unsatisfactory condition of the Council's finances.

3. To consider the Finance Committee's Report on the exceedingly grave condition of the 1927/28 poor rate collection of Mr Michael Halpin (No. 2 District), who has been suspended by that Committee from the discharge of his duties as poor rate collector, because of his failure to satisfactorily account for monies collected by him.

4. To again consider the cases of Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and John Byrne, who on the 27th August, 1928, were given one month to put their collections in a satisfactory condition.

5. To consider the great dissatisfaction that exists owing to the method of employing road workers in connection with the £6,000 grant which is being expended on the road from Jack White's cross roads to Arklow.

In the unavoidable absence of Councillor Seamus Everett, T.D., owing to serious illness in his family, permission was granted by the Council to any Councillor who wished to move the Notice of Motion standing in Councillor Everett's name. Accordingly it was

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ; and

Seconded by " Peter P O'Reilly ;

That with a view to relieving the widespread unemployment that prevails all over the county this Council agrees to borrow a sum of £20,000 as a long-term loan to repair all the roads and remove dangerous corners and thereby provide work for the unemployed, on condition the Government give a Grant of £30,000.

After prolonged discussion it was as an amendment

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " David Frame ; and

Resolved—That we agree to raise a rate of 1d. in the £ for the purpose of borrowing approximately £10,000 as a long-term loan, provided the Government give us a free grant of £20,000 for the development and upkeep of roads in Co. Wicklow, and that a special committee, consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Health, and Deputy Everett, be appointed to submit schemes so that this money may be spent on productive work and in a judicious way.

Councillor Joseph Metcalfe having obtained permission to withdraw his Motion, the amendment was put as a substantive motion, and declared by the Chairman to be passed unanimously.

The Secretary, in reporting on the financial position of the Council, intimated that in the four districts collected by Messrs Michael Halpin, John Manley, J. J Porter and John Byrne rates were outstanding amounting to £2291 8s 11d in respect of the financial year ended 31st March, 1928, all of which should

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have been lodged to credit of the Council prior to the 31st March, 1928, and that the collection books for the financial year ended 31st March, 1929, totalling in value over £21,000, had not yet been issued to these four collectors. At least £11,000 of this latter collection in ordinary circumstances should have been collected and lodged to credit of the Council by that date. He further reported that because of the failure of these four collectors to discharge their duties promptly and efficiently the Council had found it necessary to discharge their own liabilities and to finance the County Board of Health and Public Assistance out of overdraft from the 10th July, 1928, to date, and that the interest payable to the Council's Treasurer on this continuous overdraft represented a very considerable loss to the county funds.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That, having carefully considered the condition of the finances of the County Council, we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his sanction to the extension from the 31st October to the 31st December, 1928, of the time allowed by the Minister and the Council's Treasurer for the existing overdraft of £20,000.

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 12th October, 1928.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors William Byrne and Timothy Mulcahy.

The Secretary informed the Committee that on the 21st September, 1928, he directed the local rate inspector, Mr Patrick Furlong, to take up from Collector Michael Halpin all his poor rate collection books for the year 1927/28 for checking, and if he were not satisfied that all was in order to retain them, the Secretary's motive in issuing this order being his thorough dissatisfaction with the condition of Collector Halpin's 1927/28 collection, and with the fact that Mr Halpin had failed to have his accounts checked fortnightly as required by the terms of his appointment, his last previous checking having taken place on the 21st July, 1928, although he produced two doctor's certificates subsequently as a reason for not adequately discharging his duties.

The Secretary further reported that having obtained the collection books from the rate inspector, he personally gave them an exhaustive checking, finding the condition of the collection to be as follows:—

| | 1st Moiety | 2nd Moiety | Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Amount of Warrant | £1565 7 7 | £1563 11 5 | £3128 19 0 |
| Amount lodged to credit of County Council | 1252 8 3 | 828 1 6 | 2080 9 9 |
| Amount of Warrant unlogged | 312 19 4 | 735 9 11 | 1048 9 3 |
| Value of Official Receipts remaining in collection books | 195 10 9 | 422 14 7 | 618 5 4 |
| Amount unaccounted for | £117 8 7 | 312 15 4 | 430 3 11 |

It is right to mention that Mr Halpin, in a letter to the Secretary, dated 8th October, 1928, stated he had in his possession receipts for most of this shortage of £430 3s 11d, which receipts he stated he was prepared to give either to the rate inspector or the Secretary, but although two letters have been addressed to Mr Halpin by the Secretary calling on him to lodge any monies in his possession the property of the Council, and to send him any receipts he might have in his possession, so far there has been no compliance with either request.

The Secretary stated that during the course of checking, he observed that in ten ratings not alone are the demand notes and both receipts gone from the collection books, but the counterfoils are also missing. In about fifteen

ratings the initials of the rate inspector appear on the counterfoil as if the sums referred to therein had been checked by him and had been included by him in the fortnightly abstracts prepared at such checking and subsequently sent to this office. The Secretary is not satisfied that the initials in these fifteen cases were placed there by the rate inspector, but has not yet had an opportunity of confirming his suspicions.

£618 5s 4d represents the value of the rate receipts remaining in the collection books unissued, but it is right to mention that about forty of these receipts have already been signed by the rate collector, for what reason is not apparent, unless it should be assumed that the rates have already been paid.

In view of these circumstances, the Committee have suspended Mr Michael Halpin from his position as poor rate collector, and are directing the Secretary to insert in this week's issue of the two local papers circulating in No. 2 collecting district a notice of the suspension.

(Signed), DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

20th October, 1928.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " William J Henry ;

Resolved—That, in view of the very grave condition of Mr Michael Halpin's 1927/28 collection in No. 2 District, as reported to us to-day by our Finance Committee, we hereby approve and confirm that Committee's action in suspending Mr Michael Halpin from the discharge of his duties, and we request

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the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to remove him from office by Sealed Order at an early date as possible.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That, in compliance with the request contained in the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 12th October, 1928, No. G.69182/28, we hereby direct our Secretary to swear an information for Mr Michael Halpin's arrest in manner advised and arranged by our Law Agent, for having failed to lodge to credit of this Council the sum of at least £430 3s 11d, though twice called upon by registered letter to do so.

Passed unanimously.

Councillors D H Haskins, William Byrne and Timothy Mulcahy having spoken in favour of setting up a rates department in the County Council's own offices for the purpose of collecting rates in No. 2 District, from which Mr Michael Halpin had been suspended, which system was stated to be successfully operated by Kerry County Council ; and the Secretary having read a letter dated 12th October, 1928, which by direction of the Finance Committee he had written to the Secretary to Kerry County Council, and the latter's reply thereto dated 16th October, 1928, the Chairman ruled that the matter required Notice of Motion. Accordingly the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor D H Haskins, and accepted by the Chairman:—

" I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council that the Finance Committee be directed to make inquiry as to the system of collecting rates adopted in County Kerry ; to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the operation of a similar scheme in Co. Wicklow ; and to furnish a full report to this Council."

A considerable section of the Council having expressed themselves as being unwilling to make any departure from the existing system of poor rate collection, the Council made an Order that the Secretary issue the usual advertisements inviting applications for the position of temporary poor rate collector in No. 2 District, on the usual terms, it being stated that the voting on Councillor D H Haskins's Notice of Motion would decide which system the majority of the Council was in favour of.

The Secretary having again submitted the circular letter dated 24th August, 1928, No. G.50042/28 Igh, on the subject of rate collection generally, he Council adjourned consideration thereof to their Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 19th November, 1928.

The Council had before them the following schedule showing the progress made by Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and John Byrne, who at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 27th August, 1928, were given one month to put their poor rate collections in a satisfactory condition:—

| | Manley 1927/28 19th Oct. | Porter 1927/28 20th Oct. | John Byrne 1926/27 17th Oct. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Date of last checking | 19th Oct. | 20th Oct. | 17th Oct. |
| Outstanding 30th Sept., 1928 | £405 18 5 | £590 9 1 | £136 8 11 |
| Irrecoverable claims | 27 4 7 | 100 12 1 | |
| Lodged since | 8 14 11 | 80 19 0 | 114 11 7 |

Balance now outstanding £369 18 11 £408 18 0 £136 8 11 £327 13 10

The Secretary having reviewed the facts connected with the continuous failure of these three collectors to promptly carry out the Orders of the Council or satisfactorily discharge the duties of their position, as a consequence of which there was considerable loss to the County Funds because of the necessity of paying interest on an overdraft month after month, stated that in order to protect himself he felt obliged to read to the Council the provisions of sub section 2 of Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, for the information of the members present. A letter was also read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 8th October, 1928, No. G.67343/1928, Cill Mhanntain, inquiring in view of the Resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on the 27th August last what action it is now proposed to take with these collectors.

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and John Byrne be given until the 31st October, 1928, to close their collections for the year 1927/28, and previous year, failing which they are hereby called upon to lodge all their collection books in the Council's offices on 1st November, 1928.

Passed unanimously.

No order was made by the Council in connection with the matter of the dissatisfaction stated to exist owing to the method of employing road workers in connection with the grant of £6000 which is being expended on the road from Jack White's cross roads to Arklow, as it was understood that the conditions governing the employment of workmen under that grant were being sympathetically administered by the County Surveyor in the interests of all the workmen concerned, so far as it was in his power to do.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;

Resolved—That application be made by our Law Agent to the Department of Industry and Commerce for a certificate to remove and sell the rails at present on the road from Blessington to Poulaphouca, pursuant to the Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway Order, 1889, and that on receipt thereof advertisements be published in the two local papers by our Secretary for the sale by tender of the said rails, tenders to be received not later than 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the 19th November, 1928, and that due notice be given Kildare County Council.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John Dunne and accepted by the Chairman:—" I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of Wicklow County Council, I will move that the casual workers employed by the Wicklow County Council be paid the same wages as section workers in whatever area employed in the County."

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor George Kearon ;

Resolved—That we have learned with deep regret of the death of our respected Coroner for East Wicklow, Mr James Murray, Ferrybank, Arklow,

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and we tender to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor George Kearon ;

Seconded by Councillor David Frame ;

Resolved—That we appoint Dr. P J Hamilton, of Bellevue House, Arklow, to discharge the duties of Coroner for East Wicklow temporarily, he having been regularly appointed as Deputy to the late Coroner James Murray.

Passed unanimously.

C. M. Byrne
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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 19th November, 1928.

The following members attended :—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;

Councillors James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, John Dunne, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, Thomas Weadick, D H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, J J Bourne, George Kearon, Major C Mitchell, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Michael Fleming, Peadar P O Raghallaigh, Denis Condren, T Mulcahy, Patrick Doyle, and James Kavanagh.

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted from Councillors David Frame and James Everett, T.D.

The minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 1a. To consider Auditor's Report and Abstracts of Accounts in connection with his audit of the Council's accounts for the three half-years ended 30th September, 1927.
- 2 To consider letter dated 25th October, 1928, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, giving notice that they were not prepared to continue beyond that date their guarantees in respect of poor rate collectors John Manley, J J Porter and John Byrne, on the grounds that the Council deal too leniently with these collectors.
- 3 To consider a letter from the Hibernian Insurance Company, reminding the Council that they are entitled to withdraw their bond in the case of any rate collector who has failed to satisfactorily close his collection by the 30th June following the end of the financial year.
- 4 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H Haskins :—" I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council that the Finance Committee be directed to make inquiry as to the system of collecting rates adopted in Co. Kerry ; to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the operation of a similar scheme in Co. Wicklow ; and to furnish a full report to this Council."
- 5 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the terms of the advertisement which should be published asking for applications for the vacant poor rate collectorship in No. 2 District.
- 6 To again consider a circular letter dated 24th August, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dealing in detail with the question of the control of officers entrusted with the collection of public monies.
- 7 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 8 To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 9 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 10 To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 11 To consider circular letter dated 22nd October, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), asking the Council to frame a provisional estimate of the amount they are likely to allow for road upkeep in the forthcoming financial year, so that the Minister will be able to indicate before the Council finally pass their road estimate what measure of State aid can be given towards the cost of Main Roads.

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12 To consider resolutions from Arklow Urban District Council and Arklow Tourist Development Committee complaining that none of the recent grant allocated for the Rathnew-Arklow road was being spent on the Arklow Streets portion of that road.

13 To consider correspondence received with regard to the dangerous corner at Hunter's Hotel, Newrath Bridge, Rathnew.

14 To consider letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), asking for the Council's observations on a resolution from Arklow Urban District Council asking to have stone from the Parnell Quarries, Arklow, used on the Rathnew-Arklow road.

15 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.

16 To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

17 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Thomas Weadick:—"I hereby give Notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council I shall move that the Council approve of the opening of the sea-road from Arklow to Brittas through the townland of Arinary."

18 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of 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 the County Council will take the case of James Farrell, Umrigar, read contractor, into consideration—James Farrell states he has at the bidding of Mr Boyd put out 150 extra yards of Tomacork quarry stones had them broken and spread on the road and has been paid nothing for all this extra work."

19 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne:—"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council, I will move that the casual workers employed by the Wicklow County Council be paid the same wages as section workers in whatever area employed in the County."

20 To consider such tenders as may be received for Wicklow Jail and the plot in which it stands.

21 To consider a letter dated 19th October, 1928, asking the Council to consider the feasibility of amalgamating the districts of East and West Wicklow into one area for coroner purposes.

22 To consider a letter from Councillor Michael Fleming from which it would appear that a man named Fowler has without authority entered into occupation of a room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

23 To consider an application from Sergeant Sean Sutton, Hon. Secretary, Bray Amateur Boxing and Gymnasium Club, for the use of Bray Courthouse for meetings of his Committee.

24 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Local Government Act, 1925, does not authorise the payment of travelling expenses to any member who does not attend at least three-quarters of the meetings held in any six months period, and that the fact that an election is held during that period cannot be taken into account.

25 To consider a report on the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway received from the Joint Committee of Management.

26 To consider a letter from the Secretary to the Joint Committee of Management of Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, stating that his committee are willing to purchase for 2s 6d a ton 50 tons of rails of the Blessington and Poulaphuca line, as they lie.

27 To consider a letter received from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch), regarding the deadlock which has arisen between that Department and County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, and to instruct the Secretary as to the disposal of the rates levied in the county during the current year for technical instruction purposes.

28 To consider a letter from Mr Garrett Byrne, ex-poor rate collector, Maryborough Prison, asking for a sworn inquiry into the circumstances of the raid on the Council's outer office last year.

29 To fill the vacancy created on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the resignation of the Rev E J Doyle, C.C., Donard.

30 To consider a resolution passed by Enniskerry technical instruction sub-committee complaining that the Council has given them only two representatives on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

31 To consider the County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1928.

32 To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector for Baltinglass area in room of Sergeant M Ryan.

33 To consider applications received for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

34 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

35 To receive Reports from County Officers.

36 To consider Official Correspondence.

37 To consider General Correspondence.

The Council had under consideration a communication dated 15th November, 1928, No. B/RG/33, from the Department of Local Govern-

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ment and Public Health, relative to the Resolution passed by them at their Special Meeting held on the 23rd October, 1928, undertaking to borrow a long-term loan of approximately £10,000 for the development and upkeep of roads with a view to relieving widespread unemployment and consequent distress, on condition that the Government gave a free grant of £20,000 for the same purpose. Having noted that the Minister was of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by submitting schemes for the expenditure of this sum as owing to heavy commitments on the Road Fund he is not in a position to give the matter favourable consideration, and having discussed all the circumstances which led up to the passing of the original Resolution, it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne; and

Resolved—That our Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne, be requested and authorised to seek an interview with the Minister for Local Government, and if necessary, the Minister for Finance, with a view to ascertaining if the Minister intends to give any financial help to relieve the pressing needs of the roads in County Wicklow.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 29th October, 1928.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob and William J Henry.

The Committee had under consideration the following Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

SUNDRY PAYEES—£14169 5s 3d

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, recommend the Council to make the following transfers on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1929

County Board of Public Assistance—£8970 10s.

HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1929,

County Board of Health—£6113 10s.

The Committee had again under consideration all the reports and correspondence in connection with the requisitions of the District Justice calling for the establishment of suitable pounds in Roundwood, Greystones and Tinahely, and adjourned the matter for further consideration at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Committee.

The Committee had before them letters dated 3rd October, 1928, No. G.66510/1928 Cill Mhanntain Fa, and 8th October, 1928, No. G.68005/1928 Cill Mhanntain, regarding Collector D J Kinsella's application for poundage fees following the closing by him of his 1927/28 collection, and pointing out that the Council should reduce his poundage by a sum to compensate for the loss of interest paid by the Council on a large overdraft because of the rates outstanding in several rate collectors' districts, of which Collector Kinsella's is one. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to pay to Collector Kinsella the full poundage

which has accrued on his 1927/28 collection in the exceptional circumstances of his case, and on this occasion only.

The Secretary reported that considerable difficulty was being experienced in collecting from James Byrne, The Forge, Shillelagh, a sum of £2, due by him in respect of the rent of portion of the lands attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse premises, and read three communications received from Byrne in which he pointed out that he was most anxious to pay the sum due; that he was unable to get any work; but would pay immediately if given work in the maintenance of roads by Direct Labour. ORDER—The Committee refer the matter to the County Surveyor for investigation.

The following letter was submitted from poor rate collector John Byrne:—Seskin, Tinahely. 18th September, 1928. Dear Sir. As I had to go home on Saturday evening on private business with my father and owing to rain on Sunday evening and Monday morning I was unable to attend for checking on Monday but am making arrangements to check on Friday next hoping that it will be alright. I on Thursday the 6th September last seized stock on Mrs Anne Breen's late holding at Boley, which was sold by the Land Commission impounded the stock on Tuesday morning of last week the pound was broken open and all stock removed. The pound keeper immediately he found the lock gone off the gate and the stock also gone reported to the Civic Guards since then no trace has been got of the stock. Before making this seizure I acquainted Mr McCarroll on the matter as this stock from what I can learn were only brought there since the Land Commission put the place up for auction, if you were talking to Mr McCarroll he will tell you about the case. Yours faithfully (signed) John Byrne.

The Secretary submitted schedules showing in detail the entire expenditure incurred by him as Returning Officer at the Local Government Elections held on the 27th June, 1928. He pointed out that to facilitate voters eight additional polling stations were provided at this

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election. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the net actual cost of the elections amounted to £897 0s 11d, which having regard to the additional facilities provided for voting, compares more than favourably with the £929 10s 9d which the corresponding elections cost in 1925, and with the £1147 15s 4d which these elections cost in 1920.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 7th November, 1928

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by Councillor William J Henry ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

21st September, 1928. No. 66767/1928. I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the three half-years ended 30th September, 1926, 31st March, 1927, and 30th September, 1927. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

In the following table, the rates raised for the service of the year 1918/14, in each of the Rural Districts, are set out :—

| | Baltinglass No. 1 R.D. | Naas No. 2 R.D. | Rathdown No. 2 R.D. | Rathdrum R.D. | Shillelagh R.D. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Rate in £ (General) | 3 6 | 3 11 | 3 11½ | 3 9½ | 4 0½ |
| Rates in £ (Separate Charges) | 1½ | 0½ | 2½ | 0½ | 1 |
| Total ... | 3 7½ | 3 11½ | 4 2 | 3 10 | 4 1½ |

A calculation based on the table shows that the average rate for the County, exclusive of Urban Districts, would be, approximately 3s 11d. The total rate raised for the service of the year 1927/28, exclusive of Separate Charge, was 7s 5½d, made up thus :—

| | Pence |
|---|-------|
| For construction and Maintenance of Roads | 28.12 |
| County Services | 35.74 |
| Poor Relief and Board of Health Charge | 25.14 |

The increased rate may be attributed to the increase in expenditure under the following heads :—

| | 1913/14 | 1927/28 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Mental Hospital | 10851 | 14675 |
| Roads | 15700 | 27790 |
| Union and Rural District Charges } Board of Health and Public Assistance } | 26762 | 43288 |
| Reformatory and Industrial Schools | 530 | 1495 |
| Agriculture and Technical Instruction | 1100 | 2686 |
| County Library Scheme | — | 517 |

Wicklow Urban District Council continue to withhold from Wicklow County Council the sum of £840 10s 6d, representing three Criminal Injury Decrees, paid out of the County Council's Funds on 25th March, 1920 under Section 1, sub-section 4, of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act, 1919, but chargeable on an area comprised in the Urban District.

The County Council have omitted to strike a rate for the purpose of liquidating deficits in certain of the Rural District Council's Accounts, transferred on abolition, and referred to annually in the Secretary's Estimates. The balances in Rathdrum and Shillelagh are of considerable magnitude and the Council's failure entails a gross inequity towards the ratepayers in the other areas.

The state of the Rate Collection continues to be very unsatisfactory in some districts.

The Accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner. (Signed) Sean O h-Ealuighthe, Inghiuchoir. Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla agus Slainte Puiblidhe.

The Council considered this a very satisfactory report, covering as it did a period of 1½ years of the Council's administration, and a general tribute was paid to the Secretary for the efficient manner in which he at all times discharged the duties of his position and protected the interests of the Council.

The Secretary reported that inasmuch as Collectors John Manley, (No. 9 District), J J Porter (No. 11 District) and John Byrne (No. 19 District) had failed to comply with the terms of the Resolution passed by the Council at their Special Meeting held on the 23rd October, 1928, by closing their collections for the year 1927/28 and the previous year by the 31st October, 1928, he had taken up from these three collectors all their collection books for the years in question, and exhaustively checked same. He now placed in the hands of the Councillors present the following printed copy of his statement showing the condition of these collection books when taken up :—

19th November, 1928.

Statement showing the condition of the Collection Books of Collectors Manley, Porter, and John Byrne when taken up.

| | COLLECTORS. | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | No. 9 District | No. 11 District | No. 19 District | |
| | John Manley | J J Porter | John Byrne | |
| | Y/E 31/3/28 | Y/E 31/3/28 | Y/E 31/3/27 | Y/E 31/3/28 |
| Total value of the Warrants in the Collection Books | £9964 18 0 | £5731 15 10 | £4176 2 9 | £3176 19 5 |
| Date when the Accounts of the Collectors were last checked by the Rate Inspector | 19th Oct., 1928 | 20th Oct., 1928 | 31st Oct., 1928 | 31st Oct., 1928 |
| Date when Collection Books were taken up by the County Secretary | 6th Nov., 1928 | 3rd Nov., 1928 | 6th Nov., 1928 | 6th Nov., 1928 |
| Total value of all the Fortnightly Abstracts sent in by the Rate Inspectors following checkings | £9582 2 4 | £5322 15 9 | £4064 5 11 | £2971 12 5 |
| Total Value of all the Receipts found to be still in the Collection Books | 140 19 0 | 138 12 4 | 67 16 2 | 142 9 2 |
| Total value of the Rate Receipts which do not appear on any Fortnightly Abstracts, and yet were not remaining unissued in the Collection Books when latter were taken up | 241 16 8 | 270 7 9 | 44 0 8 | 62 17 10 |
| Total value of all the Receipts missing from the Collection Books when they were taken up | 9823 19 0 | 5593 3 6 | 4108 6 7 | 3034 10 3 |
| Total amount of Rates and properly Vouched Irrecoverable Claims lodged by the Collector up to the date of taking up his Books | 9594 19 1 | 5322 17 10 | 4048 19 7 | 2966 11 8 |
| Difference—being the sum apparently in Collector's hands un- lodge when Books were taken up | 228 19 11 | 270 5 8 | 59 7 0 | 67 18 7 |
| Total amount lodged by or on behalf of Collector since his Books were taken up. | 251 1 5 | 308 14 4 | 127 3 2 | 210 7 9 |
| Amount of the Collection still remaining unlogged on this date. | 118 17 6 | 100 3 8 | Nil. | Nil. |
| | | £13 8 3 | lodged 15/11/28 | |
| | | £86 15 5 | | |

Signed :—P. T. HEALY, Secretary.
12th November, 1928.

The Council had before them the following correspondence :—
25th October, 1928, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, Ltd., 48 Dame Street, Dublin, refusing to approve of the extension of time given by the Council to Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and John Byrne to enable them to close their collections, and giving notice that they were not prepared to continue the guarantee in respect of these collectors beyond the date of their letter.

26th October, 1928, from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Wicklow, stating that in his opinion the eight days given by the Council to the collectors would not be sufficient to discharge the insurance company from liability, because he cannot see how it prejudiced any remedies they might have.

1st November, 1928, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, stating that their letter giving notice of the termination of their bond was written in the belief that the three collectors had defaulted in their collections, and that they assume from the terms of the Secretary's letter to them that he has satisfied himself that this is not the case.

13th November, 1928, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, stating that as these three collectors had been guilty of a serious dereliction of duty they regretted to advise the Council that they were not prepared to continue their guarantee to them, and asking to have the Collective Fidelity Guarantee Bond returned for the deletion of the names of these three collectors.

The Council also had before them the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—13th November, 1928. G.78584/28 Wicklow County. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant and to state that he views with serious concern the position disclosed regarding the collections of rate collectors John Byrne, J Manley and J J Porter. It is not clear from the return furnished if the figures shown under heading six represent rates received by the Collectors since the dates when their accounts were last checked by the Rate Inspector. If so it is clear that these collectors who received the monies in question within the short space of time elapsing between the dates of the last checkings by the Inspector and the taking up of the books by you could have collected the rates—earlier had they conducted their duties efficiently. The time for closing the warrants concerned expired long ago and the past unsatisfactory records of these collectors show that their services should no longer be continued. On the other hand if the monies were received by these officers prior to the Inspector's check and the receipts only issued to the ratepayers after that date when it was known that the books were being taken up a much more serious question arises. The Minister could not countenance any failure on the part of any officer to at once account for any public funds received and criminal proceedings should be taken immediately in all such cases. Mise, le meas (signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary having reviewed the ascertained facts connected with the three collections in question, as set forth in the statement submitted by him, strongly urged that Collectors Manley, Porter and John Byrne be asked to hand in their resignations to that meeting, failing which they should be suspended from their positions as poor rate collectors and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asked to confirm such suspensions and remove the three from office.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;
Seconded by Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That this County Council is willing to continue the services of Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and John Byrne, provided the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctions the Council's action in doing

so and provided also that these three collectors prove to the Council that they can offer approved fidelity bonds for the usual sums with personal sureties whose financial standing satisfies this Council following investigation by our Law Agent.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated 24th October, 1928, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., 48 and 49 Dame Street, Dublin, stating that they are entitled to withdraw their bond in the case of any rate collector who has failed to satisfactorily close his collection by the 30th June following the close of the financial year in respect of which he holds the collection books. ORDER—Submitted.

Councillor David H Haskins, having expressed the view that the system of collecting rates direct from the ratepayer to a rates department to be set up in the Council's own offices had not been in operation a sufficient length of time in other counties to afford an opportunity of arriving at a judgment as to the efficacy of the system, asked for and obtained the Council's permission to withdraw the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Council that the Finance Committee be directed to make inquiry as to the system of collecting rates adopted in Co. Kerry; to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the operation of a similar scheme in Co. Wicklow; and to furnish a full report to this Council."

The Secretary asked the Council, when considering arrangements to be made for the collection of poor rate in vacant districts, to adopt the system of amalgamating districts, so as to place efficient collectors in responsible positions in which they would be amply repaid for devoting their whole-time to their duties as collectors. He directed the Council's attention to the letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 9th October, 1928, No. G.68555, and the 10th November, 1928, No. G.77532/1928, in which it was intimated that the Minister would be prepared to accord his sanction to the adoption of such procedure, which the Secretary added had been on two previous occasions tried with absolute success in two other collecting districts in the county. ORDER—The Council decide not to proceed at this juncture with any further amalgamation schemes in relation to poor rate collection districts.

The Secretary reported that he had submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval draft advertisement on the usual lines inviting candidates for the vacant poor rate collectorship in No. 2 District, and had received the following reply:—"5th November, 1928. No. G.75378/1928, Cill Mhanntain Fa. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 29th ultimo, forwarding draft of an advertisement for a collector for Collection District No. 2, and I am to state that the advertisement might with advantage be considerably curtailed by reference to a Schedule of particulars of conditions and duties which would be sent on application to candidates. The advertisement itself in addition to mentioning the necessity for solvent security should specify suitable age limits, residence within the area and a suitable standard of general education with an intimation that preference would be given to any candidate otherwise suitable who possesses a knowledge of Irish. Reference might also be made to Article 96 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925. Miss Le Meas (signed) M de Lasaigh, a/s Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council."

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That an advertisement for a temporary poor rate collector be inserted on the following lines—paragraphs 1 and 2 of the draft advertisement as submitted to the Minister to be included as it stands, no age limit to be set forth in advertisement. A suitable standard of education to the satisfaction of the County Council, and all other qualifications being equal a preference to be given to candidates with a knowledge of Irish.

Passed.

The Council had again under consideration a paragraph in a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 24th August, 1928, No. G.59042/28, advising the Council to authorise the Secretary to swear informations on his own initiative against defaulting poor rate collectors, and to suspend from duty collectors whose conduct proves unsatisfactory. ORDER—Further consideration adjourned for six months.

The Council had before them a letter dated 10th November, 1928, No. G.76720/1928 Cill Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, noting that a number of collectors attended only once during the month of October for the checking of their books, and stating that where satisfactory explanations of such failure were not furnished by the collectors concerned the matter should be reported to the Department. ORDER—Collectors to be warned whenever a further similar breach of the Regulations occurs.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That our Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., be hereby directed to give legal assistance to Collector Michael Roche (No. 12 District) in such proceedings as may require to be taken to close the 1926/1927 collection in that district, which collection was left unclosed by ex-poor rate collector Garret Byrne.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, 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, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 9th November, 1928.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, Major Christopher C Mitchell and C M Ua Broin.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£2504 0 2d

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the under-mentioned rate collectors, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:—

| Year | District No. | Name of Collector. | Allowed | Disallowed. |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| 1926/1927 | 12 | Michael Roche | £7 3 1 | — |
| 1927/1928 | 3 | Edward Lynch | 4 19 6 | — |
| do | 11 | James J Porter | 100 12 1 | — |
| do | 17 | Denis J Kinsella | 21 18 7 | — |
| 1928/1929 | 8 | Patrick Mulligan | 6 19 0 | 12 7 |
| do | 14 | Michael Roche | 8 11 1 | — |

The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the cancellation, in the current half year's ledger, of the following Paying Orders, which were duly authorised from time to time during the past five years and are at present in the County Council's safe, it having been found for one reason or another impossible to issue them:—

| No. | Date of Order. | Amount. |
|------|---------------------|---------|
| | | £ s d |
| 58G | 24th Nov., 1923 | 7 4 10 |
| 65G | 28th May, 1924 | 6 7 4 |
| 66G | do | 6 17 2 |
| 211G | 27th May, 1926 | 3 0 0 |
| 246G | do | 3 0 0 |
| 222G | do | 2 0 0 |
| 327G | do | 0 6 8 |
| 297G | do | 1 14 0 |
| 263G | 31st May, 1926 | 1 19 5 |
| 150G | 1st July, 1926 | 5 0 0 |
| 157G | do | 11 16 0 |
| 5952 | 20th August, 1926 | 2 10 0 |
| 505G | 26th August, 1926 | 0 0 1 |
| 631G | 17th February, 1927 | 18 9 6 |
| 733G | 1st April, 1927 | 2 0 0 |
| 155G | 26th May, 1927 | 1 2 4 |
| 2967 | 27th May, 1927 | 2 17 10 |
| 595G | 25th August, 1927 | 1 11 0 |
| 177G | 17th Nov., 1927 | 3 0 4 |
| 3430 | 22nd June, 1928 | 35 18 2 |
| 118G | 30th June, 1928 | 7 10 0 |
| 567G | 29th August, 1928 | 1 18 6 |

The Committee had under consideration a letter dated 1st November, 1928, from Mr Thomas Toole, 6 Pearse Terrace, Arklow, asking to have his pension paid monthly, and regretted they were unable to accede to the application, noting that this pension up to the 31st December, 1928, was already recommended for payment:—

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 6th October, 1928, from P J Byrne, Esq., solicitor, 13 Dublin Street, Carlow, applying for the sum of £71 7s 6d stated to be due to his client, Mr Andrew O'Brien, Holdens-town, Baltinglass, for road material taken by the Council from his gravel pit and for surface damage, use of depot and for trespass on his land in connection with obtaining road material. ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor and the Law Agent.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 16th October, 1928, from

H J McPhail, Esq., Clerk, Urban District Council, Wicklow, with which he enclosed copy of a letter dated 11th September, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that as regards the loan of £1000 raised by the Urban Council in 1925 for the steamrolling of the Bollainey-Wicklow road the Minister would raise no objection to Wicklow County Council's refunding to the Urban Council the instalments of principal and interest already paid, and assuming liability for the payment of future instalments of principal and interest, on the grounds that this road, being a main road, was placed in charge of the County Council by the Local Government Act, 1925. ORDER—Consideration adjourned pending receipt by the Urban Council's Treasurer of an authorisation to supply to our Secretary the information required to consider the matter.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

12th November, 1928.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor Major C Mitchell;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

19th November, 1928.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS :—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;
Seconded by Councillor William Henry ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £14169 5s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order same to be paid.
Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;
Seconded by " David H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £2504 0s 2d (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 ;
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

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 WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS :—

1 To repair Northern Gable of Wicklow Court House at a cost of £75. Adjourned.

2 To instal Electric Light in Arklow Court House at a cost of £40. Adjourned for County Surveyor's Report,

3 To instal Electric Wires for heating appliances in Bray Court House at a cost of £30. Approved and work placed in charge of the County Surveyor, the expenditure on same not to exceed £30.

4 To remove railings and level up approach to Bray Court House at a cost of £25. Approved and work placed in charge of the County Surveyor, the expenditure on same not to exceed £25.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Denis Condren and accepted by the Chairman :—" I hereby give notice that I or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that Arklow Court House be wired for Electric Light as the current will be available in Arklow in December."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor D J Kehoe and accepted by the Chairman :—" I hereby give notice that I or some other member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that Baltinglass Court House be wired for electric lighting in view of the fact that current will be available in that town in December next."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on
19th November, 1928.

A Chairde,

1 The work done and the metal supplied on the roads maintained by Contract during the quarter ended 30th September, 1928, has been very unsatisfactory as to quantity and although so far very few roads have been wholly neglected, unless the contractors immediately set about work deterioration will rapidly ensue.

2 A Hoarding has been erected within 30 yards of the road at Vale Cross Roads, Arklow. This is a structure which, in my opinion, interferes with the view of traffic approaching the Cross Roads from Coolgreaney and from the Gorey Road.

3 The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has issued a Circular letter asking that in order to enable him to allocate Grants (if any) towards the Maintenance of the Main Roads you should frame provisional estimates of the sums you are likely to allow for (a) Trunk Roads ; (b) Link Roads ; (c) County Roads. Also the Minister intimates that you should provide in this provisional estimate for Tar Dressing such roads as may be in a condition to take same. With this in view I have made an estimate indicating the least sum, which, in my opinion, you should provide for Road Maintenance in the Estimates for the year 1929-1930. The figures I submit do not include new works or works of Improvement submitted by County Councillors for inclusion in next year's Provisional Road Scheme nor Loan Repayments.

My Estimate is as follows :—

TRUNK ROADS :—

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Liability under Contracts ... | Nil. | | |
| | £ | s | d |
| Ordinary Maintenance, etc. | 9927 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Dressing ... | 9237 | 0 | 0 |
| | —Total—£19,164 0 0 | | |

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LINK ROADS :—

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Liability under Contracts | 805 | 0 | 0 |
| Ordinary Maintenance, etc. | 18029 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Dressing | 8982 | 0 | 0 |
| | —Total—£27,816 0 0 | | |

COUNTY ROADS :—

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------|
| Liability under Contracts | 12053 | 0 | 0 |
| Maintenance other than | | | |
| Contracts, etc. | 4450 | 0 | 0 |
| Tar Dressing | 1434 | 0 | 0 |
| | —Total—£17,937 0 0 | | |
| Gross Total | ... | | £64,917 0 0 |

The Circular letter also states that normally the Grant would be 50% of the amount allowed for Trunk Roads and 30% on Link Roads.

4 Some complaints have been received regarding a dangerous turn at Newrath Bridge, where you are offered the stones of certain buildings, which are at present in a ruinous condition, for use in improving the road. At present you have no funds available for carrying out such work and unless the good buildings on each side of the ruins are also removed, in my opinion, very little improvement could be made.

5 Complaints have been received regarding a road junction on the Bray side of St. Valerie Bridge, where the road from Fassaroe joins the Trunk road. The Fassaroe road runs between stone walls at this particular point and it must be very obvious to any person approaching the Trunk Road from the Fassaroe Road that they are approaching a road junction. Further, a very wide footpath exists on the side of that Trunk Road adjacent to the junction of the Fassaroe road. I cannot see any particular danger to persons taking the ordinary precautions which should be taken by everyone when approaching road junctions. However, should the Council think fit the stone wall could be removed and the corner opened up at a cost of about £30.

6 The road from the Scalp, known as the Ballybetagh road, is still subject to heavy motor lorry traffic and is becoming beyond ordinary repairs. This road is very narrow and wholly unsuitable for above traffic and apart from the question of maintaining the road—the cost of widening it or providing "passing" places would be wholly incommensurate with the normal and reasonable requirements of the district. I consider that the Council should apply to the Minister for Local Government for an order prohibiting heavy motor Lorry traffic on this road.

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S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDERS—Paragraph 2—Referred to Minister for Local Government.

Paragraph 3. Consideration postponed to adjourned meeting, at which Chairman may be able to give report on his interview with Ministers.

Paragraph 4. No action ordered, as the County Surveyor states he cannot improve the corner.

Paragraph 5. No action ordered.

Paragraph 6. No order.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

19th November, 1928. Gentlemen. I beg to enclose a letter received from the Electricity Supply Board regarding the proposed erection of a transformer station at Bray Courthouse. The space referred to in the letter is a triangular space on the north-east side of Bray Courthouse. I am unable to state whether or not it is on the Council's property, but if it is I think there should be no objection to the erection of the transformer station provided a reasonable passage is left to give access to the rear entrance of the Courthouse. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

ORDER—If the triangular space referred to is their property, the Council have no objection to the proposal referred to, provided reasonable passage is left to the rear entrance of Bray Courthouse.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 3.

19th November, 1928. Gentlemen. I estimate that I will require at least £1,000 to maintain the Main Roads in the County until the 31st March, 1929. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

There being no details in the application to guide the Council as to what roads it was proposed to expend the £1,000 in question on, if granted, the County Surveyor was requested to prepare a list for the information of the Council. He thereupon wrote and submitted the following list:—Kilmacanogue-Laragh-Rathdrum; Corballis-Clash-Aughrim; Windgates-Newcastle-Rathnew; Rathnew-Coolbeg; Johnstown Lane-Arklow; Enniskerry-Kilcrony; Carrigower-Baltinglass-Yellow Ford; Co. Dublin (at Brittas) to Carrigower; Carrigower-Dunlavin; Baltinglass-Kiltegan; Shillelagh-Carnew; Shillelagh-Tinahely-Aughrim-Woodenbridge.

ORDER—Adjourned to next meeting.

The Council approved and adopted the following Resolution submitted from Arklow Tourist Development Committee:—"Resolved—That we, the Arklow Tourist Development Committee, protest in the strongest manner against the exclusion of a grant for the Arklow streets portion of the main road between Jack White's cross-roads and the cross-roads at the western end of the Urban area, and that we ask our local T.D.'s to further press upon the Government, in view of all the facts placed before them, to extend their grant to include the streets, seeing that a considerable sum is contributed towards the Road Fund from motor taxation in the town: that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Urban District Council, the Wicklow Co. Council, the local Dail representatives, and the Minister for Local Government."

The Council also approved and adopted the following resolution received from Arklow Urban District Council:—"Resolved—In view of the fact that it

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has been notified to the County Council by the Government that a Grant has been issued for the portion of Rathnew-Arklow road outside the town only, that we, the Arklow Urban District Council, hereby protest against the exclusion of the streets portion of this road, which it is admitted by everyone to be in a deplorable condition and series of complaints are being daily received by the Urban Council from the various traders in consequence of the injury caused their goods by the enormous amount of dust raised in the summer time, and the additional complaint from tourists and motorists, the dust being to the latter an absolute source of danger. We are now approaching the winter months and with the streets in their present wretched condition they will be practically

impassable later. Seeing that a very large amount of money is being raised annually in the town in the form of motor taxation, and considering all the facts that have already been placed before the Government by the local tourist development committee, we call upon our local Dail representatives to urge the Government to re-consider their decision and to issue a grant for the streets and thus complete the re-conditioning of the full section of the road between Rathnew and the cross-roads at the western end of the town as originally requested. That we also call the attention of the Government to the fact that out of the sum of £139584 Roads Grants allocated to Co. Wicklow for the past three years that the town and district have received none of this money towards roads, with the exception of the money expended out of the £2,000,000 special road grant for the Trunk Road Rathdrum-Woodenbridge which diverts traffic from the town. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, the local Dail representatives, and the Wicklow Co. Council."

The Council had before them (i) letter dated 21st September, 1928, No. R/SGE/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), enclosing copy of a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Royal Irish Automobile Association regarding a dangerous corner at Hunter's Hotel, New-rath Bridge, Rathnew, and (ii) memorial dated 20th September, 1928, from local ratepayers, on the same subject. ORDER—See order on paragraph 4 of County Surveyor's Report No. 1.

The Council had before them a letter dated 24th September, 1928, No. R/RG/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), enclosing copy of resolution from Arklow Urban District Council asking that Parnell Quarry stone be used exclusively in connection with the grant work on the Rathnew-Arklow road, and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the use of this stone, provided it could be obtained at a reasonable price.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;
Seconded by " George Kearon ;

Resolved—That this Council instruct the County Surveyor to purchase from the Parnell Quarries, Arklow, 1,000 tons of stone for use on the Arklow-Jack White's road provided he can get same at the same price as the stone from the Council's quarry at Ballymoyle.

Passed.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor a letter dated 12th November, 1928, from John Darcy, Esq., Ashfield, Windgates, Greystones, regarding the alleged dangerous condition of the bridge known as Booth's Hollow, on the Windgates-Blacklion road.

The Council adjourned consideration of a letter dated 14th November, 1928, from the Secretary of the Avoca Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, urging the Council to expend money on works of road improvement in that area with a view to the relief of distress caused by unemployment.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;
Seconded by " Denis Condren ;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts, be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ; and

Resolved—That the Council approve of the opening of the sea-road from

Arklow to Brittas through the townland of Ardinsairy, subject to a grant being received therefor.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was
Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ; and
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

That the County Council take the case of James Farrell, Umrigar, road contractor, into consideration—James Farrell states he has at the bidding of Mr Boyd put out 150 extra yards of Tomacork quarry stones, had them broken, and spread on the road and has been paid nothing for all this extra work.

After considerable discussion the Council permitted Councillor Fleming to withdraw the motion, and subject-matter thereof was referred to the County Surveyor.

Councillor John Dunne asked for and obtained the Council's permission to amend the following Notice of Motion standing in his name :—" I hereby give Notice that at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council I will move that the casual workers employed by the Wicklow County Council be paid the same wages as section workers, in whatever area employed in the County. It was accordingly

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne ;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ; and

Resolved—That the casual workers employed by the Wicklow County Council, and paid out of Grants, be paid the same wages as section workers in whatever area employed in the County, and paid out of monies raised by rates, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne and Joseph Jacob—11.

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AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, W J Henry, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne and David H Haskins—9.

Councillor Michael Fleming declined to vote.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by eleven votes to nine.

The Council had before them a letter dated 8th September, 1928, No. 7130/28, from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch), 64 and 65 Merrion Square, S., Dublin, with which was enclosed a copy of a letter addressed by that Department to the Chairman of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, emphasizing the serious loss that will be caused to the county should that Committee persist in their refusal to appoint as Principal the candidate recommended by the Local Appointments Commissioners, inasmuch as the withdrawal of the Department's approval of the Technical Instruction Scheme for the County renders all expenditure by the Committee thereunder illegal, and the whole-time permanent officers of the Committee would become entitled to superannuation allowances and gratuities payable out of local rates, as the Committee would have no legal power to continue their services or to pay them remuneration.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " William J Henry ;

Resolved—That our Law Agent be instructed to fully consider the question of the deadlock which has arisen between the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) and County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, and report to this Council regarding what steps can be legally taken as the transfer of rates levied in the County during the current financial year under the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, the Technical Instruction Act,

1891, the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Act, 1899, and the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, and that we hereby direct our Secretary, Mr P T Healy, to forthwith send to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee the quarter's instalments which were passed and authorised by this Council to-day, notwithstanding the terms of the letters from the Education Department now submitted.

Passed unanimously.

At this stage the Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to a further meeting to be held on the 10th December, 1928.

Ed Byrne
18/11/28

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 10th December, 1928.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors James McCrea, Joseph Metcalfe, John Dunne, Laurence Moore, Peadar P O'Raghallaigh, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle, Edward Byrne, T Mulcahy, D H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, J J Bourne, George Heatley, George Kearon, Major C Mitchell, J J Metcalfe, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, M Fleming, Thomas Weadick, John W Ryan, John J Barry, Daniel J Kehoe, Denis Condren, James Everett, T.D.

County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow. 1st December, 1928. To each Member of Wicklow County Council. A Chara. You are hereby requested to attend the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 10th December, 1928, when the Council will have before them the items on the printed agenda issued to each member prior to the Quarterly Meeting on the 19th ulto which were either adjourned or not reached, and to consider the following additional items of business:—

To receive the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the Resolution passed on the 19th November, 1928, with regard to retaining the services of Messers John Manley (No. 9 District), J J Porter (No. 11 District) and John Byrne (No. 19 District) as poor rate collectors.

To appoint a temporary poor rate collector for No. 2 (Kiltegan) Collecting District, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.

To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Denis Condren:— "I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that Arklow Courthouse be wired for electric light as the current will be available in Arklow in December."

To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Daniel J Kehoe:— "I hereby give notice that I, or some other member for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that Baltinglass Courthouse be wired for electric lighting in view of the fact that current will be available in that town in December next." *Miscellaneous*, (signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That we have learned with sincere regret of the bereavement that has befallen our colleague, Councillor Seamus Everett, T.D., owing to the death of his mother, and we tender to him and the members of his family the assurance of our deep sympathy.

Passed in silence, all the members standing, the Secretary having associated himself and the other members of the staff with the terms of the Resolution.

A prolonged debate took place, during which members stressed the necessity for relieving to some extent the distress prevalent among the labouring class throughout the county through lack of employment. In this connection the Council had before them again County Surveyor's Report No. 3, consideration of which had been adjourned at their Quarterly Meeting on the 19th November, 1928, and in which application was made for the sum of £1000 to maintain the main roads in the county until the 31st March, 1929. It was decided to permit the County Surveyor to alter the sum mentioned in the report from £1000 to £3000. The Council had also before them a letter dated 7th December, 1928, No. R/RG/201, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), asking for proposals for the expenditure of a Grant of £3000 from the Road Fund, £2500 of which had been set aside for the improvement of the Kilmacanoge-Glendalough road, and £500 for the improvement of the Greenane-Glenmalure Hotel road.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

That £2500 be expended immediately by the County Surveyor, on the guarantee that the coming rates will be reduced by an equal amount.

This motion was with the Council's consent withdrawn.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That our County Surveyor's application for additional funds to be expended on Main Roads be acceded to, that we hereby give him the sum of £3000 for the purposes he has indicated, and on the roads he mentions and we ask the County Surveyor to begin to spend this £3000 immediately so as to give work to as many unemployed as possible, before Christmas and to try and arrange to pay such men before Christmas for as many days as possible.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Pourné;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That inasmuch as the £500 grant earmarked for the road from Greenane to Glenmalure in the Minister's letter refers to a road at present under contract, we hereby request the Minister to allow this £500 to be expended on the road from Shillelagh to Carnew.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

10th December, 1928. Gentlemen. With reference to the balance of £2034 available from the National Road Fund Grant, I propose expending this sum on the easing of dangerous corners on the National Trunk Road as follows:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|--------------|----------|----------|
| Grand Hotel, Wicklow | 220 | 0 | 0 |
| Ballyhenry turn | 190 | 0 | 0 |
| Courtfoyle turn | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Killadreenan turn | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| Newtown Mt-Kennedy turn (Murray's Hill) | 550 | 0 | 0 |
| Kilmurray turn | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Avoca turn and Kish Bridge | 870 | 0 | 0 |
| Rasement at Protestant Church, Newtown-Mt-Kennedy | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Contingencies, insurance etc. | 34 | 0 | 0 |
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I request your sanction to the above Proposals. Yours faithfully, (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

ORDER—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our Law Agent to obtain Council's opinion in re (a) the deadlock which has arisen between the Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education and County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee and (b) Wicklow Urban District Council's application for refund of the principal and interest on the £1000 raised by the Urban District Council in 1925, which it is now claimed is a county-at-large liability payable by the County Council instead of an urban liability payable by the Urban Council, and any subsidiary matters arising out of the latter.

Passed.

The Council decided to receive a deputation from Wicklow Urban District Council, which consisted of the Chairman, other members and the Clerk of that Council, regarding a loan of £1000 which was raised and spent by the Urban District Council in 1925 for the improvement of the Bollanney-Wicklow road. It was represented on behalf of the deputation that this loan should be made a county-at-large charge and the instalments of principal and interest already paid refunded to the Urban District Council by the County Council as since the maintenance of the said road shortly afterwards became a county-at-large charge under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, the £1000 became a County Council liability, both in Law, under Section 30 (2) of that Act, and in equity. The Secretary submitted Counsel's opinion which had been obtained by the Law Agent as follows:— "I have considered carefully the facts set out in case to advise herein, and although I have not before me a copy of the Wicklow Main Road Order 1925 I am satisfied from the statement of the effect of such Order set out in case and from a consideration of the relevant sections of the Local Government Act, 1925, that there is not any liability upon the County Council to refund to the Urban Council either the interest due upon or any part of the principal moneys comprised in the loan of £1000 raised by the Urban Council on the 6th August, 1925. I am also satisfied that section 30 of the Local Government Act, 1925, does not apply. Since the loan was raised on the 6th August, 1925—after the passing of the Act—it could not have been borrowed before the passing of the Act and therefore sub-section 2 of the Section 30 cannot apply. The money borrowed on the 6th August, 1925, was spent by the Urban Council and exhausted on the 14th September, 1925, long before the road in question came under the jurisdiction of the County Council by virtue of the provisions of the Wicklow Main Road Order, 1925, dated the 31st December, 1925. In my opinion there is no liability upon the County Council in connection with the said loan of £1000 raised by the Urban Council as aforesaid, and accordingly I would advise the County Council to refuse the demands of the Urban Council in respect thereof." (signed) M J

Ryan, 30 Upper Mount Street, Dublin. 8/12/1928." As against this it was represented by the deputation that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in a letter to the Urban District Council dated 11th September, 1928, had stated he would raise no objection to the proposed transfer of the loan. The Secretary in this connection brought to the Council's attention the fact that not alone had the Urban District Council refused to reconp them the sum of £840 10s 6d paid on the Urban Council's behalf in respect of three criminal injury awards, but that two instalments of their demand for the current year on the Urban Council, amounting to £1004, were due and unpaid. ORDER—£300 to be paid to the Urban District Council, subject to the Minister's sanction when he has the Counsel's opinion before him.

The Secretary intimated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, on receipt of the Council's Resolution expressing their willingness to continue Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and John Byrne in their positions, had directed him to issue Form 60 to each rate-payer whose rates appeared to be outstanding at the date of the last official

checking and to furnish a report on the matter by the 6th December, 1928. This he had done and he now submitted the Minister's reply as follows:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Públí. Teac an Chustóir, Baile Atha Cliath. 8th December, 1928. No. 84703/1928, Cill Mhann-tain Fa. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and enclosures of the 4th instant regarding the position of the collections of Messrs Manly, Porter and Byrne. It is clear from the evidence submitted that Messrs Manly and Porter retained in their personal banking accounts for lengthy periods considerable amounts of rate monies received by them and if these sums had not since been made good the Minister would have felt obliged to direct the Council to institute criminal proceedings in these cases. By their conduct Messrs Porter and Manly have forfeited public confidence and the Minister has decided to remove them from office. The necessary Orders under Seal will be issued in due course and the Council should now proceed to make such arrangements as may be considered desirable for the future collection of the rates in these districts. As regards Collector Byrne the evidence so far submitted is not conclusive. The Council have not definitely suspended this collector from office and the Minister's duty to consider the circumstances under Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, does not accordingly arise, nor is his sanction to the continuance of Mr Byrne's services required. While the Minister possesses general control over the employment of Rate Collectors he is also responsible to see so far as possible that Local Authorities themselves properly discharge their duties. In the cases of Messrs Manly and Porter where the evidence of misconduct is conclusive the Minister has exercised his general powers but in Mr Byrne's case further consideration by the Council is first necessary. It is noted that amongst the monies over-held were payments made by cheque in favour of the County Council. The lodgment of such cheques by Collectors to their own accounts should no longer be possible in view of the arrangements recently made through the Irish Banks Standing Committee as explained in recent circulars. The enclosures to your letter are returned herewith. Mise, le meas, (signed)

M de Lassaigh, Leas Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " M Fleming ;

Resolved—That as this Council expressed a wish to retain Mr John Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely, as poor rate collector for No 19 District, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has offered no objection, we hereby restore John Byrne to his position, and direct our Secretary to hand him his collection books for the year 1928/29, subject to his entering into a Fidelity Bond with not less than four sureties to be prepared by our Law Agent, after he has first satisfied himself as to the solvency of such proposed sureties; or alternatively, that the Hibernian Insurance Company consent to retaining John Byrne's name in their existing Poor Rate Collectors Collective Bond.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " John W Ryan ;

Resolved—That the following members of this Council be appointed to wait upon the Minister for Local Government with a view to urging him to consent to the services of John Manly and J J Porter being retained by the County Council:—Our Chairman, Councillors David Frame, D H Haskins, and Seamus Everett, T.D.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That in the event of the Minister for Local Government refusing to allow the retention of the services of Messrs Manly and Porter as poor rate collectors, we hereby arm the Finance Committee with full powers to make two temporary appointments for Nos. 9 and 11 Districts, so as to expedite the collection of the 1928/29 rates in these two districts on properly drawn-up bonds being completed to the satisfaction of our Law Agent.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That inasmuch as the Council finds itself unable to yet issue four sets of collection books for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend to the 1st March, 1929, the period during which the County Council may operate the present overdraft of £20,000 kindly allowed by the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 27th November, 1928, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., 48 and 49 Dame Street, Dublin, noting that the total amount of the defalcations in the case of ex-Collector Garret Byrne was £936 13s 2d, asking for a statement showing the approximate dates on which the defalcations were committed, and pointing to the fact that the failure of ratepayers to insist upon

obtaining official receipts was of great assistance to dishonest collectors in misappropriating rates.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, to transact in such manner as he may deem advisable to protect the interests of this Council, all negotiations with the Hibernian Insurance Company, so as to ensure that payment be made by that Company to the County Council of the full amount which the Company is liable for to the Council under their Fidelity Bond for the rates misappropriated by ex-collector Garret Byrne.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted three applications for the vacant poor rate collectorship in No. 2 District which he had received from Messrs Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan, John A Doyle, Talbotstown, Kiltegan and John Hanbidge, Feddan, Kiltegan, in response to the following published advertisement:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED

The above-named Council will, at the Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, the 10th December, 1928, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector temporarily for the Electoral Divisions of Ballingulee, Eadstown, Humewood, Rathdangan, and Talbotstown, 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 Minister for Local Government will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and will at first be made for a probationary period of one year, after which the person appointed if found suitable for the position will be retained in the above capacity of Temporary Poor Rate Collector. The standard of education of the candidates must be such as to satisfy the County Council, and all other qualifications being equal, preference will be given to candidates with a knowledge of Irish. Written applications must be lodged in my office not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the names and addresses of not less than two solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed joint bond for the due performance of the collector's duties in a sum of £1800. Candidates must be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon on the 10th December, 1928. By Order, P T HEALY, Secretary to the County Council, County Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow. 28th November, 1928.

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

FOR WHELAN:—Councillors Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne and James Everett, T.D.—6.

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, W J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, George Heatley, John W Ryan, John J Barry, William Byrne, David H Haskins, Joseph Jacob and Timothy Mulcahy.—22.

No Councillor voted for Hanbidge.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;

Seconded by " Denis Condren ;

Resolved—That Mr John A Doyle, Talbotstown, Kiltegan, be appointed as poor rate collector for No. 2 (Kiltegan) 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 Department of Local Government and Public Health, and we approve of the four following as his sureties (i) Joseph Doyle, Talbotstown, Kiltegan; (ii) Thomas Dwyer, Gibraltar, Stratford-on-Slaney; (iii) Thomas P Kehoe, Eadstown, Stratford-on-Slaney, and (iv) James Murphy, Lowtown, Grangecon, in a joint bond in the sum of £1800 for the due performance of his duties as collector.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;

Seconded by " W J Henry ;

Resolved—That the warrants for the newly-appointed temporary collector be now Sealed with the Seal of the Council and Signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following report from the County Surveyor:—

Re: Arklow and Bray Courthouse.

10th December, 1928. P T Healy, Esq. Dear Sir. With reference to lighting of Arklow Courthouse (i) the District Court Registrar occupies one office; (ii) the body of the Court is occupied by the District Justice in the discharge of his functions; (iii) one room is occupied by the Assistance Officer of the County Board of Health. I do not know the hours in which it is used; (iv) one room is used by the Surveyor to Arklow Urban District Council; (v) one room is used by the Town Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, and is also used by the latter for Council meetings; (vi) there is also a room used by the Inspector of Weights and Measures. In the event of the Electric Light being installed separate wiring and a separate meter should be supplied for the offices used by the Arklow Urban District Council. I also enclose a letter received from Mr Liam Price, District Justice, in reference to the heating of

Bray Court House. Apparently no provision was made for the heating of this building, and I would recommend that electric heating be installed. The heating, also of Arklow Court House, to my personal knowledge, leaves much to be desired. I would suggest that provision would also be made for heating this Courthouse by Electric Power. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " J W Ryan ;

Resolved—That Bray Courthouse be heated by electric stoves.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Seconded by " Thomas Weadick ;

Resolved—That Arklow Courthouse be wired for electric lighting as the current will be available in Arklow in December.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe ;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore ;

Resolved—That Baltinglass Courthouse be wired for electric lighting in view of the fact that current will be available in that town in December next.

Passed.

The Council had before them the following consideration of which had been postponed from their Quarterly Meeting held on the 19th November, 1928 (i) circular letter dated 22nd October, 1928, No. RGM/201/29, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council) asking the Council to frame a provisional estimate of the amount they are likely to allow for road upkeep in the forthcoming financial year, so that the Minister will be able to indicate before the Council finally pass their road estimate what measure of State aid can be given towards the cost of Main Roads, and (ii) County Surveyor's Report on the same subject. The Secretary submitted in this connection the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) :—

26th November, 1928. R/RG/33/1. A Chara. With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant stating that your Chairman, Mr C M Byrne has been requested by the Wicklow County Council to seek an interview with the Minister in connection with grants for Wicklow County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to Circular Letter RGM/201/29 of the 22nd ultimo and to state that pending the receipt of the particulars asked for therein he is not in a position usefully to discuss the question of fresh allocations from the Road Fund. Attention to the circular will obviate the necessity for an interview as with the particulars asked for before him and after examination of same with those of other counties the Minister will be in a position to notify a distribution from the Road Fund in respect of the year 1929/30. Mise, le meas (signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe. The Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

NO ORDER.

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence which had taken place with regard to a hoarding at Vale Cross Roads, Arklow, including a letter dated 30th November, 1928, No. R/RM/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating the Council should themselves apply for an Order under Section 33 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, with regard to said hoarding.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Seconded by " Thomas Weadick ;

Resolved—That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under the provisions of Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925, regarding a hoarding that has been erected by Messrs David Allan and Sons, bill posters, Pearse Street, Dublin, within thirty yards of the road at the Vale Cross Roads, Arklow, our County Surveyor having reported to this Council's meeting on the 19th November, 1928, that this hoarding is a structure which in his opinion interferes with the view of traffic approaching the cross-roads from Coolgreany and from the Gorey road.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated 4th December, 1928, from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking for the Council's views on the following matters (a) the vesting in Town Commissioners of the powers exercisable by Urban Councils to purchase or acquire the tolls of the town and to empower them to charge tolls at fairs and markets and to make byelaws for the control of the town ; (b) the extension of the provisions of the Street Traders Act, 1926, to towns under the control of Town Commissioners ; (c) the introduction of legislation to put a stop to the trading done by travelling hawkers and second-hand clothes dealers, which constitutes a serious menace to business people who pay heavy rates and rents.

ORDER—With regard to (c) the Council are of opinion that a law should be passed putting a stop to the traffic in question.

The Secretary reported that no tender had been received in reply to the following advertisement published in one Dublin morning paper and in the weekly papers circulating in the County :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

SALE OF WICKLOW JAIL.

Wicklow County Council give Notice that they will, at their Meeting to be held upon the 19th day of November, 1928, consider tenders for the purchase of (a) a large quantity of stones, slates and building materials in the premises known as Wicklow Jail. Purchaser will be required to remove same within six months from the acceptance of the tender, and comply with the conditions of sale which can be seen in the Council's Offices. (b) Wicklow Jail and plot of sale thereto in fee-simple, subject to conditions of sale, which can be inspected at the Council's Offices. Sealed Tenders are required to be sent to the undersigned and received by him on or before the 17th November, 1928, not later than 12 o'clock noon. Dated this 2nd day of November, 1928. P T HEALY, Secretary of Wicklow County Council. County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow.

The Council had before them a letter dated 19th October, 1928, No. G-71455/1928, Cill Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that they should now consider the feasibility of amalgamating the districts of East and West Wicklow into one area for coroner's

purposes, and also particulars of the inquests held in the two divisions of the county for the three years ended 30th September, 1928, received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, Dr. D P Kenna, Coroner for West Wicklow, and Mr P J Murray, son of the late Coroner James Murray.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That after due consideration, this Council decides not to amalgamate the two positions of Coroner for East Wicklow and Coroner for West Wicklow which have existed all down the years ; that we decide to fill the vacant coronership for East Wicklow caused by the death of Mr James Murray by hereby appointing Deputy Coroner Dr. Patrick J Hamilton, of Bellevue House, Arklow, to the position of coroner for East Wicklow, under the same conditions and at the same salary as governed his predecessor, viz., seventy (£70) per annum, which annual sum is to include and cover all and every expense which he may need to incur to efficiently discharge the duties of his position.

Passed.

The Council had before them (i) a letter dated 29th October, 1928, from Patrick Fowler, The Crone, Shillelagh, asking to be let a room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings at a shilling a week ; (ii) letter dated 31st October, 1928, from Councillor Michael Fleming, stating that Fowler had taken possession of a room in the buildings and was giving trouble to John Murphy, tenant of the Workhouse lodge ; and ; (iii) letter dated 26th November, 1928, from same, stating that Fowler had left the building.

ORDER—Referred to Board of Health.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd September, 1928, from Sergeant Sean Sutton, Hon Secretary, Bray Amateur Boxing and Gymnasium Club, asking for the use of Bray Courthouse for the purpose of holding committee meetings.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " J W Ryan ;

Resolved—That we hereby accede to the application of Bray Amateur Boxing and Gymnasium Club to grant them the use of Bray Courthouse for the purpose of holding committee meetings therein, provided that the Hon Secretary, Sergeant Sean Sutton, undertakes to see that no damage is done to the premises during such meetings, and provided the Under-Sheriff, Mr William Toomey, has no objection.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 13th November, 1928, from M O Cheallaigh, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, asking the County Surveyor to move his press from the Foresters' Hall, Dunlavin, to the Courthouse, and asking the Council to arrange for the caretaking, heating and lighting of the Courthouse. Applications were submitted from the following to be appointed caretaker :—James Kavanagh, Sparrow Road, Dunlavin ; James Corrigan, Dunlavin ; William Couse, Court Messenger, Dunlavin ; Mrs Mary Bryan, Dunlavin ; and Frank Whittle, The Green, Dunlavin.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " William J Henry ;

Resolved—That Frank Whittle, The Green, Dnnlavin, be paid the sum of five shillings in a purely temporary capacity for washing, heating and cleaning the Courthouse in Dunlavin prior to each occasion on which the building is used for Court purposes, such coal as may be required for heating the building to be a separate and distinct transaction for which payments are to be recommended quarterly to the County Council by the Proposals Committee.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry ;

Seconded by " Peter P O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and approve of the arrangement under which Mrs Bridget Brophy, of Blessington, is to be paid the sum of five shillings in a purely temporary capacity for washing, heating and cleaning the Courthouse in Blessington prior to each occasion on which the building is used for Court purposes, such coal as may be required for heating the building to be a separate and distinct transaction for which payments are to be recommended quarterly to the County Council by the Proposals Committee.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—“ Balinglass, November 14th, 1928. To Mr Healy. Sir. With reference to Balinglass Courthouse, about eight years ago Mr Turtle, merchant, Balinglass, transferred his business to the Town Hall and got permission from the County Council to erect a store in the Courthouse yard ; and then broke down a wall to erect a door as entrance to same. M J Doyle and Sons then afterwards broke out another doorway as exit for a picture-house. These two doors being open all rubbish from the Town Hall has been thrown into this yard, also the tap and serews of the force-pump have been taken. Faithfully yours (signed) Patrick Kinsella, caretaker.”

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Major O Mitchell ;

Resolved—That our County Surveyor be hereby authorised and directed (i) to have the two doorways in the Courthouse yard in Balinglass permanently closed up ; (ii) that he take such measures as will permanently prevent the dumping of rubbish in the Courthouse yard and (iii) that he take steps to have the force-pump in that yard promptly put into proper working order.

Passed.

The Council regretted they were unable to accede to an application dated 8th December, 1928, from Mr Patrick Kinsella, Caretaker, Balinglass Courthouse, to be allowed to reside in the courthouse on the understanding that he would forfeit his salary as caretaker.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 7th June, 1928, No. G.38796/1928, Cill Mhanntain C., from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, does not authorise the payment of travelling expenses to any member who does not attend at least three-quarters of the meetings held in the six months period ending the 30th September, 1928, it being impossible to take into consideration the fact that an election is held during the six months and that certain members before the election may cease to be members thereafter.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, protest in the

strongest possible manner against the hardship inflicted on outgoing members and newly-elected members by the non-payment of their travelling expenses who by reason of the peculiar circumstances found it an absolute impossibility to qualify for payment by attendance at at least three-quarters of the meetings of the County Council and Finance Committee held within the half-year ended 30th September, 1928, and we call upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to take such steps as will allow of his according his sanction to the payment to outgoing members and newly-elected members of such expenses as would accrue due to them for the attendances actually made at meetings within the half-year referred to, thus clearing up what would appear to be a wholly illogical legality.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 25th September, 1928, from the Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Committee of Management, enclosing the Committee's Report on the working of the line for the half-year ended 30th June, 1928, as follows:—

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY. HALF-YEAR TO 30th JUNE, 1928.

On January 1st, 1928, the Joint Committee of Management appointed by the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow respectively took over control of the Undertaking from Mr J A Ryan, Dublin County Surveyor.

During the period under review the Committee held 11 meetings.

In order to avoid the expense of having a bank overdraft in operation owing to the loss on working not being paid by the Counties until close of each half year, the Committee requested the two Counties to pay an estimated amount monthly in advance to meet the loss on working as provided for in the Order in Council under which the Tramway was constructed and provision made for its working. County Dublin has during the period paid £200 per month, but County Wicklow did not fall in with the Committee's request (but has since done so); the Committee have by this means been able to carry on the work of the Undertaking without having to resort to any such overdraft as was previously necessary.

During the six months the Undertaking has been faced with a very serious drop in receipts due to road motor service competition by several motor omnibus concerns including one run by the Great Southern Railway Company along practically the whole length of the Tramway, approval for which was granted by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under the Railway Road Motor Service Act, 1927, and against which the Committee protested unfortunately without any result. As a result of the unrestricted competition it became necessary to reconsider the passenger fares charged by the Tramway and these were reduced considerably to give the tram some hope of competing with the road vehicles. During the six months 78000 passengers were carried against 88278 for the corresponding half year last year showing a drop of approximately 11%. Passenger receipts amounted to £1652 against £2548 a decrease of 35%. The mineral and live stock traffic also shows a serious drop of 34% principally due to the former traffic being carried largely by road. The general goods and parcel traffic for the six months shows an increase of approximately 10%.

In order to meet the serious loss of receipts which amounted to 30% of the corresponding period of last year every endeavour has been made to bring the expense of the Undertaking down to a minimum and still maintain the Undertaking in a safe condition for the movement of traffic. Proposals were considered for further replacing the existing out-of-date steam train working by rail cars but the matter is still in abeyance as it is considered that the rail service no matter how worked cannot compete with the up-to-date and more mobile

road vehicle, while the upkeep of the Permanent Way will continue to be the source of never ending heavy expenditure.

During the half-year traffic on the line has been carried on without accident and the service of trains for both passenger and goods has been well maintained and punctually run.

Maintenance of the Permanent Way Works and rolling stock has been carried up to the average as for some years past, but with close attention to details the cost of maintenance has been considerably reduced. By curtailing the running of steam trains as far as possible considerable saving has been effected in the running Department, while the total staff has been reduced by 10%.

The general result of working compared with the corresponding half-year of 1927 was as follows:—

| | Receipts | Expenses | Loss |
|------|----------|----------|-------|
| 1928 | £2576 | £5416 | £2840 |
| 1927 | 3726 | 6293 | 2567 |

It will be recognised that with such a serious drop in receipts due to a cause outside the control of the Committee an increase in the loss on working the Undertaking was inevitable, as expense had already been considerably reduced and left the Committee very little room for improvement so long as the present method of steam train working has to be maintained.

The Committee have had under consideration for some time proposals to operate under the Railways Road Motor Service Act, 1927, a road service of their own and this is in their opinion the only solution to the present very alarming state of affairs with which they are faced. Legal difficulties regarding the Baronial guarantee and the necessity of maintaining the line have been the cause of delay in putting into operation the Committee's idea regarding road motor services but it is considered that these difficulties are not insurmountable and a definite line of action in this direction is at present being embarked on which it is considered will reduce considerably the loss on working the Undertaking which has taken place in the past. For the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Committee of Management (signed) George Gibson. 25/9/28.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 5th October, 1928, from the Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Committee of Management, offering on behalf of the Committee to purchase 50 tons of the rails of the Blessington and Poulaphouca Line at 2s 6d per ton, thus saving the baronial ratepayers of the county by enabling the Committee to avoid having to purchase

new rails from England at considerable cost. He also submitted a letter dated 10th November, 1928, from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch), 14 St. Stephen's Green, North, Dublin, enclosing the Minister's certificate authorising the Council to remove the portion of the tramway within their area, and explaining that the Council could dispose of the materials provided that the Blessington and Poulaphouca Company did not within one month of application make good the cost of removing the Tramway and making good the roadway.

ORDER—Adjourned, all the documents to be handed to the Law Agent, he having undertaken to handle this entire question.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by William J Henry;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to make an estimate of the cost of removal of the rails and making good the road over which the Blessington and Poulaphouca Tramway passes and that same be furnished to the Law Agent.

Passed.

The Council regretted they were unable to comply with a request contained in a letter dated 13th October 1928, from ex-poor rate collector Garret Byrne, No. F.118, Portlaoighise Prison, that a sworn inquiry be held into the circumstances of the raid on the Council's outer office a year before.

A letter Dated 2nd November, 1928, was submitted from P J Murray Esq., Acting Principal and Secretary, Co. Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, reporting a vacancy on his Committee owing to the resignation of Rev. E J Doyle, C.C., Donard.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr Michael Kelly, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, a member of County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Rev. E J Doyle, C.C., Donard, one of this Council's representatives on the said Committee.

Passed.

The Council referred to their next meeting a letter dated 4th November, 1928, from Mr William Deely, Hon. Secretary, Enniskerry technical instruction sub-committee, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the said sub-committee complaining that they were not represented on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 16th November, 1928, No. P.62281/1928 (Sg) Cill Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing copy of the Wicklow County Scheme (Amendment) Order, 1928; explaining that the effect of the Order is (i) to legalise the maintenance of children in the County Home (ii) to provide for the establishment of the proposed district hospital at Baltinglass and (iii) to provide for separate accommodation at Wicklow for fever cases; and stating that the Order does not make any change in the scheme as regards the Shillelagh Fever Hospital, though the building at Wicklow would be regarded as the central fever hospital for the County.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Council had before them a letter dated 7th December, 1928, from the Clerk to a Select Committee of Dail Eireann, stating that the terms of reference of this Committee were "To inquire and report whether having regard to the experience gained in the working of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, any amendment of that Act is desirable"; and asking for the Council's representations on the matter.

ORDER—The Council regret they themselves have no experience of the working of the Act, but they direct their Secretary to ask Mr P J Murray, Acting Principal and Secretary of Co. Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, to set forth the latter body's experience for the information of the Select Committee of the Dail.

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ended the 30/9/1928.

1 new milk, Co. Hospital, Genuine; 1 tea, Roundwood, Sergeant Mahony, genuine; 1 breadsoda, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 2 new milks, do, do, genuine; 2 milks, Co. Home, Rathdrum, genuine; 4 butters, Bray, Dept. Lands and Agriculture, genuine; 4 butters, Rathdrum, do, do, 3 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 butters, Wicklow, do, do, 3 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 butters, Greystones, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, Rathdrum, Sergeant Catwright, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine 8 milks, Bray, Guard Stanton, genuine; 3 buttermilks, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genu-

ine; 1 whiskey, Aughrim, Sergeant Quinn, genuine; 1 gin, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 cocoa, do, do, genuine; 2 butters, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 2 new milks, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, Arklow, Sergeant McEvaddy, genuine; 4 butters, do, do, genuine; 2 milks, Carnew, Guard Houlihan, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 4 milks, Bray, Guard Stanton, 3 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 new milks, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 drngs, Rathdrum, genuine; 3 do, Avoca, genuine; 3 do, Wicklow, genuine; 3 do, Dunlavin, genuine; 3 do, Arklow, genuine; 3 do, Newtownmountkennedy, genuine; 3 do, Kilcoole, genuine; 3 do Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Delgany, genuine; 3 do, County Hospital, genuine; 3 do, Kiltegan, genuine; 3 do, Dunganstown, genuine; 3 do, County Home, Rathdrum, genuine; 3 do, Baltinglass, No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 4 do, Tinahely, genuine; 1 tar, Urban District Council, Bray, condemned; 1 water (Baltinglass), Co. Board of Health, passed.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 68,

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Drugs, 49, Waters, 1, Tars, 1. Total—119. Number adulterated—Butters, 2; New Milks, 2; 1 Tar condemned. Date 15-10-1928.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Noted.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by William Henry;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána for this County, contained in his letter of the 23rd October, 1928, we hereby appoint Garda James Conway, Baltinglass, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Sergeant M Ryan, Baltinglass.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following, which had been received from the Law Agent:—

COUNSEL'S OPINION.

Wicklow County Council and Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch).

I have considered carefully the facts set out in the Case to Advise herein and I beg to advise as follows:—

Under the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, a local authority is authorised out of the local rate to supply or aid the supply of technical or manual instruction, subject, however, to the limitation that the amount of the rate to be levied in any one year by a local authority for the purposes of the Act shall not exceed the sum of one penny in the pound. The Act further provided by sec. 1, sub-sec. 2, that a local authority for the purposes of the Act might appoint a Committee consisting either wholly or partly of members of the local authority and might delegate to any such Committee any powers exercisable by the authority under the Act except the power of raising a rate or borrowing money. Section 3 of the said Act provided that the conditions on which parliamentary grants may be made in aid of technical or manual instruction shall be those contained in the minutes of the Department of Science and Art in force for the time being. In the application of the Act to Ireland it was provided by section 7 (1) that the expression "local authority" should mean the urban or rural sanitary authority as the case may be within the meaning of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878. Section 7 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, provided that the Council of a County should be a local authority within the meaning of the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891, but further provided that the section should not prevent any other local authority under the said Acts from acting concurrently with the County Council if that authority act in accordance with any general scheme framed by the County Council or otherwise with the consent of the Council provided also that the rate levied under the said Acts by such authority should not when combined with the rate levied thereunder by the County Council exceed the limit thereby authorised (one penny in the pound). Under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland was created and there was transferred to the Department the administration of the grant in aid of technical instruction as defined by the Technical Instruction Act, 1889 (Section 3 supra). Section 74 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, provided that in the application of the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891, to the Council of a County other than a county borough the expression "local rate" should mean the poor rate and the expenses of a County Council under those Acts should be County at large or district charges according as that Council direct. By Section 14 sub-sec. 1 of the 1899 Act the Council of any County were empowered to appoint a Committee for the purposes of the Act consisting partly of members of their own body and partly of other persons and by sub-section 2 any two or more local bodies might, subject to the regulations of the Department, appoint a joint committee for the purposes of the Act. By Section 15 of 1899 Act large sums representing public monies were placed at the disposal of the Department for the purposes amongst others of technical instruction. By section 16 sub-sec. 1 the sum of £55000 per annum out of monies placed at the disposal of the Department should be distributed as to a certain portion thereof for the purposes of technical instruction outside County boroughs. Wicklow presumably shared in this Grant. By sub-section 5 of said Section money to be granted by the Department shall be applied subject to any conditions which the Department may require. By Section 19 of the 1899 Act power was given to local authorities to raise by means of an additional rate of one penny in the pound another fund for certain purposes, but subject to a provision that no money should be applied under that Section unless in accordance with the provisions of a scheme approved of by the Department or for defraying any administrative or incidental expenses incurred with the approval of the Department for the purposes of the Act. Under the Ministers and Secretaries Act, 1924, the functions formerly exercised by the Department in respect of technical education were transferred to the Minister for Education. Under Section 16 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, the Council of any county or urban district was empowered to raise in the manner provided by Section 19 of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1889, a sum equal to a rate of one penny in the pound for the purpose of providing instruction in the Irish language in the County or Urban District. As Section 19 of the 1899 Act provides that no money shall be applied under that section save in accordance with the provisions of a Scheme approved by the Department or for defraying any adminis-

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trative or incidental expenses incurred with the approval of the Department it would appear that the rate raised by the County Council under Section 16 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, for the purpose of providing instruction in the Irish language cannot be applied for such purpose unless the Ministry of Education approves of the Scheme of Instruction and of the expenses administrative or incidental to be incurred in the carrying out of such a Scheme.

I have considered the letter dated the 8th September, 1928, from the Ministry of Education to the Very Rev Canon Hoey, P.P., and I am of opinion that same is in the nature of a threat and that until the approval of the Scheme of Instruction and of the expenses administrative or incidental to be incurred in the carrying out of such a Scheme. From the information before me at the moment it does not appear that the Ministry of Education have withdrawn their sanction to any existing Scheme and if such is the case the County Council in my opinion cannot be held legally responsible for the consequences of the transfer of the quarterly instalment paid to the Joint Committee in pursuance of the resolution of the County Council of the 19th November, 1928. The letter written by Mr Healy on the 23rd November, 1928, to the Acting Secretary of the Joint Committee is in my opinion a proper one in the circumstances of the case and if the Joint Committee apply any of the monies paid over to them for the purposes of Schemes which at present have not the sanction of the Ministry or in defraying administrative expenses or paying salaries to persons not sanctioned or approved of by the Ministry of Education then the members of the Joint Committee must bear the responsibility for the application of such monies illegally. If, however, the County Council before paying over the said instalment had received notice or were aware that the sanction of the Ministry to the entire scheme of education administered by the Joint Committee had been withdrawn then I think the County Council would have to accept liability for the transfer. My opinion is based on the assumption that the County Council did not act contrary to the express instructions of the Ministry of Education and had before them letters from the Ministry of Education on the same lines or similar to the letter dated the 8th September, 1928, written to the Very Rev Canon Hoey, P.P.

I have written at length on this case for the purpose of showing that the sanction of the Ministry of Education is essential to the functioning legally of Schemes for technical instruction financed by public monies whether voted by Parliament or levied by rates, (Signed) M J Ryan, 30/11/28.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and instruct our Secretary to place the transfers due to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the quarter ended 31st December, 1928, before the Finance Committee for payment at the first meeting of that Committee held after the 1st January, 1929, and we request the Committee to have these payments made.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Thomas Weadick and accepted by the Chairman:—"I hereby give Notice that I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council that the Council approve of repairs and painting of the iron railing on the western side of Arklow Bridge."

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

29th August, 1928, No. R/RG/33, asking for estimate and specification for the expenditure of the £6000 grant on road L.29 immediately south of Jack White's Cross Roads.

29th August, 1928, No. 54730/1928, Sealed Order fixing the Baltinglass Dispensary District as the area of charge for special expenses incurred for the purpose of improving, extending and maintaining the existing sewerage system at Grangeon Parks.

31st August, 1928, No. P.H.60305/28, Cille Mhanntain (As), stating that, since in pursuance of Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1927, the powers and duties of the Council under the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Diseases) (Ireland) Act, 1917, are required to be exercised and performed by the Board of Health and Public Assistance, claims under the Venereal Diseases Scheme for the county should be forwarded to that Board.

31st August, 1928, No. R/RG/33, stating that since £6000 had already been allocated for the Rathnew-Arklow road, the attendance on the Minister of a deputation to press for additional road grants would not serve any useful purpose.

1st September, 1928, No. G.60304/1928, noting the Council's action regarding the Department's circular letter of the 24th August, on the general question of the control of officers entrusted with the collection of public revenue.

3rd September, 1928, No. R/SGN/33/2, stating that the balance of £2034 left out of the £3000 grant after expending £966 on St. Valerie Bridge was made available under the National Road Scheme and consequently must be spent on a National Route.

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4th September, 1928, No. G.58912/1928, Cill Mhanntain Se., consenting to the payment of a superannuation allowance of £11 7s 7d per annum to Mrs McDonnell, formerly typist under the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and enclosing copy of letter addressed by them to Messrs Little O h-Uadhaigh and Proud, her solicitors.

6th September, 1928, No. R/RG/33/1, approving of the Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the expenditure of £6000 on Rathnew-Arklow road.

17th September, 1928, No. R/SGN/33/2, approving of the Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the expenditure of £966 on St. Valerie Bridge, Bray.

20th October, 1928, No. G.71039/1928, Cill Mhanntain, stating that the Minister viewed with displeasure the delay in bringing the case of Collector Halpin to a definite issue.

14th October, 1928, No. G.72551/1928, Hghneitheach, giving particulars of arrangements made with the Irish Banks Standing Committee to facilitate prompt lodgments by rate collectors of rates received by them.

27th October, 1928, No. G.73713/1928, Cill Mhanntain, confirming the suspension of Mr Halpin and removing him from office, and noting that informations have been sworn against him.

29th October, 1928, No. G.74054/1928, Cill Mhanntain, noting the temporary appointment of Dr P J Hamilton as coroner for East Wicklow, and referring to Section 1 of the Coroners (Ireland) Act, 1908.

29th October, 1928, No. G.74055/1928, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning an extension of time to the 31st December, 1928, for the Council's existing overdraft.

5th November, 1928, No. S.77223/1928, Hgh (B.C.T.), enclosing copy of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Regulations, 1928, and explaining the said regulations.

1st November, 1928, No. 68045/1928, Sealed Order fixing Stratford Electoral Division as the area of charge for special expenses incurred in the public lighting on Stratford-on-Slaney.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE,

Foreign Animals (Irish Free State) Order of 1928.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT, J H McCARROLL, ESQ.

SOLICITOR, CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

19th September, 1928, regarding the malicious injury claim of Samuel Roche, Esq, solicitor, Tullow, and stating that the damage complained of was mere larceny, though the applicant would try to make the case of malicious damage.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 14th September, 1928.

19th September, 1928, from Garda Thomas Stanton, Food and Drugs Inspector, Bray, reporting that eight samples of new milk forwarded for analysis by him were found genuine.

21st September, 1928, from the Secretary, County Council's General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking if the Council desired any matters to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the meeting of the General Council.

11th October, 1928, from Dr Patrick J Hamilton, Arklow, reporting the death of Mr James Murray, coroner for East Wicklow, and stating he will attend to the duties of the position until it was filled.

25th October, 1928, from the Manager, Accident Department, Hibernian Insurance Company, 48 Dame Street, Dublin, noting that the Council had confirmed the Finance Committee's action in suspending Collector Halpin and had directed the Secretary to swear an information for defaulter's arrest, and asking to be advised when the arrest was effected.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 2nd November, 1928, enclosing the County Librarian's half-yearly report for the period ending 30th September, 1928.

2nd November, 1928, from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, stating that his Directors had granted a further extension up to the 31st December, 1928, for the payment of the £20,000 overdraft.

"The Murray family return their sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy with them in their recent great bereavement. 56

Ferrybank, Arklow. October, 1928.

14th November, 1928, from Mr Joseph Glynn, Hon. Secretary, Concert Committee, Tinahely, enclosing protection note covering Tinahely Courthouse against damage by fire from the 8th to the 10th December, 1928.

Circular bearing the address 4 Eustace Street (Room 18), Dublin, advocating the renunciation of war and disarmament.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Galway County Council, demanding the immediate release of all Republican Prisoners in Irish Jails.

From Kerry County Council, asking the Land Commission to accept not less than 10% yearly of arrears from defaulting land annuitants together with current rent, with a view to allowing them to let their land.

From Offaly County Council, asking for legislation to enable the Irish Land Commission to allot suitable land wherever it may be needed for sports fields or any other public purpose.

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From Wexford County Council, calling on the Government to introduce legislation to increase the membership of Boards of Health to fifteen, as a membership of ten spread over a large area cannot have that personal knowledge of many matters which is essential.

From the Committee of Management of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital, requesting all County Councils to make an organized effort to secure the restoration of the Capitation Grant to the scale of one-half the cost of maintenance of the insane.

From County Wicklow Board of Health, calling on the Government to extend the period of payment of Land Commission annuities by a term of fifty years.

From Dublin County Council (per County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture), stating that the time has arrived for the revision of the ultimate financial settlement of March, 1921, between Great Britain and the Free State, and calling for a moratorium in the payment of Land Commission Annuities.

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A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 29th January, 1929.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors Edward Byrne, James McCrea, Joseph Metcalfe, Peter P O'Reilly, Laurence Moore, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D., Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Denis Condren, David H Haskins, William Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, George Kearon, James Kavanagh, Joseph Byrne, Major C Mitchell, John J Metcalfe, Michael Fleming, J J Bourne, T Mulcahy, John J Barry, and Daniel J Kehoe

In the absence of the Chairman the Chair was taken by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne. Subsequently the Chairman arrived and took the Chair.

BUSINESS.

County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow. 21st January, 1929. To each Member of Wicklow County Council A Chara. You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 29th January, 1929, for the purpose of considering the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1929/1930, as printed and circulated herewith to each member. Mine, le meas (signed) P T HEALY, Secretary to the Council.

At the opening of the Meeting the Vice-Chairman explained that the sole purpose of the meeting was to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930, a printed copy of which had been circulated to each member. At this stage two large deputations appeared before the Council, one representing the farming industry, and the other representing unemployed labour. After considerable discussion the Council decided to hear two speakers from each deputation.

The two representatives of the farming industry submitted that the class they represented were quite unable to continue paying the present high rates assessed from year to year, and suggested that no rate be struck under the following heads (i) advertising pleasure resorts to encourage tourist traffic; (ii) for schemes being administered by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee and (iii) for cost of rate collection, it being suggested that the system operating in the case of Land Purchase Annuities should be put in force with regard to rate collection and a discount allowed for prompt payment. They further submitted that the main roads in the County were at present maintained for motorists only at a huge cost to the ratepayers, and were really dangerous and a source of loss to the farmers, who found it impossible to drive their stock over them. For these reasons, and because farmers found themselves unable to pay both their annuities and the rates, and would be thrown out of their holdings if they failed to pay their annuities, they asked the Council to make a sweeping reduction in the coming year's estimate in the sum to be set aside for the upkeep and maintenance of main roads. The further point was made that the farmers in Saorstát Eireann were as much entitled to such advantages as might follow derating as were those resident in England and Northern Ireland.

The representatives appointed to speak on behalf of unemployed labour submitted that unemployment in the county was widespread, that privation and want were universal in consequence, and that many of the members of the deputation had walked long distances without breaking their fast that day. They stated that the unemployed labourers they represented could see no prospect of unemployment except such as could be obtained in connection with roads maintained by Direct Labour, and if this was not made available they saw no course open but to apply with their wives and families for admission to the County Home. They therefore urged the Council to devote as much money as possible to the maintenance of main roads, and to arrange for schemes of improvement with as little delay as possible, with a view to relieving immediate want and privation. Following inquiry by a Councillor, it was at this juncture intimated that of the 1133 miles of roads under the jurisdiction of the Council 881 miles were maintained under the contract system, and 252 by direct labour.

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The members of both deputations were assured by the Council through the Chairman that they were most anxious to meet their respective wishes, and that their views as submitted would receive earnest consideration when the rate estimates for the forthcoming financial year were under consideration. The deputations then withdrew.

The Council then proceeded to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme. After a prolonged discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " David Frame; and

Resolved—That, being satisfied that the repair and maintenance of Main Roads in each County should be accepted as a national question to be shouldered by the Government, and is one which can only be dealt with by means of a large long-term Loan to be raised by the Government, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, consider that there should be an immediate review of the financial relations existing between the State and the local public bodies in relation to the amounts of grants received by such local bodies in respect of Maintenance of Lunatics and the upkeep of Main Roads; we also consider that the time has arrived when agricultural land must be given exceptional treatment by way of relief of rates, if that, our only remaining industry, is to survive; we therefore adjourn the question of adopting any rate estimate for a period of one month from this day, so as to afford the Executive Council sufficient time to consider this question and to communicate their considered views thereon to this Council. We hereby direct that copies of this Resolution be sent to each of the other County Councils in Saorstát Eireann for consideration and adoption.

Passed unanimously.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 1.

29th January, 1929. Gentlemen. In reference to the £2500 Grant on Kilmacanogue-Glendalough Road, I recommend the following works:—(i) to remove corner at E. of Annamoe Bridge; (ii) to remove corner at Togher R.C. Church; (iii) to widen as much as possible of the road from Seven Churches to the Lakes, between the Board of Works Lodge and near Lake Cottage. Yours faithfully, (signed) S G GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

ORDER.—Approved.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

29th January, 1929. Gentlemen. 1. I again beg to report that the roads from Carnew to Togher viz:—Nos. 217 and 218 are still being used by motor lorries and that these roads are wholly unfit for such traffic. I again recommend that an Order be sought from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health closing these roads against such traffic.

2. The Minister for Local Government having consented to allow the County Council to expend £500, Tourist Grant, on the Carnew-Shillelagh road, I recommend that either you continue surfacing of that part already widened or surface the road between the west end of Carnew street and Carnew Bridge—in latter case as far as the money admits. Yours faithfully (signed) S G GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

ORDER.—Paragraph 1—This matter to be dealt with by the County Surveyor in his printed report to be circulated to the Council prior to their forthcoming Quarterly Meeting. Paragraph 2—Money to be expended on the road between the west end of Carnew Street and Carnew bridge.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming and accepted by the Chairman:—"I beg to give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that all claims for malicious damage be submitted to the Finance Committee for their approval before further action is taken in the matter, and that the Law Agent be requested to attend these meetings to give such advice as the Committee may require in cases of this kind and that the former Resolution be rescinded which has governed these cases up to the passing of this motion; and furthermore that our Secretary be empowered to communicate with the Sergeant of the Garda when he receives a claim of this kind notifying the Guards of the District where the damage has taken place to obtain all the information possible bearing on the claim, the said information to be returned to the Secretary to be laid before the Finance Committee for the purpose of opposing such claims."

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 18th February, 1929.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Metcalfe, John Dunne, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle, P P O'Reilly, Thomas Weadick, D H Haskins, Denis Condren, William Lyrne, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William J Henry, Major Christopher C Mitchell, J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, Laurence Moore, James McCreagh, Michael Fleming, James Everett, T.D.; David Frame, Timothy Mulcahy, Daniel J Kehoe, and John J Metcalfe.

The minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2 To consider Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts in connection with his audit of the Council's accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1928.
- 3 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 4 To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 5 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 6 To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 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 Act.
- 9 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Thomas Weadick:—"I hereby give notice that I or or some member for me will move at the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council that the Council approve of repairs and painting of the iron railing on the western side of Arklow Bridge."
- 10 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I beg to give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that all claims for malicious damage be submitted to the Finance Committee for their approval before further action is taken in the matter, and that the Law Agent be requested to attend these Meetings to give such advice as the Committee may require in cases of this kind and that the former Resolution be rescinded which has governed these cases up to the passing of this Motion; and furthermore that our Secretary be empowered to communicate with the Sergeant of the Garda when he receives a claim of this kind notifying the Guards of the district where the damage has taken place to obtain all the information possible bearing on the claim, the said information to be returned to the Secretary to be laid before the Finance Committee for the purpose of opposing such claims."
- 11 To consider correspondence from the Department of Local

Government and Public Health and from County Wicklow Board of Health regarding the necessity for a comprehensive scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis in the county.

12 To make application to the Local Appointments Commissioners to fill the vacant position created by the death of Mr Joseph Boyd, Assistant Surveyor.

13 To consider a letter dated 19th December, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister has no power to sanction the appointment of Dr P J Hamilton as Coroner for East Wicklow, as the post is one which should be filled by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

14 To approve of the appointment of Dr Lyons, Dunlavin, as deputy coroner for West Wicklow, which has been made by Dr D P Kenna, coroner.

15 To consider a further letter from the Joint Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, asking leave to remove some of the rails of the Blessington and Poulaphuca Steam Tramway immediately at a price of 2s 6d per ton.

16 To consider a letter from the County Council's General Council asking County Councils to postpone consideration of their estimates for the forthcoming financial year pending the conclusion of negotiations concerning relief from rates which it is suggested should be given to agricultural land.

17 To consider a letter dated 8th January, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister is not prepared to sanction appeals by County Councils from the reduction of the valuations of railways.

18 To consider letter dated 11th January, 1929, stating that further consideration should be given to the rates of poundage to be paid to the newly-appointed poor rate collectors for Nos. 9 and 11 Districts, and that a sliding scale of remuneration might be adopted to encourage collectors to make early lodgments of rates.

19 To consider letter dated 2nd February, 1929, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, stating that they are sending a chartered accountant to investigate the Council's claim, in respect of monies embezzled by ex-collector Garrett Byrne, and claiming credit for all poundage and fees due to the ex-collector.

20 To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1929 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the Co. Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.

21 To consider a letter dated 8th January, 1929, from the National Health Insurance Commission, asking the Council to approve of a revised estimate of receipts and expenditure in connection with Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1928, in accordance with which their contribution will be increased by £100.

22 To confirm the Secretary's action in granting authority for the acquisition of a set of measuring instruments for petrol pumps under the Weights and Measures Act, 1928, which set will cost £39 10s.

23 To consider a further letter dated 28th December, 1928, from Mr Patrick Kinsella, Court Keeper, Baltinglass, applying for a residence in the Courthouse.

24 To again consider a letter dated 29th October, 1928, from Mr

Patrick Fowler, Crone, Shillelagh, applying for a room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, which letter has been referred back to the Council by the County Board of Health.

25 To again consider a letter dated 4th November, 1928, from the Hon. Secretary, Enniskerry technical instruction sub-committee enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the sub-committee complaining that they were not represented on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

26 To consider a letter dated 11th January, 1929, from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, asking the Council to sanction the co-optation of an additional member on the Committee owing to the difficulty of obtaining a quorum.

27 To consider a resolution passed by North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee requesting the Council to grant a 1d rate for technical instruction and a 1d rate for Irish.

28 To fill the vacancy created on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of Councillor George Heatley.

29 To receive, consider and approve of a New Buildings List, prepared under Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect to the financial year 1928-1929, so as to secure to the occupiers the reduction in rating contemplated by that Section.

30 To consider the County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st December, 1928.

31 To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

32 To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the Service of the year ending 31st March, 1930.

33 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

34 To consider Reports from County Officers.

35 To consider Official Correspondence.

36 To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we have learned with sincere regret of the death of our Assistant Surveyor, Mr Joseph Boyd, and we tender to his wife and family the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Passed unanimously in silence, all the members standing.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That at this the first available opportunity we offer to the members of the family of the late Mr William Costello, of Ardrinary, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Passed unanimously in silence, all the members standing.

A prolonged discussion was initiated on the subject of unemployment and consequent distress in various parts of the county, in the course of which Councillor John Dunne submitted the following resolution passed by Bray Trades Council, of which he is secretary:—"That we, the members of the Bray Trades Council, call upon the Wicklow County Council to put into operation in Bray Section 13 of the Local Government (Ire-

land) Act, 1898, owing to the exceptional distress existing in Bray caused through unemployment."

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;

Seconded by " Major Christopher Mitchell;

Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council raise an overdraft of £2000 to relieve the present distress caused by unemployment, the above sum to be paid out of next year's Estimate.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, ask the Minister for Local Government to give a grant to complete the Carnew-Shillelagh road, which is at present in a shocking state of repair.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick;

Seconded by " Denis Condren;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, call upon the Minister for Local Government, when allocating grants for this County, to consider the importance of making a grant to complete the Arklow road, as we are of opinion that it is an urgent matter affecting the interests of the shopkeepers and business people to have a good road or equally as good as other roads, as otherwise visitors are kept from approaching Arklow town.

Passed.

A deputation representing the unemployed labourers of Avoca which was in attendance was assured by the Council that everything possible would be done to meet their wishes.

A deputation consisting of Messrs William H Butler, Myles Doyle and James O'Brien, of Arklow, was in attendance and represented that they had been selected at a widely-representative public Meeting held in Arklow to urge on the Council to levy the rate necessary for the continuance of the work of the technical schools, on the grounds that the abandonment of the scheme would deprive poor children of the only educational means at their disposal for qualifying to earn a living. Having heard the deputation, the Council assured them that their wishes would be borne in mind when the estimates for the forthcoming financial year were under consideration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 21st December, 1928.

The following members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, C M Byrne and T Mulcahy.

Amongst the payments authorised by the Committee and in respect of which Advice Notes to the Treasurer were duly signed was a payment of £300 on account to Wicklow Urban District Council. The Secretary read the following extract from the minutes of proceedings of the County Council's adjourned autumn Quarterly Meeting held on the 10th December, 1928:—

The Council decided to receive a deputation from Wicklow Urban

District Council, which consisted of the Chairman, other members and the Clerk of that Council, regarding a loan of £1000 which was raised and spent by the Urban District Council in 1925 for the improvement of the Bollarney-Wicklow road. It was represented on behalf of the deputation that this loan should be made a county-at-large charge and the instalments of principal and interest already paid refunded to the Urban District Council by the County Council as since the maintenance of the said road shortly afterwards became a county-at-large charge under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, the £1000 became a County Council liability, both in Law, under Section 30 (2) of that Act, and in equity. The Secretary submitted Counsel's opinion which had been obtained by the Law Agent as follows:—"I have considered carefully the facts set out in case to advise herein, and although I have not before me a copy of the Wicklow Main Road Order 1925 I am satisfied from the statement of the effect of such Order set out in case and from a consideration of the relevant sections of the Local Government Act, 1925, that there is not any liability upon the County Council to refund to the Urban Council either the interest due upon or any part of the principal moneys comprised in the loan of £1000 raised by the Urban Council on the 6th August, 1925. I am also satisfied that section 30 of the Local Government Act, 1925, does not apply. Since the loan was raised on the 6th August, 1925—after the

passing of the Act—it could not have been borrowed before the passing of the Act and therefore sub-section 2 of the Section 30 cannot apply. The money borrowed on the 6th August, 1925, was spent by the Urban Council and exhausted on the 14th September, 1925, long before the road in question came under the jurisdiction of the County Council by virtue of the provisions of the Wicklow Main Road Order, 1925, dated the 31st December, 1925. In my opinion there is no liability upon the County Council in connection with the said loan of £1000 raised by the Urban Council as aforesaid, and accordingly I would advise the County Council to refuse the demands of the Urban Council in respect thereof. (signed) M J Ryan, 30 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, 8/12/1928." As against this it was represented by the deputation that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in a letter to the Urban District Council dated 11th September, 1928, had stated he would raise no objection to the proposed transfer of the loan. The Secretary in this connection brought to the Council's attention the fact that not alone had the Urban District Council refused to recoup them the sum of £840 10s 6d paid on the Urban Council's behalf in respect of three criminal injury awards, but that two instalments of their demand for the current year on the Urban Council, amounting to £1004, were due and unpaid. ORDER—£300 to be paid to the Urban District Council, subject to the Minister's sanction when he has the Counsel's opinion before him.

The Secretary also submitted the following letter which had been received from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:—"18th December, 1928. R/RM/33. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11th instant, with enclosures, relative to the Loan of £1000 obtained by Wicklow Urban District Council and expended on the Bollarney-Wicklow Road, and to state that in all the circumstances of the case the Minister will raise no objection to the Wicklow County Council undertaking liability for the loan from the outset. Mise, le meas (signed) J Hurson, Runaidhe."

The Committee thereupon passed the payment on account of £300 before referred to.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from Councillor John Barry:—"To the Finance Committee Meeting, 21st Dec., 1928. Gentlemen. During blasting operations at the quarry, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum, in 1926, several large stones were blown into the yard and on to the out-houses of James Moore. His shed was completely demolished and his field was damaged by the material. He has made several applications for some small compensation from the Council to enable him to repair his shed and in company with Mr Joseph O'Byrne, B.E., I visited the premises and Moore agreed to take a sum of £4 in full compensation, which amount will only be sufficient to cover the net damage and repair his out-houses and when you consider that he might have easily caused much trouble owing to danger to the lives of his family and the damage to the field, I think you will agree and I certainly urge you to grant him the compensation. He has been making repeated applications to me and the Council since the occurrence so you can see that it is no sudden idea of his. Yours faithfully (signed) John J Barry."

ORDER—The County Surveyor to furnish a detailed report here-in to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee also ordered that the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish a detailed report regarding the claim made by William Fogarty, of Carrigmore, Rathdrum, for the sum of £20 to compensate him for the damage done to his land and house by stones consequent upon the blasting at Carrigmore Quarry.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to submit to their future fortnightly meetings all rate inspector's reports on the condition in which they found the rate collections at the checking of the accounts of collectors in their respective areas.

(Signed DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

11th January, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

Your Finance Committee met in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Friday, the 4th January, 1929, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following members were present:

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, David Frame, Edward Byrne, Major C Mitchell, William J Henry, Timothy Mulcahy, J J Bourne, C M Ua Broin, and William Byrne.

BUSINESS:

1. To make Payments through Subsidiary Account.

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2. To pass Payments in respect to Works of Road Improvement in charge of the County Surveyor.

3. To appoint temporary Poor Rate Collectors for Nos. 9 and 11 Districts in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.

The Secretary submitted the following advertisement which had been published in the local weekly paper on the 29th December, 1928:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

TWO TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTORS WANTED

The Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council will, at a meeting to be held at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 4th January, 1929, give effect to the terms of a Resolution passed by the latter body on the 10th December, 1928, and will proceed to appoint duly-qualified poor rate collectors in a wholly temporary capacity for No. 9 Collecting District, which comprises the electoral divisions of Altidore, Kilcoole, Killiskey, Newcastle Lower and Newcastle Upper, and for No. 11 Collecting District, which comprises the electoral divisions of Glenealy and Wicklow Rural, 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 Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and will be probationary with regard to the first year's collection. The standard of education of the candidates must be such as to satisfy the Finance Committee, and all other qualifications being equal preference will be given to candidates with a knowledge of Irish. Written applications must 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 not less than two solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed joint bond for the due performance of the collector's duties in a sum of £5500 as regards No. 9 District, and a sum of £2800 as regards No. 11 District. Candidates must be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon on the 4th January, 1929. By Order, P. T. HEALY, Secretary to the County Council. County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow. 26th December, 1928.

The Secretary submitted ten applications which he had received from the following persons for the position in No. 9 Collecting District:— P J Doyle, 96 Main Street, Bray; Thomas Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum; William Byrne, Killoughter, Rathnew; Mrs K Doyle, 3 Wentworth Place, Wicklow; Thomas O'Brien, Market Square, Wicklow; Patrick Mulligan, Lough Dan, Roundwood; Harry Lynch, the Bungalow, Wicklow; Patrick O'Neill, Ballytunny, Ballymoyle, Arklow; Thomas Donnelly, Woodlands, Kilmacanogue, Bray; and Peter Lowe, Tomdarragh, Roundwood.

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

FOR MRS. K. DOYLE:—Councillors C M Byrne, J J Bourne, William J Henry, Timothy Mulcahy, and Major C Mitchell.—5

FOR THOMAS O'BRIEN:—Councillor William Byrne.—1

FOR HARRY LYNCH:—Councillors Edward Byrne, James Everett,

T.D.: Joseph Jacob, David H Haskins, and David Frame.—5

The Second and final round was between Mrs. K. Doyle and Lynch, and the voting was as follows:—

FOR MRS. K. DOYLE:—Councillors C M Byrne, J J Bourne, William Byrne, William J Henry, Timothy Mulcahy, and Major C Mitchell.—6

FOR LYNCH:—Councillors Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, David H Haskins, and David Frame.—5.

Proposed by Councillor T Mulcahy;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on us by the County Council's Resolution passed on the 10th December, 1928, hereby appoint Mrs. Kate Doyle, 3 Wentworth Place, Wicklow, as temporary poor rate collector for No. 9 (Altidore) Collecting District, on promotion from her present Collection District (No. 6—Blessington) at a poundage fee of 7d., in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and we hereby from our personal knowledge approve of the four following as her sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £5500 for the due performance of her duties as collector:—Messrs Michael J Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, Delgany, Denis Doyle, Sugar Loaf and Drummin, Bray, Joseph J Fallon, Abbey Street, Wicklow and Patrick Carthy, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, and further, we hereby decide that Mrs. K Doyle's appointment as collector for No. 6 District shall cease and become void on her closing her 1928/29 collection, and we give No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District to Collector Frank Healy in addition to his present small Collecting District No. 5, subject also to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, collector Frank Healy to hold the position of collector for No. 6 District in a wholly temporary capacity at the same rate and on the same conditions as Mrs. Doyle held it.

Passed.

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The Secretary submitted six applications which he had received from the following for the position in No. 11 Collecting District:— Thomas O'Brien, Market Square, Wicklow; William Byrne, Killoughter Rathnew; James J Jacob, Rathnew; Patrick O'Neill, Ballytunny, Ballymoyle, Arklow; E A Gilbert, Ballyvantron, Kilbride, Wicklow; and Thomas Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.

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

O'BRIEN:—Councillor William Byrne.—1

BYRNE:—Councillors J J Bourne, William J Henry, and Timothy Mulcahy.—3

JACOB:—Councillors Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Joseph Jacob, David H Haskins, Major C Mitchell and David Frame.—6

BARRY:—Councillor C M Byrne.—1

Jacob having obtained more votes than the remaining candidates combined was declared elected.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That we, the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on us by the County Council's Resolution passed on the 10th December, 1928, hereby appoint James J

Jacob, of Rathnew, as temporary poor rate collector for No. 11 (Glenealy) 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 Department of Local Government and Public Health, and we hereby from our personal knowledge approve of the two following as his sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £2800 for the due performance of his duties as collector:—Messrs Nicholas H Haskins, Main Street, Wicklow, and John Clarke, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That the warrants for the two newly-appointed rate collectors be now signed by the Chairman, by two other Councillors and by our Secretary.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following report received from the County Surveyor:—

3rd January, 1929.

The Finance Committee,
Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

RE: Wicklow County Council and
Claim of William Fogarty, of
Carrigmore.

Gentlemen,

Mr William Fogarty of Carrigmore, Rathdrum, claimed £20 for damages done to his land by reason of stones cast from the Quarry at Carrigmore by reason of Blasting operations.

The claim was based as follows:—

1. In May, 1927, blasting took place and a stone hit the chimney of the house, sending a brick down and knocking the lid off the kettle which was on the fire and sending the whole thing round the kitchen.
2. During blasting operations in the Summer of 1926 one stone came through the corrugated iron roof of the stable.
3. A 1½ acre field on the other side of the road opposite the Quarry cannot be mowed or tilled owing to the large number of stones that are cast thereon from the Quarry. Mowing machine broken in 1923 and the bay that was taken off the field was refused by the cows owing to being full of fine dust.
4. A large stone over 12 lbs in weight landed in the backyard and was embedded in the ground.

The matter was submitted to the County Solicitor, who, on the 16th October, 1928, sent me a copy of a Certificate certifying a payment of £12 by Wicklow County Council to Mr Fogarty and asking that I also should certify for such a sum.

I cannot see why any such Certificate should be issued by me. I consider that your Law Agent's Certificate in settlement of a Claim out of Court is sufficient.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S G GALLAGHER.

The Secretary intimated that the County Surveyor, who was called away to the southern portion of the county on a pressing engagement, had asked him to inform the Committee that he proposed at their next meeting to issue certificates for the payment to Mr William Fogarty, Carrigmore, Rathdrum, and Mr James Moore, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum, of such sums as in his opinion would adequately compensate them for the damage done to their respective premises during blasting operations in the adjoining quarries. Pending this no further action was taken in these matters by the Committee.

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The Committee ordered the Secretary to instruct the County Surveyor to submit a detailed report to their next meeting showing the least possible figure which would require to be expended to rectify the dangerous corner at Miss Hunter's Hotel, Newrath Bridge, Rathnew.

(Signed) David H Haskins
Chairman of the Finance Committee

11th January, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ; and

Seconded by " Laurence Moore ;

That the latter portion of the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be deleted, that is, the portion which proposes to add No. 6 Collecting District to No. 5, at present collected by Collector Frank Healy.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, James Kavanagh, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, P P O'Reilly, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe and James Everett, T.D.—9.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Michael Fleming, William J Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, David H Haskins, Joseph Jacob and Timothy Mulcahy—16.

The amendment was thereupon declared lost by nine votes to sixteen and the original motion put to the meeting and declared passed on the same voting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 18th January, 1929.

The following members were present :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D., and Timothy Mulcahy.

The Committee had before them a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 11th January, 1929, No. G.1841/29 Cill Maontain Fa, intimating that the Minister is prepared to sanction the new appointments of collectors for Nos. 9 and 11 Districts, and the amalgamation of District No 6 with District No 5, but suggests that further consideration should be given to the rates of poundage fixed. ORDER. The Committee refer this letter to the Council for consideration, and direct the Secretary to have the bonds for the two newly-appointed collectors, Mrs K Doyle and Mr James J Jacob, executed and the collection books issued to them as quickly as possible.

The County Surveyor submitted a report and map in connection with the proposal to improve the turn on the road from Rathnew to Greystones near Newrath Bridge Hotel, at an approximate cost of £800, which however does not provide for compensation for the land. ORDER. The Committee direct that the owners of the hotel and the head landlord be written to requesting to be informed of the compensation to be demanded in the event of the Council's proceeding with the proposal to relieve the turn or whether any compensation would be sought.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

20th January, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 23rd January, 1929.

The following members were present :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;
Councillors Edward Byrne, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D. ; William Byrne, Major C Mitchell.

The minutes of the previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee had under consideration the following Proposals and recommend same to the County Council for payment :—

SUNDRY PAYEES—£9487 15s 9d

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received

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from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, recommend the Council to make the following transfers on foot of same :—

QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE, 1929

County Board of Public Assistance—£9675

HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1929,

County Board of Health—£5620

The following application was submitted :—“ County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow. 28th January, 1929. To the Chairman

and members of the Finance Committee. Gentlemen. When I was promoted in the year 1922 to my present position the Finance Committee arranged that the duties created by the operation throughout the entire County of the Council's Scheme for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease should be discharged by me, and for these duties I was to receive through the Secretary the Thirty Pounds (£30) per annum then being allowed therefor. This arrangement worked very satisfactorily and for a number of years was duly carried out, until following the passing of the Local Government Act of 1927 the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health intimated that the administration of the afore-mentioned Scheme having now passed out of the Council's hands, the payment of the £30 per annum could no longer be sanctioned. A deputation of members of the Council then waited upon the Ministry, and as a result £10 per annum was allowed for a further period. Even this latter small payment has ceased since the 30th September, 1928, in accordance with the terms of a further communication from the Ministry. Feeling confident, as I do, that it is not the wish of the members of the Council that my financial position should be made worse, after nearly 30 years' service, because of circumstances over which I have no control, I respectfully ask the Committee to restore this Thirty Pounds (£30) per annum to me as from 1st October, 1928, subject of course to the approval of the Council, and of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. If my application be acceded to it will mean that I shall have lost the sum of £40, covering the two years ended 30th September, 1928, but as from that date I shall be in the enjoyment of the salary which both the Committee and Council fixed for me in the year 1922. I am, gentlemen, yours obediently. (signed) Thomas Langton, Chief Clerk and Accountant.”

ORDER. Granted unanimously, subject to the approval of the Council and to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offering no objection.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence in connection with the failure of Collector John Byrne to give effect to the Council's Resolution by either (a) submitting the names of four solvent sureties for his fidelity bond or (b) obtaining a fidelity bond from the Hibernian Insurance Company for the due performance of his duties as poor rate collector. ORDER. The Committee direct that Mr John Byrne be called upon to comply forthwith with one or other of the alternatives given him in the Council's Resolution.

An application was submitted from Mr Michael Fox, of the Council's clerical staff, to be remunerated for overtime work performed in connection with the scrutiny of all the collection accounts and books relating to four collection districts, the result of which was the subject-matter of a comprehensive report at a recent meeting of the Council. ORDER. The Committee recommend unanimously that Mr Fox be given £7 10s 0d for services rendered overtime in these cases.

The Secretary submitted the County Councils (Disused Workhouses) Order, 1924, and circular letter dated 15th February, 1924, No. P.48503/1924, in that connection, under which the County Council is required to maintain in good repair and insure all disused workhouses. ORDER. Noted.

The Committee had again under consideration correspondence from the Department of Agriculture, including a letter dated 21st September, 1928, No. L.2966/28, from the said Department, regarding the remuneration which would adequately recompense veterinary inspectors for duties discharged by them in connection with the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926. ORDER. The Committee recommend the Council to invite the Department to be so good as to review the annual amounts at present payable to the veterinary inspectors in the several areas in this County, having due regard to the average number of cases of bovine tuberculosis occurring in each of the said areas, and the amount of extra duties imposed on the veterinary inspectors by such cases.

The following letter from the Minister for Finance was submitted by the Secretary :—“ 3rd December, 1928. 405/215 (2). A Chara With reference to a Decree for £2000 made under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923, in respect of the destruction of furniture, law books legal documents, etc., in Baltinglass Workhouse in February, 1928, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that your Council's Solicitor has transmitted to this Department a certificate dated 14th August last by the Secretary to the Co Wicklow Board of Health to the effect that the 206 Title Deeds, 206 Cottage Agreements and 3 Land Registry Folios included in the claim have been replaced. Before further considering the question of authorising payment on foot of the Award, the Minister desires to be furnished with detailed evidence showing the cost of replacing these documents. Mise, le meas (signed) Sean Ua Luidain.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow." ORDER. Having been informed that a copy of this letter was furnished to the Law Agent on the 4th December, 1928, the Committee direct that he be called upon to submit to the Secretary for the purpose of transmission to the Minister such detailed evidence showing the cost of replacing these documents as is required.

The Secretary intimated that the plaster on the gable end of the Courthouse facing north was in his opinion in such a condition as to be exceedingly dangerous to the public walking on the footpath or road underneath, and that he had satisfied himself after consultation with the Law Agent that if an accident arises from want of care by reason of any portion of the building falling on anybody the Council would be liable for damages. ORDER. Wall to be inspected by the Committee.

The Committee had before them a communication dated 23rd January, 1929, from Mrs J Conway, Salem, Wicklow, intimating that her husband, Mr S Conway, V.S., met with an accident on the 22nd December, 1928, and would be unable to discharge his duties as veterinary inspector under the County Council before the 22nd February, 1929. She accompanied her communication with a medical certificate signed by Dr A A O'Connor, of 3 Church Street, Wicklow, to that effect. There was also submitted a letter dated 19th January, 1929, No. L.72/29, from the Department of Lands and Agriculture, regretting to hear of Mr Conway's accident, and asking to be informed if a medical certificate indicating the probable duration of his incapacity had been submitted. The letter went on to state that subject to the consent of the Council the arrangement whereby Mr M Sexton, V.S., will act for Mr Conway in his capacity as Local Authority Veterinary Inspector may be regarded as approved. ORDER. Noted.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

2nd February, 1929

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne;
Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by " Major C Mitchell;
Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 4, be now signed.
Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 5

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 1st February, 1929.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob, William Byrne, and James Everett, T.D.

The Secretary submitted the following report from the County Surveyor:—

1st February, 1929. The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I regret to report the death of Mr. Joseph Boyd, Assistant Surveyor, for the southern area of the County. Under the circumstances it will be necessary that a temporary Assistant be appointed pending the appointment of a permanent officer. I recommend that a competent temporary assistant be advertised for, and suggest a remuneration of £7. per week with a travelling allowance, on mileage, of not exceeding £3. per week. The officer so appointed must reside in Tinahely, Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

The Committee authorised the County Surveyor to advertise for, select and appoint temporarily a qualified Assistant Surveyor to discharge the duties in this area until the County Council have an opportunity of filling the vacancy, who shall reside in Tinahely, and whose salary shall be £5. per week, with travelling expenses in accordance with the approved scale not to exceed £3. per week.

(signed) DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee

9th February, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " Joseph Jacob;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No 5, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted,
Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 6.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 15th February, 1929.

The following members were present:—
Councillor James Everett, T.D., Presiding Chairman;
Councillors William Byrne and Joseph Jacob.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£3695 15s 7d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the undermentioned rate collectors, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:—

| Year | District No. | Name of Collector. | Amount. |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1927/1928 | 16 | Patrick J O'Byrne | £15 14 7 |
| 1928/1929 | 1 | Luke McDonnell | 7 1 2 |
| do | 13/15 | William J Quinn | 24 13 10 |

The Committee made an Order requesting the County Surveyor to take no steps regarding the appointment of a temporary Assistant Surveyor in the late Mr Joseph Boyd's district, so as to allow of the matter being first discussed at the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 18th February, 1929.

(Signed) James Everett,
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

15th February, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 6, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

5315/29. Do'n Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhla agus Slainte Puibli.

I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the Half-Year ended 31st March, 1928. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The newly-appointed rate collector for No. 2 District has taken up duty. Fidelity Bonds in respect of the newly-appointed collectors for Nos. 9 and 11 Districts are in course of preparation, and the 1928/1929 collection books for these districts will be issued immediately when these bonds have been executed. The collector for No. 19 District has not yet furnished a Fidelity Bond and his collection books in respect of the 1928/29 rates have as a consequence not yet been issued.

The Council's account is at the present date overdrawn, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to the extent of £13,000 approximately, and the necessity for this overdraft may be attributed to the generally unsatisfactory condition of the rate collection; notably in the four districts afore-mentioned.

In my previous report I called attention to the Council's failure to strike a rate for the liquidation of some Rural District Council balances transferred on abolition. The Council will shortly be engaged in the consideration of the 1929/1930 Estimates, and I think it opportune to direct attention to this matter again. All insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.

The Accounts were well kept and presented for Audit in a satisfactory manner. (Signed) Sean O h-Ealuighthe, Inhuichoir. 21st January, 1929.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £9487 15s 9d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £3695 15s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " Timothy Mulcahy;

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 REPORT NO. I.

14th February, 1929. To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. 1— I greatly regret to report the unexpected death of Mr Joseph Boyd, Assistant Surveyor, who had charge of the South Western Area of the County.

2—I again beg to report that the roads from Carnew to Togher (Nos. 213 and 217) are still being used by motor lorries and in consequence the roads are now very much broken. These roads are wholly unfit for such traffic and I again recommend that an Order be sought from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health closing these roads against traffic of this nature.

3—Various complaints have been made regarding the unrolled stones on the County Roads under Contract—in particular the road from Windgates to Glen of Downs, No. 28. Since it is not reasonably possible to roll in stones on such roads all that can be done is to have the stones covered with clay and blinding.

4—A complaint has been made regarding the walls at Tomriland Bridge. This appears to refer to Moneystown Bridge—which has been included in the Works Scheme for the past two years. Yours faithfully (signed) S G GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

ORDER—Paragraph 2. See the following Resolution regarding this road, which the Council will not agree should be closed to heavy traffic.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to grade the road from Carnew to the Togher (Killaveney) as a link road, owing to its importance and the fact that it is the main artery for all traffic from Carnew to Dublin and all towns situate between.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to grade the road from Tinahely Railway Station to Shillelagh via Coollattin as a link road, owing to the enormous amount of traffic this road has to bear.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to classify the road from the Court House, Wicklow, to the Silver Sands as a Main Road, it being a tourist road carrying hundreds of motor cars on Saturdays and Sundays in each week, as a result of which normal expenditure on this road quite fails to keep it in order.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

18th February, 1929. To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I beg to report that it was necessary to get an Order from two County Councillors to carry out urgent repairs to Mucklagh Iron Bridge, on the road from Anghrim to Tinahely. The cost of the repairs was £40. Yours faithfully (signed) S G GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

ORDER—Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

14th November, 1928, from the Branch Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union (adjourned from previous Quarterly Meeting) asking the Council to relieve distress in Avoca district by putting road works into operation. No order.

File of correspondence relating to the proposal to remove the alleged dangerous corner at Newrath Bridge Hotel, Rathnew, at an estimated cost of approximately £800, without providing for compensation for the land. No order.

27th December, 1928, from Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, conveying a request by that Board that the County Council arrange for the cleaning of the square at Blessington by the staff employed to clean the roads there, and that this work be done as soon as possible after the monthly fairs

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

4th January, 1929, from Captain H R Rose, Hoeyfield House, Delgany, complaining that sharp stones which might possibly cause loss of life are spread over the roads in his vicinity ; also report on the matter dated 15th February, 1929, from the County Surveyor, stating that the roads referred to are reasonably and well repaired, and that he has directed the contractor to blind the patches of loose stones. No Order.

9th January, 1929, memorial from local ratepayers asking the Council to take over, repair and maintain the road from Annamoe to Drummin.

ORDER—Referred to Roads Meeting.

25th January, 1929, from Mr John Doyle, Tomriland, Roundwood, drawing attention to the alleged dangerous state of the walls of Tomriland bridge, and threatening to hold the Council responsible for accidents caused to his stock by the said walls ; also report on the matter dated 15th February, 1929, from the County Surveyor, stating that he does not consider there is any immediate danger to Mr Doyle's stock. No order.

31st January, 1929, from A Chatterton, Esq, Estate Office, Enniskerry, applying on behalf of Mrs Snow for permission for the latter to turn the space in front of her premises into a garden and enclose with a concrete wall two feet high with a little railing on top ; also report on the matter dated 14th February, 1929, from the County Surveyor, stating that he has inspected the site and finds there would be no objection to permitting the erection of the railing and dwarf wall. ORDER—Authority given, if work be done to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

6th February, 1929, from J W Barrett, Esq, Clerk, Urban District Council, Arklow, resolution passed by that Council calling for a grant to complete the surfacing and tar-dressing of the Rathnew-Arklow road to connect with the trunk road at the western end of the town. ORDER—See Resolution passed at this Meeting.

12th February, 1929, from Mr John Murphy, Hon Sec, Togher (Roundwood) Agricultural League, complaining that margins for horse traffic are not left on tarred roads. ORDER—Resolution directing that these margins be left already passed at the Council's meeting held on the 29th February, 1926, and still in operation.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;

Seconded by " William Henry ;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick ;

Seconded by " Denis Condren ; and

Resolved—That the Council approve of repairs and painting of the iron railing on the western side of Arklow Bridge, and that the County Surveyor be directed to carry out this work forthwith immediately the weather permits.

Passed.

After some discussion, and after the procedure adopted for the defence of malicious injury claims was explained by the Law Agent, Councillor Michael Fleming, with the Council's permission, withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name :—" I beg to give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that all claims for malicious damage be submitted to the Finance Committee for their approval before further action is taken in the matter, and that the Law Agent be requested to attend these Meetings to give such advice as the Committee may require in cases of this kind and that the former Resolution be rescinded which has governed these cases up to passing of this Motion ; and furthermore that our Secretary be empowered to communicate with the Sergeant of the Garda when he receives a claim of this kind notifying the Guards of the district where the damage has taken place to obtain all the information possible bearing on the claim, the said information to be returned to the Secretary to be laid before the Finance Committee for the purpose of opposing such claims."

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH & TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

The Secretary submitted the following letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—

13th November, 1928. P.H.48562/28 Cill Manntain (Ae). A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward, for the information of the Wicklow County Council, the accompanying copy of a letter which he has addressed to the Board of Health and Public Assistance relative to the question of the adoption of a comprehensive Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis to be associated with the reorganisation of other Public Health services in the County under the supervision of a County Medical Officer of Health. I am to request that the question of the appointment of that officer may be taken into consideration by the County Council at an early date and that copy of the agenda of the Council's Meeting at which the matter is to be considered may be forwarded to this Office, as soon as possible, before the day fixed for that Meeting. Mise, le meas (signed) L S Smith, ar son Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

(Copy) 13th November, 1928. P.H.48562/28 Cill Mhanntain (Ae.) A Chara. With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I am

directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to direct the attention of the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance to the necessity for the early establishment of a comprehensive Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis in the County. From the number of deaths in the County during the year 1927 registered as due to that disease it is clear that there must be hundreds of tuberculosis patients who are not being dealt with under the partial arrangements at present being administered by the County Insurance Committee for providing treatment for such patients. I am to explain that if a comprehensive Tuberculosis Scheme were associated with the reorganisation of other Public Health Services in the County under the supervision of a County Medical Officer of Health the recoupment available from State Grants would enable the cost to the rates of the employment of that officer and of the introduction of improved services to be substantially reduced. The Minister would urge that the whole question should receive the early consideration of the Board of Health and Public Assistance and that they should address a recommendation to the County Council recommending the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health who will also act as Tuberculosis Officer. You are requested to notify this Department, as soon as possible, of the date of the Meeting of the Board at which this letter is being considered. Mise, le meas (signed) L S Smith, ar son Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

The Council had also before them a letter dated 6th December, 1928, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, Rathdrum, stating that the Board had had the foregoing letter under consideration and had made the following order thereon :—" Recommended to the careful consideration of the Wicklow County Council. Dr Boyd Barrett to be asked to attend the meeting of the County Council at which the question will be considered."

Dr. Boyd Barrett, Medical Inspector, Department of Local Government and Public Health, who was present, explained to the Council what were the duties of a County Medical Officer of Health, and stated that by combining that office with the position of Tuberculosis Officer the Council would become entitled to a refund of portion of their outlay in salary. He also made clear that a Tuberculosis Scheme would provide for effective treatment for all tuberculous persons in the County, and would cost little more than the Council's existing practically fruitless expenditure on tuberculous patients. The Council promised to give the matter full consideration when dealing with their estimates, and Dr. Barrett undertook to provide them with a draft scheme for their guidance on that occasion.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—" 4th February, 1929. R/RS/33. A Chara. With further reference to your letter of 1st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he learns with regret of the decease of Mr J Boyd, Assistant Surveyor, and he will raise no objection to the County Surveyor selecting by advertisement a qualified person to carry out the duties of the vacant office at remuneration of £5 per week with an allowance for travelling expenses not exceeding £3 per week for a period not exceeding three months from the date of the vacancy, subject to confirmation by the Wicklow County Council. The Council's proposals as to salary, conditions of employment, etc., applicable to the appointment of a permanent Assistant Surveyor should be submitted for sanction as

soon as practicable Mise, le meas (signed) E. P. McCarron, Runaidhe, The Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

That the question of a permanent appointment of an Assistant Surveyor in room of the late Mr Joseph Boyd be adjourned to our May Quarterly Meeting, and that our present two Assistant Surveyors be hereby appointed to discharge the duties in the vacant area in the meantime.

As an amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle; and

Resolved—That we proceed to appoint a temporary Assistant Surveyor in the late Mr Boyd's area

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J. J. Bourne, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Thomas Weadick, William J. Henry, Daniel J. Kehoe, Major C. Mitchell, P. P. O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, David Frame, George Healey and Joseph Metcalfe—13.

AGAINST—Councillors James McCrea, John J. Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, C. M. Byrne, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; D. H. Haskins, Joseph Jacob and Timothy Mulcahy—11.

The amendment was thereupon declared passed by thirteen votes to eleven, and was put to the meeting as a substantive motion and declared passed on the same voting.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That our Assistant Surveyor, J. T. O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., be appointed temporarily to discharge the duties until a permanent man is appointed in the area rendered vacant by the death of Mr Joseph Boyd at a salary of £4 per week to cover everything.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J. J. Bourne, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, W. J. Henry, Daniel J. Kehoe, John J. Metcalfe, Major C. Mitchell, Laurence Moore, P. P. O'Reilly, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, C. M. Byrne, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; D. H. Haskins, Joseph Jacob and Timothy Mulcahy—21.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Kavanagh and Edward Byrne—2.
Councillor G. Heatley declined to vote.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by twenty-one votes to two.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,

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A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under consideration representations made to County Councils by the General Council of County Councils to the effect that the adoption of Estimates for the forthcoming financial year should be postponed pending the report of a Committee appointed to enter into negotiations with the Executive Council of the Government for the stated purpose of exploring means to secure an increase in the Agricultural Grant. Such postponement of the adoption of Estimates beyond the 1st March next would involve the concurrence of the Minister in a departure from the requirements of the Public Bodies Order. The Minister desires me to intimate that he strongly deprecates any delay in the steps requisite to the making of the Rate. Councils have already been informed that the Government will provide for the forthcoming financial year an increased Agricultural Grant on the same basis as that allowed for in the current year, namely, £1,198,022 in total amount. It should be clearly understood that this represents the maximum relief admissible from national resources under this head. The financial embarrassments from which many Councils are being slowly extricated have been due largely to delays in past years in putting into collection the rates needed for actual current outlay. Such delays have in numerous instances involved heavy charges for overdraft interest, an expenditure wholly unproductive. Ratepayers who have not had an opportunity of paying their rates at the due time have consequently been unfairly burdened by their proportion of overdraft interest.

Even if merits were shown for re-arrangement of liability for local services between taxpayers and ratepayers no prospective alteration could be made effective in the forthcoming financial year without serious delay in the preparation or alteration of Rate Books and in the issue of Warrants for collection. Such delay would still further dislocate local finances, and add to liabilities for overdraft interest even assuming that Banks would be willing to lend further and that the Minister would feel justified in sanctioning advances.

From special attention given to the recorded and published accounts of the proceedings of County Councils the Minister feels that such unsettlement as prevails amongst ratepayers generally may in large part be ascribed to exaggerative and unbalanced statements concerning the burden of rates which are often permitted at Council's Meetings and which receive widespread publication. During the coming financial year the Minister would recommend that each Council should appoint a small responsible Committee to carefully examine the figures as to the extent of the public services of the County, and to consider in what better manner than at present the ratepayers may be familiarised with the nature of services to which they subscribe by way of rates. It is felt that if the matter be examined in some detail a more accurate public opinion can be formed than at present as to the true proportion of rates represented in the annual outgoings of farmers and other ratepayers.

There is reason to believe that less dissatisfaction would be evinced if some of those who are most vocal in their grievances were invited to examine in their personal budgets,

- (a) the relative costs of the services to which they contribute as ratepayers at present as compared with, say, 1914 and
- (b) to calculate what percentage of their own expenditure is represented by rates.

The Minister does not wish it to be inferred that there should be any relaxation in the efforts which have been made jointly by Local Authorities and by the Department to secure all practicable economies. He feels, however, that it is only by reference to the exact facts of the local services and more common knowledge respecting them that local decisions may be averted which would react detrimentally on the care of the destitute poor and the sick and that essential revenues may not be unwisely retrenched the outlay of which would effectively diminish inevitable expenditure in the near future.

I am to request that where arrangements have not already been made to secure the making of the rate before the 1st proximo special meetings should be convened before that date.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) E. P. McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

To the Secretary of each County Council.

ORDER. Submitted—the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be asked to extend the time for adopting Estimates to the 31st March.

The Council authorised the Secretary to place in the hands of Mr Edwin Hammond, auctioneer, Carnew, the letting of the lands attached to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings for the period ended 28th February, 1930, and directed that Mr Hammond be asked to carefully define the plots containing about an acre inside the boundary wall as distinct from the lands outside the wall.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That application be made to be allowed to continue to operate the County Council's present overdraft of £20,000 up to the 31st March, 1929, owing to the fact that the new Collectors for Nos. 2, 9 and 11 districts and the collector for No. 19 District have so recently received their collection books that they have not had time yet to collect and make lodgments—the Secretary to make every effort to keep this overdraft reduced to the lowest possible figure.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " D. J. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, condemn in the strongest possible manner the action of the Government of the Six Counties in arresting Deputy De Valera, Leader of the Opposition party in the Free State Parliament, and we call upon the Executive of the Irish Free State Government to demand his immediate release and an apology to the Irish people of the Free State for the indignity and insult offered to them by reason of his arrest and imprisonment.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by " P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, humbly offer to His Holiness the Pope our cordial appreciation of the

successful issue of the negotiations between His Holiness, His Majesty the King of Italy, and that illustrious Statesman Signor Mussolini, whereby the differences which have existed for the past fifty-nine years have been swept away and the Papal State recreated so happily in this the Jubilee year of His Holiness.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph Byrne and accepted by the Chairman:—"I hereby give Notice that I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of this Council to strike the rates for the year 1929/30, that this Council levy a rate of 1d. in the pound for technical instruction and 1d. in the pound for Irish Language, in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and that the pro-

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ceeds be paid to the North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee."

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That this Council do now adjourn to a date to be fixed by our Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

Cell Byrne

The Road Works Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 11th March, 1929.

The following members were present :-

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;
Councillors Edward Byrne, James McCrea, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D. ; Patrick Doyle, D H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, David Frame, J J Bourne, Major C Mitchell, James Kavanagh, Michael Fleming, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Peter P O'Reilly and Timothy Mulcahy.

BUSINESS:

County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow. 4th March, 1929. To each Member of Wicklow County Council. A Chara. You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the above Council, which the Chairman has fixed to take place at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., Monday, the 11th March, 1929, in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow ; and at which the only item of business will be the consideration of the Provisional Road Works Scheme and the adoption of same, with such amendments as may be deemed advisable, for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1930. Mise, le meas (Signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

Seconded " David Frame ;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor John W Ryan, our deep sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained by the death of his mother.

Passed in silence, all the members standing.

The Council proceeded to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme which had been prepared by the County Surveyor for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1930. They noted therefrom that the amount proposed by the County Surveyor to be expended on Main Roads for that year was £46,134, and on County Roads £25,591 5s 11d.

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

That the Wicklow County Council having had under consideration the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930, which, to put into operation in full as prepared and submitted by the County Surveyor would require a rate of 5s 5½d in the £, hereby refuse to raise any rate for the upkeep and maintenance of trunk roads, on the grounds that ratepayers are absolutely unable to meet the rate which would be required to raise sufficient monies to keep the roads in the condition aimed at by the County Surveyor in the Scheme, and because this Council is of opinion that Trunk Roads should be maintained by the Government as a national charge.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " John Dunne ;

That this Council strike a rate for the upkeep and maintenance of roads of exactly the same figure as was expended for the service of the current year ending 31st March, 1929, namely, 2s. 9½d in the pound.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows :-

FOR THE AMENDMENT :- Councillors Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—9.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, James McCrea, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Joseph

Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—13.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost by thirteen votes to nine.

As a further amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley ; and

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

That a rate of two shillings and threepence farthing (2/3¼) (which is to include the raising of the £6000 additional unassessed money expended during the current financial year ending 31st March, 1929) be struck

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for the upkeep and maintenance of all roads in the County during the financial year ending 31st March, 1930.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—8.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Laurence Moore, P P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—14.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost by fourteen votes to eight.

A poll on the original motion was then called for, with the following result:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors James Kavanagh, James McCrea, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, David Frame, C M Byrne, David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—5.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, William J Henry, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—14.

The motion was thereupon declared lost by fourteen votes to eight.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

That the sum of £18247 included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1930, be struck out on the grounds that ratepayers are absolutely unable to meet the expenses of such methods of maintaining roads.

This motion was with the Council's consent withdrawn.

Proposed by Councillor Timothy Mulcahy ;

Seconded by " P P O'Reilly ;

That we strike a rate of 2/6 in the £ for the upkeep and maintenance of roads, in the county, for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, the proceeds of this 2/6 rate to include the £6000 already expended during the current financial year 1928/1929, but which has not been raised in the rate.

This motion was also with the Council's consent withdrawn.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh ;

That we strike a rate of 2/3 in the £ for the Road Works Scheme for the year 1929/30, the £6000 already authorised and expended during this financial year to be included in the proceeds of the before-mentioned rate of 2/3.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne, and David H Haskins—8.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—13.

Councillor Timothy Mulcahy declined to vote.

The motion was thereupon declared lost by thirteen votes to eight.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " Major C Mitchell ;

Resolved—That all tar dressing for Main Roads, viz:—£18,247 and special works (Main and County Roads) be excluded from the Roads Scheme and that 50% of the County Surveyor's estimate be allocated for each road.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, James McCrea, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—14.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—8.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by fourteen votes to eight.

Wicklow County—Main Roads.

The Secretary submitted the following letter dated 8th March, 1929, No. R/RS/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):—"A Chara. With further reference to your communication of the 19th ultimo I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is prepared to declare the Wicklow-Silver Sands road a Main Road provided the County Council are prepared to allow a reasonable sum for its upkeep. The application in regard to the other roads Carnew-Togher (Killaveney and Tinahely-Shillelagh via Coollatin cannot be entertained. There is a Main Road in the vicinity (L. 31 and L. 32) and in the former case the proposals involves interference with Main Road classification in one of the adjoining Counties. Mise, le meas (Signed) H S Moylan, a/s Runaidhe."

11th March, 1929.

ORDER—For Wicklow-Silver Sands road, now declared to be a Main Road, see Roads Works Scheme as amended.

The Council thereupon approved and adopted the Roads Works Scheme for the year 1929/1930 as amended and summarised as follows:—
MAIN ROADS.

| | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| | (a) Liabilities under existing | | | |
| | Contract-Link | £805 | 0 | 0 |
| (1) Repairs | (b) New Proposals | | | |
| | Trunk | £4500 | | |
| | Link | 8604 | 13104 | 0 |
| | | | | 0 |
| (2) Improvement (Councillors' Applications) | | | | Nil. |
| (3) Contingencies—Trunk | | £125 | | |
| | Link | 125 | 250 | 0 |
| | | | | 0 |

TOTAL (MAIN ROADS) (not including

£828 required to repay a Loan of £1000 raised by Wicklow Urban Council and expended on a road subsequently declared a Main Road, taken over by the County Council ...

£14159 0 0

COUNTY ROADS.

| | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------|------|----|
| | (a) Liabilities under existing | | | |
| (1) Repairs | Contracts | 11982 | 5 | 11 |
| | (b) New Proposals | | | |
| | Part I | £139 | | |
| | Part II | 2365 | 2504 | 0 |
| | | | | 0 |
| (2) Repayment of Loans | ... | 2649 | 0 | 0 |
| (3) Improvements (Councillors' Applications) | Nil. | | | |
| (4) Contingencies | ... | 250 | 0 | 0 |

TOTAL (COUNTY ROADS) £17385 5 11

GROSS TOTAL ... £31544 5 11

The Chairman informed the Council that during the three years which would expire on the 31st March, 1929, no less than £189924 would have been expended on the roads in County Wicklow, and that of this sum grants represented £111564, while the balance of £78360 was raised by means of the poor rate.

Re: Blessington and Poulaphuca Steam Tramway.

The Secretary submitted the following letter dated 9th March, 1929, from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow:—"Dear Sir. Referring to the opinion of Mr Leonard, K.C., I suggest that the Council make an Order on Monday next, the 11th, directing a sale of the tramway and sleepers in County Wicklow area by tender to be sent in on or before the 16th April next and that there should be a further direction that if there is any deficit between the amount in your Certificate of the 10th January last and the amount realised proceedings should be instituted against the Blessington and Poulaphuca Steam Tramway Company for recovery of the balance. Counsel has advised that after judgment has been obtained it can be registered as a Mortgage on the houses the property of the Company in the County Kildare area. This would reimburse the County Council some of the loss and would be a prior claim on these buildings unless there are Debenture shareholders in the Company. Yours faithfully (signed) J H McCarroll."

CMB Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That the rails and sleepers of the Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway Company be sold by tender as in Law Agent's letter of 9th March, 1929, and that proceedings be instituted against the Company to recover any loss sustained or to be sustained: tenders to be invited in local paper, the necessary advertisements to be prepared and published by the Law Agent.

Passed.

The meeting terminated at this stage, the Council having been unable to reach an item on the Order Book relative to the Minister's inability to approve of the revised arrangements made for the discharge of the duties of Assistant Surveyor in the late Mr Joseph Boyd's district, and his unwillingness to authorise any further grant for work in the County until he is satisfied that sufficient suitable technical assistance is provided by the Council.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1929.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C M Ua Broin, Chairman:—
Councillors James McCreagh, Laurence Moore, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Peter P O'Reilly, John J Barry, Joseph Metcalfe, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D., David H Haskins, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, George Kearon, James Kavanagh, John J Metcalfe, William J Henry, Michael Fleming, Major C Mitchell, Jacob J Bourne, William Byrne, and Timothy Muleahy.

BUSINESS:

1 To consider the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates of Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930.

2 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Joseph Byrne:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council, to strike the rates for the year 1929/1930, that this Council levy a rate of 1d. in the pound for technical instruction and 1d. in the pound for the Irish language in the Rathdown No 2 Rural District and that the proceeds be paid to the North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee."

3 To consider the Estimates and strike the rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930.

4 To receive, consider and approve of a New Buildings List, prepared under Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and in respect of the financial year 1929/1930, so as to secure to the occupiers the reduction in rating contemplated by that section.

5 To approve and confirm the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, received from the Road Works Meeting held on the 11th March, 1929.

6 To consider a letter dated 8th March, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the Council's desire to have certain roads classed as Main Roads.

7 To consider a memorial from local ratepayers, dated 9th January, 1929, seeking to have the road from Annamoe to Drummin taken over and repaired by the Council.

8 To consider a letter dated 6th March, 1929, from the Secretary, Co. Wicklow Board of Health, calling attention on behalf of his Board to the flooding of Dunlavin Streets.

9 To consider a letter dated 8th March, 1929, from Hugh J Harmon, Ballingule, Kiltegan, asking on behalf of local ratepayers for the erection of bridges over the streams at Ballingule, Toorboy and Cranareen.

9A To consider correspondence threatening legal proceedings on behalf of Mr Andrew Hogan, Grange House Lodge, Rathfarnham, for damages to himself and motor bicycle alleged to be due to potholes in the road at the Scalp, Enniskerry.

10 To consider a letter dated 26th February, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister cannot sanction the arrangements proposed by the Council for the discharge of the duties of Assistant Surveyor in the late Mr Boyd's

district, nor authorise further grants until suitable technical assistance is provided.

11 To make application to the Local Appointments Commissioners to select a candidate suitable to fill the vacancy in the late Assistant Surveyor Joseph Boyd's district.

12 To consider a letter dated February 15th, 1929, from Geoffrey Phibbs, Esq., resigning his position as County Librarian, and to make application to the Local Appointments Commissioners to fill the vacancy.

13 To consider a letter dated 19th December, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister has no power to sanction the appointment of Dr P J Hamilton as Coroner for East Wicklow, as the post is one which should be filled by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

14 To approve of the appointment of Dr Lyons, Dunlavin, as deputy coroner for West Wicklow, which has been made by Dr D P Kenna, coroner.

15 To consider a letter dated 23rd February, 1929, from C Pratt Whelan, Esq, 38 Ailesbury Road, Dublin, stating that he will look to the Council for compensation for damage done by the sea to his cottage, "Somerton," on the North Beach, Greystones.

16 To consider a letter dated 1st March, 1929, from R H Hill, Esq, 3a Burgh Quay, Dublin, stating that he will build a cement wall to protect his bungalow on the Beach Road, Greystones, if the Council exempt him from payment of rates.

17 To consider a further letter from the Joint Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, asking leave to remove some of the rails of the Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway immediately at a price of 2s. 6d. per ton.

18 To consider a letter dated 8th January, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister is not prepared to sanction appeals by County Councils from the reduction of the valuations of railways.

19 To consider a letter dated 11th January, 1929, stating that further consideration should be given to the rates of poundage to be paid to the newly-appointed poor rate collectors for Nos. 6, 9 and 11 Districts, and that a sliding scale of remuneration might be adopted to encourage collectors to make early lodgments of rates.

20 To consider a letter dated 6th February, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, directing the Council's attention to the fact that up to the 31st January (excluding Nos. 9, 11 and 19 Districts) the total collection was equivalent to only one moiety of the current rate.

21 To consider letter dated 2nd February, 1929, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, stating that they are sending a chartered accountant to investigate the Council's claim in respect of monies embezzled by ex-collector Garret Byrne, and claiming credit for all poundage and fees due to the ex-collector.

22 To consider correspondence from the Hibernian Insurance Company, stating that unless Collector John Byrne furnishes fresh counter-securities who are not relatives they will be compelled to withdraw the guarantee in his name.

23 To instruct the Law Agent to furnish to Collector John A

Doyle such legal assistance as may be required to close the 1927/28 collection in No. 2 District, which was left unclosed by ex-collector Halpin.

24 To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1929 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.

25 To consider a letter dated 8th January, 1929, from the National Health Insurance Commission, asking the Council to approve of a revised estimate of receipts and expenditure in connection with Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1928, in accordance with which their contribution will be increased by £100.

26 To confirm the Secretary's action in granting authority for the acquisition of a set of measuring instruments for petrol pumps under the Weights and Measures Act, 1928, which set will cost £39 10s.

27 To again consider a letter dated 29th October, 1928, from Mr Patrick Fowler, Crone, Shillelagh, applying for a room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, which letter has been referred back to the Council by the County Board of Health.

28 To consider a recommendation from County Wicklow Board of Health to let two apartments in the Shillelagh Workhouse to Mrs Byrne, district midwife, at a rent of 2s 6d a week, until a vacant house in the area is available for her.

29 To consider a letter dated 14th February, 1929, from James Doyle, Secretary, Wicklow Athletic Association, applying for a letting of portion of the Wicklow Jail premises for the purposes of the association.

30 To consider a circular letter dated 13th March, 1929, from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, asking if the Council desire to have anything placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the General Council.

31 To consider a circular letter dated 13th March, 1929, from the General Secretary, Post Office Workers' Union, 52 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking the Council to use their influence against the proposed curtailment of rural postal services.

32 To again consider a letter dated 4th November, 1928, from the Hon. Secretary, Enniskerry technical instruction sub-committee, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the sub-committee complaining that they were not represented on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

33 To consider a letter dated 11th January, 1929, from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, asking the Council to sanction the co-option of an additional member on the Committee owing to the difficulty of obtaining a quorum.

34 To fill the vacancy created on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of Councillor George Heatley.

35 To consider the County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st December, 1928.

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- 36 To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
 37 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
 38 To receive Reports from County Officers.
 39 To consider Official Correspondence.
 40 To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
 Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to our County Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, our deep sympathy with her on the death of her brother, the Rev. Martin Ryan, C.C., Poulfor, Wexford.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;
 Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That the County Council of the County of Wicklow, realizing the crushing impost on rates that may possibly be imposed on our ratepayers in the event of hill fires extending to forestry lands planted by the Department, earnestly urge the Department of Lands and Agriculture to provide men whose business it would be to look after and protect forestry planted lands in this county at last during the month of March, in each year; we also call on the farmers and other ratepayers in areas where fires may occur to give all the assistance in their power to put out such fires and to give all possible assistance and evidence to secure conviction of the persons who may be charged with starting such fires for any reason.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
 Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby urge the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Wicklow County Council to substitute the use of slate dust, a product of Earl Fitzwilliam's quarry in our county, with "Glutrin," for the purpose of all existing forms of road construction and maintenance, which would otherwise entail surface dressing with tar, as we are most anxious to relieve unemployment so prevalent in our County, which we find only leads to increased rates because of additional home help.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th March, 1929.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David H. Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, David Frame, James Everett, T.D., Joseph Jacob, William J Henry, Major C Mitchell, and C M Byrne.

RATE ESTIMATES.

The Secretary submitted in the form prescribed the annual estimates of the amounts required to be raised as general charges and as separate charges during the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the sums demanded in respect to that period by the subsidiary bodies. The

following report in that connection was also submitted:

County Council Offices,
 Courthouse, Wicklow,
 12th March, 1929.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Rate Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1930.

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 to meet the Demands of other Public bodies financed by the Council, I desire briefly to draw attention to its outstanding features.

During the current financial year the Council authorised for expenditure on Roads additional sums amounting in all to £6200. No provision having however been made in the Estimates for the year 1928/29 to meet these sums, they appear for assessment in the figures for 1929/30 now submitted, £5600 being chargeable to the County at Large Urban, and £600 being chargeable to the County at Large Rural.

I note that the Demand for General Rate received from the County Board of Health for 1929/30 is £471 less than the Demand for 1928/29. On the other hand the Demand from the County Board of Public Assistance for 1929/30 is £1888 more than the Demand for 1928/29. The Demand from the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman

Mental Hospital also shows an increase of £546 for the year 1929/30 over the sum required for 1928/29.

With a view to answering a question repeatedly asked, I subjoin the total amounts required under the headings referred to for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930.

| | |
|---|----------------|
| For Roads, and to repay Loans expended on Roads | £38572 |
| For County Board of Health | 11240 |
| For County Board of Public Assistance | 38180 |
| For Grangegorman Mental Hospital | 13908 |
| | <u>£101900</u> |

The Council has already reduced the £71725 appearing in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1929/30 submitted by the County Surveyor to the £38572 set out. The figures in the Demands received in respect of the other three services may not legally be interfered with. In these circumstances it will be observed that the total of the four services, I have set out above represents more than three-fourths of the entire Estimates, if Separate Charges be excluded. There is therefore but little scope left for the Council to exercise economy, and appreciably reduce rates.

The Council loses approximately £730 per annum in consequence of the reduced valuations of the holdings appearing in the Valuation Lists issued this year for which the Great Southern Railways Company is rated, and in addition the Council is called on to refund the sum of £726 alleged to have been overpaid by the Company for the current year

1928/1929 on the holdings where valuations have been so reduced.

The rates suggested for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930, are as follow:—

| | 1929/1930. | £ | s | d |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Construction and Maintenance of Roads | ... | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| County Services | ... | 0 | 3 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Poor Relief | ... | 0 | 2 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Board of Health Charges | ... | 0 | 0 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| TOTAL | ... | <u>0</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u> |

As the double Agricultural Grant allowed again this year affords Land a relief of 2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the £—the suggested Rate on Land would therefore be 5/5 $\frac{1}{2}$, viz:—8/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ less 2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

I subjoin the rates for 1927/28 and 1928/29, so that Councillors may be in a position to compare the rates suggested for 1929/1930 with those in operation during last year and this year:—

| | 1927/1928 | 1928/29 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | £ s d | £ s d |
| Roads | 0 2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 2 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| County Services | 0 2 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 2 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Poor Relief | 0 2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 2 3 |
| Board of Health Charges | 0 0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| TOTAL | <u>£0 7 5$\frac{1}{2}$</u> | <u>£0 7 7$\frac{1}{2}$</u> |

It is right that I should direct the Council's special attention to the following paragraph which appeared in the Auditor's Report dated 21st January, 1929, on his Audit of the Accounts for the half year ended 31st March, 1928:—"In my previous report I called attention to the Council's failure to strike a rate for the liquidation of some Rural District Council balances transferred on abolition. The Council will shortly be engaged in the consideration of the 1929/30 Estimates, and I think it opportune to direct attention to this matter again." Particulars of these balances will be found at foot of the form under the heading "separate charges" and I would earnestly urge the Council to take definite action in the estimates now submitted to wipe out these balances which in point of fact should have been dealt with several years ago.

It would require a rate of 5s 8d in the £ in the ensuing year over the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway to liquidate the debit balances against that area and to meet the requirements of the Joint Committee of Management in the coming financial year. As this rate is manifestly an impossible one, and as the Company's financial conditions seem to grow worse and worse as the years pass, it is a matter requiring the gravest consideration by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY

Secretary to the County Council.

The terms of the report, and each figure on the form relating to

general charges (as already printed and circulated to each member of the Council) having received the most careful consideration, and having heard the Secretary's explanation as to the basis upon which each figure appears in the form was arrived at, the Committee made certain modifications under the following heads, as will be observed by a comparison of the figures in the form already circulated to each Councillor with the figures on the revised form which accompanies this Report:—

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GENERAL CHARGES.

- A. Roads. Rents, rates, fencing, etc.—Quarries.
Insurance Premiums.
Expenditure on road work authorised during the past year not included in the last estimate.
Other Expenditure.
- B. County Services. County Medical Officer of Health.
Veterinary Inspectors under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order.
Legal Expenses.
Advertising Pleasure Resorts.
Reformatories and Industrial Schools.
County Circulating Library Scheme.
Insurance Premiums.
Projected Scheme for the Treatment of Tuberculosis.
County Committee of Agriculture.
County Joint Technical Instruction Committee.
Proceeds of 1d. in the £ rate for the teaching of Irish.
- F. Separate Charges. Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.
Debit Balances in County Council's ledgers on abolition of:—Naas Union, Shillelagh Union, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, Rathdrum Rural District, Shillelagh Rural District.

The estimates as submitted by the Secretary represented an increase of 8³/₄d in the £ in the total of the general charge rate over the rate assessed for the current year 1928/1929. In these circumstances, being anxious to recommend a total rate under the headings General Charges and Separate Charges at least not greater than the rate for the year 1928/1929, the Committee saw no alternative but to recommend severe cuts under the headings above indicated.

In connection with the item "insurance premiums" it was

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by Major C Mitchell; and

Resolved—That notwithstanding anything to the contrary on the records of the County Council we hereby recommend the Council to abolish any procedure at present in operation whereby the Commission payable on the insurance premiums handed to the Hibernian Insurance Company is paid to any agent of the Company, and that instead the Council be recommended to act as their own agent, through their Secretary, and the Company be requested to pay all commission to the Council to be used for reducing poor rates.

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

Attention is drawn by the Committee to the fact that the Council authorised expenditure by the County Surveyor of sums totalling £5600 chargeable to the County-at-Large Urban and £600 chargeable to the County-at-Large Rural, no provision for which had been made in any rate estimate, as a consequence of which these sums appeared in the estimates now submitted by the Secretary. It was accordingly

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by C M Byrne; and

Resolved—That such portion of the £5600 chargeable to County Urban, and of the £600 chargeable to County Rural, which has been expended during the current and last financial years, but was not assessed in the rate for the current year, as is not refunded by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, on the usual 50 per cent and 30 per cent basis, be not included in the rates for the ensuing financial year, but instead be financed by raising a five-years' loan therefor.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence, including the following letters:—

13th November, 1928, No. P.H.48562/28 Cill Mhanntain (Ae), from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing copy of letter addressed to the County Board of Health urging the necessity for the adoption of a comprehensive Scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis, to be associated with the reorganization of other public health services in the County under the supervision of a County Medical Officer of Health.

25th February, 1929, from the Secretary, County Carlow Board of Health and Public Assistance, enclosing draft Scheme, estimate, etc., in illustration of the Tuberculosis Scheme adopted by that Board.

22nd February, 1929, and 13th March, 1929, from the Secretaries of Wexford County Council and Wexford County Board of Health respectively enclosing particulars of the estimated expenditure for a year under the Co. Wexford Tuberculosis Scheme.

23rd February, 1929, from the Secretary, Kildare Board of Health, enclosing copy of the estimate adopted by that Board in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1930, under the Tuberculosis Scheme and under the School Medical Service Scheme.

Provision had been made by the Secretary in the estimate for a County Medical Officer of Health, who should also be Tuberculosis Officer and General Medical Inspector of Schools, and also for a projected scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis. In view of the Council's stringent financial position the Committee felt themselves reluctantly compelled to strike these two items out of the estimate, in the hope that the economic outlook would be brighter when the next estimate was being considered.

The Department of Agriculture having been asked some time ago by the Finance Committee to recommend a scale of remuneration to Veterinary Inspectors in this County for duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, having due regard to the number of cases dealt with by each inspector per annum under that Order, the Secretary submitted a

communication from that Department dated 26th February, 1929, No. L.2966/28, containing the revised annual allowance to each Inspector as recommended. The Committee have approved of these allowances as so revised and made the consequent reductions in the estimates now submitted, and they recommend the annual allowances at the new scale to the Council for adoption as from 1st April, 1929.

Legal Expenses. At a meeting of the County Council held on the 14th March, 1924, a resolution was passed directing that all necessary steps be taken by the Council's solicitor, J H McCarroll, Esq., for the purpose of opposing the Bills entitled the Dublin Electricity Supply Bill, the East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill, the Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill and the Naas No. 1 Rural District Electric Power Order, being promoted in the then session of the Oireachtas. Since that meeting three separate sums of £300 each had been paid by the Council to their Law Agent on account of law costs involved by the opposition to the Bills referred to, making a total already paid on account of £900. The Committee are of opinion that this £900 should be ample to cover all costs incurred by the Council in connection with the opposition to the four Bills, and for that reason they have struck out of the estimates the sum of £566 which had been included therein by the Secretary to meet such balance as might be due to the Law Agent on foot of a bill of costs at present before the Taxing Master in respect of such opposition. They ask the Council to approve of their action in this matter.

The Committee struck out the item of £617 appearing in the estimates as proceeds of a 3d rate in the £ for the purpose of advertising pleasure resorts, as they are of opinion that County Wicklow does not receive adequate recompense for this expenditure.

The sum of £2168 appeared in the estimates under the heading "reformatories and industrial schools." Having ascertained that in pre-war days the contribution per head per week to reformatories and industrial schools was 2s., the Committee are of opinion that as the sum in the estimates is calculated at the rate of five shillings, this five shillings should be reduced to 4s. 6d. per head per week. They have reduced the figure in the estimate by the equivalent of 6d. per head per week, and they suggest that a Notice of Motion be handed in at the next meeting to give effect to this reduction from 5s. to 4s. 6d.

In the estimates under the heading "county circulating library scheme" appeared the figure £654. The Committee reduced this sum by one-half for economic reasons, believing that the £327 remaining in the estimate should be made to cover salaries and other expenses now that the position of County Librarian was vacant.

The Committee for economic reasons find themselves unable to recommend the continuation of the contributions given annually to the funds of the County Committee of Agriculture and the County Technical Instruction Committee so largely increased in recent years. Accordingly, for the reason that the ratepayers are utterly unable to face the prospect of an increased rate in the coming year, the Committee have reduced the contribution to the County Committee of Agriculture from £1274 to £1028 per annum (Councillor William Herry dissenting) and the contribution to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee from £654 to £354, and for the same reasons the proceeds of a 1d rate in the £ handed over annually to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee

to be devoted solely to the teaching of Irish has been reduced to the proceeds of a 3d in the £ rate, viz., £514, notwithstanding a resolution on the subject which was submitted to the Committee from the Co. Committee of the Gaelic League.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

The Committee note that the financial condition of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway grows steadily worse from year to year, and that as a consequence it would require a separate charge rate of no less than 5s 8d in the £ in the ensuing year to liquidate the debit balance against the Guaranteeing Area and to meet the requirements of the shareholders and of the Joint Committee of Management in the coming financial year. As manifestly the imposition of this rate would be impossible, the Committee recommend that a separate charge rate of only 2s 2d be levied in the ensuing year over the Guaranteeing Area, notwithstanding the fact that to do so will still further increase the already large debit balance existing against the area of charge.

After careful consideration of the matter, the Committee are reluctantly compelled to postpone for a further year the raising of a separate charge for the liquidation of the following debit balances in the County

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Council's ledger on abolition of Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils, in the hope that in time the economic condition of the country will ensure that a substantial increase in the rate would be less disastrous:—

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Naas Union | ... | £289 |
| Shillelagh Union | ... | 49 |
| Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District | | 1433 |
| Rathdrum | do | 4903 |
| Shillelagh | do | 4003 |

The Committee enclose herewith a revised copy of the estimate already circulated to each Councillor, showing the figures modified as before mentioned, and they strongly recommend that these amended figures be approved and adopted for the purpose of calculating rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1930. The Committee's recommendations, if adopted by the Council, will have the effect of reducing the rate suggested in the Secretary's Report by no less than 8d. in the £ to the following figures:—

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|------------------|
| | s. | d. |
| A. Roads | 2 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| B. County Services | 2 | 9 |
| C. Poor Relief | 2 | 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| D. Health District Charges | 0 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Total rate on other Hereditaments | 7 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Rebate on Agricultural Land | 2 | 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Total rate on agricultural land | 4s | 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

The Committee desire to point out that whilst this general charge rate as recommended is 8d in the £ higher than the general charge rate for the current year, reductions in the separate charge rates leviable over the several areas in the County Rural in the ensuing year, varying in amount from 7d in some areas to 8d in portion of West Wicklow, will mean that

with the exception of one small area no ratepayer will be called upon to pay more rates in the ensuing year than he has been asked for in the current year, and in many areas the demands on ratepayers will be less by several pence in the £.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 21st March, 1929.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 21st March, 1929, No. R/RGM/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that no increase would be made in the grant towards upkeep of Main Roads in the County for the year 1928/1929, which the Council were notified in January, 1928, would be £5740, and that the Minister could not allow the Council to place on a loan basis the £6200 additional expenditure on roads during that year which was not included in the said year's estimates.

Dr. Boyd Barrett, of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, again was received by the Council and strongly urged the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health who would also be Medical Inspector of Schools and Tuberculosis Officer, and the putting into operation of an approved Tuberculosis Scheme. He explained that a great improvement of the general standard of health throughout the county would ensue, and that the expenditure involved would not be a very considerable increase on the amounts already spent by the County Board of Health on the treatment of tuberculosis and by the County Council on Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Insurance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by " James Everett T.D.;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee consider, with the assistance of Dr. Boyd Barrett, the whole question of framing a Scheme for the information of this Council, putting into operation the following:—County Medical Officership of Health, for treatment of tuberculosis, for Medical Inspector of School children, and Chief Medical Tuberculosis Officership.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Report of our Finance Committee which has been printed and circulated, and which deals with the Rates Estimate for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930, subject to the said Report being first amended so as to delete therefrom the recommendation that a five-year Loan be obtained to recoup the county funds the £5600 authorised by the Council and expended by the Co. Surveyor on main roads, and the £600 authorised by the Council and expended by the Co. Surveyor on County Roads, for which sums no provision had been made in any Estimate, and which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in his letter dated 21st March, 1929, No. R/RGM/33, refuses to refund any portion of on the usual 50% and 30% basis, and which he further refuses the Council permission to place the said sum of £6200 on a Loan basis, and we hereby direct and authorise the inclusion of the afore-mentioned sum of £6200 in the Estimate for the service of the financial year 1929/30 to be raised by means of the poor rate, together with such amendments as have been made therein this day.

The Chairman informed the meeting that any proposals for alterations in the Estimates as recommended should be made by way of amendments to the foregoing motion.

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The Secretary submitted the following letter dated 22nd March, 1929, No. R/RGM/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):—

Wicklow County.
Main Road Upkeep Grant 1929-30.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 12th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that on the figures supplied, as having been passed by the County Council for the upkeep of Trunk and Link Roads for 1929/30, viz.

£4500 for Trunk Roads

9409 " Link "

the grants on the 50% and 30% basis would amount to £2250 and £2822 respectively—a total of £5072. It is noted that the County Council made no provision for surface dressing although considerable sums have been expended from the Road Fund in improving the County Wicklow roads. The decision of the Council is to the effect that where steamrolling schemes are approved under Road Fund grants the Road Fund is thereby committed in subsequent years to the proper maintenance of the improved roads. The Minister is not prepared to permit the Road Fund to be so committed and the action of the Council is highly detrimental to the general interests of the County.

The application of a sum of £5072 towards the relief of rates means that the Council are losing a corresponding sum by way of grant in respect of Trunk Roads. The gross sum passed for repair of Trunk, Link and County roads is £28395 made up as follows:—

| | | Net on Rates. |
|--------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Trunk | 4500 say 50% grant £2250 | 2250 |
| Link | 9409 " 30% " 2822 | 6587 |
| County | 14486 | 14486 |
| | | 28323 |
| | 28395 | |

Should the Council decide to reconsider the matter and authorise an additional expenditure of £10144 on essential surface dressing of Trunk roads suitable provision can be made as follows:—

| | | Net on Rates. |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| Trunk Roads | £4500 | |
| | plus 10144 | |
| | 14644 | —50% grant 7822 |
| | | £7822 |
| Link Roads | 9409 | —80% grant 6587 |
| | | £2822 |
| County " | 14486 | 14486 |
| | £38539 | 10144 |
| | | 28395 |

The Council's grant would then be double what can be allowed on their present proposals.

If the Council decide to make themselves eligible for the double grant the matter can be dealt with under Article 53 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

Mise, le meas
(Signed) H S Moylan,
a/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
County Council, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, adopt the suggestion contained in the Ministry's letter re £10144 for tarring roads, half of same to be recouped from the Government.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—9.

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCrea, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, D H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—15.

The amendment was thereupon declared lost by fifteen votes to nine.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That the £354 recommended in the Estimates for transfer in the year 1929/30 to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee be reduced to £154.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT:—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCrea, Peter P O'Reilly, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—12.

AGAINST:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—12.

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The voting being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, and declared it carried.

The Council had before them a resolution passed by County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, directing their attention to the fact that a reduction of a farthing in the rate for that Committee would result in the loss of an equal amount of grants, and the hampering of an industry that pays 95o/o of the rates.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

That the reduced figure of £1026 recommended for the County Committee of Agriculture for the year 1929/30 be restored to £1285.

The amendment was withdrawn with the Council's consent.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by " John Dunne ;

That the sum £1028 recommended for transfer to the County Committee of Agriculture for the year 1929/30 be reduced to £528.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT :—Councillors Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—8.

AGAINST :—Councillors J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCreagh, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and Timothy Mulcahy—16.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost by sixteen votes to eight.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

That the recommendation in the Finance Committee's Report to the effect that such changes be made in the dealing with the County Council's insurances as will secure payment to the County Council of the Commission payable in respect of the County Council's insurance premiums annually be deleted therefrom.

This amendment was after discussion withdrawn with the Council's consent.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That our insurance broker, Mr Thomas Fleming, Shillelagh, be called upon to hand over to this Council such commission as he may receive annually over and above the sum of Forty Pounds (£40) per annum from the insurance Companies with which this Council does business, understanding as we do that Mr Fleming is in full agreement with this proposal, and that the Council's Estimates and the Finance Committee's Report be brought into agreement with this Resolution.

Passed.

The Council having heard the views of the Irish Tourist Association, as expressed by a representative who was present, it was

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick ; and
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

That the Irish Tourist Development Association be given the proceeds of one farthing rate for the year 1929/30, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and that the Estimates be so amended.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT :—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, William J Henry, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe and Joseph Jacob—8.

AGAINST :—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCreagh, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Peter P O'Reilly, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—16.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost by sixteen votes to eight.

The Council having had before them copy of a resolution passed by North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee requesting them to raise a 1d rate for technical instruction and a 1d rate for Irish in

Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, it was in accordance with Notice of Motion

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;
Seconded by " John Dunne ; and

Resolved—That this Council levy a rate of 1d. in the pound for technical instruction and 1d. in the pound for the Irish language in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and that the proceeds be paid to the North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT :—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James McCreagh, Thomas Weadick, William J Henry, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John

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Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—14.

AGAINST :—Councillors J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—8.

Councillors John J Metcalfe and Major C Mitchell declined to vote.

The amendment was accordingly declared passed by fourteen votes to eight.

The Secretary explained to the Council that the effect of this amendment would be that ratepayers resident in the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District would be called upon to pay 1d. in the £ for Irish, 1d. in the £ for the County Committee of Agriculture, and 1d in the £ for technical instruction Schemes to be controlled by the North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, whilst the ratepayers resident in the remaining portion of the county-at-large rural would be called upon to pay 1d. in the £ for the County Committee of Agriculture, 1d in the £ for Irish, one-seventh of a penny in the £ approximately for the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, and one-eighth of a penny to repay principal and interest on the loan raised for the purpose of erecting a technical school in Arklow. As would be seen by the revised estimate form, which would be issued to each Councillor after the meeting, the ratepayers in the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District must continue to pay their proportion of the said one-eighth of a 1d in the £, and this amount (£17 17s 6d) would be deducted from the proceeds of the 1d. in the £ rate for technical instruction purposes before same would be paid over to the North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;
Seconded by " Thomas Weadick ;

That the sum of £327 recommended to be paid to the County Library Committee for the year 1929/30 be restored to £551.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT :—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—10.

AGAINST :—Councillors J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCreagh, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—14.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost by fourteen votes to ten.

A vote was thereupon taken on the original motion approving and adopting the Finance Committee's Report as hereinbefore amended, and the result was as follows :—

FOR THE MOTION :—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCreagh, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, and D H Haskins—14.

AGAINST :—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—9.

Councillor Timothy Mulcahy declined to vote.

The motion was thereupon declared passed as amended by fourteen votes to nine.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman, and accepted by the Council :— "I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the contribution of five shillings per head per week to the management of reformatories and industrial schools for the maintenance of children from County Wicklow maintained therein be reduced to the sum of 4s 6d per head per week as from the 1st April, 1929, and that all authorities dealing with this subject at present appearing on the records of the Council be hereby rescinded."

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and Seal the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) now submitted to us, as amended, and determine the rates in the £ to be levied in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, as follows :—

GENERAL CHARGES.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Construction and Maintenance of Roads | O.H |
| County Services | 32d. |
| Health District Charges | 33 |
| Poor Relief | 2½ |
| | 29 |
| Total on Other Hereditaments | 96½ |
| Deduction for Agricultural Grant | — |
| | 34¾ |

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| | |
|---|------------------|
| Rate on Agricultural Land | 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Special Rate in addition to above for North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee over the area of the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District | 2d |

SEPARATE CHARGES.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Arklow Harbour | d. |
| Wicklow Harbour | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Blessington Tramway | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Criminal Injury—County-at-Large | 26 |
| Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Baltinglass Union Loans | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Naas Union Loans | 1 |
| Rathdrum Union Loans | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Pensions to ex Rate Collectors—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Pensions to ex-Rate Collectors—Rathdown No. 2 Rural District | 1 |
| Pensions to ex-Rate Collectors—Rathdrum Rural District | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—Rathdown No. 2 Rural District | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—Rathdrum Rural District | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—Shillelagh Rural District | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Dunlavin Sewerage | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Greystones Water Supply | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Greystones Sewerage | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Enniskerry Sewerage | 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Greystones Lighting | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Water Supply—Rathdrum Rural District | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Newcastle Water Supply and Sewerage | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Rathnew and Ballinalea Water Supply | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Water Supply and Sewerage—Shillelagh Rural District | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Enniskerry Lighting | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Avoca Lighting | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Blessington Lighting | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Carnew Lighting | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Donard Lighting | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Glenealy Lighting | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Newtown-Mt. Kennedy Lighting | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Rathdrum Lighting | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Tinahely Lighting | 2 |
| Stratford Lighting | 3 |

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;
Seconded by " T Mulcahy ;

Resolved—That we, hereby in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 42 and 43, 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 in respect to the

financial year ending 31st March, 1930, as follows:—

| Name of Roads District | County | Urban Services | Poor Relief | Health District Charges | Separate District Charges | Total |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Arklow | £855 16 0 | £44 8 2 | £1132 7 3 | £2 5 0 | £218 5 3 | £2253 1 8 |
| Bray | 3598 8 3 | 1673 12 8 | 3977 5 1 | 11 14 8 | 69 6 5 | 9330 7 1 |
| Wicklow | 867 7 11 | 197 9 4 | 890 5 3 | 2 5 0 | 1019 16 7 | 2977 4 1 |

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;
Seconded by " John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That the New Building List prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Rating of New Buildings Orders, 1925, in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, be hereby approved as submitted, and that the appropriate reduction in rate be allowed for the said financial year in each case as specified on the said List.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the Road Works Scheme for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930, now submitted from the Roads Works Meeting held on the 11th March, 1929.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Kearon ;
Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That we approve of the appointment of Mr Sexton, V.S., and subsequently of Mr Lowndes, V.S., who have acted as locum tenens for our Veterinary Inspector, Mr S Conway, V.S., who some time ago met with a regrettable motor accident.

Passed.

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CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

9th January, 1929, memorial from local ratepayers asking to have the road from Drummin to Annamoe taken over and repaired by the Council (not reached at previous meeting). ORDER—The Council regret their financial position will not permit them to undertake the work this year.

6th March, 1929, from County Wicklow Board of Health, calling attention to the overflow of water from the channels in Dunlavin streets. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

8th March, 1929, from Hugh J Harmon, Ballingule, Kiltegan, asking on behalf of local ratepayers for the erection of bridges over the streams at Ballingule, Toorboy and Cranareen. ORDER—The Council regret they have no funds to undertake this work.

6th March, 1929, from Messrs Little, O h-Uadhaigh and Prond, solicitors, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, threatening legal proceedings against the Council on behalf of Mr Andrew Hogan, Grange House Lodge, Rathfarnham, for damages to himself and his motor bicycle alleged to be due to potholes in the road at the Scalp, Enniskerry; also reports on the

matter from the County Surveyor and the Garda Síochána au

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That having considered correspondence threatening legal proceedings on behalf of Mr Andrew Hogan, Grange House Lodge, Rathfarnham, for damages to himself and motor cycle alleged to have been due to potholes at the Scalp, Enniskerry, we hereby repudiate all liability in that connection, and direct our Law Agent to fully protect the interests of the Council at the hearing of any proceedings that may be instituted in connection therewith.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 26th February, 1929, No. R/RS/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that the Minister cannot approve of the revised arrangements made by the Council for the duties of assistant surveyor in the late Mr Boyd's district, and that he is not disposed to authorise any further grant for work in the county until he is satisfied that sufficient suitable technical assistance is provided by the Council; also a further letter from same, dated 22nd March, 1929, No. R/RG/33, approving a scheme for the expenditure of £3000 Grant on the improvement of certain roads, and stating that the Minister will raise no further objection to the temporary employment of Mr O'Byrne as assistant surveyor in the vacant district on the understanding that the Council would arrange at their next meeting for a permanent appointment.

The Council proceeded to fill the prescribed form of application to the Local Appointments Commissioners as follows:

Name of Local Authority—Wicklow County Council.

Title of Office to be filled—Assistant County Surveyor for the southern portion of County Wicklow.

Date on which Office becomes vacant or is created—On the 30th January, 1929, the date on which Assistant Surveyor Joseph Boyd died.

Nature of duties (short description)—The usual duties of an Assistant County Surveyor, and also such additional duties as may be required from time to time by Wicklow County Council, the County Surveyor's work to have precedence at all times of any other work.

Age limits—Between 25 and 40.

General qualifications—The qualifications fixed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Special qualifications (if any)—Experience in steam-rolling, in direct labour, and in working quarries.

Is a competent knowledge of oral Irish considered essential?—Preference to be given to candidates with a good working knowledge of Irish, preference to be also given to any qualified candidate resident in the County and who possesses such good working knowledge of Irish.

Salary (or scale of salary, stating increments, if any) and whether bonus is payable in addition—£205 per annum (without travelling expenses) this salary being based on the possibility that the successful candidate may receive a further appointment and salary from County Wicklow Board of Health.

Does the post include a residence? (If so, state particulars)—No.

Is the office pensionable? Yes

Is it part-time or whole-time? Whole-time, except for such duties as may be performed for the County Board of Health.

Is security required to be given by the person appointed? No.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to advertise for and select for appointment by this Council

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under Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, a suitable candidate to fill the position of Assistant County Surveyor in the southern portion of County Wicklow rendered vacant by the death of Mr Joseph Boyd, in accordance with the conditions and qualifications now set forth on the appropriate form No. 111 transmitted to the County Council for that purpose by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

Passed.

The Council had before them the following:—(i) letter dated 15th February, 1929, from Geoffrey Phibbs, Esq., County Librarian, resigning his position as from the 31st March, 1929; (ii) resolution passed by County Wicklow Central Library Committee appointing as temporary County Librarian and Secretary Mr Daniel Doyle, Mr Phibbs's assistant; (iii) a second resolution passed by the Committee recommending Mr Doyle for the vacant position; (iv) application dated 9th March, 1929, from Mr Doyle to be appointed to the vacant position, enclosing copy of testimonial from Mr Phibbs; (v) letter dated 19th March, 1929, from the Secretary, Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline, Scotland, enclosing copy of Mr Phibbs's recommendation of Mr Daniel Doyle, and stating that has every confidence in Mr Phibbs's judgment.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby accept County Librarian Geoffrey Phibbs's resignation, and we promote his assistant in the offices, Mr Daniel Doyle, to the post of County Librarian, at a salary of £160 per annum.

Passed.

Mr Daniel Doyle, who was present, undertook to discharge the duties of the position without clerical assistance and reference was made to the fact that the £327 provided for the County Library Committee for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, would not allow of an assistant in any event.

The Council had before them a letter dated 19th December, 1928, No. G.87427/1928 Cill Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister has no power to consent to the appointment of Dr P J Hamilton as coroner for East Wicklow, as the post is one falling to be filled by the Local Appointments Commissioners, but that he approves of the filling of the position at a salary of £70 per annum. The Council thereupon proceeded to complete the prescribed form of application to the Commissioners as follows:—

Name of Local Authority—Wicklow County Council.

Title of Office to be filled—Coroner for the Eastern Division of County Wicklow.

Date on which Office becomes vacant or is created—On the 10th October 1928, the date on which Coroner James Murray died.

Nature of duties (short description)—The usual duties pertaining to the office of Coroner.

Age Limits—None fixed by the Council.

General qualifications—The usual qualifications defined by the Acts governing the position.

Special qualifications (if any)—None fixed by the Council.

Is a competent knowledge of oral Irish considered essential? No.

Salary (or scale of salary, stating increments, if any), and whether bonus is payable in addition—The old salary of £70 per annum as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, which sum is to cover everything including travelling expenses.

Does the post include a residence? (If so, state particulars)—No.

Is the office pensionable?—No.

Is it part time or whole-time? Such time to be devoted to the position as the duties to be performed may require.

Is security required to be given by the person appointed? No.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Thomas Weadick;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to advertise for and select for appointment by this Council under Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, a suitable candidate to fill the position of Coroner for East Wicklow rendered vacant by the death of Mr James Murray, in accordance with the conditions and qualifications now set forth on the appropriate Form No. 111 transmitted to the County Council for that purpose by the Local Appointments Commissioners; and that we strongly recommend Dr Hamilton, Arklow, acting Coroner, for the position.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 14th January, 1929, from Dr D P Kenna, Coroner for West Wicklow, reporting that he had, with the approval of the Chairman of the County Council, appointed Dr Edward Lyons, of Dunlavin, as his deputy.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore;

Resolved—That provided our doing so does not involve any additional expenditure by this Council, we hereby consent to and approve of the action of Dr D P Kenna, Baltinglass, Coroner for West Wicklow, in appointing as his deputy Dr Edward Lyons, Dunlavin.

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Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 23rd February, 1929, from C Pratt Whelan, Esq., 38 Ailesbury Road, Dublin, stating that his house "Somerton," on the North Beach, Greystones, was in imminent danger of being washed away by the sea, and that if this occurred he would look to the Council for compensation; and also a letter dated 26th February, 1929, from Messrs Hoey and Denning, solicitors, 12 Trinity Street, Dub-

lin, writing on behalf of Mr Whelan to the same effect.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered the letter dated 23rd February, 1929, from C Pratt Whelan, Esq., 38 Ailesbury Road, Dublin, threatening to hold the Council liable for damage alleged to have been done by the sea, to his house "Somerton," on the North Beach, Greystones, we hereby repudiate all liability in that connection, and direct our Law Agent to fully protect the interests of the Council at the hearing of any proceedings that may be instituted in connection therewith.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated 1st March, 1929, from R H Hill, Esq., 8a Burgh Quay, Dublin, stating that his bungalow on the Beach Road, Greystones, was in danger of being washed away by the sea, and that he would put up a cement wall to protect it if the Council would agree to charge him no rates on it. ORDER—The Council regret they are unable to accept the proposal.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence in connection with the proposed removal and sale of the rails, sleepers, etc. of the Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway in County Wicklow. ORDER—To be advertised by the Law Agent, such tenders as are received to be considered by the Finance Committee.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 8th January, 1929, No. G.2008/29 Hgh (Fa) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, to the effect that the Minister would feel precluded from sanctioning an appeal by the Council against the revised valuations of the property of the Great Southern Railways as fixed by the Commissioner of Valuation, on the grounds that careful consideration had been given to the interests of all the parties concerned, that the burden transferred would be small when spread over the hereditaments generally of the rating area, and that an appeal would not be in the public interest. ORDER—Law Agent to give his considered opinion as to whether the Council were bound to refund to the railway company the rates paid in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1929, on the difference between the old and the new valuations, amounting to approximately £726.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 11th January, 1929, No. G.1841/1929, Cill Mhanntain Fa, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister was prepared to sanction the appointments of poor rate collectors to Nos. 9 and 11 Districts and the proposed amalgamation of Nos. 5 and 6 Districts under Collector Frank Healy, but suggests that further consideration should be given to the rates of poundage fixed, and that a sliding scale of remuneration might be adopted to encourage collectors to make early lodgment of rates. ORDER—The Council regret they are unable to deal with the matter.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 6th February, 1929, No. G.8606/1929 Wicklow County, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, drawing attention to the fact that excluding Nos. 9, and 11 and 19 Districts where no collections have yet been made the total collection to the 31st January was only equivalent to one moiety of the current year's rate.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Collectors John Byrne, John A Doyle, Joseph Jacob and Mrs Doyle be given until the 30th June next to close their 1928/1929 collections.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 25th March, 1929, from J P McHale, Esq., Accident Manager, Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, advising the Council that his Directors had decided to discontinue the poor rate collectors' collective fidelity bond, and stating that he did not apprehend that the decision of his Board would come as a surprise to the Council in view of the heavy and continuing losses the Company had sustained. ORDER—Withdrawal accepted: the Council are quite satisfied to transfer their rate collectors' bonds to some other Company.

The Council had before them a letter dated 2nd February, 1929, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., 48/49 Dame Street, Dublin, stating that the Company proposed to send a chartered accountant to ascertain the actual amount of the default made by ex-poor rate collector Garet Byrne. ORDER—Noted.

The Secretary submitted the following correspondence relating to Collector John Byrne's fidelity bond:—(i) 31st January, 1929, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, authorising the Secretary to hand Mr Byrne his collection books for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929; (ii) 31st January, 1929 from same to Mr Thomas Fleming, insurance broker, Shillelagh, to the same effect; (iii) 1st February, 1929, from same, stating that Mr Byrne had furnished counter-security which appeared to be satisfactory; (iv) 22nd February, 1929, from same, enclosing copy of letter to Mr Byrne refusing to approve of his counter-securities, and demanding fresh ones; (v) 5th March, from same, stating that they had originally authorised the issue of the collection books for the purpose of assisting the Council, but confirming their letter of the 22nd February, to the effect that unless fresh solvent security was furnished they would be compelled to withdraw the guarantee, as they had decided not to accept relatives as securities; (vi) 15th March, 1929, stating that

as the requisite counter security had not been furnished the guarantee must be considered withdrawn; (vii) 21st March, 1929, from the Council's Law Agent, conveying a telephone message he had received from the Company to the effect that the bond was completed and the collection books could be issued; (viii) 21st March, 1929, from same, conveying a further telephone message from the Company that the matter was under consideration and that nothing was to be done until their representative called to see the Secretary; (ix) 22nd March, 1929, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, stating that they were agreeable to continue the guarantee; (x) rate inspector's report dated 21st March, 1929, to the effect that Mr Byrne's collection was in a satisfactory condition. ORDER—Mr Thomas Fleming, insurance broker to arrange matters.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That our Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., be hereby directed to give legal assistance to Collector John A Doyle (No. 2 District) in such proceedings as may require to be taken to close the 1927/1928 collection in that district, which collection was left unclosed by ex-poor rate collector Michael Halpin.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated 30th January, 1929, No. 1277/29, from the National Health Insurance Commission, enclosing for the Council's approval copy of an estimate of the receipts and expenditure of the Co. Wicklow Insurance Committee for the purposes of Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1929.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That this Council hereby agrees to pay to the Insurance

Committee for the County of Wicklow the sum of Four Hundred Pounds (£400) for the year 1929, to enable that Committee to carry on their work of domiciliary treatment, etc., on condition that a similar grant be made by the National Health Insurance Commission, or by the State Exchequer, and further we hereby approve of the Estimate of the County Insurance Committee for the year 1929, amounting to £1772, as submitted by the National Health Insurance Commission.

Passed.

A letter dated 8th January, 1929, No. 1312/28, was submitted from the National Health Insurance Commission, pointing out that a reduction in the rate of expenditure under the head of Sanatorium Benefit would necessitate the immediate discharge of patients from the institutions where they were receiving treatment, and intimating that the Insurance Committee for the county had decided to apply to the Council through the Commission for sanction to an increase in the original estimate for the year 1928, which would involve a deficiency of £1000 instead of £800. ORDER—Additional £100 for the year 1928 granted, and already included in the approved Estimates.

The Council had before them correspondence from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Power Section), 33 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, to the effect that as petrol pumps and other instruments would require to be periodically verified and stamped, new types of measuring instruments would need to be supplied to Weights and Measures Inspectors.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That having considered correspondence received on the subject we hereby approve and confirm our Secretary's action in granting, pending this meeting of the Council, authority for the acquisition of a set of measuring instruments for petrol pumps under the Weights and Measures Act, 1908, the cost of the said set being understood to be £39 10s.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd December, 1928, from County Wicklow Board of Health, referring back to the Council an application dated 29th October, 1928, from Patrick Fowler, The Crone, Shillelagh, for a room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings. ORDER—Room to be let to him at one shilling per week if he wishes to remain.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 6th March, 1929, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, conveying a recommendation made by the Board that Mrs Byrne, District Midwife, be let two apartments in the Shillelagh Workhouse at a rent of 2s 6d per week, until a vacant house in the area is available for her. ORDER—Rooms to be let at one shilling per week.

The Council appointed Councillors J J Bourne, James McCrea, Michael Fleming and Patrick Doyle as a Committee to consider all lettings of rooms in the workhouse buildings and to report in writing to the Council for approval of their actions.

An application dated 14th February, 1929, was submitted from James Doyle, Convent Road, Wicklow, Secretary, Wicklow Athletic Association, applying on behalf of the Association for a letting of that portion of Wicklow Jail which abuts on the Ball Alley, with the large yard on each side of it, to be used for the purposes of the Association. ORDER—The matter to be arranged after discussion between representatives of the Association and the Finance Committee.

No order was made on a letter dated 13th March, 1929, from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, asking if the Council desired to have any matters included on the agenda for the next meeting of the General Council.

No order was made on a circular letter dated 13th March, 1929, from the General Secretary, Post Office Workers' Union, 52 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking the Council to use their influence against the proposed curtailment of rural postal services.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 4th November, 1928, from William Deely, Hon. Secretary, Enniskerry technical instruction sub-committee, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the sub-committee, complaining that they were not sufficiently represented on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee. ORDER—Noted.

A letter dated 11th January, 1929, was submitted from the County Librarian, conveying a suggestion made by the County Wicklow Central Library Committee that they be empowered to co-opt an additional member, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a quorum at meetings. ORDER—Adjourned.

A letter dated 5th February, 1929, was submitted from F F McCarthy, Esq., Principal and Secretary, North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, reporting the disqualification of Councillor George Heatley as a member of the Committee, and stating that the Committee would be glad if Mr W Deely, The Hermitage, Enniskerry, were appointed to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor George Heatley;

Resolved—That we appoint Mr William Deely, of Enniskerry, to fill the vacancy created on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of Councillor George Heatley, one of this Council's representatives on the said Committee.

Passed.

The County Analyst's Report for the quarter ending 31st December, 1928, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31/12/1928.

5 new milks, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, 4 genuine, 1 not genuine; 1 butter, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 jam, do, do, genuine; 2 whiskeys, Blessington, Sergeant Olwill, genuine; 2 port wines, do, do, genuine; 2 butters, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, Sergeant Cox, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, do; 1 jam, do, do, do; 1 tea, do, do, do; 1 marmalade, do, do, do; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Roundwood, Sergeant Mahony, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 2 butters, Shillelagh, Sergeant Carney, genuine; 3 whiskeys, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, genuine; 2 butters, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, Roundwood, Sergeant Mahony, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 coffee, Aughrim, Sergeant Quinn, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 8 new milk, Bray, Guard Stanton, 7 genuine, 1 not genuine; 1 new milk, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 dripping, do, do, genuine; 1 port wine, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Baltinglass, Sergeant Conway, genuine; 3 new milks, do, do, genuine; 5 new milks, Arklow, Sergeant McEvaddy, genuine; 3 new milks, Baltinglass, Guard Conway, genuine; 2 butters, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 Margarine, do, do, genuine; 2 margarines, Arklow, Garda McEvaddy, genuine; 3 butters, do, do, genuine; 3 drugs, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Blessington genuine; 3 do, Avoca, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Arklow, genuine; 3 do, Rathdrum, genuine; 3 do, Aughrim, genuine; 3 do, Annamoe, genuine; 3 do, Baltinglass, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 79. Drugs, 30. Total—109. Number adulterated—New Milks, 2. Date 14/1/1929.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Noted.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, 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, Bray.
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.
Robert Spain, Donard.
Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan.
Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum.
P J Graham, Knockananna.
J W Hanbidge, Dunlavin.
James Lawler, Dunlavin.
Robert Griffin, Bray.
F J Sutton, Rathdrum.
John M Geraty, Carnew.
Arthur Hennessy, Blessington.
W F Murphy, Aughrim.
Samuel H Correll, Carnew.
Arthur R H Pasley, Tinahely.

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Simon Lambert, Rathdrum.
 Thomas Annesley, Arklow.
 William B Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen.
 James Quinn, Monamuck, Vallemount.
 Mrs Mary Doyle, Baltinglass.
 Jeremiah Moore, Grangecon.
 Mrs Margaret Keenan, Roundwood.
 Edwin Doyle, Church Road, Greystones.
 John Synnott, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy.
 Robin Haskins, The Stores, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.
 Joseph Germaine, Main Street, Baltinglass.
 James Gorman, Dunlavin.

Joseph Harrington, Dunlavin.
 Mrs Elizabeth Kavanagh, Aughrim.
 Christopher Keogh, Ballyknockan, Blessington.

Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I beg to report that ex-collector Michael Halpin (No. 2 District) was tried at Wicklow Circuit Court on the 12th inst., for (a) embezzlement (two counts); (b) Forgery; and (c) uttering forgeries. He pleaded guilty to all charges and received a sentence of fifteen months imprisonment with hard labour. Yours faithfully (signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council. 18th February, 1929.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY COMPANY.
 2nd February, 1929. To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I beg to report that I attended at Terenure and inspected to-day the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1928. The Receipts of every nature from the Undertaking during the Half-Year amounted to £2710 19s 7d, and the Expenses to £5078 28s 8d leaving a deficit on the working expenses amounting to £2367 3s 1d. This sum, when added to the Interest on the Guaranteed capital, brings the total liability of the Guaranteeing Areas of the Counties Dublin and Wicklow to £3367 3s 1d for the Half-Year, one moiety of which (£1683 11s 7d) is due for payment by your Council. This is £66 18s 11d less than the amount paid for the previous corresponding Half-Year by County Wicklow. The gross receipts for the Half-Year were less by £647 9s 3d than those for the corresponding Half-Year last year, but on the same comparison the Expenditure is less by £781 7s 1d. I have only to add that these accounts were audited on behalf of Dublin County Council on the 17th January, 1929, by Messrs Kevans and Company, of 31 Dame Street, Dublin, and that no item therein would appear to call for special comment on my part. Yours faithfully (signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
 COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

7th February, 1929.

TO/
 WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
 DUBLIN & BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY
 GENTLEMEN,

On the 14th January, 1929, I carried out the Annual Inspection of the Way and Works of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway. The general appearance of the permanent way shows a great improvement—most of the line having been cleared from grass and weeds—only a few short stretches near the 12th, 13, 14th— $\frac{3}{4}$ mile post are noticeably dirty and the ballast loosened up, but no fresh ballast is very apparent.

The alignment of the rails, especially on curves, leaves room for further improvement, but on the whole is less angular. The sleepers has now reached a much better condition and only a comparatively few number of unsound sleepers are noticeable, but except that beyond increasing the difficulty of keeping tight the fish joints and holding down bolts I do not consider the condition of the sleepers as very serious. On the occasion of my visit a few rails and joints were found loose.

There have been some small repairs to the roof on the Terenure Depot and the buildings appear in reasonable repair.

At the Templeogue Depot (on the 30th January) nothing in the way of repair had been done to the roof of the workshop shed which is now in a deplorable condition of disrepair and wholly useless as a protection against the weather. Glass lights in many of the windows are broken and patched with various opaque "make shift" materials. The roof of the carriage shed for fully two thirds the area is in a similarly deplorable state. Having regard to the financial condition of this undertaking I consider that the necessary cost of repairs to roofs, windows, and floors of these buildings would run to a wholly impossible cost. The roof of an old wagon shed has been completely dismantled.

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The Petrol Electric Coaches have been sold as scrap—thus ending an unfortunate though sincerely well intentioned attempt to improve matters on this line.

The old "Cambria" engine is laid up and requires repairs, the cost of which would be wholly incompatible with the utility of the work.

Some of the coaches are very shabby in appearance but in a serviceable condition as are most of the goods and cattle wagons. One wagon was being rebuilt and two awaiting repairs. The old composite coach is laid by to be dismantled and scrapped.

The Petrol Coaches appear to be giving satisfaction.

I consider the line is being reasonably maintained having regard to the traffic and to the financial difficulty experienced by the Committee of Management.

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 S G GALLAGHER, B.E.,
 County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
 Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary, in the event of his finding the finances of the Council to so require it, to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to our Treasurer to continue for three months from the date of application the overdraft of £20,000, which the Council has some time past operated.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—
 CORRESPONDENCE.
 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
 PUBLIC HEALTH.

28th November, 1928, No. G.80920/1928, Cill Mhanntain Fa, approving of the advertisement proposed to be issued for a collector to fill the vacancy created in No. 2 District by the removal of Collector Halpin.

4th December, 1928, No. R/SGE/33, noting the intention of the Council to pay the same rate of wages to men engaged on Grant work as to men paid for similar work out of rates, on condition that the grant rate of wages continues to be paid in connection with grant works then in progress.

7th December, 1928, No. H 84585/1928 (Po) Ilgh., explanatory of the provisions of the Housing Act, 1928.

7th December, 1928, No. 73185/1928 Ilgh. (M), stating that claims made under the provisions of the Fisheries Act, 1925, for repayment by the Minister for Fisheries in respect of the rate for any local financial year must be furnished at latest before the 31st October in the year in question.

10th December, 1928, No. G.84506/1928, Fa Cill Mhanntain, acknowledging receipt of the rate return showing the position up to the 30th November, 1928, and stating that the collectors are making very poor progress.

11th December, 1928, No. G.85638/1928, Ilghneitheach Pf, suggesting that the power of making direct payments be vested in Library Committees on condition that their accounts were kept in accordance with the requirements of the Public Bodies Orders, and that they render to the County Council half-yearly abstracts of accounts duly certified by the librarian, for incorporation in the accounts of the County Council and audit therewith.

17th December, 1928, No. G.86531/1928, Cill Mhanntain Fa, enclosing letter received by the Department from Mr P J Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan, objecting to the appointment made by the Council of a rate collector for No. 2 collection district.

17th December, 1928, No. G.86426/1928, Cill Manntain Fa, sanctioning the appointment of Mr John Doyle as temporary poor rate collector for No. 2 District on the terms specified.

19th December, 1928, No. G.87248/1928, Cille Mhanntain, sanctioning an extension to the 1st March, 1929, of the Council's overdraft facilities not exceeding £20,000, interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

19th December, 1928, No. G.87624/1928, Cill Mhanntain (c), stating that if the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, relating to payment of County Councillors' travelling expenses require modification the matter is one for the Oireachtas.

20th December, 1928, No. G.81703/1928, Cill Mhanntain Fa, enclosing copies of Orders under Seal removing Collectors John Manley and J J Porter from their offices as rate collectors for Nos. 9 and 11 Districts respectively.

21st December, 1928, No. R/RG/33B, consenting to the proposal to expend on the improvement of the road from Shillelagh to Carnew the sum of £500 earmarked for the improvement of the road from Greenane to Glenmalure.

4th January, 1929, No. F.997/1929 Ilgh. (c), circular letter stating that the Local Elections Act, 1927, provides that in each year in which a triennial election to a council is not held, the annual meeting of the County Council shall be held on such day not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July as the Council shall fix.

5th January, 1929, No. R/SGE/33/2, approving on the usual conditions of the further scheme submitted for the expenditure of £1500 out of the sum of £29052 earmarked for the county under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme.

18th January, 1929, No. G.3328/1929, Cill Mhanntain Fa, returning with the Minister's approval the fidelity bond relating to Mr John Doyle, the newly elected poor rate collector for No. 2 District.

14th November, 1928, No. G.46353/1928, circular letter outlining the procedure to be adopted with reference to the allowance of discount

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to owners who pay rates in consequence of the coming into operation of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

18th February, 1929, No. G.11741/1929, Cill Mhanntain Fa, approving of the bonds of Collectors Jacob and Mrs Doyle, and suggesting amendments that should be made in future bonds.

28th February, 1929, No. G.13847/1929, Cill Mhanntain Fa, sanctioning the postponement of the adoption of the Council's Estimates to a date not later than the 31st March, 1929, on the understanding that the Council would immediately consider their Provisional Roads Works Scheme.

4th March, 1929, No. G.14568/1929, Cill Mhanntain, stating that the Minister raises no objection to the payment to Mr Michael Fox, of the Council's staff, of the sum of £7 10s as remuneration for overtime work performed in connection with the collection accounts and books relating to Nos. 2, 9, 11 and 19 Collection Districts.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE.

18th December, 1928, No. L.4162/28, stating that the Department understand that wholesale transactions in margarine are conducted at premises occupied by Mr Patrick Duggan, Church Hill, Wicklow, and asking to be informed of such action as may be taken by the Council in regard to the registration of the premises. ORDER—The Law Agent reported no evidence was obtainable on which proceedings could be based.

14th January, 1929, No. L.1246/28, enclosing copies of the 34th list of names approved by the Department for use in connection with margarine.

28th January, 1929, No. L.72-29, noting that Mr Conway is likely to be absent from duty for two months from the date of his accident, and presuming that the Council consent to the arrangement whereby Mr Sexton, V.S., will act for Mr Conway in the latter's capacity as local authority Veterinary Inspector.

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

29th November, 1928, reporting that at Dublin District Court Mr Cussen refused to send the child Mary Anne McLaughlin to an industrial school, and that he got Mr Burne to appear on the Council's behalf in the case at a cost of £4 4s. as this was the cheaper course for the Council.

13th December, 1928, stating that he had passed to the Civic Guards for their attention the question of the registration of the premises of Mr Patrick Duggan, Church Hill, Wicklow, for wholesale transactions in margarine.

8th January, 1929, reporting that the District Justice at Arklow District Court refused to make an Order committing the child L O'Rourke to an industrial school.

8th February, 1929, enclosing the Bonds and Warrants of Attorney in the cases of Mrs K Doyle and Mr James J Jacob, newly-appointed poor rate collectors for Nos. 9 and 11 Districts respectively, and reporting that same had been registered in the High Court on the 7th idem.

Minutes of the meeting of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 7th December, 1928.

12th December, 1928, from the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, 90 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the 40th Congress and Exhibition of the Institute to be held in Sheffield from the 13th to the 20th July, 1929.

20th December, 1928, from the Manager, National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, stating that his Board of Directors have agreed to extend the time limit of the Council's overdraft to the 1st March, 1929, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

26th December, 1928, from Mr Joseph Glynn, Tinahely, enclosing cover note from Mr Michael O'Shea, proprietor of a travelling dramatic company, insuring Tinahely Courthouse against fire to the sum of £5000 for eight days from the 23rd idem.

Correspondence from the Eddison Steam Rolling Company Ltd., Dorchester, regarding a sum stated to be due to them by Wicklow Urban District Council for hire of steam-rolling plant in connection with the improvement of portion of the Bolarney-Wicklow road.

16th January, 1929, No. D.W.152/29, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, asking if the Council had appointed an officer to enforce the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and the regulations made thereunder, and stating that if no such officer had been appointed the Gardai would themselves institute proceedings where necessary.

ORDER—Gardai hereby authorised and requested to institute proceedings wherever necessary.

30th January, 1929, from the Hon. Secretary, National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, Carnegie House, 117 Piccadilly, London W.1., enclosing preliminary notice of the Fifth English-speaking Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare, and inviting the Council to send representatives thereto.

28th January, 1929, from Miss Katie Kehoe, New Street, Wicklow, threatening to institute legal proceedings because of the erection without her consent of a memorial cross on the roadside at Merrymeeting, Wicklow, outside her land.

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Correspondence from the Hibernian Insurance Company, 48 Dame Street, Dublin, regarding the fidelity bond to be furnished by Mr John Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely, including letter dated 1st February, 1929, expressing their agreement to the issue of the current year's collection books to him.

December, 1928, from the Registrar, Royal Dublin Society, Ball's Bridge, Dublin, enclosing preliminary Notice of an Exhibition of Irish Industries to be held in 1931 during the celebration of the Bicentenary of the foundation of the Society, and asking for the Council's co-operation in organising a display of the arts and crafts practised in Ireland.

2nd February, 1929, from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, suggesting on behalf of the General Council that County Councils should postpone the consideration of their Estimates pending the conclusion of negotiations with the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to the relief of the rates burden on agricultural land.

Summerhill, Wicklow. 15th February, 1929. Dear Mr Healy. Please convey the sincere thanks of my family and myself to the members of the Council for their expression of sympathy in the sad loss we have sustained through the death of my mother. We also wish to thank you

and the members of the staff for their association with the resolution. Yours truly (signed) James Everett, T.D.

18th February, 1929, from Miss Katie Kehoe, New Street, Wicklow, complaining that the Council authorised the erection of a memorial cross on the roadside at Merrymeeting, though she as owner of the adjoining land was not consulted.

2nd March, 1929, from the Acting Secretary, Dublin County Council, stating that his Council had before them Wicklow County Council's Resolution advocating the making of main roads a national charge, etc., and that it was decided to postpone the matter, pending Wicklow County Council's submitting a detailed scheme as to how the terms of the resolution might be put into operation.

4th March, 1929, from the President, Cumann na mBan, 97 Dawson Street, Dublin, asking the Council to use their influence to secure the release of Republican political prisoners in British and Irish jails.

14th March, 1929, from the Italian Ambassador, 20 Grosvenor Square, London W., acknowledging with thanks on behalf of Signor Mussolini the Council's resolution congratulating him on the rapprochement between the Pope and the Italian Government.

Drummin Lodge, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow. Dear Mr Healy. Will you please thank County Council for their sincere sympathy to myself and family. Yours faithfully (signed) Elizabeth Boyd.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From the Finance Committee of Offaly County Council, advocating the introduction of legislation exempting agricultural land from rates, owing to the present very depressed condition of Agriculture.

From Blackrock Urban District Council, suggesting that certain provisions be incorporated in the legislation to be introduced in connection with the Report of the Town Tenants' Commission, 1927.

From Carlow County Committee of Agriculture (received through Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture), stating that owing to the decline of tillage legislation should be introduced providing for the use of at least 15 per cent of native grown grain in the manufacture of compound cakes or meals for animal feeding for sale in Saorstát Eireann.

From Cavan Section of the Typographical Association, protesting against the centralisation in Dublin of printing contracts entered into by the Government and public bodies.

From Waterford County Council, submitting that the time has arrived when the services of an appointments Commission can be dispensed with, as the members of the Council could be relied upon to appoint only on merit.

From the Senate of the National University of Ireland, requesting County and County Borough Councils to consult with one of the constituent colleges before drafting regulations for University Scholarships; to make the scholarships tenable for four years; and to increase the amount allocated in the case of poorer students.

From Kerry County Council, requesting the Dail to give their immediate and earnest consideration to devising a Scheme for the derating of agricultural land.

From Kilkenny Corporation, viewing with extreme disgust and disfavour the action of the Northern Government in imprisoning Mr E. DeValera, T.D., M.P., and calling on our Executive Council to demand his immediate release.

From Limerick County Council, approving the Censorship Bill and calling on all deputies to support it and resist all weakening and emasculating amendments.

From Galway County Council, exhorting the Government to resist all amendments to the Evil Literature Bill which would permit the circulation of undesirable books and papers.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 27th May, 1929.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Ua Broin, Chairman:

Councillors James McCrea, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, David Frame, George Heatley, George Kearon, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, M Fleming, Major C Mitchell, P P O'Reilly, D H Haskins, James Everett, T.D.; John W Ryan, Edward Byrne, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, William Byrne, Timothy Mulcahy and John J Barry.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by David Frame;

Resolved—That in the temporary absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, Councillor James Everett, T.D., do take the Chair.

Passed unanimously.

The minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2 To sign Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 3 To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 4 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 5 To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 5a To receive and consider the County Surveyor's Report.
- 5b To consider a letter dated 17th May, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), notifying the allocation to the Council of a sum £6406 for surface dressing of main roads.
- 6 To receive and consider copy of "The Wicklow Main Road Order, 1929," which declares certain roads in the county to be main roads, and revokes "The Wicklow Main Roads Order, 1925."
- 7 To consider letter dated 27th February, 1929, from Robert J Kidney, Esq., Secretary, Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Association of Ireland, Ltd., 12/14 College Green, Dublin, complaining of alleged obstructions on the public road at the Royal Hotel, Glendalough.
- 8 To consider a letter dated 2nd May, 1929, from Mr Michael Byrne, Baltiboys, Blessington complaining of the alleged inadequate fencing between the public road and his land where a dangerous corner has recently been removed.
- 9 To consider a complaint from workmen in Killinure, Coolkenno, that the manner in which road work is allocated in the district is unfair.
- 10 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 11 To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act.
- 12 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C M Byrne:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the contribution of five shillings per head per week to the management of reformatories and industrial schools for the maintenance of children from County Wicklow maintained therein be reduced to the sum of 4s 6d per head per week as from the 1st April, 1929, and that all authorities dealing with this subject at present appearing on the records of the Council be hereby rescinded."
- 13 To consider the question of appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, who will also act as Tuberculosis Officer and Medical Inspector of Schools.
- 14 To consider a further letter from Messrs Little, O h-Uadhaigh and Proud, solicitors, 12 Dawson St, Dublin, again urging on the Council the claim of their client, Mr Andrew Hagan, for compensation for injuries suffered in an accident at the Scalp, Enniskerry.
- 15 To again consider a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, which was adjourned for six months by the Council at their Quarterly Meeting in November, 1928, and which urged that the County Secretary be delegated certain powers in dealing with unsatisfactory rate collectors.
- 16 To consider the names of five sureties submitted by Collector Frank Healy, in connection with his appointment to No 6 District as follows:—Mrs

Sarah Healy, Ballynascolloge, Manor-Kilbride; Mrs Esther Walsh, Scurlocks-leap, Manor-Kilbride; John Healy, Athdown, Manor-Kilbride; John Murphy, Ballinaton, Manor-Kilbride and Thomas Hanlon, Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride.

17 To consider the advisability of appealing against an Order for the committal to an industrial school of three Balinglass children named Annie, Elizabeth, and Bridget Piggott.

18 To consider letter dated 18th April, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the total remuneration proposed to be granted by the Council to the new Assistant Surveyor in South Wicklow was not sufficient, and suggesting that an additional £60 be allowed for travelling expenses.

19 To appoint a Coroner for East Wicklow

20 To consider a letter dated 29th April, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister could not sanction the appointment of Mr Doyle as County Librarian, and that when the terms and conditions have been decided upon the Local Appointments Commissioners should be asked to select a suitable candidate for the position.

21 To consider a petition received from local ratepayers under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, applying to the Council to have drainage works executed for the purpose of draining and improving certain lands in the electoral divisions of Killinure, Money and Rath.

22 To consider a further petition received from local ratepayers under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, applying to the Council to have drainage works executed for the purpose of draining and improving certain lands adjoining the Slaney above Balinglass.

23 To fix the date for the Council's annual meeting.

24 To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, and to Sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.

25 To Sign and Seal Demands (Form 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.

26 To consider a letter dated 15th April, 1929, from the Department of Lands and Agriculture, outlining a procedure advised with regard to the employment of substitutes for Veterinary Inspectors temporarily absent.

27 To receive and consider the report of the local Committee appointed to consider the letting of Shillelagh Workhouse to tenants.

28 To consider an application dated 25th March, 1929, from Mr William O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, caretaker of Bray Courthouse, for an increase in his salary.

29 To consider the following resolution passed by County Wicklow Board of Health:—"That if the terms of the 1925-1928 Housing Acts be extended to make Housing Grants on the existing scale available for the persons who have lost their homes as a result of the collapse of the Sea Wall at Greystones, or whose houses are in immediate danger of destruction, and to provide £80 per house in respect of Labourers' Cottages built by the Wicklow Board of Health for persons similarly dispossessed, this Board hereby agrees to undertake the construction of the necessary cottages, and expresses approval of the suggestion that the Wicklow County Council should make an equal grant to persons so disposed who proceed to build houses under these terms. The number of Labourers' Cottages to be built by the Board not to exceed ten."

30 To consider an application from County Wicklow Board of Health for the transfer to them by the Council for the purpose of completing the new hospital at Balinglass of the sum of £489 received by the County Council as compensation for the occupation of Balinglass Workhouse premises by the British military, and already applied in relief of rates.

31 To fill the vacancy created on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of the Rev James Carthy, C.C. Annacurra

32 To consider correspondence received from Co Wicklow Central Library Committee asking the Council to sanction the co-option on the Committee of Mrs Grimshaw, Mrs A O'Connor, and Miss I Halpin of Wicklow, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a quorum at meetings of the Committee

33 To receive the County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 31st March 1929

34 To appoint Sergeant P J Hayden, Aughrim, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Sergeant P Quinn, who has been transferred from the district.

35 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

36 To receive Reports from County Officers

37 To consider Official Correspondence

38 To consider General Correspondence

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 29th April, 1929.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors David Frame, W J Henry, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D., C M Byrne, and Major C Mitchell.

The Committee had under consideration the following Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.—£13618 9s. 2d.

The Committee having examined the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Public Assistance, recommend the Council to make the following transfer on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1929.

County Board of Public Assistance.—£9415.

The Hibernian Insurance Committee having intimated to the County Council that they were not prepared to continue their collective Fidelity Bond for eight of the Council's poor rate collectors beyond the 30th April, 1929, and the Council having consented to the Council's withdrawal as from that date, the Secretary submitted tenders which he had asked the Council's broker to obtain from tariff companies willing to enter into a collective fidelity bond covering the eight collectors in question as from the 1st May, 1929. The Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., 34 Dame Street, Dublin, offered to accept a rate of 10s per cent for the amounts required by the Council to be included in the bond, viz., 7 collectors each for the sum of £1500, and the eighth collector for the sum of £3000, subject, however, to the Corporation's inquiries being

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satisfactory in every case. The Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., of 43 Dame Street, Dublin, offered to arrange for the required bond at a premium of 10/- per cent, the amounts to be the same as already mentioned. As in the case of the first-mentioned Corporation, this Company's tender was subject to satisfactory proposal forms being submitted by the individual collectors and forwarded to the Company. The Irish National Assurance Company, Limited, of College Green, Dublin, stated in their communication that they were prepared to issue the required bond for a rate of 10s 6d per cent, and as their tender was without reservation or qualification, and as the representative of the Company was present and in a position to hand over at the meeting the cover note taking up all risks as from the 1st May, 1929, this tender was accepted by the Committee, and is recommended to the Council for confirmation and acceptance.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That the Collective Fidelity Bond be given to the Irish National Assurance Company, for one year from the 1st May, 1929, at a premium of 10s 6d per cent to include the eight collectors who have not personal fidelity bonds, seven collectors at £1500 each, and one at £3000. Passed.

The Council having at the meeting held on the 26th March, 1929, requested the Finance Committee to receive and accept tenders for the sleepers and rails of the Blessington Poulaphouca Tramway Line within the County of Wicklow, the secretary read the following advertisement which had been issued in that connection:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
SALE OF RAILS AND SLEEPERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Wicklow County Council acting through their Finance Committee will receive tenders for the purchase of the rails and sleepers on the Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway Line between Blessington and Poulaphouca, in the County Wicklow. Sealed Tenders to reach the undersigned not later than the 29th day of April, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The sale is subject to the Conditions of Sale, which can be inspected at the Offices of the Council. Dated this 9th day of April, 1929. P T Healy, County Secretary, Court House, Wicklow.

The following three tenders were received (1) from Charles Short, Contractor, Annacorney, Blessington, who offered 5s a ton for about 25 tons; (2) from Messrs McNally and Company, Ltd., East Wall, Dublin, for the sum of £160; and (3) from M Doherty, 16 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin for the sum of £380. The Committee accepted the tender of M Doherty, it being the highest, and directed that the further details necessary be completed by the Law Agent with as little delay as possible.

An application was received from Mrs Elizabeth Lavery, Market Square, Wicklow, to have the 6s per week rent paid for the portion of her premises situate on the Market Square used as a Weights and Measures Office by the Council increased to 12s per week. The Committee recommend that the 6s be increased to 9s per week as from the 1st April, 1929, subject to the Council's approval, and to a new Agreement being prepared by the Law Agent and subsequently entered into by Mrs. Lavery.

The Committee had under consideration a communication dated 8th March, 1929, No. 5364/26, from the National Health Insurance Commission, intimating a slight increase in the estimated deficit for the year 1928 in the accounts of the County Insurance Committee from £350 to £360 in connection with its Scheme for the provision of Sanatorium Benefit for insured persons and their dependants, and asking the Council to accept liability for one-half the said increase. As the Council had already by resolution accepted liability up to £400 for the year in question, no order was made in the matter.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence dealing with the question of appointing a County Medical Officer of Health and of initiating certain new health services in the County. It having been mentioned by one of the Councillors present that he had been informed that a draft scheme was in course of preparation in the Ministry's offices, and would be sent down for the guidance of the Committee, the Committee after considerable discussion adjourned the matter to their next Quarterly Meeting, when it was expected fuller particulars would be available for consideration.

The following application was submitted:—"County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow. 24th April, 1929. To the Chairman and members of the Finance Committee. Gentlemen. I respectfully make application to be placed upon the scale of increments for your Junior Clerk for many years in operation in your offices. I entered the Council's service in 1927 and my present salary is Thirty Shillings (30s.) per week. I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant, (signed) Michael J Healy."

Proposed by Councillor D. Frame;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Council, and to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health's offering no objection, we hereby apply to Mr Michael J Healy, the Junior Clerk in our Offices, who has one year and eight months service, and whose salary is 30/- per week, the same scale of annual increments, with the same maximum limit of salary, as was adopted by the County Council at their Quarterly Meeting on 16th November, 1925, for the then junior member of the clerical staff,

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and we authorise and direct that the first increment of £10 per annum be payable as from the 1st April, 1929.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary again submitted three certificates issued by the District Justice, in which the Council was requested to establish pounds in Roundwood, Greystones and Tinahely, and a file of correspondence relating to the necessity for pounds in Dunlavin, Blessington, Donard, Hollywood, Carnew, Wicklow, Arklow, Aghrim, Shillelagh, Baltinglass and Bray. The Secretary mentioned that representations had been made to him by rate collectors that the absence of pounds in their respective areas greatly hampered them in the discharge of their duties, and added to their difficulties in closing their collections. The Committee ordered that the County Surveyor visit each of the towns named, carefully examine each place that might be available and suitable for a pound therein, ascertain the exact conditions under which these places might be rented by the Council, and report in detail to the next Quarterly Meeting

of the Committee as to the actual cost which would be incurred in setting up a suitable pound in each of the foregoing places. On consideration of the County Surveyor's report when submitted the Committee hope to be able to make a recommendation to the Council which would have the effect of setting up the pounds required, and to arrange for the appointment of suitable pound-keepers for each.

The following letter was submitted:—"Kilmurray Grove, Bray, Co. Wicklow. March 16th 1929. Dear Sir. I have been directed to write to you about the pound at Enniskerry. At present there are impounded 9 goats and a kid there. We had several complaints about the state of these goats and the place they were in, so our Inspector went to see them and he telephoned to our Veterinary Surgeon to come and see them, which he did. His report is that it is not a suitable place for a pound, and that he found the goats shivering with cold, with no shelter, and the ground very wet. Would you please place this letter before your Council? as we have no doubt that they will see that something is done to improve this state of things before any more animals are sent there. Yours truly, (signed) (Miss) Alice M. B. Powell, Hon. Sec., Co. Wicklow Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals." ORDER. The Committee regret they are unable to interfere in the matter.

A letter dated 19th February, 1929, was submitted from the Underwood Typewriter Company, Ltd., offering to have all the Council's rate demands, receipts and counterfoils typed and checked with the rate books for the sum of 60/- per 1000. Inasmuch as the present system of having this work done by temporary clerks has been found to work smoothly and satisfactorily all down the years, no recommendation is made by the Committee.

The following statement was submitted from Edwin Hammond, Esq., auctioneer, Carnew, relating to the letting of Shillelagh Workhouse lands for the eleven months ending 28th February, 1930:—

| Lot | Description | | Price |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|----------|
| 1 | 1r adjg. Porter's Lodge | J Murphy | 2 0 |
| 2 & 4 | 1r 20p left and right of Avenue | J Dempsey | 5 0 |
| 3 | 1r enclosed | J Dempsey | 6 0 |
| 5 | 20p right of Avenue | J Murphy | 6 0 |
| 6 | 1r end of Stables | J Holden | 6 0 |
| 7 | 1r at rear of Temporary Fever Hospital | T Fleming | £15 10 0 |
| 8 | 4a at rear of Old Fever Hospital | | |
| | | | £16 15 0 |
| Less Advertising and Expenses | | | 10 0 |
| Cheque herewith | | | £16 5 0 |

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 7th May, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers

to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, 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, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 24th May, 1929.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors W J Henry, William Byrne, Joseph Jacob and Timothy Mulcahy.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£4399 0s 8d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the undermentioned rate col-

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lectors, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:—

| Year | District No. | Name of Collector | Strike off | Carried forward | Disallowed |
|---------|--------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1928/29 | 1 | Luke McDennell | £6 11 2 | | |
| do. | 2 | John A Doyle | 12 6 1 | | |
| do. | 2 | do. | 12 5 4 | | |
| do. | 2 | do. | | £8 5 1 | |
| do. | 3 | Edward Lynch | 5 3 3 | 30 19 5 | £1 6 9 |
| do. | 3 | do. | 5 11 0 | 25 1 7 | 59 9 4 |
| do. | 4 | William Burke | 6 18 5 | | |
| do. | 4 | do. | 8 12 1 | | |
| 1927/28 | 6 | Mrs K Doyle | 14 14 6 | | |
| 1926/27 | 7 | Patrick J Doyle | 12 2 5 | | |
| 1927/28 | | do. | 100 19 3 | 1 12 6 | |
| 1928/29 | 8 | Patrick Mulligan | 12 6 1 | | |
| do. | 10 | W P Murphy | 44 0 7 | | |
| do. | 12 | Michael Roche | 1 4 5 | 139 17 7 | |
| do. | 13/15 | W J Quinn | 20 9 1 | | |
| do. | 14 | Michael Roche | 8 10 9 | | |
| do. | 16 | P J O'Byrne | 65 17 4 | 28 19 7 | |

The Committee referred to the Council a letter dated 7th March, 1929, from S Conway, Esq, V.S., Salem, Wicklow, asking the Council to make him an allowance for salary and travelling expenses paid by him to the locum tenens who acted for him during his illness.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 25th May, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read,

be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from Veterinary Inspector S Conway:—"Salem, Wicklow. 7-3-29. Dear Sir. In reply to yours of the 5th inst., I beg to inform you that I have not yet resumed duty but intend or hope to be able to about 20th inst. I dispensed with Mr Sexton's services on the 12th ult. after a period of seven weeks from 24th December. Mr Lowndes has been acting since Mr Sexton left, that is 12th ult. Of course I have been paying those gentlemen wages and travelling ex's. in full for which I hope the Council will allow me reasonably. I shall leave it to the Council to fix the allowance and sorry for the trouble the matter gives rise to. Yours faithfully (Signed) S Conway."

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;
Seconded by " John Dunne ;

Resolved—That Mr S Conway, V S., be allowed the sum of ten pounds to cover all the expenses involved on him by reason of supplying a locum tenens following his recent accident.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £13628 9s 2d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;
Seconded by " David H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £1399 0s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D Frame ;
Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That the numerical order of the agenda be departed from so far as to now take up the consideration of items Nos. 29 and 13 in the order given, so as to facilitate the Assistant Chief Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government, N. Dwyer, Esq., and Dr. Sterling Berry.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 30th April, 1929, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, containing the following resolution passed by that Board:—"That if the terms of the 1925-1928 Housing Acts be extended to make Housing Grants on the existing scale available for the persons who have lost their homes as a result of the collapse of the Sea Wall at Greystones, or whose houses are in immediate danger of destruction, and to provide £80 per house in respect of Labourers' Cottages built by the Wicklow Board of Health for persons similarly dispossessed, this Board hereby agrees to undertake the construction of the necessary cottages, and expresses approval of the suggestion that the Wicklow County Council should make an equal grant to persons so disposed who proceed to build houses under these terms. The number of Labourers' Cottages to be built by the Board not to exceed ten."

Mr N Dwyer, B.E., urged the Council at some length to fall in with the suggestion contained in the latter portion of the foregoing resolution, and Mr Edward Archer, Greystones, who attended on behalf of the Greystones people interested, spoke to the same effect. After considerable discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by " David Frame ; and

Resolved—That this Council hereby agrees to raise money by way of loan after due notice for the purpose of giving grants in accordance with existing legislation, to not more than thirteen applicants who the Council is satisfied are not in a position to build houses from their own financial resources, and who have lost their houses following the collapse of the Sea Wall at Greystones.

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

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Thomas Weadick, D J Kahoa, P P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, J W Ryan, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—13.

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCrea, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, William Byrne, David H Haskins and Timothy Mulcahy—12.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by thirteen votes to twelve

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman, and accepted by the Council:—"I hereby give Notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Council raise a loan of £1300 in accordance with existing legislation to be repaid over a period of fifteen years and to be expended in assisting thirteen people who lost houses owing to the coast erosion in Greystones to build fresh houses."

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby request the Government to set up machinery at the earliest possible moment to deal with coast erosion, which so very seriously affects the financial interests of County Wicklow.

Passed.

Dr Sterling Berry, of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, who was present, explained and answered questions regarding the following Scheme, which the Board of Health recommended to the Council for adoption, provided it could be financed without any undue burden on the rates:—

DRAFT SCHEME FOR COUNTY WICKLOW

In connection with the treatment of Tuberculosis and the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health who would also act as Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

Gentlemen,

The present state of affairs in Co Wicklow with regard to Tuberculosis is very unsatisfactory.

There are about 800 cases of Tuberculosis in the County with an annual death rate of between 80 and 90 persons. The last available figures show treatment as follows:—

UNINSURED PATIENTS

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Sanatorium Treatment | 2 Patients |
| County Home | 14 do |
| County Hospital | 7 do |

Total 23

INSURED PERSONS

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Institutional Treatment | 34 |
| Domiciliary Treatment | 26 |

Total 60

Gross cost of treatment £1,059.

Total number of T B. cases treated annually in the County—83, or less than the annual death rate from the disease.

If a Tuberculosis Medical Officer were appointed for the County the following Scheme could be put into operation:—

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A Central Dispensary established in Wicklow town. Branch Dispensaries held in the Medical Charities Dispensaries established at Bray, Arklow, Blessington, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, Balinglass and Tinahely. These Dispensaries would give an opportunity to all persons in the County suffering from Tuberculosis to obtain treatment from a trained Tuberculosis Medical Officer and also to obtain the services of a skilled Nurse.

Beds at Newcastle Sanatorium would be made available. Surgical Hospitals such as the Memorial Hospital Arklow, the County Hospital, Wicklow and the Dublin General Hospitals would be available for treating Surgical Tuberculosis. A County Tuberculosis Hospital with 20 beds for treating advanced and moderately advanced Tubercular cases could be equipped and maintained out of the Sanatorium Grant. Attached is a Table showing the estimated cost to be borne by the rates and the amounts available from the state Grant.

The total cost to the rates including salaries, travelling allowances etc., is estimated at £1236 per year and the proceeds of a rate of 1d in the £ is £1288. The cost of the present very unsatisfactory Scheme is £1059 annually. The above Scheme can be supplemented so as to afford treatment to insured persons by entering into an agreement with the County Insurance Committee whereby their funds will be transferred to the Board of Health in consideration of treatment being provided by the Board for a limited number of insured persons. The Insurance Committee's fund this year is £972.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

For the first year or so after his appointment it is contemplated that in Wicklow the County Medical Officer of Health will be chiefly engaged with his duties as Tuberculosis Medical Officer, therefore the larger portion of his salary has for the present been allocated to that position. The balance of his salary

£200 as Chief School Medical Officer and Inspector of Midwives. £100 of this would be recouped.

£100 for other duties as County M.O.H. This sum would not rank for recoupment.

At present the services of the one whole time Nurse and the six part time Nurses already working in the County would be available for School Medical Inspection purposes and therefore no extra cost need be incurred under this head.

All travelling done by the Chief School Medical Officer, or by the Nurses in connection with School Medical Inspection is recouped on a 50 per cent. basis. So is all travelling done by the County Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Inspector of Midwives. In connection with School Inspection any money spent on Hospital treatment (even if given in the County Hospitals) dental treatment or the providing of glasses for school children is also recouped on the 50 per cent. basis.

Therefore for the next year or so a halfpenny rate should defray the County's expenditure in connection with the County Medical Officer of Health Schemes excluding Tuberculosis.

ESTIMATED FINANCE OF SUGGESTED TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME FOR WICKLOW COUNTY (For Uninsured Tuberculosis Patients)

| Classification of Expenditure | Estimated amount to be borne by rates | Estimated amount to be borne by State Grant |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| (1) Co. Medical Officer of Health acting as Tuberculosis Officer (1st year £500) | 250 | 250 |
| (2) Nursing Staff (1 Whole time, 6 part-time) | 150 | 150 |
| (3) Travelling Expenses. Medical and Nursing Staff | 75 | 75 |
| Administrative and clerical expenses | 20 | 20 |
| (4) Central & Branch Tuberculosis Dispensaries to be held in M.C. Dispensaries. Wicklow (Central), Branch: Bray Arklow, Blessington, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, Balinglass, and Tinahely. | | |
| (5) Sanatorium (Newcastle) 2 beds at 42/- per week. | 100 | 100 |
| (6) Surgical Hospitals Memorial Hospital, Arklow } County Hospital } 2 beds Dublin General Hospitals } | 91 | 91 |
| (7) Advanced and moderately advanced cases Hospital (20 beds) provided with aid from Sanatorium } Grant (£1986) } Maintenance | 550 | 550 |
| Total | £1236 | £1236 |

Proceeds of rate of 1d in the £.—£1288.

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This scheme can be supplemented so as to afford treatment to insured patients by entering into an agreement with the County Insurance Committee whereby their funds will be transferred to the Board of Health in consideration of treatment being provided by the Board of a limited number of insured patients. The Insurance Committee's fund this year is £972.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt, subject to such modifications as may be found necessary, the Scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis in County Wicklow submitted to us to-day by the Board of Health, and we request the local Appointments Commissioners to send us the name of a County Medical Officer of Health, in pursuance of Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and we agree to assign to him the duties of Medical Superintendent under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Acts, 1908-1913, and of School Medical Officer under the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Order, 1920, at a total salary for all duties assigned to him of Eight Hundred Pounds (£800) per annum, together with vouched travelling expenses not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds (£200) per annum, and further, as no monies have been raised in the Council's Estimates to meet this expenditure we respectfully urge the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to bring the Scheme into operation as from the 1st April, 1930.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 27th MAY, 1929.

GENTLEMEN,

- The Minister for Local Government has indicated a Grant of £6406 to be expended on surface dressing Main Roads. I recommend that firstly those roads recently rolled from revenue, and which rapidly will be destroyed unless surface dressed, be treated, and secondly, the balance be expended as far as it will go in re-dressing the worst parts of those roads where the surface dressing has worn away.
- It has been found necessary to repair as Sudden Damages the following:—
 - Leabeg Bridge, at a cost of £13 0 0
 - Brittas Bridge, at " " 36 0 0
 - Gullets between Avoca and Conary, at " " 35 0 0
 - Do. at " " 40 0 0
 - Wall at Coolboy. at " " 15 0 0
- Various complaints have been made from time to time regarding loose stones on roads which are subject to Omnibus and other motor traffic. These complaints are justifiable, but unfortunately you have insufficient money to steam roll such roads, and in many cases these roads are being maintained by Contract.
- The Great Southern Railways Co., have written intimating that they are unable to agree to dispose of the land necessary for widening the road at Avoca Railway Bridge, as it would interfere with possible future development at this Station—however, they are prepared to cede the plot on the Southern side, provided the County Council undertake to erect and maintain the retaining wall and road fence, which is required to be built, and pay a nominal sum for the land.

Under the circumstances, I recommend that as the money available is insufficient to carry out any other reasonable easement at this place, that, subject to the approval of the Ministry, the money available be expended in widening that narrow part of the National Road (on which the money must be expended) at near Glenealy R.C. Church and Village.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

PARAGRAPH 1.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That, having considered paragraph No. 1 of the County Surveyor's Report, we hereby approve of the expenditure of the £6406 grant allowed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for tar dressing on the following roads, which have been recommended to us by the County Surveyor:—

| LINK ROADS | Miles |
|--|-------|
| Church Road, Greystones, via Ashley to Windgates | 2.95 |
| Killarney Road | 1.00 |
| Kilcoole Convent to Leabeg Middle | .70 |
| Newcastle to 5 mile point | 1.00 |
| Cronakerry to Rathnew Turn | 1.50 |
| Marlton Hill to Coolbeg | 2.00 |

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| Ballybeg to Coolbeg | 2.40 Miles |
| Roscaith to near Ballinameesda | 1.00 " |
| Jack White's to McGrath's Cross | 2.50 " |
| Whiterock for a mile S. East | 1.00 " |
| Tinahely Br. to Togher | 1.75 " |
| Boley to Harris's Hill | .70 " |
| Carrigower to Tynte Park. | 2.00 " |
| Dunlavin to Co. Kildare Bounds | 1.50 " |

TRUNK ROADS.

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| Scalp to Monastery | 1.00 " |
| Knocksink to Kilcroncy | 1.50 " |
| Glenealy to Deputy's Pass and one-third mile S. of same | 1.00 " |
| Meetings to Woodenbridge-part near U bend on Vale | |
| Road—U.D. Bounds and Co. Wexford Bounds at near Kish | 5.75 " |
| Co. Carlow Bounds to a gullet N. of the Mill, Baltinglass | 2.50 " |
| 3 roads Raheen to 3 roads Saundersgrove Hill | 1.75 " |
| 3 roads Saundersgrove Hill to 3 roads Ballinacrow Upper | .80 " |
| Waterloo Bridge to Whitestown 3 roads at Carrigower Quarry | 2.00 " |
| From 1/2 mile S. of Mullycagh Upper 3 roads to Hollywood | |
| N. 3 roads | 3.50 " |
| Hollywood N. 3 roads to Poulaphouca (Co. Wicklow parts only) | .90 " |
| Co. Kildare at Russboro to the 3 roads junction with No. 370 at Blessington excluding the Co. Kildare at Burgage | 2.90 " |
| Tramway Depot to N. level crossing at Gravel Pit | .50 " |
| The "Half Perches" (1/2 in Co. Kildare) | .60 " |
| About 1 mile in odd patches near Lamb and at "Half Perches" | 1.00 " |

Passed on a show of hands.

PARAGRAPH 2. ORDER—Approved.

PARAGRAPH 3. ORDER—Noted.

PARAGRAPH 4.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt paragraph 4 of the County Surveyor's Report.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick; and

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

That the money available be expended on the Avoca turn.

The amendment was lost on a show of hands being taken, and the original motion was then put to the meeting and declared passed on a show of hands.

The Secretary submitted the "Wicklow Main Road Order, 1929", in which the Minister declares the following roads to be Main Roads, and which revokes the "Wicklow Main Road Order, 1925", as from the 31st March, 1929:—

SCHEDULE

Roads declared to be Main Roads in the Administrative County of Wicklow.

From County Boundary at Bray via Kilmacanoge, Kilpedder, Newtownmountkennedy, Ashford and Rathnew to Wicklow U.D. Boundary at Bolarney.

From Rathnew via Glenealy, Rathdrum, Avoca, and Woodenbridge to Arklow U.D. Boundary at Ballyraine House.

From Arklow U.D. Boundary at Money Little to County Boundary at Bounds Bridge.

From County Boundary at Monaspick via Blessington, Poulaphouca, Hollywood Cross Roads, Mullycagh, Carrigower Bridge, Whitestown Bridge, Tuckmill and Baltinglass to County Boundary at Yellowford.

From County Boundary at The Scalp via Western Loop Road, Enniskerry and Fassaroo to Dargle Bridge three roads.

From Kilmacanoge three roads via Calary, Roundwood, Annamoe, Laragh and Clara Bridge to Rathdrum.

From Woodenbridge three roads via Coats Bridge, Aghrim, Kilpipe, Tinahely and Bridgeland to County Boundary at Ballinagilky Bridge.

From County Boundary at Kiltegan Bridge via Fortgranite Bridge to Baltinglass.

From Carrigower Bridge three roads via Dunlavin to County Boundary near Grangebeg House.

From Grove House five roads to County Boundary at Whiteleas House.

From Bray U.D. Boundary at Kilruddery via Windgates, Ashley, Kindles-town, Knockroe, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Newrath Bridge, Rathnew, Ballynabarny, Ballinclogh, The Beehive, Ballinameesda, Ballywaltron, Cronakip and Ticknock Bridge to Arklow U.D. Boundary at Kilbride.

From the Beehive Cross Roads via Marlton House to Wicklow U.D. Boundary at Ballynerrin.

From Wicklow U.D. Boundary at Dunbur Lower to Dunbur Upper.

From Bray U.D. Boundary at Oldcourt to Hollybrook three roads.

From County Boundary at Ballyellis Cross Roads via Carnew, Cronyhorn, Rose Ville, Shillelagh and Harris' Hill to County Boundary at Knockloe Bridge.

From Mines View three roads via Ballinaclesh and Carty's Corner to Aghrim.

From Tinahely via Deegan's Bridge to Shillelagh.

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From Cronyhorn three roads via Ballingate to County Boundary at Prospect.

From County Boundary at Glassnamucky via Glencree and Liffey Head Bridge to Sally Gap.

From Laragh three roads via Glendalough School, Brockagh, Ballinagce Bridge, Coonmore and Hollywood to Hollywood Cross Roads.

From Glendalough School to the Upper Lake, Glendalough.

From Ashford three roads via Trinity Well, Killiskey and Diamond Hill to Roundwood, excluding portion at Dublin Corporation Reservoir.

From Togherbeg three roads via Annacarter Bridge, Boleyherrigan Bridge, Sally Gap and Ologhleaigh Bridge to Tinode House three roads.

From Newtownmountkennedy three roads via Kilmurray and Waters Bridge to Roundwood, excluding portion at Dublin Corporation Reservoir.

From Ashley three roads via Greystones, Killincarrig and Delgany to Glen of the Downs three roads and Killickabawn three roads.

From County Boundary at Ballycove Bridge, via Rathtoole, Timoranhill Cross Roads and Stratford Lodge to Baltinglass.

From Blessington via Deerpark to County Boundary at Glending Covers. (SITUATE IN ARKLOW URBAN DISTRICT).

From U.D. Boundary at Ballyraine House, via Yardland, Vale Road and Wexford Road to U.D. Boundary at Money Little.

From U.D. Boundary at Kilbride via Ferrybank, Arklow Bridge, Main Street, Parade Square and Upper Main Street to junction with Wexford Road. (SITUATE IN BRAY URBAN DISTRICT).

From U.D. Boundary at Old Connaught Avenue via Dublin Road and Upper Dargle Road to U.D. Boundary at Glenburgh Cottage.

From junction with Dublin Road, via Castle Street, Main Street and Vevay Road to U.D. Boundary at Kilruddery.

From junction with Main Street, via Quinsborough Road (part), Adelaide Road, Albert Avenue, Strand Road (part) and Putland Road to junction with Vevay Road.

From Town Hall via Killarney Road to U.D. Boundary at Oldcourt.

(SITUATE IN WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT).

From U.D. Boundary at Bolarney via Abbey Street (part) to junction with Marlton Road.

From U.D. Boundary at Ballynerrin via Marlton Road Abbey Street (part), Main Street, Market Square, Market Street, Summer Hill and New Line to U.D. Boundary at Dunbur Lower.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

27th February, 1929, from R J Kidney, Esq., Secretary, Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Association of Ireland, Ltd., Star Buildings, 12/14 College Green, Dublin, asking the Council to look into the right of the occupier of the lands in putting up a fence stated to be on the public road opposite the Royal Hotel, Glendalough, and also drawing attention to a stall on the public road at the back of the Hotel, which is alleged to be an obstruction to traffic. ORDER—Read and noted.

2nd May, 1929, from Mr Michael Byrne, Baltiboys, Blessington, complaining of the alleged inadequate fencing between the public road and his land where a dangerous corner has recently been removed. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

9th May, 1929, from three workmen named Michael Welch, Michael Lennox and William Shortall, of Killinure, Coolkenno, alleging that unfair discrimination is made against them in the matter of road work. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

24th April, 1929, from the Secretary, Royal Irish Automobile Club, Dawson Street, Dublin, urging the necessity of improving the dangerous corner at the gates of Tennehinch House, Enniskerry. ORDER—The Council regret there are no funds available for this work.

17th May, 1929, from Cyril H. Dickinson Esq., Golf Hotel, Greystones, complaining of the condition of Portland Road, Greystones. NO ORDER, the County Surveyor having reported that the matter had already been dealt with.

The Council decided not to consider an anonymous letter alleging unfair discrimination in the employment of men on the grant work at Carnew.

25th May, 1929, from Mr H Gammell, Kilcoole, offering £5 to be allowed to cart away and break up the following:—1 engine wheel on the Glenealy road; 3 engine wheels at Kiltimon Quarry; 1 back, 2 front wheels of roller and other lots of scrap lying about the place at the Glen of the Downs; and 2 roller wheels at the Rocky Valley. ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor.

25th May, 1929, from C Hunter Esq., Newrath Bridge Hotel, Rathnew, again asking the Council to ease the dangerous turn at his Hotel, and stating that the misunderstanding with the landlord has been overcome. ORDER—The Council regret they have no funds for this work.

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

(Councillor John J Metcalfe) "I hereby give Notice that I will move at next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the County Surveyor execute the repairs necessary at Kyle and Tuckmill Bridges, and at Whitestown Bridge, the entire cost of these Works to be raised in the Estimates for 1930-31."

(Councillor P P O'Reilly) "I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that a footpath be made up with sod kerbing lying east and west of Vallemount Church, and that the dangerous bend leading to Ballyknockan be straightened, the entire cost of this work to be raised in the estimates for the year 1930-31."

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(Councillor James Kavanagh) "I hereby give Notice that I will propose that the sum of Ten Pounds be expended on a dangerous corner leading to Ballyconnell Church and Schools, as there have been some serious accidents there already."

(Councillor M Fleming) "I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that these works shall be gone into:—the Umrigar road, the Boley road, and the Tomacork footpath, the County Surveyor to report on the cost, and the money to be raised in the 1930-31 Estimates."

(Councillor Thomas Weadick) "I hereby give Notice that I will move at our next Quarterly Meeting that Arklow bridge be repaired and repainted, the County Surveyor to report on the cost of so doing and the cost of the work to be raised in the rate for the year 1930/31."

(Councillor James McCrea) "I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the wall and bridge at Mill Lane, Carnew, be repaired, the County Surveyor to report as to the cost, and the money to be raised in the Estimates for the year 1930/31."

The County Surveyor was directed to inspect all the works referred to in the foregoing Notices of Motion and to report to the Council what he estimates they will cost.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " Timothy Mulcahy ;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of a report dated 24th May, 1929, from Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E., regarding items of building material etc., which might be disposed of at Balinglass old Workhouse Buildings, as it was understood some of the material might be required by the Board of Health in connection with the erection of a hospital on these premises.

In accordance with notice of motion it was

Proposed by Councillor O M Byrne ;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ; and

Resolved—That the contribution of five shillings per head per week to the management of reformatories and industrial schools for the maintenance of children from County Wicklow maintained therein be reduced to the sum of 4s. 6d. per head per week as from the 1st April, 1929, and that all authorities dealing with this subject at present appearing on the records of the Council be hereby rescinded.

Passed.

Re: Andrew Hogan

The Secretary submitted the following letter in above connection from Messrs Little, O h-Uadhaigh and Proud, solicitors, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin:—"19th April, 1929. Dear Sir. We are in receipt of yours of the 9th inst. contents of which we note. Your Council however appears to be under the impression that our Client was threatening them with legal proceedings, but this is not the case nor is there anything of that nature in our letters to you of the 6th and 21st ult. We have already explained to you our client's position and we should like to again emphasise the fact of his being the sole support of his invalid father, mother, brothers and young sisters, and also that he has been since discharged from his position in the Bus Co. If you could possibly bring the case again before your Council with a view to having their position again considered, we should be very much obliged. Yours faithfully, (signed) Little, O h-Uadhaigh and Proud." ORDER—The Council regret they are unable to do anything in the matter.

The Council had again under consideration recommendations contained in a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 24th August, 1928, No. G.59042/28 11g. (s) consideration of which was adjourned at the November, 1928, Quarterly Meeting, and which were to the effect that the Council should delegate to the Secretary the power to suspend unsatisfactory poor rate collectors and to swear information in cases of embezzlement without awaiting a meeting of the Council or of the Finance Committee. ORDER—The Council refuse to delegate these powers.

A letter dated 11th March, 1929, was submitted from Collector Frank Healy, proposing the five under-mentioned persons as sureties in a fidelity bond to cover the collections in both Nos. 5 and 6 Districts.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor William J Henry ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following as sureties to enter with Collector Frank Healy into a joint personal fidelity bond in the sum of £4000 to cover the collections in both Nos. 5 and 6 districts, the Law Agent to arrange for the completion of the bond, and that we hereby direct Collector Healy to close his 1928/1929 collection in No. 5 District forthwith:—Mrs Sarah Healy, Ballynasculoge, Manor-Kilbride; Mrs Esther Walsh, Scurlocksleap, Manor-Kilbride; John Healy, Athdown, Manor-Kilbride; John Murphy, Ballinattans, Manor-Kilbride; and Thomas Haulon, Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by Councillor Jacob J Bourne ;

Resolved—That inasmuch as each member of this Council is furnished by our Secretary with the fullest information on any matter relating to accounts whenever sought, we hereby apply to the Minister for Local

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Government and Public Health for permission to vary Article 37 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, by eliminating therefrom the obligation to have the Auditor's reports and abstracts of the Council's accounts printed and circulated to each member of the Council half-yearly, thereby affecting a very considerable financial saving—all other persons mentioned in the said Article to be supplied with manuscript copies of these documents when asked for.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to their Annual Meeting consideration of a letter from the Council's solicitor, J H McCarroll Esq., Wicklow, dated 25th April, 1929, regarding the advisability of appealing against a decision of the District Justice committing to an industrial school three Balinglass children named Piggott, Councillor D J Kehoe having undertaken to investigate the matter meantime.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):—"18th April, 1929 No. R/RS/33. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 5th instant, with enclosure, relative to the appointment by Wicklow County Council of an Assistant Surveyor, and to state that he considers that even with the addition of such sum as may be arranged for in respect of work for the Board of Health the total remuneration without any allowance for travelling expenses would be inadequate to ensure proper supervision especially where as in this case road work is carried out otherwise than by contract. I am accordingly to request that the Council reconsider the matter with a view to allowing some definite allowance say £60 per annum for the use of a motor vehicle. Mise, le meas, (signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe."

ORDER—The Council refuse to make any change.

No recommendation having been received from the Local Appointments Commissioners regarding the appointment of a coroner for East Wicklow, the Council were unable to take any action in the matter.

The Council had before them a letter dated 29th April, 1929, No. G.23476/1929 Cill Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister could not sanction the appointment of Mr Doyle as County Librarian, as the position came within the terms of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926. The letter went on to state that the salary of £160 per annum would not attract a suitable class of candidate, and that the Council had pledged themselves to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust to the maintenance of a salary of £250 for the position. The Council had also before them a letter dated 6th May, 1929, from the County Central Library Committee, recommending that the following should be the terms of the appointment:—(i) salary £250 a year, (ii) age limits 21 to 35 years, (iii) not less than three years experience of County Library Organisation and Administration, (iv) sound education including a working knowledge of Irish.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " James Everett T.D. ;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to advertise for and select for appointment by this Council under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, a suitable candidate to fill the position of county Librarian, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr Geoffrey Phibbs, in accordance with the conditions and qualifications now set forth on the appropriate Form No. 111 transmitted to the County Council for that purpose by the said Commissioners.

Passed.

The Council thereupon proceeded to complete the query form as follows:—

Name of Local Authority. Wicklow County Council.

Title of Office to be filled. County Librarian—and Secretary to County Wicklow Central Library Committee.

Date on which Office becomes vacant or is created. 15th February, 1929.

Nature of duties (short description). The usual duties appertaining to the positions of County Librarian and the Secretaryship of a County Central Library Committee.

Age limits. 21 to 35 years.

General qualifications. A thorough knowledge of the duties of the dual position.

Special qualifications (if any). A sound education—including a working knowledge of Irish.

Is a competent knowledge of oral Irish considered essential? Yes.

Salary (or scale of salary, stating increments, if any) and whether bonus is payable in addition. £250 per annum—but no bonus, and no increments.

Does the post include a residence? (if so, state particulars). No.

Is the office pensionable? Yes.

Is it part-time or whole-time? whole-time.

Is security required to be given by the person appointed? Yes, a fidelity bond for the sum of £200.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh ;

Resolved—That we recommend to the Local Appointments Commissioners for appointment as librarian in Co. Wicklow the candidature of Mr Daniel Doyle.

Passed.

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The Secretary submitted the following two petitions which had been sent him in accordance with the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, each of which was accompanied by a marked ordnance map, as prescribed by the Act:—(i) dated 15th March, 1929, and signed by seventeen ratepayers in the townlands of Money, Killinure, Ardoyne, Tullowclay and Aghowle, cleaning up bed of river, and removing obstructions and doing what is necessary to cope with the volume of water; (ii) dated 16th March, 1929, signed by seven ratepayers in the townlands of Rampere, Goldenfort and Saundersgrove, (Baltinglass), cleaning the river which runs through the lands of the signatories, and which at present drains unsatisfactorily because of the alleged neglect of a land-owner lower down the stream.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;
Seconded by " George Kearon;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, we hereby refer to the County Surveyor for his report to our next Quarterly Meeting on the general merits of the proposals contained therein the petition from ratepayers in Money, Killinure, Ardoyne, Tullowclay and Aghowle, and the further petition from ratepayers in Rampere, Goldenfort and Saundersgrove, and for his estimate of the probable total cost of the execution of the drainage works comprised in such proposals, the County Surveyor to consult the Secretary and County Surveyor of any adjoining county which may be affected by the proposed drainage schemes.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby fix Tuesday, the 25th June, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon, as the date and hour for the Council's annual meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 15th April, 1929, No. L.72/29, from the Department of Lands and Agriculture, stating that where a substitute had to be called in to act for a Veterinary Inspector temporarily unable to discharge his duties, it was necessary that a formal temporary appointment of the substitute should be made by the local authority and submitted for the Department's approval, on the grounds that the powers conferred by the Acts and the Orders issued thereunder could be exercised only by an officer whose appointment had been made by the local authority and approved by the Department. It was also suggested, if the local authority had not a committee capable of making such temporary appointment immediately occasion arose, the Secretary should be authorised to act for them in an emergency.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;
Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That, acting on the suggestion of the Minister for Agriculture, we hereby authorize and empower our Secretary to act for this Council with full powers in any emergency to approve of the employment of substitutes for Veterinary Inspectors who may be temporarily unable to perform their usual duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH WORKHOUSE LETTINGS.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 23rd April, 1929, No. P.26-07/29 (Pb) Cill Mhanntain, stating that the Minister was opposed on sanitary grounds to the letting of disused workhouse as dwellings, directing that families in occupation of the buildings at Shillelagh should be given to understand that they were allowed to remain only as a temporary arrangement, and presuming that the Council have appointed a caretaker for the premises.

The Secretary also submitted the following report from the sub-committee which was appointed by the Council to go into this matter:—

Report—Shillelagh Workhouse Lettings. At the request of the County Council we, the undersigned met at Shillelagh Workhouse on Wednesday, 22nd inst., to make inquiries regarding the existing tenants living in the workhouse. The only person residing on the premises under agreement is John Murphy, who resides in the porter's lodge, and pays one shilling per week rent. We interviewed Mrs Fowler living in the cook house of the Fever Hospital with her husband and

children. They appear to occupy two apartments. Mrs Fowler informed us that her husband and family entered the premises on the 4th November, 1928, stating that they had no place to shelter. Mrs Fowler stated that her husband was willing to pay 1/- per week from the 4th November, and promised to forward six months' rent £1 6s. to the Secretary, Mr Healy, on Saturday, the 25th inst. William Toole is not living in the workhouse premises,—we understand he left about a month ago. James Holden, ambulance driver, is of course living in portion of the main building with the approval of the County Council. The boundary fence is in a very bad state. Gaps are broken in the wall opposite the main building. A door leading from the lane to the hall door is open, and should be fastened up. The buildings—with the exceptions of the Board Room and lodge—are in a very bad condition, windows broken, and glass smashed. A great many slates are stripped off the roofs, floors are rotting away. Skirting in the Fever Hospital appears to have been removed. The premises are rapidly

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deteriorating. We would strongly recommend the Council to appoint a caretaker at once. The man appointed should look after the fences, and see that no unauthorised persons enter the buildings. All the work use premises should be insured against fire. It appears that the only portion of the premises at present covered against fire is the Fever Hospital. We suggest that the Law agent be requested to draw up a suitable agreement to be executed by the tenant Fowler.

(Signed) J J Bourne.

(Signed) M Fleming.

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ORDER. Adopted.

An application dated 25th March, 1929, was submitted from William O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, caretaker of Bray Courthouse, for an increase in his salary, on the grounds that three courts a month were held in Bray and the District Court Clerk's office had to be cleaned out daily. In this connection the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe, and accepted by the Chairman:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, or some other Councillor for me, that the salary of the Court Keeper for Bray Court House, William O'Connor, be increased from £8 per annum to £12 per annum."

A letter dated 8th April, 1929, was submitted from the Secretary of the County Board of Health, Rathdrum, asking on behalf of his Board for the sum of £489 received by the County Council in 1926 as compensation for the occupation of Baltinglass Workhouse premises by the British Military, as the Board proposed to devote the sum in question to the equipment of the new Hospital at Baltinglass. NO ORDER, the sum in question having already been devoted by the Council to the relief of rates.

A letter dated 22nd May, 1929, was submitted from Eoghan O Fionnlaodha, Secretary, Wicklow Local Feis Committee, Technical School, Wicklow, asking on behalf of the said Committee for the use of the Courthouse, Wicklow, on the day of the Feis, viz., 7th July, 1929, should the weather prevent the competitions being held on the Murrough. ORDER. Granted.

A letter dated 9th April, 1929, was submitted from the Acting Principal, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee,

Technical School, Wicklow, reporting the disqualification of the Rev. James Carthy, C.C., Annacurra, one of the Council's representatives on the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr James Kavanagh, P.C., Ballynahanoge, Tinahely, to fill the vacancy created on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of the Rev. James Carthy, C.C., Annacurra, one of this Council's representatives on the said Committee.

Passed.

The Council deferred consideration of two letters dated 11th January, 1929, and 15th April, 1929, from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, asking them to sanction the co-option on the Committee of Mrs Grimshaw, Friars' Hill, Wicklow, Mrs A. O'Connor, Church Street, Wicklow, and Miss I. Halpin, Church Hill, Wicklow, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a quorum.

The County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1929, was submitted as follows:—

C M Byrne
26/5/29

27th May, 1929

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31/3/1929.

| Articles submitted for Analysis. | Date Received. | No. | From | Result of Analysis. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----|------------------------------|---------------------|
| New Milk | 1/1/29 | 1 | Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan | Genuine |
| Butter | " | 2 | " | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | Blessington, Sergeant O'Neil | " |
| Sugar | " | 1 | " | " |
| Breadsoda | " | 1 | " | " |
| Flour | " | 1 | " | " |
| Brandy | " | 1 | " | " |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " | " |
| Rum | " | 1 | " | " |
| Port Wine | " | 1 | " | " |
| Butter | 5/3/29 | 1 | Anghrim, Sergeant Quinn | " |
| Cocoa | " | 1 | " | " |
| Butter | 6/3/29 | 1 | Newtown, Sergeant Cox | " |
| Jam | " | 1 | " | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " | " |
| Sugar | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | 7/3/29 | 2 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | 1 gen., 1 not gen. |
| Dripping | " | 1 | " | genuine |
| Butter | 12/3/29 | 3 | Roundwood, Sergeant Manoney | " |
| Ginger Wine | " | 1 | " | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | 21/3/29 | 3 | Arklow, Guard McEvaddy | 2 gen., 1 not gen. |
| Butter | " | 3 | " | genuine |
| Butter | 27/3/29 | 1 | Greystones, Sergeant Hunt | " |
| Margarine | " | 1 | " | " |
| Cornflour | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | " | 2 | " | " |
| New Milk | " | 5 | Wicklow, Guard Bergin | 4 gen., 1 not gen. |
| Butter | 30/3/29 | 2 | Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan | genuine |
| Margarine | " | 1 | " | " |
| Cheese | " | 1 | " | " |
| Drugs | 11/1/29 | 3 | Rathdrum Co. Home | " |
| " | 16/1/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | " | 3 | Avoca | " |
| " | 17/1/29 | 3 | Dunganstown | " |
| " | 18/1/29 | 3 | Edward Lyons, M.B. | " |
| " | 22/1/29 | 3 | Co. Fever Hospital | " |
| " | 26/1/29 | 3 | Co. Hospital | " |
| " | 2/2/29 | 3 | Blessington | " |
| " | 7/2/29 | 3 | Kilcool | " |
| " | " | 3 | Newtown | " |
| " | 20/2/29 | 3 | Delgany | " |
| " | 22/2/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | 27/2/29 | 3 | Ashford | " |
| " | " | 3 | Wicklow | " |
| " | " | 3 | Coolkenno | " |
| " | 6/3/29 | 3 | Arklow | " |
| " | 25/3/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | 28/3/29 | 3 | Co. Hospital | " |

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 45
Drugs, 54. Total, 99. Number adulterated—New Milks, 3. Date 16/4/1929.
Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

ORDER. Noted.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That in accordance with the request contained in the letter dated 20th April, 1929, No. DW.427/29, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, we hereby appoint Sergeant P J Hayden, 3213, Anghrim, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Sergeant P Quinn, who has been transferred from the district.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That Councillors C M Byrne (Chairman), James Everett, T.D., and D Frame be requested to wait upon the authorities of Clongowes Wood College regarding the rumour current that it is intended to place a very large order at an early date with a firm outside Saorstát Éireann, and to urge that such order be placed within the Free State so as to help to deal with the serious question of unemployment and the impoverished conditions attending it.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe ;

Resolved—That we call upon the Government to reconsider the question of the release of the Rev. Father Fahy.

Passed

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

(Councillor James Everett, T.D.) " I hereby give notice that at the Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following amounts (i) a loan of £500 for the completion of the works necessary for

the provision of accommodation for the Nursing Sisters in charge of the County Home, (ii) a loan of £700 for the purpose of improving the heating arrangements in the County Home Laundry."

(Councillor James M. Crea) " I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next quarterly meeting that this Council inquire into the whole institutional relief in this County with a view to amending the present Amalgamation Scheme."

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That we ask the Minister for Local Government for a grant of £5000 to complete the steam-rolling of the Carnew-Shillelagh road.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted :—

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

26th February, 1929, No. G.13852/1929 Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning continuation to the 31st March, 1929, of overdraft accommodation not to exceed £20,000.

25th March, 1929, No. G.2236/1929 Cill Mhanntain Se, sanctioning an increase from £450 to £480 in the remuneration of Thomas Langton Esq., Accountant to the Council.

4th April, 1929, Estab.261, intimating that as from the 1st April, 1929, Mr A P Delany would be the Local Government Inspector for the district which includes County Wicklow.

12th April, 1929, No. R/RS/33, stating that the Minister raises no objection to the payment of £4 per week extra to Mr J T O'Byrne, Assistant Surveyor, for acting in the area rendered vacant by the death of Mr Boyd.

17th April, 1929, No. G.25358/1929 Fa Cill Mhanntain, stating that in view of the late dates on which Collectors John Byrne, John A Doyle, James J Jacob and Mrs Doyle took up their warrants the Minister will on this occasion raise no objection to the extension to the 30th June of the time for closing their collections.

6th May, 1929 No. G.31592/1929 Cill Mhanntain, drawing attention to the large sums of poor rate outstanding on the 30th April, and stating that the collectors should be required to close their full warrants by the end of May.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE

12th April, 1929, No. 2616/F, referring to the resolution passed by the Council, and stating that while the Department's officers are instructed to look out for and check fires which break out on or near the Department's lands, the cost of providing special staffs to discover forest fires would be prohibitive.

13th April, 1929, No. L.2966328, conveying the Department's approval to the revised rates of remuneration payable to Veterinary Inspectors for work performed under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

County Cork (Control of Dogs) Order of 1929.

15th May, 1929, No. L.682-29, stating that though the Department's Veterinary Research Laboratory is prepared to assist Veterinary Inspectors by reporting on ante-mortem specimens, the duty of determining whether or to what extent an animal slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order was affected with tuberculosis is thrown on the Veterinary Inspector.

23rd May, 1929, No. L.1485-29, reporting that a sample of butter taken by an officer of the Department on the premises of Mr Simon Lambert, Rathdrum, was on analysis found to be adulterated, and asking that the necessary proceedings be instituted on behalf of the Council.

28th March, 1929, from the Office of National Education, stating that in future, unless a Council's Scheme makes provision to the contrary, it will be assumed that any holder of a County Council Scholarship who is admitted to a Preparatory College, or appointed a pupil teacher, will continue to receive his Scholarship from the Council.

4th April, 1929, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, (Gas and Weights and Measures Office), 33 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, stating that some few items of equipment will be required by the Weights and Measures Inspector, no one of which will cost more than £1, and stating that for the purpose of the periodical re-verification of standards which is now proceeding the Department have engaged the services of an expert whose time will be charged against the various local authorities.

ORDER. Secretary's action in authorising the supply of equipment approved.

From the Department of Industry and Commerce, preliminary report No. 85 of the Census of Production of 1926, dealing with works of construction, maintenance and repair carried out by local authorities in 1926.

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

6th May, 1929, enclosing cheque value £380 received from the purchaser of the sleepers and rails of Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway line in Co. Wicklow, and stating that he would give the purchaser an order for the removal of the material on receipt of a paid-up policy against the risks specified in the Conditions of Sale.

27th May, 1929.

27th May, 1929.

18th May, 1929, stating that the contractor for the removal of the sleepers and rails had inadvertently crossed the Co. Kildare boundary and that no liability attached to Wicklow County Council in respect thereof, and enclosing draft of a letter to be sent to the Secretary of Kildare Co. Council in reply to an inquiry from him, on this subject.

Fourth Annual Report of County Wicklow Central Library Committee.

27th February, 1929, From J B O'Halloran Esq., Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, conveying the sanction of his Board to the extension of the Council's overdraft of £20,000 to the 31st March, 1929.

Ordinary, Thonlagee, Wicklow. 4th March, 1929. Dear Sir. On behalf of my brothers as well as myself I write to ask you to convey to the members of the County Council our grateful thanks for their kindness in passing the Resolution of sympathy to us in our recent sad bereavement. We also wish to extend our grateful thanks to you and the other members of the staff for the kind expression of sympathy in your letter to me. Yours faithfully (signed) Paul Costello.

12th March, 1929, from the Superintendent of Construction, Irish American Oil Company, Limited, 1 and 2 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, stating that they are agreeable to the conditions upon which the County Surveyor approved of the erection of a new depot at Shillelagh railway station.

17th March, 1929, from J J Bergin Esq., Hon Secretary, Athy Meeting of Grain Growers, Maybrook, Athy, enclosing booklet issued by the members.

28th March, 1929, from W J Doyle Esq., Town View, Tinahely, on behalf of the Trustees, Tinahely Dramatic Company, enclosing cover note insuring Tinahely Courthouse against fire for each night from the 31st March to the 2nd April, 1929.

4th April, 1929, from Hartnell Smith Esq., Accountant, Great Southern Railways, Kingsbridge Terminus, Dublin, applying for refund of portion of the poor rates paid by the company in respect of the year 1928/1929, which refund became due consequent on the recent revision of the valuation of the Company's property.

10th April, 1929, telegram from Cardinal Gasparri, conveying the Pope's hearty thanks for the Council's congratulations to him on the agreement made with the Italian Government.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 12th April, 1929.

15th April, 1929, from the Secretary, Civics Institute of Ireland, 9 Ely Place, Dublin, enclosing resolution regretting that no arrangements have been made to provide long-term housing loans from a central fund for local authorities and public utility societies.

17th April, 1929, from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, enclosing a report relative to proposals approved of by the General Council for (i) carrying out the de-rating of Agricultural Land, and (ii) a joint Scheme for the relief of rates and construction of Trunk roads.

12 Dawson Street, Dublin. 17th April 1929. Dear Mr Healy. I would ask you to convey to the members of the Wicklow County Council my deep gratitude for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of my brother Father Martin Ryan, R.I.P. I greatly appreciate their kindness and thoughtfulness in passing such a resolution. I also wish to thank you and the members of the Council's clerical staff for your sympathy and I can assure you that it is a cause of no little consolation to me to be remembered on such a sad occasion. I am, dear Mr Healy, yours very sincerely, (signed) Phyllis Ryan.

17th April, 1929, with pamphlets attached, from Mrs Maud Gonne MacBride, Hon Sec., Women's Prisoners Defence League, 47 Parnell Square, Dublin, regarding alleged unfair treatment of Republican prisoners. Minutes of meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 3rd May, 1929.

17th May, 1929, from the Secretary, Kildare County Council, asking for copy of the agreement made with the purchaser of the sleepers and rails of the Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway in County Wicklow.

23rd May, 1929, from Messrs Harold J Wiley and Company Ltd., Insurance Brokers, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin, asking to be allowed to quote for the Council's insurances as they fell due.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES

From Kildare County Council, promising the beet growers moral support in their efforts to get a fair price for beet grown in 1929.

From Blackrock Urban District Council, requesting the Government to introduce legislation giving effect to the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Town Tenants Commissioners, 1927.

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 25th June, 1929.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors James McCrea, John J Metcalfe, Daniel J Kehoe, Patrick Doyle, Denis Condren, William Byrne, J J Bourne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Kearon, William J Henry, Michael Fleming, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D., Edward Byrne, David H Haskins, John W Ryan, John J Barry, Thomas Weadick, Timothy Mulcahy and James Kavanagh.

BUSINESS.

- 1 Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2 To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 3 To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 4 To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.
- 5 To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, and of the Proposals Committee, in the coming year 1929/1930.
- 6 To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, and to Sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.
- 7 To sign and Seal Demands (Form 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.
- 8 To consider correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, regarding the steps which should be taken to give early effect to the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health and the putting into operation of the Tuberculosis Scheme as adopted.
- 9 To again consider the advisability of appealing against an Order for the committal to an industrial school of three Baltinglass children named Annie, Elizabeth and Bridget Piggott.
- 10 To nominate two members to represent Wicklow County Council at a Conference to be held for the purpose of examining Louth County Council's claim for repayment of £97231 following the secession of that Council from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital District.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That Councillor C M Byrne, of Ballykillavane, Glenealy, be, and he is hereby, re-elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " John Ryan;

Resolved—That Councillor Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bray, be, and he is hereby, re-elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations necessary in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the lists revised accordingly.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by " John W Ryan;

Resolved—That the following be the dates fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the Proposals and Finance Committees and the County Council for the year 1929/1930:—

25th June, 1929

| Places of Meeting | Hour | Summer Quarter 1929 | Autumn Quarter 1929 | Winter Quarter 1930 | Spring Quarter 1930 |
|--|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Proposals Committee, Courthouse, Wicklow | 12 | Friday, August 2 | Friday, October 25 | Friday, January 31 | Friday, April 25 |
| County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow | 12 | Monday, August 26 | Monday, November 18 | Monday, February 17 | Monday, May 26 |

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;
Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books, and that the Poor Rate Books and Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £2253 1s. 8d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Kearon ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Bray, for the amount of £9830 7s. 1d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;
Seconded by " J J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £2977 4s. 1d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—

17th June, 1929. P.H.41924/29 Cill Mhanntain (Ae). A Chara. With reference to his letter of the 5th instant relative to the proposed appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health for Wicklow County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has further reviewed the position arising out of the County Council's resolution of the 27th ultimo in the light of the essential requirements of the situation and of the condition of the county finances. It appears that the undertaking given by the County Council to defray the deficit in the Insurance Committee's funds expires on the 31st December next. It will, therefore, be essential in order to obviate the necessity for a fresh commitment in respect of 1930, that approved arrangements should be available by that date for the treatment of uninsured persons suffering from tuberculosis, including the dependents of insured persons. It would also be possible in that event to invite the Insurance Committee to enter into an Agreement in the usual form whereby in consideration of treatment being afforded under the Scheme to insured tuberculous patients, the funds of the Committee would be transferred to the Board of Health and Public Assistance. The object, therefore, to be attained is to arrange that the County Medical Officer of Health who is also to act as Tuberculosis Officer shall actually take up duty not later than the 1st December next, so that he may be able to familiarise himself with the work to be undertaken and to organise the requisite measures for dealing with tuberculosis in the County by the beginning of 1930. As already intimated, a substantial period is likely to be occupied by the preliminaries to the selection of a candidate for the position by the Local Appointments Commissioners and there is a possibility of a further delay if the applicant selected finds it incumbent on him to give notice of relinquishment of an existing employment. It appears to the Minister that the County Council might at once address a request to the Local Appointments Commissioners that the person to be recommended by them for appointment to the above mentioned post will be required to take up duty not later than the 1st December next. The commitment for the purpose covering the four months of the current financial year from December next will be inconsiderable and will be reducible by advance instalments from the State Grants. Mise le meas, (Signed) M. O Linn, ar son Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That further discussion on the Minister's letters dealing with the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health and the initiation of a Tuberculosis Scheme for the County be adjourned to the August Quarterly Meeting of this Council, a copy of the said Scheme as already adopted to be circulated to each member of this Council meantime.

Passed.

The Council had again before them a letter dated 25th April, 1929 from their Law Agent, J H McCarroll Esq., reporting the committal at

25th June, 1929.

Baltinglass District Court of three children named Annie, Elizabeth and Bridget Piggott to an industrial school, and stating that though the surroundings showed an appalling state of filth and neglect he would from the economic point of view strongly advise an appeal against the said order of committal. Letters were also submitted from Andrew and Elizabeth Piggott, the father and mother respectively of the children in which the Council were given to understand that the children had been temporarily neglected owing to their mother's bad health, but that they would henceforth be maintained in a decent manner by their parents if sent home again.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe ;
Seconded by " J J Barry ;

Resolved—That having reviewed the facts connected with the committal of three Baltinglass children named Annie, Elizabeth and Bridget Piggott to an industrial school, we hereby direct our Law Agent to appeal on behalf of Wicklow County Council against such order of committal.

Passed.

SEPARATION OF COUNTY LOUTH FROM THE GRANGE-GORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in above connection :—

10th June, 1929. M.H.34307/29 Grangeegorman. A dhuine usail. I am to acquaint you, for the information of the Wicklow County Council, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has decided to comply with the application of the Louth County Council to be separated from the Grangeegorman Mental Hospital District with a view to the establishment of a district mental hospital in and for County Louth. This decision is subject to the provisos that Louth County Council submits satisfactory evidence that the accommodation they intend to provide is such as can be approved and that the Council are in a position to raise the necessary funds. In anticipation of Louth being made a separate mental hospital district the County Council have acquired a site and invited competitive designs for a new mental hospital to be established at Ardee, and have prepared and transmitted to this Department a claim for the repayment to County Louth of £97281 by the county borough and counties that will remain in the Grangeegorman district. A copy of the claim is transmitted herewith, together with copies of the valuations of the Grangeegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals on which the claim is mainly based. Grangeegorman Mental Hospital is and has been for some time overcrowded and part of the existing accommodation has been condemned as unsuitable for the insane. It had become necessary for the Committee of Management to consider how the needs for additional accommodation might be met and a number of proposals for new buildings and reconstruction were put forward. The removal of Louth patients numbering about 330 will set free accommodation which is required for patients from the remaining counties and will enable part of the Grangeegorman Prison buildings to be dispensed with. At the same time it will relieve these counties from embarking on capital expenditure greater or less according to the scheme of addition or reconstruction adopted. The Grangeegorman Mental Hospital Committee do not oppose County Louth's proposal to withdraw from the joint district and have postponed consideration of the question of providing additional accommodation. Under the Lunacy Acts as adapted the Minister for Local Government and Public Health can, if he so thinks fit, ascertain and fix the equitable amount to be repaid by counties remaining within an old district to a county transferred to a new district. In the circumstances of the case now under consideration it appears to the Minister equitable that the outgoing authority should be

compensated for the loss of its share in the mental hospitals and that adjustments should be made in respect of outstanding loans, existing pensions, etc. The Minister is, however, of opinion that before any Order is drafted the councils concerned should be given an opportunity of examining Louth's claim and that a conference should be held with a view to ascertaining whether an agreement between the four bodies concerned cannot be arrived at as to the equitable amount to be repaid to County Louth. In pursuance of the provisions of the Lunatic Asylum Repayment of Advances Act, 1855, it will be necessary in due course to circulate a draft Order embodying the financial adjustment, and each county council can lodge particulars of their objection before a final Order is made; but until a conference is held no Order will be made. I have, therefore, to request that the Wicklow County Council will consider County Louth's claim and nominate two members to discuss the terms of separation. A further communication will be sent to you fixing the date for the conference which will be held at the Department's offices. Mise le meas, (signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe.

With the foregoing were included detailed valuations of the land, buildings, machinery, waterworks, etc., of Grangeegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals which had been made for Louth County Council by Messrs Battersby and Company, auctioneers and valuers, 39 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, and by Messrs Corrigan and Company, auctioneers and valuers, 4 Grafton Street, Dublin, respectively. Messrs Corrigan and Company estimated the aggregate value at £1,969,840, and Messrs Battersby and Company estimated the present cost of production at £1,848,483 and the present value of the property at 1,693,171.

25th June 1929.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That the following two members be nominated to represent Wicklow County Council at the Conference to be held for the purpose of examining Louth County Council's claim for repayment of £97231, following the secession of that Council from the Grangeorman Mental Hospital District:—Councillor C M Byrne and Seamus Everett, T.D.

Passed.

A letter dated 21st June, 1929, was submitted from the County Surveyor seeking permission to take his leave of absence on vacation from the 29th July, to the 31st August, and stating that it would be necessary to authorise and direct the Assistant Surveyors to attend to Pay Sheets and any urgent matters during his absence. ORDER. Granted.

A letter dated 21st June, 1929, was submitted from Messrs Guinness, Mahon and Company, 17 College Green, Dublin, C.I. asking what was being done with the rails of the Blessington and Poulaphouca Tramway line as they held nearly half of the debentures, and they regarded the rails as the property of the debenture holders of the Tramway Company. A letter dated 25th June, 1929, was submitted from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarrroll, Esq., Church Street, Wicklow, in this connection, stating that the rails were sold by the Council pursuant to the advice of Senior Counsel, dated 5th March, 1929, which opinion was based on section 37 of the Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway Order, 1889, and the Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway (Cesser of Powers) Order, 1928. ORDER. Copy of the Law Agent's letter be forwarded to Messrs Guinness, Mahon and Company.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd June, 1929, from the National Health Insurance Commission, referring to the question of the insur-

ance under the National Health Insurance Acts of Mrs Hurlley and Nicholas Ponder, employed by County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee as caretakers of Arklow and Wicklow Technical Schools respectively, and intimating that the Committee had failed either to submit duly stamped cards for the full period of these persons' employment or to apply to the Commission for a formal decision under Section 66 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, as to their insurability. The letter went on to state that before instituting legal proceedings against the Committee the Commission had decided to place the facts before Wicklow County Council, in order to give the Council an opportunity of securing compliance by the Committee, or as an alternative, of applying direct to the Commissioners for a decision under Section 66 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1911. ORDER—Referred to County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

The Secretary submitted a Civil Bill served by Messrs Little, O h-Uadhaigh and Proud, solicitors acting for J R Dagg Esq., former Clerk of Baltinglass Board of Guardians and Rural District Council in which £36. 8s. 6d. was claimed as being due by the County Council and the County Board of Health in respect of Mr Dagg's services in January and February, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That the Law Agent be instructed to take every step possible to protect the interests of the County Council at the hearing of the Civil Bill served by John Ralph Dagg through his solicitors, Messrs Little, O h-Uadhaigh and Proud, for the sum of £36. 8s. 6d.

Passed

With reference to the Council's decision at their May meeting to appoint a deputation to attend on the Rector of Clongowes Wood College regarding the rumour that that College was giving a large building contract to a firm outside the Free State, the Secretary submitted a letter which he had received from the Rector referring to the report in the "Irish Independent" from which it appeared that such was not the fact. He stated that acting on the advice of members of the deputation he had again written the Rector, asking if it was intended to use Irish cut stone for the dressings of the windows, doors, strings, mullions and crosses, or if it was intended to use a large quantity of artificial stone, and that to this letter he had received no reply. ORDER—Copy of the Secretary's second letter to the College authorities to be sent to Deputies O'Mahony and Moore, who would take the matter up with the Department of Industry and Commerce, and the Rector to be asked to reply to the said letter.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " John Dunne ;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, call upon the Minister for Local Government to amend the Act so as to enable children attending National Schools in rural areas to be supplied with free meals.

Passed.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 26th August, 1929.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;

Councillors James McCrea, James Everett, T.D. ; Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Jacob, Peter P O'Reilly, William J Henry, Michael Fleming, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, Edward Byrne, Thomas Weadick, Denis Condren, Major C Mitchell, George Kearon, Patrick Doyle, James Kavanagh, Daniel J Kehoe, and John J Barry.

The minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
2. To consider and approve of action taken by the Secretary and the Finance Committee with regard to the provision of a fidelity guarantee for eight poor rate collectors, the Irish National Assurance Company having decided to terminate their guarantee.
3. To consider the condition of the poor rate collections to the 31st March, 1929, with reference to the recommendation of the Finance Committee therein.
4. To Sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
5. To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
6. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
7. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
8. To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the Council.
9. To consider County Surveyor's Report.
10. To consider correspondence from Arklow Urban District Council regarding the unimproved portion of the Rathnew-Arklow road, and the condition of the Arklow streets, comprised therein.
11. To consider letter dated 8th inst., from Mr James Walsh, Sleemane, Roundwood, alleging unfairness in the employment of men for road work in Roundwood area.
12. To consider letter dated 22nd July, 1929, from Mr Edward Archer, Ard na-Ree, Greystones, urging the importance of having Church Lane, Greystones, closed forthwith to motor traffic.
13. To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
14. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John J Metcalfe:— "I hereby give Notice that I will move at next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the County Surveyor execute the repairs necessary at Kyle and Tuckmill Bridges, and at Whitestown Bridge, the entire cost of these Works to be raised in the Estimates for 1930/31."
15. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P P O'Reilly:— "I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that a footpath be made up with sod kerbing lying east and west of Vallemount Church, and that the dangerous bend leading to Ballyknoekan be straightened, the entire cost of this work to be raised in the estimates for the year 1930/31."
16. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Kavanagh:— "I hereby give Notice that I will propose that the sum of Ten Pounds be expended on a dangerous corner leading to Ballyconnell Church and Schools, as there have been some serious accidents there already."

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17. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that these works shall be gone into: the Umrigar road, the Bolay road, and the Tomacork footpath, the County Surveyor to report on the cost, and the money to be raised in the 1930/31 Estimates."

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Thomas Weadick:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at our next Quarterly Meeting that Arklow Bridge be repaired and repainted, the County Surveyor to report on the cost of so doing and the cost of the work to be raised in the rate for the year 1930/31."

19. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the wall and bridge at Mill Lane, Carnew, be repaired, the County Surveyor to report as to the cost, and the money to be raised in the Estimates for the year 1930/31."

20. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I hereby give notice that at the Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following amounts (i) a loan of £500 for the completion of the works necessary for the provision of accommodation for the Nursing Sisters in charge of the County Home; (ii) a loan of £700 for the purpose of improving the heating arrangements in the County Home Laundry."

21. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"I hereby give notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Council raise a loan of £1300 in accordance with existing legislation to be repaid over a period of fifteen years and to be expended in assisting thirteen people who lost houses owing to the coast erosion in Greystones to build fresh houses."

22. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Joseph Metcalfe:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, or some other Councillor for me, that the salary of the Court Keeper for Bray Court House, William O'Connor, be increased from £8 per annum to £12 per annum."

23. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that this Council inquire into the whole institutional relief in this County with a view to amending the present Amalgamation Scheme."

24. To make application to the Local Appointments Commission to appoint a County Medical Officer of Health for the County, in accordance with the instructions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

25. To consider the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission as regards the appointment of a Coroner for East Wicklow.

26. To arrange for filling the vacant Coronership in West Wicklow caused by the death of Dr D P Kenna.

27. To consider a circular letter from Wexford County Council relating to the difficulties imposed on County Councils and ratepayers owing to the withholding of Government Grants to meet deficiencies in the Local Taxation Account caused by defaulting land purchase annuitants.

28. To appoint a caretaker for Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, and define his duties.

29. To again consider the report of Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., regarding material at Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings which might be disposed of.

30. To consider the County Surveyor's Report on the proposed schemes to drain streams in Ardoyne and near Baltinglass under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

31. To consider a letter dated 20th July, 1929, from Mr John Byrne, P.C., Money, Coolkenno, protesting against the proposed expenditure out of rates on a drainage scheme in the electoral divisions of Money and Killinure, on the grounds that the condition of the river is caused by the neglect of local farmers.

32. To consider a letter dated 10th July, 1929, from the Rector, Clongowes Wood College, stating that the artificial stone used was being made on the spot by the contractor.

33. To consider a letter dated 20th June, 1929, from the Chief Superintendent, Civic Guard, Bray, urging the erection of a small shelter in Enniskerry pound, on the grounds that animals impounded suffer severely in wet and stormy weather.

34. To consider letter dated 6th August, 1929, from Mr Frank Whittle, caretaker, Dunlavin Courthouse, complaining of the conditions of his appointment.

35. To consider a resolution from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, requesting that vacancies in the Local Government Service be filled where possible by the transfer of existing officers who are eligible.

36. To fill the vacancy created on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the resignation of Mr W Deely, Enniskerry.

37. To again consider correspondence received from Co. Wicklow Central Library Committee asking the Council to sanction the co-option on the Committee of Mrs. Grimshaw, Mrs. A O'Connor and Miss I Halpin, of Wicklow, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a quorum at meetings of the Committee.

38. To receive the County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1929.

39. To appoint Guard Patrick Crowe, Arklow, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Guard Thomas McEvaddy, who has been transferred from the district.

40. To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

41. To fill the vacancy created on Wicklow Old Age Pensions sub-committee by the death of Mr Charles Byrne, Keatingstown, Wicklow.

42. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

43. To receive Reports from County Officers.

44. To consider Official Correspondence.

45. To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to his wife and family the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in the loss of Dr D P Kenna, Baltinglass, for long a valued trustworthy officer of this Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we tender to the members of the family of the late Mr R W Coates, Tankersley, Ballinglen, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement, he having been formerly a valued member of this Council.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, the 2nd August, 1929.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Joseph Jacob and Major Christopher C Mitchell.

The minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee had before them the following Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

Proposals Committee ... £11124 8s.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1929

County Board of Public Assistance ... £9675.

HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1930

County Board of Public Health ... £5620

The Secretary submitted the following statement, showing the amounts outstanding on the 1st August, 1929, in respect of door rate

collections for periods up to the 31st March, 1929:—

| District No. | Name of Collector | Year | Amount |
|--------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| 17 | Charles Byrne | 1921/22 | £21 0 2 |
| | do | 1922/23 | 104 10 0 |
| | do | 1923/24 | 459 2 6 |
| | | | £584 12 8 |
| 12 | Garret Byrne | 1926/27 | 1006 18 6 |
| 2 | Michael Halpin | 1927/28 | 974 6 1 |
| 3 | Edward Lynch | 1928/29 | 27 19 5 |
| 6 | Mrs K Doyle | do | 249 18 7 |
| 9 | do | do | 411 1 0 |
| 19 | John Byrne | do | 213 16 3 |

ORDER. The Committee recommend that Collectors Edward Lynch (No. 3), Mrs K Doyle Nos. 6 and 9, and John Byrne (No. 19) be called upon to close their collections in full before the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 26th August, failing which the Council is hereby recommended to that day dismiss these collectors from office for continuous failure to discharge their duties.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 22nd July, 1929, No. G.51261/1929 Cill Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that in view of the fact that on Collector Thomas Fleming's own admission an unnecessary delay of two months was incurred in closing his warrant, a penalty by way of reduction of

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poundage should be inflicted, and that the Minister would await the considered views of the Council on the matter. The Committee had also before them a further letter from the Department, dated 27th July, 1929, No. G.53573/29 (Fa) Cill Mhanutain, stating that the Minister is not prepared to consent to payment of poundage at the normal rate to Collector Kinsella and will await the considered views of the County Council.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that Collectors Fleming and Kinsella be paid the full poundage due to them for their 1928/1929 collections, and that they be informed that this is the last occasion on which they may expect poundage in full where their collections have not been closed in full prior to the 30th April.

The Committee had before them letters dated 30th May, 1929 and 5th June, 1929, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas and Weights and Measures Section, 33 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, in which the Council was asked to agree to an arrangement whereby the Weights and Measures Inspectors whose equipment was provided by Wicklow County Council would operate in the districts of Ballymore-Eustace, Giltown, Inchaguire and Usk in Co. Kildare, and in the districts of Ballyellis and Ballybeg in Co. Wexford, while on the other hand the Co. Carlow inspectors would operate in the districts of Rathdangan, Coolballintaggart, Ballingule and Rath in Co. Wicklow. It was stated that these slight adjustments would greatly facilitate the trading public, while the increased wear and tear of equipment would be negligible. ORDER. The Committee see no reason why the County Council should not adopt this suggestion.

The Committee had before them an application from Sergeant James Bredin, Weights and Measures Inspector, Wicklow, to have twelve weights and measures boxes repaired and painted. ORDER. Granted.

Re : Provision of Pounds.

The following report was submitted from the County Surveyor:— 31st July, 1929. The Proposals and Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. In accordance with your instructions I visited Dunlavin, Blessington, Baltinglass, Hollywood, Aughrim, Shillelagh, Carnew, Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, and investigated the matter of suitable Pounds for those places. I also visited Tinahely, Roundwood, Greystones. I report as follows:—

Roundwood As previously reported, the premises of Mr Kelly, Roundwood, which have been approved of by Garda Siochana, are still available on the terms of my previous letter of the 10th August, 1928.

Greystones. The premises of Mr Archer have been approved of and are still available on the terms set forth in my letter of 10th August, 1928.

Tinahely The Pound at Tinahely will require a trifling outlay not exceeding £10 to put it in proper order. I enclose a letter from the reputed owner, Mr William Byrne, 20 Nash Street, Inchicore, Dublin, setting forth the terms of letting. I also enclose a letter from the Coolattin Estate Agent in same connection.

Dunlavin There is no pound here. The former one has been turned to other use. I enclose a letter from Mr James Lawler, Dunlavin, who has frequently facilitated the Garda Siochana by taking in animals to the plot in his yard which he proposes to rent to the Council. Hitherto when this plot was required by the Guards Mr Lawler erected a temporary fence to separate the plot from the rest of his premises. I understand that Mr Lawler is now prepared to erect a permanent division. His premises are beside the Garda barracks.

Blessington The pound here is still in existence and there is a pound keeper there. I enclose a letter from the owner, Mr Myles Cullen, Blessington, setting forth his terms of letting.

Donard There is a pound still in existence. It appears in the Valuation Books as a "Pound" and "No Rateable Value". It appears to be derelict at present. The owner is Mrs Goddard, Donard. About £10 would be required to put it in efficient condition.

Hollywood This pound is not in use. I am unable to ascertain definitely who is the owner. It would take about £10 to put it in order.

Carnew This pound is in good order. I enclose letter from Mr Edwin Hammond relative to the terms of letting. There is no pound keeper.

Pounds and pound keepers exist in Arklow, Bray, Wicklow and Baltinglass, and I consider that the present arrangement should continue. The Pound used outside Bray Urban Area is Enniskerry Pound, which is in excellent order and with a pound keeper.

No pound exists in Aughrim or Shillelagh, nor can I see any suitable place available for renting. I suggest that the Council should advertise

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for persons in these places who might be prepared to rent suitable premises. The pound used for Shillelagh area is at Coolkenno and is in very good order, but the old Police Barracks there has for many years been abandoned and on a recent occasion when cattle were impounded there the lock was removed from the gate and the animals were removed.

All the old pounds are simply enclosed and vary greatly in size. No shed or covered space appears at any time to have been erected in any of them and apparently they fulfilled satisfactorily the functions for which they were instituted.

Should you be compelled to build new pounds, I estimate that the average price for each would be between £80 and £100, and much would depend on the terms on which you can provide land. I assume that a convenient size would be about 30 feet square with walls 7 feet over ground level, and provided with a drinking trough and iron gate. The nature of the floor will depend greatly on the site but I think a concrete floor would be more convenient.

I am not in a position to advise you in the matter of your powers to expend public monies exceeding a single payment of £10 for instituting any one Pound or on the question of the limit of your expenditure for repairs or maintenance of same. Yours faithfully, (signed) S G GALLAGHER, County Surveyor. ORDER—Adjourned, the solicitor to be asked meantime to survey the whole question of pounds, and to report in detail to the November Quarterly Meeting as to the Council's powers in establishing and maintaining pounds.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 6th June, 1929 from Superintendent P Meehan, Garda Siochana, Wicklow, asking the Council to provide a suitable magazine for the storage of their explosives, as the arrangement whereby they were stored in the Garda barracks was only agreed to as a temporary measure and would be discontinued as from the 30th June, 1929. ORDER—County Surveyor to report suggesting the location and stating what would be the probable cost.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 27th June, 1929 from Martin A Sexton, M.R.C.V.S. 2 Milton Terrace, Seapoint Road, Bray applying for expenses for discharging the duties of Veterinary Inspector to the Council on specified dates in December, 1928, and January and February, 1929, during the illness of Mr S Conway, V.S. The Committee had also before them a letter dated 31st July, 1929, from Mr Conway, stating that he paid Mr Sexton full allowance and travelling expenses for acting as his locum tenens, and that therefore he had no claim whatever on the Council. NO ORDER, the Committee believing the matter is one to be settled personally between Messrs Conway and Sexton.

The Committee recommend the cancellation in the current half-year's Ledger of the following Paying Orders, which were drawn at various dates up to 31st March, 1928, and were either not issued or were issued but not cashed by payees:—

GENERAL ACCOUNT

| Payment passed | No. | Amount |
|----------------|------|--------|
| | | £ s d |
| November, 1914 | 601 | 0 1 0 |
| May, 1919 | 234 | 0 0 2 |
| May, 1920 | 589 | 0 0 1 |
| November, 1920 | 377a | 12 6 6 |
| May, 1921 | 14 | 2 1 8 |
| do do | 61 | 6 0 0 |
| do do | 64 | 0 0 0 |
| August do | 511 | 2 1 8 |
| May 1923 | 72 | 2 0 0 |
| do 1926 | 163 | 7 15 0 |
| do do | 265 | 0 10 6 |
| do do | 284 | 0 19 0 |
| do do | 307 | 0 8 6 |
| August do | 486 | 6 10 9 |
| February, 1927 | 619 | 5 10 0 |
| do do | 701 | 4 0 0 |
| do do | 706 | 1 6 8 |
| May do | 153 | 1 13 9 |
| do do | 154 | 1 4 7 |
| do do | 172 | 0 8 2 |

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Oct. 2, 1919 | 36 | 0 5 0 |
| Feb. 14, 192 | 3451 | 0 2 4 |
| do 28, do | 4400 | 8 10 8 |
| Mar. 28, do | 5640 | 0 4 0 |
| April 12, do | 5 | 3 17 10 |
| do 25, do | 1609 | 0 2 0 |
| May 22, do | 2768 | 3 11 2 |

| | | |
|--------------|------|---------|
| July 11, do | 6081 | 3 13 10 |
| Aug. 8, do | 69,8 | 3 17 10 |
| Sept 26, do | 8155 | 3 11 2 |
| Oct. 21, do | 769 | 3 11 2 |
| do do | 772 | 8 12 6 |
| do 31, do | 1172 | 1 14 11 |
| do do | 1259 | 2 3 11 |
| Jan 9, 1928 | 3328 | 0 8 0 |
| Mar 27, do | 5372 | 3 17 10 |
| do 10, 1924 | 5013 | 0 15 0 |
| May 26, do | 2089 | 0 17 6 |
| June 12, do | 2692 | 0 6 0 |
| Nov 17, do | 2527 | 3 7 10 |
| Feb 20, 1925 | 5799 | 0 1 5 |
| June 12, do | 2114 | 7 8 10 |
| July 27, do | 3872 | 0 5 4 |
| Oct 2, do | 440 | 1 17 10 |
| Dec 9, do | 3319 | 0 18 0 |
| do 2, do | 3890 | 0 8 6 |

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT—Continued.

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|---------------|-------|---------|
| June 25, 1926 | 3441 | 0 6 0 |
| Sept 3, do | 6038 | 0 6 3 |
| Nov 12, do | 2200 | 2 16 7 |
| do 26, do | 2701 | 0 17 10 |
| Dec 10, do | 3920 | 0 0 8 |
| do 22, do | 3973 | 0 8 11 |
| Feb 18, 1927 | 6351 | 2 17 10 |
| Aug 5, do | 9662 | 2 16 7 |
| Sept 2, do | 11139 | 0 1 3 |
| Dec 22, do | 4576 | 0 1 10 |
| Jan 6, 1928 | 4993 | 0 3 0 |
| do do | 4994 | 0 3 0 |
| Mar 2, do | 7269 | 1 17 6 |

(Signed)

DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee

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Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Secoded by " Joseph Jacob ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;

Secoded by " John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now Signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 16th August, 1929.

The following members were present :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne, Edward Byrne and William J Henry.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment :—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£111 11s.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the undermentioned rate collectors, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows :—

| Year | District No. | Name of Collector | Allowed | Disallowed |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|---------|------------|
| 1924/1929 | 11 | James J Porter | £13 8 6 | £18 0 5 |
| 1926/1927 | 5 | Frank Healy | 1 18 10 | 11 8 2 |
| 1927/1928 | 5 | do | 1 6 6 | 10 3 6 |
| 1928/1929 | 5 | do | 1 19 0 | 9 8 5 |
| do | 6 | Mrs K Doyle | 59 16 5 | Nil |
| do | 9 | do | 50 13 8 | Nil |
| do | 11 | James J Jacob | 78 13 7 | 2 7 4 |
| do | 17 | D J Kinsella | 82 19 1 | Nil |
| do | 18 | Thomas Fleming | 7 5 1 | Nil |

POOR RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE.

The Committee had before them the following correspondence :—
(i) 2nd August, 1929, from the Irish National Assurance Company, Ltd.,

College Green, Dublin, giving fourteen days' notice of the withdrawal of their guarantee herein ; (ii) 8th August, 1929, from same, refusing to grant the request for the extension of the guarantee for a further fourteen days, and stating that the reason for their action is that this business as a class has not proved satisfactory and that they had decided to cease issuing guarantee bonds in respect of rate collectors ; (iii) 9th August, 1929, from Thomas Fleming, Esq, the Council's insurance broker, reporting that the Rating Board which governs the rates of all Tariff Companies had decided to increase the rate to 20/- per cent. in the case of all fidelity bonds ; that he had interviewed the Manager of the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, who was agreeable to accept a rate of 12/6 per cent, provided satisfactory proposal forms were received from the collectors, the insurance to be effected through the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Assurances, Ltd, and that he strongly recommended the Council to accept these terms as being far below anything that might be obtained through any other office ; (iv) 10th August, 1929, from the Managing Director, New Ireland Assurance Company, Ltd., 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, confirming their interview with Mr Fleming. ORDER—Action of Irish National Assurance Company noted ; the Secretary to arrange for a fidelity bond with the New Ireland Assurance Company for the eight collectors concerned at a premium of 12/6 per cent ; if Secretary fails to obtain a Company's bond the collection books to be taken up until satisfactory personal bonds are obtained by the collectors.

The Committee observe that the premiums on the new policy that the Secretary hopes to effect will cost £235 per annum for eight collectors whose joint annual collections come to £37616, which means fully 1½d in the £ if to this is added the total poundage of £1097 per annum calculated at seven pence in the £. This is a matter worthy of consideration as regards the question of personal fidelity bonds.

The Secretary submitted a statement showing the condition of the poor rate collections as they stood on the morning of the meeting. From this it appeared that the sum of £767 14s still remained outstanding on the 1928/1929 collection.

The Committee had before them copy of a report dated 20th July 1929, from Mr William Byrne, road ganger, 86 Lower Main Street, Arklow, reporting that a motor car owned and driven by Mr Thomas Quigley

electrical engineer, Enniscorthy, while travelling from Arklow towards Gorey, smashed up a drum of tar on the Wexford Road, Arklow, on the right-hand side looking towards Gorey. The County Surveyor reported that the value of the drum of tar was £1 3s, and the Secretary stated that he had applied to Mr Quigley for that amount but had received no reply. ORDER—Claimed to be enforced by Law Agent if considered necessary.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Sergeant James Bredin, Weights and Measures Inspector, Wicklow, enclosing the following tender for painting the weights and measures boxes at Wicklow, which the Committee had ordered to be obtained at their previous meeting :— Thomas Doyle, The Square, Wicklow, £5 ; M Carroll, Summerhill, Wicklow, £5 10s ; J Carroll, £6. ORDER—The Committee accept Thomas Doyle's tender for £5, it being the lowest.

(Signed) DAVID H HASKINS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

19th August, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Secoded by " William Henry ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, as amended by inserting therein the figure £84 7s 6d as the annual premium payable under the new Rate Collectors' Fidelity Bond in substitution for the figure £235, which figure crept into the Report in error.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle and accepted by the Chairman :—“ I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council, or some member for me, that so soon as the collections for the current financial year are closed the fidelity guarantee insurance policy be terminated and each collector included therein called upon to furnish a personal fidelity bond in the approved form with not less than five solvent sureties before receiving the 1930/31 collection books.”

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James McCrea and accepted by the Chairman :—“ I beg to give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the insurance business of this Council at present in the hands of the Ocean Company be transferred to the New Ireland Assurance Company.”

The Secretary reported that of the three poor rate Collectors referred to in Finance Committee's Report No. 1 Mr Edward Lynch had closed his collection in No. 3 District and Mrs K Doyle her collection in No. 9 District. Apart from irrecoverables, the sum of £160 14s 9d remained outstanding on Mrs K Doyle's collection in No. 6 District, which she stated was represented by decrees, while the sum of £213 16s 3d remained outstanding on Collector John Byrne's collection in No. 19 District. The Secretary further reported that Collector John Byrne had

failed to attend to have his collection books checked for over a month. This collector, who was present at the meeting, stated he had lodged £20 that day, that he would have closed his collection that day but for an unforeseen circumstance, that he undertook to do so within a week, and

that his reason for not attending to have his collection books checked was that he was all the time hoping to close.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That Collector John Byrne be given until Friday, the 6th September, 1929, to lodge the sum of £198 16s 3d to close his 1928/1929 poor rate collection, and if it be found that his collection is not closed on that date, as now promised by him, that we direct that all his collection books be taken from him, and he suspended from his position.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That in view of the state of the Council's finances, and of the fact that three sets of collection books for the financial year 1929/30 remain in our offices unissued, we hereby apply for permission to continue our present overdraft of £20,000 for a further period of three months ending on the 30th November, 1929, on the same conditions as previously, and at the usual rate of interest.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by " Major C Mitchell ;

Resolved—That we hereby direct our Law Agent to take charge of this Council's claim for the sum of £917 11s 8d, and to collect the same from the Hibernian Insurance Company on foot of their Fidelity Bond for Michael Halpin, formerly poor rate collector for No. 2 District in this County.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS :—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £11124 8s (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £111 11s (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Keaton ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

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

Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RE ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

11th June and 18th July, 1929, from Arklow Urban District Council, complaining of the condition of the unfinished portion of the Rathnew-Arklow road, including Arklow streets. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

22nd July, 1929, from Edward Archer, Esq., Ard-na-Ree, Greystones, urging the immediate necessity of closing Church Lane, Greystones, to motor traffic, in view of the extreme narrowness of the thoroughfare.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed to see that

proper notices are erected at each end of the Church Lane, Greystones, to conform with statutory requirements and the form of such traffic as uses this Lane, having due regard to the published notices following the inquiry held in 1908.

Passed.

8th July, 1929, from Mr James Walsh, Slaemain, Roundwood, alleging unfair practices in the taking on of men for road work in his district.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor arrange wherever necessary, to call the members of the Council in each local electoral area to a meeting to be held as centrally as possible in such electoral area to investigate such complaints as may be submitted in regard to the working of all forms of road maintenance and that he and his Assistant attend each meeting.

Passed.

5th August, 1929, from Hugh J Harmon, Esq., M.A., L.C.P., Ballinguike, Kiltegan, emphasising the urgent need of repairs to Ballinguike, Toorboy and Cranareen bridges, and threatening to take steps to compel the Council to carry them out if the matter was not given immediate attention.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Major C Mitchell ;

Resolved—That the Assistant Surveyor for the area, in the absence of the County Surveyor on leave, be directed to expend immediately a sum not exceeding £27 10s on putting into safe and usable condition the three bridges at Ballinguike, Toorboy and Cranareen, which we find to-day are in an unsafe condition, and that this expenditure be treated as a sudden damage.

Passed.

15th August, 1929, from Francis Hackett, Esq., Killadreenan House, Newtownmountkennedy, directing the Council's attention to the alleged extremely dangerous condition of the turning on the road outside his gate, at which several serious accidents have occurred, and stating that the construction of the road is at fault. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

16th August, 1929, from Mr Henry Shannon, Athgreaney, Hollywood, alleging that he had been treated unfairly as regards employment by the local road ganger. ORDER—See resolution above regarding Mr James Walsh's complaint.

13th August, 1929, from S G Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor, stating that £2 10 would cover the damage to a sign post destroyed by Mr Michael Kelly, Kiltcool, when he collided with it when driving his motor lorry on the 30th May, 1929. ORDER—Referred to Law Agent, Mr Kelly having failed to reply to the Secretary's application for this amount.

13th August, 1929, from Mr Michael Byrne, Baltiboys, Blessington, complaining that the fence between his land and the road had not been repaired, and threatening to place the matter in a solicitor's hands. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

Undated, from Mr Patrick Archbold, Ballynure, Colinstown, claiming the sum of £2 10s for gravel used by him in connection with his road contract, and stating that he does not understand why his payments have been deferred, as his road is in good order. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

The Council made an order that the County Surveyor erect a danger notice with as little delay as possible on the Avoca-Rathdrum road at the Brewery bend.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

Seconded by " Major C Mitchell ;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The six Notices of Motion comprising items No. 14 to 19 on the printed

agenda were ruled out of order, and the proposals embodied therein ordered to be included by the County Surveyor in the next Provisional Road Works Scheme, a letter dated 10th June, 1929, No. R/RM/23, having been submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that the notices of motion could not be dealt with other than as an intention to have the works included in the next Provisional Road Works Scheme, because the execution of works in anticipation of a rate being raised to pay for them was not contemplated by the Public Bodies Order, 1925-27.

The Secretary having submitted copy of the notice sent to each member of the Council on the 30th May, 1929, in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, it was in accordance with notice of motion

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " Denis Condren ; and

Resolved—That the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following amounts (1) a loan of £500 for the completion of the works necessary for the provision of accommodation for the Nursing Sisters in charge of the County Home ; (2) a loan of £700 for the purpose of improving the heating arrangements in the County Home Laundry.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion (as amended by the proposer with the consent of the Council) it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That the Council raise a loan of £1300 in accordance with existing legislation to be repaid over a period of ten years and to be expended in assisting thirteen people who lost houses owing to the coast erosion to build fresh houses, the circumstances of each case to be carefully investigated and considered by the Finance Committee before any recommendation is made to the Council to make a payment out of the £1300 : an essential qualification to a grant from this Council to be that all window sills, doorsteps and any granite used to be cut stone, and that County Wicklow slates be given preference if they compare favourably in price and quality.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated 15th June, 1929, from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, stating that the period of sanction for the above-mentioned loan had been shortened from fifteen to ten years, as the latter was the longest time for which banks were then making advances of this kind.

The Notice of Motion (No. 22 on the Agenda) standing in the name of Councillor Joseph Metcalfe was ruled out of order, the Council having no statutory authority to make the desired increase.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee be requested to review the remuneration payable to Courthouse keepers outside their annual allowances for cleaning, washing, etc., and to make a recommendation after their next Quarterly Meeting to this Council ; court keepers to be warned that no person has a right to use a Courthouse unless and until a written authority over our Secretary's signature is submitted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That all applications for use of courthouses be submitted to the Finance Committee, court keepers to be paid five shillings for each cleaning up afterwards by the users of the buildings.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion (as amended by the proposer with the consent of the Council), it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That this Council request the Board of Health to inquire into the whole institutional relief in this County with a view to amending the present Amalgamation Scheme.

Passed.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—"17th June, 1929. P.H.41924/29 Cill Mhanntain (Ae). A Chara. With reference to his letter of the 5th instant relative to the proposed appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health for Wicklow County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has further reviewed the position arising out of the County Council's resolution of the 27th ultimo in the light of the essential requirements of the situation and of the condition of the county finances. It appears that the undertaking given by the County Council to defray the deficit in the Insurance Committee's funds expires on the 31st December next. It will, therefore, be essential in order to obviate the necessity for a fresh commitment in respect of 1930, that approved arrangements should be available by that date for the treatment of uninsured persons suffering from tuberculosis, including the dependents of insured persons. It would also be possible in that event to invite the Insurance Committee to enter into an Agreement in the usual form whereby in consideration of treatment being afforded under the Scheme to insured tuberculous patients, the funds of the Committee would be transferred to the Board of Health and Public Assistance. The object, therefore, to be attained is to arrange that the County Medical Officer of Health who is also to act as Tuberculosis Officer shall actually take up duty not later than the 1st December next, so that he may be able to familiarise himself with the work to be undertaken and to organise the requisite measures for dealing with tuberculosis in the County by the beginning of 1930. As already intimated, a substantial period is likely to be occupied by the preliminaries to the selection of a candidate for the position by the Local Appointments Commissioners and there is a possibility of a further delay if the applicant selected finds it incumbent on him to give notice of relinquishment of an existing employment. It appears to the Minister that the County Council might at once address a request to the Local Appointments Commissioners that the person to be recommended by them for appointment to the above-mentioned post will be required to take up duty not later than the 1st December next. The commitment for the purpose covering the four months of the current financial year from December next will be inconsiderable and will be reducible by advance instalments from the State Grants. Mise, le meas (signed) M O Linn, ar son Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council."

The Secretary submitted a further letter dated 18th July, 1929, No. P.H.43877/29, Cill Mhanntain (Ae), from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the order for application to the Local Appointments Commission should not be further postponed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to advertise for and select for appointment by this Council under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, a suitable candidate to fill the combined positions of County Medical Officer of Health, Tuberculosis Officer and Medical Inspector of Schools, in accordance with the conditions and qualifications now set forth on the appropriate Form No. 111 transmitted to the County Council for that purpose by the said Commissioners.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to fill Form No 111 as follows:—

Name of local Authority. Wicklow County Council.

Title of Office to be filled. County Medical Officer of Health, Tuberculosis Officer, and Medical Inspector of Schools.

Date on which Office is created. 27th May, 1929.

Nature of duties (short description). The duties appertaining to the above three positions, and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned.

Age Limits. Not less than 30, and not over 45 years.

General Qualifications. Such qualifications as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health deems necessary for the efficient discharge of the duties of the position.

Special qualifications (if any). Such special qualifications as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health may deem necessary.

Is a competent knowledge of oral Irish considered essential? Preference to be given to candidates with a good working knowledge of Irish.

Salary (or scale of salary, stating increments, if any) and whether bonus is payable in addition. An inclusive salary of £800 per annum, with vouched travelling expenses not exceeding £200 per annum.

Does the post include a residence? (If so state particulars). No.

Is the office pensionable? Yes.

Is it part-time or whole-time? Whole-time.

Is security required to be given by the person appointed? No.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

POSITION VACANT-CORONER.

The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the part-time, permanent, and non-pensionable post of Coroner, East Wicklow. Salary £70 a year, inclusive of travelling and other expenses. The person to be appointed must be either (1) duly qualified to practice medicine or surgery and registered as such under the Medical Acts, or (2) a Barrister at Law, or (3) a Solicitor, or (4) an ex-Justice of the Peace qualified under the Coroners (Qualification) Act, 1924. Latest date for

receiving applications, 14th May, 1929. Forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, C.2.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;
Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, contained in their letter of the 5th July, 1929, No. L.A.21/2/28, we hereby appoint Dr Patrick Joseph Hamilton, Arklow, to the part-time, permanent and non-pensionable position of Coroner for East Wicklow, at a salary of £70 per annum, inclusive of travelling and other expenses.

Passed.

The Secretary reported the death on the 4th July, 1929, of Dr D P Kenna, Coroner for West Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to advertise for and select for appointment by this Council under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, a suitable candidate to fill the position of Coroner for West Wicklow, rendered vacant by the death of Dr D P Kenna, Baltinglass, in accordance with the conditions and qualifications now set forth on the appropriate Form No. 111 transmitted to the County Council for that purpose by the said Commissioners; and furthermore, that we hereby approve of the discharging of the duties of the position by Dr Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, Deputy Coroner, pending the filling of the vacancy, at the same salary and under the same conditions as the late Coroner.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to fill Form No. 111 as follows:—

Name of Local Authority. Wicklow County Council.

Title of Office to be filled. Coroner for Western Division of County Wicklow.

Date on which Office becomes vacant. 4th July, 1929, the date on which Coroner Dr D P Kenna died.

Nature of duties (short description). The usual duties pertaining to the office of Coroner.

Age Limits. None fixed by the Council.

General qualifications. The usual qualifications defined by the Acts governing the position.

Special qualifications (if any). None fixed by the Council.

Is a competent knowledge of oral Irish considered essential? No.

Salary (or scale of salary), stating increments, if any, and whether bonus is payable in addition. The old salary of £50 per annum, this sum to cover everything, including travelling expenses.

Does the post include a residence? (If so, state particulars). No.

Is the office pensionable? No.

Is it part-time or whole-time? Such time to be devoted to the position as the duties to be performed may require.

Is security required to be given by the person appointed? No.

The Council had before them a circular letter from Wexford County Council stating that they had decided to ask the General Council of County Councils, in view of the difficulties of County Council administration caused by the withholding of Government Grants following deficits in the Local Taxation Account consequent on default by land purchase annuitants over whom County Councils had no control, to endeavour to secure legislation which would relieve County Councils in this matter, and make some provision by which derelict farms could be let to suitable persons who would pay annuities and rates. ORDER. Agreed.

The Secretary submitted an application dated 8th July, 1929, from John Murphy, tenant of the lodge at Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, to be appointed caretaker of the Buildings, and referring the Council to his

employer, Rev. Canon Rennison, for recommendations as to character and trustworthiness.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;
Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint John Murphy, of the Union Lodge, Workhouse, Shillelagh, as caretaker of Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, at a salary of five shillings per week, his duties to include keeping the fences of the attached lands trimmed and in repair, the exclusion of unauthorised persons, and reporting to this Council all cases of damage to the premises; it is to be clearly understood this appointment is neither permanent nor pensionable.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following:—"Tournant House, Dunlavin. 24/5/29. Dear Sir. I enclose a copy of material which might well be sold at Baltinglass Workhouse. I have sent the County Surveyor a copy of this list. Yours faithfully, (signed) P J Foley, Assistant Surveyor. P T Healy, Esq., Court House, Wicklow."

(Enclosure to foregoing). (i) Lugged and frame doors in bad condition; (ii) Water tank; (iii) 2 rolled steel joists; (iv) Number of wooden window sashes and frames in bad condition; (v) Two four-panelled doors; (vi) Set of drying horses; (vii) Number of steel diamond windows; (viii)

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Flooring Boards; (ix) Joists; (x) Slates; (xi) Eaves gutters and down-pipes. The flooring and joists ought to be sold as they are likely to be taken. A good deal of these have been taken. The same applies to slates. I have had several enquiries for sale of material and I may say that a lot of the material will be of use to the County Board of Health in building the gate lodge and observation wards to the Hospital and when these are sanctioned I think the Board ought to have the option. Yours faithfully, (signed) P J Foley.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That Mr E J O'Kelly, auctioneer, Baltinglass, be requested to sell by public auction such items of equipment and fittings at Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings as may be indicated to him by Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., and as have been set forth in Mr Foley's report submitted to this meeting.

Passed

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—"Money, Coolkenno, Co. Wicklow. 20/7/29. P T Healy, Esq. Dear Sir. Re river between Money and Killinure drained by the Deering at Rathglass, I am informed the County Surveyor has been taking maps of same. The said river is in bad condition through the neglect of the farmers whose land it runs through, which could be rectified by a small outlay, as it only concerns a small section of farmers. If they put on a few men each for a week it would do the whole thing. Please let me know what action will be taken in the matter as I mean to oppose any steps taken in the matter that will incur expense. Please send particulars and date of next meeting also the names of those who subscribed their names for same. Hoping to find you well, yours truly, (signed) John Byrne, P.C." ORDER. Read and noted.

The Council made no order on a letter dated 10th June, 1929, from the Rector of Clongowes Wood College, Sallins, stating that the

material for the mullions, etc., of the new building was being made on the spot by the contractor.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor for report a letter dated 20th June, 1929, No. D.W.1767/29, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, urging the erection of a small shelter in part of Enniskerry pound, on the grounds that in wet and stormy weather impounded animals suffer severely.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 6th August, 1929, from Mr Frank Whittle, The Green, Dunlavin, stating that he was not sufficiently recompensed for the amount of cleaning, etc., he is obliged to perform as caretaker of Dunlavin Courthouse. ORDER.—See resolution already passed at this meeting in this connection.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 26th July, 1929, from the Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, 4 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, conveying the following resolution passed at the Tenth Annual Conference of the Union:—"That County Councils, County Boards of Health and other such Bodies be requested to fill all future vacancies in the Local Government Services by transferring where possible, existing officers who are eligible in accordance with Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926. We believe that this transfer system, if adopted by local authorities, would be in the best interests of efficiency and contentment within the Local Government Service." ORDER.—Agreed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That in accordance with the request of North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, contained in their letter of the 10th June, 1929, we hereby appoint the Rev. Patrick Lyons, M.A., C.C., Curlewstown, Enniskerry, as a representative of this Council on the Committee in lieu of Mr W Deely, Enniskerry, who is not prepared to continue to act.

Passed

The Council again adjourned consideration of letters dated 11th January and 15th April, 1929, from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, asking the Council to sanction the co-option as additional members of the Committee of Mrs Grimshaw, Friarshill, Wicklow, Mrs A O'Connor, Church Street, Wicklow, and Miss I Halpin, Church Hill, Wicklow, in view of the difficulty of obtaining a quorum at meetings.

The County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 30th June, 1929, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30/6/1929.

| Articles submitted for Analysis. | Date Received. | No. | From | Result of Analysis. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Butter | 2/4/29 | 2 | Carnew, Sergeant Houllhan | Genuine |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Jam | " | 1 | Newtown, Sergeant Cox | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " " " | " |

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| Butter | 8/5/29 | 4 | Arklow D.A.T.I. | " |
| " | " | 4 | Rathdrum " | 3 gen., 1 not gen. genuine |
| " | 10/5/29 | 3 | Wicklow " | " |
| " | " | 4 | Greystones " | " |
| " | 11/5/29 | 4 | Bray " | " |
| " | 16/5/29 | 2 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | " |
| Milk | " | 3 | " " | " |
| New Milk | 18/5/29 | 2 | Rathdrum, Sergt. Cartwright | " |
| Butter | " | 2 | " " " | " |
| Milk | 31/5/29 | 4 | Bray, Guard Stanton | 3 gen., 1 not gen. genuine |
| Tea | 14/6/29 | 1 | Newtown, Sergeant Cox | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Milk | " | 2 | " " " | " |
| Tea | 15/6/29 | 1 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Milk | " | 3 | " " " | " |
| Whiskey | 20/6/29 | 4 | Shillelagh, Sergeant Carney | " |
| Margarine | " | 1 | Aughrim, Sergeant Hayden | " |
| Milk | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | 28/6/29 | 1 | Carnew, Sergeant Houllhan | " |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | 29/6/29 | 4 | Greystones, Sergeant Hunt | 3 gen., 1 not gen. genuine |
| Butter | " | 1 | Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan | " |
| Margarine | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Cheese | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Whiskey | " | 2 | " " " | " |
| Port Wine | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Rasp. Wine | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | " | 3 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | " |
| Drugs | 9/4/29 | 2 | Rathdrum | " |
| " | 16/4/29 | 3 | Tinahely | " |
| " | " | 3 | Annamoe | " |
| " | 20/4/29 | 3 | Baltinglass | " |
| " | 29/4/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | 7/5/29 | 3 | Co. Home, Rathdrum | " |
| " | " | 3 | Dunganstown | " |
| " | 8/5/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | 9/5/29 | 3 | Blessington | " |
| " | 14/5/29 | 3 | Avoca | " |
| " | 26/6/29 | 3 | Powerscourt | " |
| Waters | 4/6/29 | 3 | Wicklow U.D.C. | Passed |
| " | 11/6/29 | 2 | " " | " |

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 73
Drugs, 32. Waters, 5 Total, 110. Number adulterated—New Milks, 2;
Butters, 1.

Date 15/7/29

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

ORDER. Noted.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That in accordance with the request contained in the letter dated 20th June, 1929, No. D.W.1440/29, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, we hereby appoint Guard Patrick Crowe, 5843, Arklow, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Guard Thomas McEvaddy, who has been transferred from the district.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Acts be hereby granted to Patrick Leigh, Grangecon.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint John Kennedy, Esq., Main Street, Wicklow, a member of Wicklow Old Age Pensions sub-committee, in room of Charles Byrne, Esq., Keatingstown, Wicklow, deceased

Passed

The Council had before them a letter dated 19th August, 1929, from Mr Thomas Byrne, Clerk, Rathdrum Old Age Pensions sub-committee, enclosing a statement showing the number of attendances at meetings made by each member of the sub-committee during the preceding twelve months. ORDER. Submitted.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

4th June, 1929, No. A.S.38646/1929, Cill Mhanntain (F.B.), assenting to such departure from the provisions of Article 37 of the Public Bodies Order as would dispense with the requirement to supply each member of the Council with a copy of the Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts for each half-year.

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5th June, 1929, No. R/RG/33/1, stating that as the amount available from the Road Fund for the current year had been fully allocated, the Minister was not in a position to recommend a grant for the improvement of the Carnew-Shillelagh road.

5th June, 1929, No. G.38928/1929 Cill Mhanntain Pf, concurring in the terms set forth by the Council in Form No. 111 for the appointment of a County Librarian and Secretary.

5th June, 1929, No. R/SGE/33, approving on the usual conditions of the scheme for the improvement of Main Roads proposed to be carried out by the Council with the aid of the Road Fund Grant of £6406.

11th June, 1929, No. G.40903/1929 Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 on the Council's account to the 1st September, 1929, on the usual terms.

24th June, 1929, No. G.41277/1929, Cill Mhanntain Fa, returning with the Minister's approval the bond of Collector Frank Healy for Nos. 5 and 6 Districts.

11th June, 1929, No. H.24217/1929 (SD), enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the Wicklow County Board of Health, regarding the terms under which Assistant County Surveyor would carry out the engineering work of that Board.

27th June, 1929, No. R/RS/33, stating that as the person to be appointed to the vacant Assistant County Surveyorship will also be appointed as Engineer to the Board of Health the Minister will not press for the allowance of travelling expenses, and asking that particulars of the Board of Health appointment should be given in the Council's application to the Local Appointments Commissioners to fill the vacancy.

28th June, 1929, circular letter No. G.41711/1929, stating that the expense of legal representation of Boards of Health at the hearing of malicious injury claims should no longer be incurred.

1st July, 1929, No. R/RG/33/1, making under certain conditions a grant of £700 towards the cost of laying with a mixture of glutrin and slate dust a trial length of the Arklow road.

12th June, 1929, No. S.49448/1929 Ilgh (Trachtala), setting forth the procedure to be adopted when a commodity is purchased from other than the official contractor.

15th June, 1929, No. M.H.45971/29 Ilgh (O.Aig), enclosing copy of the Lunacy Acts (Adaptation) Order, 1929, whereby powers formerly vested in the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council become vested in the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

30th July, 1929, No. P.H.50589/1929, Sealed Order fixing Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District area as the area of charge for expenses incurred in the improvement and maintenance of Blessington water supply.

30th July, 1929, No. M.H.47291/29 Grangegorman, fixing Tuesday the 20th August, at 3 p.m., as the date and hour for the conference at which it was proposed to consider the terms on which County Louth should be separated from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital district.

20th August, 1929, Miscellaneous 878, circular letter regarding the report of the Old Age Pension Committee of Inquiry, who recommended certain modifications of the procedure to be adopted by Pensions Committees in relation to appeals, and also the use of greater discrimination in the selection of persons to be appointed on Old Age Pensions sub-committees.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

27th May, 1929, No. L.1519-29, intimating that an officer of the Department obtained eighteen samples of butter at Arklow, Rathdrum, Wicklow, Greystones and Bray which on analysis proved to be genuine. County Monaghan (Control of Dogs) Order of 1929.

9th August, 1929, No. L.2399-29, intimating that an officer of the Department purchased a sample of butter at premises occupied by James Gorman, Dunlavin, which on analysis was found to contain 17.33 per cent. of water, and asking that proceedings be instituted on behalf of the Council in respect of the transaction.

ORDER—Referred to Law Agent.

10th August, 1929, No. L.1519/29, stating that an officer of the Department obtained seven samples of butter at Dunlavin and Baltinglass, which proved on analysis to be genuine.

15th June, 1929, No. A78/22, from the Electricity Supply Board, stating that they propose to lay underground cables in the town of Wicklow, and enclosing map showing the proposed cable route and extracts from the Conditions of Contract.

6th July, 1929, No. A 2101/29, from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, to James Everett, Esq., T.D., enclosing copy of a notice published in "Iris Oifigiúil" to the effect that the Commissioners have now prepared draft scheme under the River Barrow Drainage Act, 1927, which notice contained a list of the townlands in the various counties to which the scheme related.

Correspondence with the Local Appointments Commissioners regarding the advertisement published by them inviting applications for the position of County Librarian in Co. Wicklow, in which the Commis-

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sioners explain their modification of the Council's recommendation regarding the amount of experience of library work which candidates should possess.

2nd August, 1929, from the Engineer-in-Chief, Post Office Telephones, Leirim House, The Castle, Dublin, stating that arrangements could be made to instal a Telephone Exchange Line in the Council's Offices at an annual rental of £6 10s., all calls emanating from the instrument to be paid for in addition at the standard rates.

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

18th June, 1929, enclosing Bond and Warrant of Attorney executed by Collector Frank Healy and his sureties, and registered in the Central Office of the High Court on 17th idem.

Minutes of the Meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 7th June, 1929.

10th June, 1929, from the Honorary Secretary, 84 Eccleston Square, Westminster, S.W.1, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition (1929).

11th June, 1929, from the Manager, National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, conveying the sanction of his Directors to a temporary overdraft of £20,000 on the Council's account for three months, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

26th June, 1929, from Augustus Cullen, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, claiming compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act for Daniel Shannon, Killiskey, Ashford, who was alleged to have sustained injury on the 12th April, 1929, while working as a labourer for the Council.

ORDER—Referred to Hibernian Insurance Company.

5th July, 1929, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, Rathdrum, stating that it might be taken for granted that his Board would appoint as Engineer the person appointed as Assistant County Surveyor under the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 5th July, 1929.

Mrs Kenna returns sincere thanks for kind expression of sympathy in her sad bereavement, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow. July 1929.

26th July, 1929, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, 48 Dame Street, Dublin, acknowledging receipt of the Council's claim for £917 11s. 8d in respect of rates collected but not lodged by ex-collector Michael Halpin, and stating that they proposed to send a representative of a firm of chartered accountants to the Council's offices for the purpose of investigating the claim.

6th August, 1929, from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, American Chambers, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, asking for the Council's views as regards the publication of an official Guide to the County.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From the Secretary, Library Association of Ireland, 32 Merrion Square, Dublin, protesting on behalf of that Association against the action of the Council in reducing the rate to be raised for the maintenance of the library service.

From Mayo County Council, expressing the opinion that the membership of the Dail and Seanad should be reduced, and that the salaries of all officials in receipt of more than £500 a year should be reduced by from 25 to 10 per cent.

E. M. Byrne
15/11/29

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 18th November, 1929.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors James McCrea, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; Thomas Weadick, Joseph Byrne, Patrick Doyle, D H Haskins, J J Bourne, George Heatley, George Kearon, Edward Byrne, W J Henry, James Kavanagh, John J Metcalfe, Michael Fleming, John W Ryan, Joseph Jacob, Denis Condren, William Byrne, David Frame, Peter P O'Reilly, Timothy Mulcahy and Daniel J Kehoe.

The minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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 Public Assistance.
- 3 To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 4 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 5 To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 6 To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7 To consider County Surveyor's Report.
- 8 To consider a circular letter dated 7th November, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking the Council to submit to them provisional road estimates for the coming financial year, so that they may be placed in a position to indicate what upkeep grant, if any, will be allocated.
- 9 To consider letters dated 17th and 21st October, 1929, from Councillors Laurence Moore and W J Henry respectively, regarding the cleaning of the streets of Blessington after fairs.
- 10 To consider a memorial from local ratepayers asking to have a road from Kilmartin gate to Mount John, Newtownmounckennedy, placed under contract.
- 11 To appoint Committees to consider and accept tenders for the maintenance of contract roads in the various areas of the County for the period beginning 1st April, 1930.
- 12 To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 13 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council, or some member for me, that so soon as the collections for the current financial year are closed the Fidelity Guarantee insurance policy be terminated and each collector included therein called upon to furnish a personal fidelity bond in the approved form with not less than five solvent sureties before receiving the 1930/31 collection books."
- 14 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the insurance business of the Council at present in the hands of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation be transferred to the New Ireland Assurance Company."
- 15 To consider a letter dated 23rd October, 1929, from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, asking representatives of Wicklow County Council to attend a conference on the 29th idem to discuss the basis of a financial settlement consequent upon the withdrawal of County Louth from the Grangeorman Mental Hospital district.
- 16 To consider the Public Bodies Order, 1929, modifying the procedure hitherto laid down in connection with the closing of poor rate collections in the various districts.
- 17 To consider a resolution passed by County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, setting forth certain important schemes which they had been obliged to curtail for the current year, and asking the Council to restore the rate contribution to the Committee to its 1928, 1929 figure.
- 18 To consider a resolution received from Galway County Council viewing with alarm the increase in the already high rate of interest charged by Irish banks, which is stated to be entirely unjustified.
- 19 To consider correspondence from the Council's Treasurer regarding the proposed raising of a loan of £1300 to be applied in encouraging the rebuilding of houses in Greystones area.

20 To authorise the Secretary to obtain an overdraft on the Council's account up to the 28th February, 1930, if, when, and so far as, required, the amount not to exceed £20,000.

21 To receive a deputation from County Wicklow Insurance Committee regarding the proposed abolition of Insurance Committees and the administration of Sanatorium Treatment of insured persons by County Boards of Health.

22 To appoint a County Medical Officer of Health, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission.

23 To appoint a Coroner for West Wicklow, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission.

24 To appoint a County Librarian, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

25 To appoint an Assistant County Surveyor for South Wicklow, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission.

26 To approve of the action of Dr P J Hamilton, Coroner for East Wicklow, in appointing Dr A T Byrne as his deputy.

27 To consider an amended petition dated 1st October, 1929, from local ratepayers, in connection with the proposed Ardoyne Drainage Scheme.

28 To Sign and Seal an Agreement with Mrs E Lavery, of Market Square, Wicklow, in connection with the use of her room as a Weights and Measures Office.

29 To consider letter dated 25th September, 1929, from the Council's Law Agent, conveying Counsel's opinion in which the Council were advised to discontinue their appeal against the order committing three Baltinglass children named Piggott to an industrial school.

30 To consider letter dated 11th October, 1929, from Mr Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, regarding the reported use of material from the Workhouse by the contractor building the new Hospital for the County Board of Health.

31 To consider tender from Mrs A L Fenton, Knockloe, Tallow, for some of the material in Baltinglass workhouse.

32 To consider a letter dated 6th September, 1929, from Mr John Murphy, caretaker of Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, claiming that the conditions on which he was appointed are unduly severe.

33 To consider a letter dated 5th November, 1929, from the Irish Tourist Association, enclosing copy of a folder they have got out for County Wicklow, and asking for the Council's observations thereon.

34 To again consider correspondence from County Wicklow Library Committee, urging the appointment of certain ladies as additional members of the Committee owing to the difficulty of obtaining a quorum at meetings.

35 To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 30th September, 1929.

36 To consider a recommendation from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, that Sergeant John Morris, Greystones, be appointed Foods and Drugs Inspector in room of Sergeant Edward Hunt, who has been transferred from the district.

37 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

38 To receive Reports from County Officers.

39 To consider Official Correspondence.

40 To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor Peter P O'Reilly, and to Mrs O'Reilly, our deepest sympathy with them in the sad loss they have suffered in the death of their daughter.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Thomas Weadick;

Resolved—That we have heard with feelings of deep regret of the death of the Very Rev Patrick McGrath, P.P., Arklow, and that we hereby tender to his relatives and parishioners the assurance of our condolence with them in the great loss they have sustained.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by Councillor James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That this Council has heard with much regret of the death of the Right Hon. T P O'Connor, P.C., M.P., a noted Irishman, and we tender to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

The Chairman submitted a letter from Miss Katie Kehoe, New Street, Wicklow, dated 17th November, 1929, which had reached the Council's offices that morning addressed to him, intimating that she felt aggrieved by the Council's according permission to Mr John Malone, 105 Connaught Street, Phibsboro' Dublin, to erect a memorial cross on the roadside at Merrymeeing, Rathnew, outside the fence of her field. The Council's permission having been given to Mr Malone subject to the rights of the owner of the soil, the Council ordered that Miss Kehoe be referred to Mr John Malone.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 13th September, 1929.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne and Joseph Jacob.

Councillor John J Barry, in a letter to the Chairman of the Committee, pointed out that a man named Laurence Dunne was at present living with his wife and family in an old hut built against a ditch near the public road. He suggested it would be a kindly act to give him some empty tar drums free of cost to make his hut weatherproof, as he was too poor to pay for any covering. ORDER—The Committee regret they are unable to fall in with the suggestion, as these empty tar drums are being disposed of at one shilling each.

The following communication was submitted from the County Surveyor:—"12th September, 1929. The Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I enclose for your consideration tenders received for scrap iron, etc., lying at various quarries in the County. It appears to me that Mr Doherty's lump sum offer would obviate trouble over measurements or weighing. It is to be clearly understood that the loose iron railings from Bray Courthouse at present in Glen Quarry are not in list and are not being sold. (Signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor." With this communication was submitted a schedule showing the location and the scrap iron and metal for sale. Tenders from the following were submitted:—J Lee, Lovers' Corner, Dargle Road, Bray; M Doherty, 16 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin; Henry Gammell, The Green, Kilscoole; Henry Jameson, 4 Monkton Row, Wicklow. ORDER—The Committee recommend the acceptance of Mr M Doherty's tender at £15 as being the most favourable to the Council.

(Signed) David H Haskins,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 20th September, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as circulated to each member of the Council, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby authorised to give ten empty tar drums to the deserving person (Laurence Dunne) referred to by Councillor J J Barry in Finance Committee's Report No. 1.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 27th September, 1929.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Major C Mitchell, William Byrne, Joseph Jacob, and James Everett, T.D.

The Committee are of opinion that the cross roads at Kilty's cottage on the Tourist Road from Dublin to Brittas is a death-trap, it having been the cause of a number of accidents. They therefore request the County Surveyor to have the corners made safe for traffic at the least possible expense.

The Committee observed from a letter dated 19th September, 1929, addressed by the New Ireland Assurance Company to the Council's insurance broker, Mr Thomas Fleming, Shillelagh, that it is the intention of that Company to place the Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Policy through the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd., notwithstanding the undertaking given at the last meeting of the County Council that this would not be done. ORDER—The Secretary is hereby directed to notify the New Ireland Assurance Company that it is not the Council's wish that the policy in question be placed through the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd.

(Signed) David H Haskins,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 29th September, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as circulated to each member of the Council, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, the 25th October, 1929.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, Joseph Jacob and Major C Mitchell.

The Committee had before them the following Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£13,923 16s 10d.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Public Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfer on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1929.

County Board of Public Assistance—£9,415.

In accordance with the request contained in the resolution passed by the County Council at their meeting on the 26th August, 1929, the Committee proceeded to review the remuneration payable to court keepers outside their annual allowances for cleaning, washing, etc., and in this connection the Secretary submitted a statistical return giving particulars of the occasions on which each Courthouse was used during the year by the District Justice, the District Court Clerks, Weights and Measures Inspectors, etc. After discussion the Committee decided not to recommend any variation from the existing procedure.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 25th March, 1929, from Mr William O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, caretaker of Bray Courthouse, which had been referred to them by the County Council. In this letter Mr O'Connor complained that his salary was inadequate, as owing to the frequency with which the Courthouse was used by various persons and bodies, the amount of cleaning he was obliged to perform was considerable. ORDER—The Committee regret they cannot recommend the Council to accede to Mr O'Connor's application for an increase in his salary, having in mind the terms of the Council's resolution of the 26th August, 1929, in this connection.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 6th August, 1929, from Mr Frank Whittle, The Green, Dunlavin, caretaker of Dunlavin Courthouse, which had been referred to them by the County Council. In this letter Mr Whittle complained that he was not being paid adequately for the amount of cleaning he had to do in the Court House. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to adhere to their Resolution passed on the 10th December, 1928, in this connection.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 5th October, 1929, from N P Murphy, Esq., Hon. Secretary, Killavenny Confraternity Band Committee, ap-

plying on behalf of the committee for the use of Tinahely Courthouse for committee meetings, which are held once each month, with an occasional special meeting, and for band practice eight nights a month. ORDER—Granted, provided the usual conditions are complied with, and provided the Hibernian Insurance Company intimate in writing that they have no objection to the Courthouse being used for this purpose.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 22nd October, 1929, from Mrs M Short, Clerk, Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, conveying the following resolution passed by the sub-committee:—"That the County Council be asked for leave to hold old age pension meetings in courthouse, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, as it is most suitable place in village." ORDER—Permission granted, subject to the terms of the Council's resolution passed on the 26th August, 1929.

The Secretary submitted a report dated 8th October, 1929, from Mr John Murphy, caretaker, Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, to the effect that Mr Patrick Fowler and his family were on that date moving from the apartments which they occupied in the buildings. The Secretary further intimated that he had on two occasions applied to Fowler for arrears of rent amounting to 17s due to the 1st September, 1929, but had received no reply. ORDER—Referred to Law Agent.

The Secretary reported that Mr James Holden had been allocated apartments in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings free of rent by virtue of his position as ambulance driver to Co. Wicklow Board of Health, but that as the Board had now dispensed with his services he had now no further claim to free apartments. ORDER—That Mr James Holden be called upon to pay a rent of one shilling per week for the apartments occupied by him in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings as from the date he ceased to be an official of the County Board of Health.

The Secretary submitted the following tenders which he had received for six bridge centerings at present lying at the Glen of the Downs quarry:—Rev James J Fitzsimons, C.C., Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow, £4 per centering delivered at the quarry; Messrs T Archer and Son, Greystones, £1 10. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to accept the tender of the Rev James J Fitzsimons, C.C.

The Committee authorised the County Surveyor to dispose of all empty tar drums at the best terms obtainable.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

26th October, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, subject to the modification that the Council forgoes any claim for rent against Mr James Holden, ex-ambulance driver, Carnew, he having now vacated the apartments he occupied in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

Passed.

A long letter dated 15th November, 1929, was submitted from Mr Frank Whittle, caretaker, Dunlavin Courthouse, outlining the extent of his duties and complaining of the inadequacy of his remuneration. ORDER—See Finance Committee's Report No. 3.

A letter dated 16th November, 1929, was submitted from W J Doyle, Esq., Secretary, St. Kevin Branch, Irish National Foresters Society, Tinahely, seeking on behalf of that Branch permission to use Tinahely Courthouse for holding weekly meetings.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby accede to the application of the St.

Kevin Branch of the Irish National Foresters, Tipaheiy, for the use of Tinahely Courthouse for holding meetings, subject to the approval of the Hibernian Insurance Company, and to the caretaker's being paid five shillings for cleaning up after each meeting.
Passed.

An application dated 13th November, 1929, was submitted from Daniel Nolan, Ballard, Shillelagh, for the apartments in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings recently vacated by the ex-ambulance driver, Mr James Holden. ORDER—Granted on the usual terms, at a rent of one shilling per week, the rooms concerned to be the rooms on the right-hand side of the hall going in, with the bedroom overhead.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No 3, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 4.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 8th November, 1929.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne, Joseph Jacob and William J Henry.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£2923 15 6.

The Committee had before them the following claim for rates declared to be irrecoverable, and recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:—

| Year | District No. | Name of Collector | Allowed. |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1925/1927 | 10 | William P Murphy | £8 11 5 |

(Signed) David H Haskins,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

8th November, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 4, as now read, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That inasmuch as arbitration proceedings have become necessary to enforce the County Council's claims on foot of the bonds entered into by and on behalf of ex-poor rate collectors Garret Byrne (No. 12 District) and Michael Halpin (No. 2 District) we hereby select and appoint M J Ryan, Esq., K.C., to represent this Council at the aforesaid proceedings, provided that Counsel advises arbitration proceedings instead of an action at law having regard to recent developments; and in the alternative, that such proceedings be instituted for the recovery of the sums due by the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company in the

case of ex-collectors Michael Halpin and Garret Byrne as Counsel may advise.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £18923 16 10 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £2923 15 6 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

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

Passed.

There were no Proposals for Contracts to be considered.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

14th November, 1929.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER, 1929.

GENTLEMEN,

1 I beg to submit an application for the erection of a Petrol Supply Station adjacent to the road near Laragh. There is no objection to this provided arrangements are made for the efficient disposal of the drainage of the road, but as it involves the removal of a grass margin on the roadside to make a place for vehicles to stand, I consider you should rule on the matter.

2 An application has been made by Mr Ledwidge, Bray, regarding the erection of 3 Petrol Pumps on the kerbside on the Upper Dargle Road. An objection was lodged at the Ministry for Local Government relative to this, on the grounds that the road, etc., was too narrow. I examined similar places in other Counties where the conditions as to traffic are more severe and I cannot see any reason why permission should be refused in this case.

3 An application was made by Mr Maurice Doyle, 74, Main Street, Bray, for permission to erect 3 Petrol Pumps on the Main Street of Bray, not in front of his own premises. Letters consenting to the erection of these pumps have been lodged from the residents of the premises in front of which it is proposed to erect them. Under the circumstances I can raise no objection.

4 An application has been made by Mr P J Hayes, Kilcoole, for a roadside Petrol Pump. Provided it is kept clear of the water table there is no objection.

5 An application for permission to erect a Petrol Pump has also been received from Mr William Hall, Ballygahan, Avoca. As it is proposed to erect this on the grass between the metalled road and footpath I cannot recommend that the permission be given.

6 I consider that in future you should not permit any petrol pumps to be erected which will necessitate the temporary obstruction of the road caused by the stoppage of vehicles to draw supplies.

7 A Mr Stevens, Rockville House, Rathnew, applies for permission to enclose a portion of the triangular space between the roads at the old Police Barrack, Rathnew. As this space may in some future time be required for the improvement of the roads and appears to be dedicated to public use I cannot recommend you to accede to his request.

8 A complaint has been made that a grass margin or mound on the road-side near Kilpedder constitutes a danger to traffic. Undoubtedly in this and many other cases the grass margins are somewhat high and it has been suggested that these margins be cut by the County Council men and drawn away by the adjacent land occupiers. This would to some extent reduce the cost but the danger would be increased unless the debris was promptly removed as the County Council would be held responsible for any accident resulting from the presence of such on the road. As in most cases the ground under such margins is unmetalled the use of same by traffic would lead to the gradual breaking away and destruction of the metalled road.

9 From time to time openings are made on the roads for the repair of sewers and water connections. I recommend that in future a deposit of £2 in each case be made and that this sum be expended in whole or in part for the proper restoration of the road surface.

10 I beg to report that it was necessary to execute as Sudden Damages works on Road No. 6—at the Scalp—at a cost of £7; on Road No. 24—at Booth's Hollow—not exceeding £40; at Chapel River Bridge—at a cost of 10/- and at Blainroe Turn (by order of Finance Committee)—at about £40

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Paragraph No. 1:—No Order.

Paragraphs No. 2, 3, 4 and 5:—

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

Seconded by " Denis Condren ;

Resolved—That authority to erect Petrol Pumps be given to the following applicants whose names are given in the County Surveyor's Report, subject to such erections being made to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor:—Messrs Ledwidge, Upper Dargle Road, Bray; Maurice Doyle, 74 Main Street, Bray; P J Hayes, Kilcoole; and William Hall, Ballygahan, Avoca.

Passed.

Paragraphs No. 6, 7 and 8:—No Order.
Paragraphs No. 9 and 10:—Approved.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANTS 1930-31.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):—7th November, 1929, RGM/201/30. A Chara. 1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is anxious to be in a position to notify County Councils, as early as possible, the grants which may be made from the Road Fund in respect of the year 1930-31.

2. In order that the Minister may be in a position to deal with the matter as early as possible he would be glad if County Councils took an early opportunity to frame estimates of the sums which they are likely to allow for the upkeep respectively of (a) Trunk Road, (b) Link Roads and (c) County Roads for the financial year 1930-31. On particulars of these estimates being furnished to this Department the Minister will have them examined and he will then indicate, as soon as practicable, what upkeep grant, if any, can be made. When framing estimates a year ago some Councils did not advert to the fact that the upkeep grant would be calculated by reference to the amounts finally passed by the County Councils, so that if grants are to be notified early the figures supplied should correspond as nearly as possible with the final figures. In furnishing particulars of the Estimates the requirements in regard to the upkeep of Trunk and Link Roads in the Urban Areas of the County should be borne in mind.

3. Hitherto the grants which have been made towards the upkeep of Main Roads were 50% of the cost of Main Roads which were Trunk Roads and 30% of the cost of Main Roads which were Link Roads. These grants over the past three years represented an average contribution towards the upkeep of Main Roads of, approximately, 40%. The Minister has come to the conclusion that for several reasons it is preferable to place the Upkeep Grant on a basis of flat rate for all Main Roads, without distinguishing whether they are Trunk or Link Roads. It has been decided that provided the estimates of the Council show that a reasonable sum is proposed for the upkeep of all roads, having regard to the cost of upkeep in 1914 and the increase in wages since that date, to allow for the year 1930-31 an Upkeep Grant calculated on the basis of 40% of the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads in that year.

4. In dealing with their estimates Councils, subject to what is stated in the preceding paragraph, are to assume that the total sum provided in their Road works Scheme is relieved to the extent of the Grant. In other words, the Grant is to be taken in as a credit and is not to form the basis of a supplementary Scheme after it is notified.

5. If Councils as a whole deal with this matter without undue delay the Minister will be in a position to notify early the amount of the grants for improvement purposes. The sum available for improvement can only be fixed after the amounts required for upkeep have been ascertained. Mise, le meas, (signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe. To each County Secretary.

In this connection the following report was submitted from the County Surveyor:—18th November, 1929. Gentlemen. To enable you to consider the question of the proposed amount you will pass for the Main Roads in the County, I beg to inform you that my estimate for same is approximately £55182. Of this amount the sum of £33110 would require to be raised from Rates and £22072 would be the amount contributed from the proposed Grant of 40%. The above estimate only applies to Main Roads. Yours faithfully, (Signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

After a prolonged discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by John W Ryan;

Resolved—That the following constitute a deputation to wait upon the Minister for Local Government to ask him what assistance in the shape of Grants, owing to exceptional circumstances, will be given to County Wicklow County Council for maintaining Main Roads, as this Council believes it is useless to strike a rate possible to collect for the present system of patching these Main Roads, the ratepayers being quite unable to meet such a rate as would be required for the proper upkeep of Main Roads; and that the deputation be authorised to discuss the question of increasing the number of Link Roads in the County, and to apply for a Grant to open up and make a road from Brittas by the sea, to Ferrybank, Arklow:—our Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne, our Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne, and Councillors William Henry, D H Haskins, John Dunne, J J Bourne, David Frame, James McCrea, D J Kehoe, Thomas Weadick and Timothy Mulcahy, together with the three Deputies.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John Dunne and accepted by the Chairman:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other member for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council that we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, consider the question of raising £5000 for the relief of the unemployed, the money to be spent on the roads throughout the County Wicklow during the Christmas times."

The following requisition was handed in under Section 12 of the Standing Orders:—"We, the undersigned members of Wicklow County

Council, request the Chairman to summon a Special Meeting to consider the raising of a sum of £5000, for the relief of the unemployed, before Christmas. (Signed) James Everett, Joseph Metcalfe, Laurance Moore, Daniel J Kehoe, Thomas Weadick, Joseph Jacob, John Dunne, Patrick Doyle. The Chairman intimated that a meeting would be called on the 9th December, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE ETC

17th and 21st October, 1929, from Councillors Laurance Moore and

W J Henry respectively, regarding the necessity for cleaning the streets of Blessington after fairs. Withdrawn with the consent of the Council.

Memorial from local ratepayers, requesting that the road from Kilmartin gate through the lands of Ballyvolan and Timmore to its junction with the main road at Mount John, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, be placed again under contract. ORDER. To be included by the County Surveyor in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the forthcoming financial year.

16th November, 1929, from R A Syngé Esq., Glanmore, Ashford, asking the Council to improve and widen the road from Ashford to Annamoe at Nuncross Bridge, which he states is extremely dangerous to traffic. ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

15th November, 1929, from J J Dowling Esq., Blessington, addressed to the Chairman, asking to have the streets of Blessington sprayed with sand owing to their slippery and dangerous condition, and complaining that a farmer from Oldcourt is cleaning the streets of Blessington instead of local labour being employed. ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James McCrea and accepted by the Chairman:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council that all quarry stones for future roads done by contract be supplied by the Council.

The Council adjourned to the afore-mentioned Special Meeting the question of appointing Committees to consider and accept tenders for the maintenance of contract roads for the period beginning 1st April, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by John J Metcalfe;

That so soon as the collections for the current financial year are closed, the fidelity guarantee insurance policy be terminated and each collector included therein called upon to furnish a personal fidelity bond in the approved form with not less than five solvent sureties before receiving the 1930-31 collection books.

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

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, George Heatley, C M Byrne, and David H Haskins—6

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurance Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., Joseph Jacob, and Timothy Mulcahy—17

The Motion was accordingly declared lost by seventeen votes against to six for.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the insurance business of this Council at present in the hands of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation be transferred to the New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd.

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

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, William J Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurance Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., David H Haskins, Joseph Jacob, and Timothy Mulcahy—18.

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, Joseph Byrne, and George Heatley—3

The Motion was accordingly declared passed by eighteen votes to three.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 23rd October, 1929, from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, asking the Council to appoint representatives to a conference also representative of the County and City

of Dublin which it had been decided to convene on the 29th October, 1929, to discuss the basis of a financial settlement in connection with the withdrawal of County Louth from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital district.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That our Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne, and Councillors Seamus Everett, T.D., and David Frame be appointed as delegates from this Council to any joint conferences or meetings which may be held in connection with the proposed separation of County Louth from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital district.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the Public Bodies Order, 1929, which varied the procedure hitherto laid down for the closing of poor rate collections, and circular letter dated 7th September, 1929, No. 38111/1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, explaining and amplifying same. ORDER. Submitted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 5th October, 1929, from the Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture, asking the Council to restore the rate contribution to its 1928/1929 figure, and enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Committee setting forth certain of their Schemes which they had found it necessary to curtail owing to the reduction in rate contribution and the consequent reduction in grants from the Department of Agriculture. ORDER. Submitted.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from the Finance Committee of Galway County Council:—"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Galway County Council, view with alarm the increase in the already too high rate of interest on loans charged by Irish banks. We regard this increase as entirely unjustified by any financial considerations and as calculated to kill existing industries and to

prevent the establishment of new factories, and to render useless the Acts passed for the granting of loans to farmers. We call for legislation that will prevent Banks charging such high rate of interest and for the establishment of a new State Bank. That copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Secretaries of all County and Urban Councils and County Boroughs and to all Deputies for An Saorstát, and to the Minister for Finance."

The Council had before them a file of correspondence dealing with the Housing Act, 1929, and their proposal to raise a loan of £1300 thereunder for the purpose of making grants under that Act to persons who had lost houses by the recent coast erosion in Greystones district and who were about to build new houses, which file included a letter dated 15th June, 1929, from the Manager, National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, conveying the sanction of his Board to the proposed loan, subject to the period of repayment being curtailed from fifteen years to ten years. Owing to this curtailment, and the present high Bank Rate, the Council expressed themselves dissatisfied with their Treasurer's terms, and directed the Secretary to ascertain if this loan could be obtained from the Government through the Local Loans Fund.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That we call upon the Executive Council to extend the Local Loans Fund to Boards of Health to enable houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts to be erected in the rural areas, under the same facilities as at present exercised by urban authorities, and that copies of this Resolution be sent to the County Councils in the Saorstát, also to Boards of Health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That our Secretary be authorised to apply on our behalf to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for overdraft accommodation to the 28th February, 1930, not exceeding in amount £20,000, at 10/0 under Irish Bank's Rate, rising and falling therewith, the said overdraft accommodation to be made available only if, when, and so far as, may be necessary.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 16th October, 1929, from the Clerk, County Wicklow Insurance Committee, stating that that Committee had appointed a deputation to place before the County Council their view with regard to the proposed abolition of Insurance Committees and the administration of Sanatorium treatment of insured persons by County Boards of Health. No deputation was in attendance, and no order was made on the matter.

Up to the morning of the meeting, no recommendation had been received from the Local Appointments Commissioners regarding the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

Position Vacant—Coroner.

The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the part-time, permanent, and non-pensionable post of Coroner, West Wicklow.

Salary £50 a year, inclusive of travelling and other expenses. The person to be appointed must be either (1) duly qualified to practise medicine or surgery and registered as such under the Medical Acts, or (2) a Barrister-at-Law or (3) a Solicitor, or (4) an ex Justice of the Peace, qualified under the Coroners (Qualification) Act, 1924. Latest date for receiving applications 8th October, 1929. Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.S.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission, contained in their letter of the 14th November, 1929, No. L.A.21/1/29, we hereby appoint Dr. Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, to the part-time, permanent, and non-pensionable position of Coroner for West Wicklow, at a salary of £50, in which travelling and other expenses shall be deemed to be included.

Passed.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

POSITION VACANT—COUNTY LIBRARIAN.

The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the whole time, permanent, pensionable position of County Librarian and Secretary to County Wicklow Central Library Committee. Salary £250 a year. Age limits 21 to 35 years on 1st July, 1929. Applicants must be competent to discharge the duties of Secretary to a County Library Committee and to manage a County Library Scheme. Competent knowledge of Irish essential.

Latest date for receipt of applications 30th July, 1929. Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.S.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, contained in their letter of the 4th September, 1929, No. L.A.19/2/29, we hereby appoint Miss Bridget Redmond, Main Street, Rathdrum, County Wicklow, to the whole-time, permanent, and pensionable position of County Librarian for this County, with which is combined the position of Secretary to County Wicklow Central Library Committee, at a salary of £250 per annum, Miss Redmond to furnish a fidelity bond for the sum of £200, and to take up duty on the 2nd January, 1930.

Passed.

Up to the morning of the meeting, no recommendation had been received from the Local Appointments Commission regarding the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor for South Wicklow.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Dr. P J Hamilton, Coroner for East Wicklow, dated 22nd August, 1929, stating that he had appointed Dr. A T Byrne, Arklow, who had the necessary qualifications, to act as his deputy, in case of his absence through illness or on vacation; and enclosing letter dated 27th August, 1929, from the Chairman of the Council, sanctioning the said appointment, in accordance with the provisions

of the Coroners (Ireland) Act, 1908.

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the action of Dr. P J Hamilton, Arklow, Coroner for East Wicklow, in appointing as his deputy Dr. A T Byrne, of Arklow, subject to the condition that no extra expense is thereby imposed on the County Council.

Passed.

Ardoyne Drainage Scheme.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 17th October, 1929, from Terence Doyle, Esq., solicitor, Tullow, enclosing a new petition in above connection, signed by land-owners in the townlands of Ardoyne, Killinure and Money Lower. ORDER—Adjourned and referred to County Surveyor for report.

Proposed by Councillor J McCrea;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mrs Lavery, Market Square, Wicklow, now submitted by our Law Agent, in connection with the letting of a room to the Council to be used as a Weights and Measures Office, be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Children of Andrew Piggott, Tinoran, Baltinglass.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Councils, Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow:—"25th September, 1929. Dear Sir. I beg to report that Counsel has advised that these cases present very great difficulty. He is of opinion that as the Summons and Orders are good on their face they cannot be impeached by Certiorari, as he contends that there was no jurisdiction to make the Order and that under the circumstances Certiorari would not lie for acting in excess of jurisdiction. Counsel advises this although there was

no evidence that Elizabeth Piggott, the mother of the children, was of criminal habits. He is further of the opinion that the conviction against Elizabeth Piggott would be set aside on Certiorari, but that a reversal of that conviction would not really affect the Orders against the children, and this notwithstanding (1) that there was no Summons in regard to the children, and (2) that there was no conviction against the father, in whose care the children are primarily. Counsel therefore advises that we should not proceed with the Application for Certiorari in respect of the children, and I have so notified Andrew Piggott, the father of the children. Yours faithfully (Signed) J H McCarroll. P T Healy, Esq.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by Daniel J Kehoe;

Resolved—That this Council is of opinion that the Minister of Justice be asked to exercise his clemency in the case of the children Piggott recently committed to an Industrial School, and therefore that he be requested to liberate them.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a report dated 11th October, 1929, from Patrick Furlong, caretaker of Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings, which had been made at the Secretary's request in consequence of a statement that the contractor for the new hospital for the Board of Health had without permission used material from the Workhouse Buildings. From the report it appeared that the material used was of little, if any value. ORDER—Submitted.

In this connection, the Secretary submitted the following letter from Mrs Alice L Fenton, Knockloe, Tullow:—21st October, 1929. Gentlemen. During the course of a recent examination of the old Workhouse Buildings, Baltinglass, I observed some windows which are, I believe, no longer of any use. For twenty of these diamond-paned windows I would be prepared to offer the Council the sum of 10/-. For the water tank situated near the roof in one of the buildings I would be prepared to give £1, and for the stand of a weighing-machine I would offer the sum of 10/-. I should be glad to hear if you are prepared to accept my offer for these three items. Yours faithfully (signed) Alice L Fenton. P.S.—There are some slates I would like to purchase if I could come to some arrangement with your County Surveyor, and also four plain doors. ORDER—Referred to Councillors Kehoe and John J Metcalfe.

A report was submitted from John Murphy, caretaker, Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, setting forth repairs which were required therein, particularly to the Fever Hospital, and stating that the fences of the attached lands were in such bad repair that it would be impossible for him to do the necessary repairs for the salary he was receiving. He further intimated that he had done a good many repairs to the lodge, but that certain repairs required to the kitchen door were too costly for him to do. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor, the repairs to the kitchen door to be carried out by the County Surveyor at a cost not exceeding £1.

A letter dated 5th November, 1929, was submitted from the Irish Tourist Association, enclosing copy of the folder prepared for Co. Wicklow for the 1930 tourist season, and asking whether any additions or alterations were considered desirable. ORDER—Folder to be reviewed by the Chairman and Secretary.

Letters dated 11th January and 15th April, 1929, were again submitted from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, recommending the appointment of certain additional representatives on the Committee in view of the difficulty of obtaining a quorum.

Proposed by Councillor G M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That, pursuant to the requests received from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, we hereby appoint Mrs Grimshaw, P J Noonan, Miss C Wall, and Miss I Halpin as additional members of that Committee, it being understood that at present the Committee have considerable difficulty in obtaining quorums at their meetings.

Passed.

The County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1929, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30/9/1929.

| Articles submitted for Analysis. | Date Received. | No. | From | Result of Analysis. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------|
| New Milks | 25/7/29 | 6 | Bray, Guard Stanton | Genuine |
| Butter | 31/7/29 | 4 | Dunlavin, D.A.T.I. | 3 gen., 1 not gen. |
| Butter | 1/8/29 | 4 | Baltinglass, D.A.T.I. | genuine |
| Milk | 29/8/29 | 3 | Wicklow, Guard Bergin | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " | " |
| Tea | 12/9/29 | 1 | Aughrim, Sergeant Hayden | " |
| Port Wine | " | 1 | " | " |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | 13/9/29 | 1 | Newtown, Sergeant Cox | Not Genuine |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " | genuine |
| Sugar | " | 1 | " | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | 14/9/29 | 3 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | 2 gen., 1 not gen. |

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| New Milk | 21/9/29 | 2 | Roundwood, Sergeant Mahony | genuine |
| Ginger Wine | " | 1 | " | " |
| Butter | " | 2 | " | " |
| Margarine | 28/9/29 | 1 | Rathdrum, Sergt. Cartwright | " |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " | Not genuine |
| New Milk | " | 2 | " | genuine |
| New Milk | " | 3 | Greystones, Sergeant Hunt | " |
| New Milk | 30/9/29 | 1 | Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan | " |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " | " |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | " |
| New Milk | " | 2 | " | " |
| Port Wine | " | 1 | " | " |
| Drugs | 9/7/29 | 2 | Arklow | " |
| " | 15/7/29 | 3 | Coolattin | " |
| " | 19/7/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | 25/7/29 | 3 | Dunlavin | " |
| " | 26/7/29 | 3 | Delgany | " |
| " | 27/7/29 | 3 | Annamoe | " |
| " | 29/7/29 | 3 | Baltinglass | " |
| " | 1/8/29 | 2 | Wicklow | " |
| " | 2/8/29 | 3 | Co. Hospital | " |
| " | 6/8/29 | 3 | Kiltegan | " |
| " | 19/8/29 | 2 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | " | 3 | Blessington | " |

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 48; Drugs, 33. Number adulterated, butters, 1; New Milks, 2; Whiskey, 1. Total, 81. Date 12/10/1929.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

ORDER—Noted.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by J J Jacob;

Resolved—That in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, contained in his letter of the 22nd October, 1929, No. D.W.2752/29, we hereby appoint Sergeant John Morris, 2450, Greystones, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Sergeant Edward Hunt, 716, who has been transferred from the district.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by James McCreagh;

Resolved—That we wish to draw the most serious attention of the Government to the financial plight of 80% of the farmers of this County. While the remedy in the case of prices for live stock is difficult to suggest we can see no harm in giving a trial to the scheme calling for an admixture of home-grown grain with maize. We know it will provide a certain market for surplus Irish Grain at nobody's expense but that of the Argentine farmer and we call on the T.D.'s of all parties in this County to support the measure by all and every means in their power and to vote for it when it comes before An Dail. Also we direct that copies of this resolution be sent to each County Council in An Saorstát for adoption as well as to President Cosgrave and Eamonn De Valera and the heads of other political parties, and to our County T.D.'s.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

30th August, 1929, No. P.61613/29 (Pb), Cill Mhanntain, acquiescing in the appointment of John Murphy as caretaker of Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

30th August, 1929, No. P.H.61609/29 Cill Mhanntain (Ae), approving of the conditions of appointment laid down by the Council for the combined positions of County Medical Officer of Health, Tuberculosis Officer and Medical Inspector of Schools.

21st August, 1929, No. G.61611/1929 Cill Mhanntain Sd, notin gthe appointment of Dr. P J Hamilton as Coroner for East Wicklow pursuant to the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

2nd September, 1929, No. G.61411/29 (Fa), Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning an overdraft not exceeding £20,000 on the Council's account to the 30th November, 1929.

3rd September, 1929, No. G.61610/29 (Sd), Cill Mhanntain, returning with the Minister's approval Form No. 111 relating to the appointment of a Coroner for West Wicklow.

6th September, 1929, No. G.63423/29 Cill Mhanntain, requesting that the County Council minutes in triplicate be sent to the Department in future, two copies for the General Branch and one for the Roads Branch.

9th October, 1929, No. 66364/1929, Sealed Order fixing the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District as the area of charge for special expenses incurred in providing and maintaining a supply of water at Boghall Road, Bray.

30th October, 1929, No. G.38642/1929 Cill Mhanntain, consenting to an increase in the remuneration of Mr M J Healy.

ORDER—Approved, as from the Council's date i.e., April 1st, 1929. 8th November, 1929, No. R.MT/209/33, reducing by approximately £100 the amount recoupable in respect of supervisory and clerical duties in connection with the work of motor registration and licensing as from the 1st October, 1929.

18th November, 1929

The Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Regulations, 1929.

Census and Population 1926 (Volume IV—Housing).

11th October, 1929, No. 2910049, from the Commissioner of Valuation, pointing out the difficulties in the way of amalgamating holdings occupied by the same person in individual townlands.

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

21st October, 1929, reporting the then position as regards the Council's claims against the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company in respect of defaults by ex collectors Garret Byrne and Michael Halpin.

28th October, 1929, acknowledging receipt of an application for compensation for Criminal Injury from Patrick O'Neill in respect of the poisoning of a dog, and stating that as the offence is one punishable on summary conviction a claim for compensation cannot lie.

30th October, 1929, reporting receipt of a letter from the solicitors for the Hibernian Insurance Company to the effect that the latter were instructed to deny liability on the Bond in respect of default by ex collectors Garret Byrne and Michael Halpin, and to state that there was no agreement whatever in respect of figures or otherwise.

Abstract of Accounts and Secretary's Statements for County Wicklow Central Library Committee for the half-year ended the last day of September, 1929.

Mrs Coates and Wynn return sincere thanks for your kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, Tankersley, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow, August 1929.

26th August, 1929, from S Conway, Esq., V.S., Salem, Wicklow, Veterinary Inspector under Wicklow County Council, reporting that he was suffering from blood poisoning, and seeking permission to appoint W. T. M. Browne, Esq., V.S., Nass, as his locum tenens.

Ballinglass Co. Wicklow, August 28th, 1929. Dear Sir. I had your letter containing the County Council's resolution, for which I beg to thank them sincerely and for their kind expression of sympathy in my loss. Yours faithfully, (signed) B M Kenna.

29th August, 1929, from William Toomey, Esq., B.L., Annacrivey, Enniskerry, stating that he will give no person the use of a courthouse without getting the leave of the Council as well.

30th August, 1929, copy of notice issued by the Commissioners of Public Works of a public inquiry to be held in respect of objections to the Scheme prepared for the drainage of the River Barrow, together with copy of a letter sent by the Secretary to each Councillor for Ballinglass County Electoral Area in that connection.

Notice of the falling through of a meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee summoned for the 6th September, for want of a quorum.

6th September, 1929, from S Conway, Esq., V.S., Salem, Wicklow, Veterinary Inspector under the Council, reporting that he was going away for about ten days, and was leaving A. O'Neill, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., Sydney Parade, Dublin, to act as his locum tenens.

7th September, 1929, from J. B. O'Halloran, Esq., Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, reporting that his Board had sanctioned a continuance of overdraft accommodation at a limit of £20,000 in the general account until the 30th November, 1929, at a rate of interest 4½% under Irish Bank's rate varying therewith.

9th September, 1929, from P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, referring to the resolution recently passed by the Council on the subject of institutional relief in the county, and stating that his Board had appointed a Committee to report on the matter.

9th September, 1929, from Albert O'Neill, Esq., M.R.O.V.S., stating that he would look after the interests of the Council during the absence of Mr S Conway, Veterinary Inspector.

11th September, 1929, from P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, stating that his Board at a recent meeting had adjourned consideration of a Tuberculosis Scheme, and that as regards the proposed arrangements with County Wicklow Insurance Committee in this connection, the negotiations would be carried out by the Board of Health.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 13th September, 1929.

23rd September, 1929, from the Hon. Secretary to the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition (1929), inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Exhibition.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 4th October, 1929.

File of correspondence relating to an objection by Miss Katie Kehoe, New Street, Wicklow, to the erection of a memorial cross at Merry meeting on the roadside adjoining her field.

ORDER—See order made at beginning of meeting on letter received by the Chairman from Miss Kehoe.

18th November, 1929.

29th October, 1929, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, granting permission for the use of Tinahely Courthouse for meetings, including band practice, without prejudice to the insurance.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 1st November, 1929.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Offaly County Council, urging the Government to make compulsory the admixture of 15% home-grown grain with foreign feeding-stuff, before being offered for sale.

ORDER—See Resolution passed at this meeting.

O Connradh na Gaedhilge, a radh go bhfuil se i n-am Ollsgoileanna an tSaorstait a chur in oireamhaint do na Gaedhilgeoiri a bheas ag teacht ionnta, ionnus go mbeadh siad i n-ann leanuint da gcuid Oideachais trid an nGaedhilg.

From Dublin County Council, requesting the T.D.'s for County Dublin and the other Councils in the Saorstait to make representations to the Minister for Finance to introduce a derating Bill.

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19/2/30

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 9th December, 1929.

The following members were present :—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;

Councillors James McCrea, Peter P O'Reilly, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, John Dunne, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D. ; Patrick Doyle, D H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Heatley, Major C Mitchell, William J Henry, Michael Fleming, George Kearon, Thomas Weadick, James Kavanagh, John J Barry, Daniel J Kehoe, and John J Metcalfe.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne :—" I hereby give notice that I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of this Council that we, the members of the Council, consider the question of raising £5000 for the relief of the unemployed, the money to be spent on the roads throughout the County of Wicklow during the Christmas times."

2. To again consider the question of making provisional estimates of the sums to be expended on Main Roads in the County during the forthcoming financial year, and to receive the report of the deputation appointed to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in that connection.

3. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea :—" I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council that all quarry stones for future roads done by contract be supplied by the Council."

4. To make arrangements, in accordance with the provisions of the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1929, for the preparation of a scheme in connection with the Council's proposal to make grants in aid of the building of new houses in Greystones area.

5. To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government regarding a suggested financial adjustment consequent on the separation of County Louth from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital District.

6. To appoint an Assistant County Surveyor for South Wicklow, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission.

The Chairman outlined to the Meeting the result of the attendance on the Minister at his offices of the deputation appointed by the Council at their previous meeting. He stated that the deputation was accompanied by Deputies Everett and Moore (Deputy O'Mahony having found it impossible to attend owing to the necessity for his being present at an important meeting), and that they were received by the Minister, the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Chief Engineer of the Roads Department, and the head of that Department. He (the Chairman) pointed out the deplorable depression in agriculture, the accentuation of the unemployment problem by the closing down of local industries, the impossibility of reducing rates owing to increasing and unavoidable expenditure on the part of the Board of Health, and that Wicklow being the playground of Dublin, Wicklow ratepayers were entitled to be relieved from the burden of maintaining main roads for use by outsiders. The Minister received the deputation in a sympathetic manner, but commented on the lack of concrete proposals, and stated that until he had before him definite proposals, specifications, etc., and the reports of his officials thereon, he was not in a position to promise anything. The same remarks applied to the sanctioning of a loan to be expended on road works for the purpose of relieving unemployment during the Christmas times. When the necessary documents were available, he was prepared to go into them with the Chairman and the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That this Council go into Committee for the purpose of considering the Notice of Motion (item No. 1) standing on the agenda paper in the name of Councillor John Dunne.

Passed.

The Council in Committee discussed at considerable length the aforesaid Notice of Motion relative to the question of providing employment before Christmas for those in need of same.

The Council, having come out of committee, adjourned, with Councillor Dunne's consent, consideration of his Notice of Motion until the next Quarterly Meeting.

The County Surveyor having submitted proposals for usefully employing 218 men in various places throughout the county in the preparation of road material, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " John J Barry ;

Resolved—That this County Council hereby votes the sum of £1600, to be devoted to the preparation of materials necessary for road maintenance in the year 1930/1931, this £1600 to be portion of the sum in the Estimate for the said year 1930/31, and to be financed out of overdraft by the Secretary in the meantime, and that our Chairman and Councillors Everett, T.D., and D H Haskins, be delegated to wait upon the Minister to discuss with him and make all arrangements that may be deemed necessary to allow of this sum of £1600 being expended forthwith.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to their Road Works Meeting consideration of a resolution from Arklow Urban District Council calling attention to the urgent necessity for employment in that area.

The Council again adjourned consideration of the letter dated 7th November, 1929, No. RGM/201/30, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), which asked for provisional estimates of the amounts to be expended on main roads during the forthcoming financial year, and which is given in full in the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 18th November, 1929.

The Council also adjourned consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea :—" I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council that all quarry stones for further roads done by contract be supplied by the Council."

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That our Finance Committee be hereby asked to prepare at their next Quarterly Meeting a draft scheme, in accordance with the provisions of the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1929, in connection with the Council's proposal to make grants in aid of the building of new houses in Greystones area ; that, as we propose to make these grants through the Greystones Public Utility Society, the said draft scheme be prepared on the basis of this assumption ; and that the said draft scheme be submitted to us at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 29th November, 1929, No. M.H.83168/1929, Ardee, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing copy of a letter addressed by the Department to the Secretary to Louth County Council outlining the provisions of a draft Order of financial adjustment to be made by the Minister following the separation of Co. Louth from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital district. The draft Order would provide for the repayment to Louth County Council of a sum of £37,090 by the other counties in the joint district in the following proportions, viz :—County Wicklow—£3408 ; County Dublin—£8871, and Dublin County Borough—£24811, these sums to be payable in instalments as follows : one-third on 1st October, 1930 ; one-third on 1st July, 1931 ; and the remaining third on 1st May, 1932. It was to be understood that the draft Order might be varied after the Minister had considered the objections (if any) of the four bodies concerned.

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That, having under consideration the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to Louth County Council outlining the draft Order of financial adjustment between the guaranteeing bodies following Louth County Council's proposal to set up a Mental Hospital in and for their own County, we hereby associate ourselves with the appeal made on behalf of the Borough of Dublin and the Co. of Dublin to have the figures in the draft Order still further reduced, and we represent that Louth County Council should bear their fair share of any additional liabilities that may accrue following the final legal decision of the Court on the case now before them regarding the claims of certain of the officials to unpaid remuneration, and also bear their fair share of such pensions as may become necessary following the breakaway.

Passed.

A letter dated 5th December, 1929, No. S.48, was submitted from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, N.W.5, stating that the Joint Committee had nominated a solicitor to represent them at

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the taxation of a bill of costs submitted by their Law Adviser, and that the contributing Councils were being notified so that they also could be represented, if they so desired. The bill of costs amounted to £1287 14s 4d, the greater part of which was for costs in the recent action Woods and

others v. the contributing bodies acting through the Joint Committee—
NO ORDER.

The Council adjourned consideration of a letter dated 29th November, 1929, No. L.A.17/7/29, from the Local Appointments Commissioners, recommending a person for appointment as Assistant Surveyor for South Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That Mr Patrick Furlong, who is already rate inspector for collection districts No 1 to 5, be appointed rate inspector for collection district No. 6, consequent upon Mr Frank Healy's being appointed poor rate collector for that district, and that this appointment take effect as from the beginning of the current year's collection.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, and accepted by him as Chairman:—"I hereby give notice that at the meeting to be held on the 17th day of February, 1930, I, or some Councillor for me, will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following loans:—(1) Loan of £500 for the erection of Gate Lodge and Entrance to the District Hospital, Baltinglass; (2) Loan of £1500 for the equipment and completion of the Hospital building; (3) Loan of £700 for the repair of Rathdrum Dispensary Residence."

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, respectfully call on the Executive Council to provide with as little delay as possible sufficient money from Government funds to protect from further coast erosion the house property in Greystones and Wicklow which stands in danger of destruction from the sea, seeing that apart from the loss to those immediately concerned, Wicklow Urban Council will lose a considerable amount of rateable property and the State itself a source of revenue.

Passed.

C M Byrne

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon on Monday the 20th January, 1930.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;

Councillors Laurence Moore, Peter P O Raily, Joseph Jacob, Joseph Metcalfe, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, James Everett, T.D., David H Haskins, J J Bourne, Denis Condon, Joseph Byrnes, George Heatley, Edward Byrne, William J Henry, Michael Fleming, James McCrea, Major C Mitchell, William Byrne, David Fram, James Kavanagh, and John J Barry.

A telegram was submitted from Councillor John J Metcalfe, regretting his inability to attend owing to his travelling arrangements having failed.

BUSINESS.

1 To consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1930/1931, as printed and circulated to each member, and to adopt same, with or without amendments.

2 To appoint a County Medical Officer of Health, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners

3 To appoint an Assistant County Surveyor for South Wicklow in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the bereavement that has befallen our Assistant Accountant, Mr Laurence Wolahan, by the death of his wife, and we tender to him and his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

The Council had again before them a resolution from Arklow Urban District Council, which had been adjourned to this meeting from a previous meeting, which called attention to the urgent necessity for employment in that area. ORDER. Submitted

The Council then proceeded to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1930/1931, which had been prepared by the County Surveyor and printed and circulated to each Councillor. From this it was noted that the County Surveyor's estimated requirements for the period mentioned under all heads for Main Roads amounted to £68387, and for County Roads £38793.

The Chairman submitted the following letter to him from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):—"17th January, 1930. R/R.D.33. A Chara With reference to the interviews which you have had at this Department concerning certain aspects of road administration in County Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that no alterations are being made this year in the Main Roads Classifications. As regards loans for road works the Minister is adverse to sanctioning any loan for a work which is not itself of a capital nature or the of cost which should be or is ordinarily met out of Revenue. As regards the question of a larger Grant to County Wicklow, the position has already been explained to you, i.e. it is the intention, as stated in the Minister's letter of the 7th November last, to make a Grant of 40 per cent. of the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads for the year 1930/1931, provided, however, that the estimates of the Council show that a reasonable sum is proposed (see paragraph No. 3 of the Department's letter of November last). As regards your inquiry concerning the Improvement Grants, I am to say that the exact amount cannot be determined until Councils have submitted particulars of the estimates passed by them for the repair of roads but the case of Wicklow will be fully and carefully considered in the matter of the allocations made for Improvements purposes. Mise, le meas (signed) H S Moylan, a/s Runaidhe."

The Department's circular of the 7th November, 1929, above referred to, which was given in full in the minutes of the Council's November Quarterly Meeting, was also before the Council at this meeting

COUNTY COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION—IMPROVEMENTS.

The Chairman submitted the following letter received by him:—"Parochial House, Vallemount. 19th January, 1930. Dear Sir, I was more than surprised that my letter re the flooding of Ballyknockan and Ballinahoun roads, was not read at the last monthly meeting of the County Council. I had expected that much courtesy would have been shown to me. Ever since October water has been lying on the Ballyknockan road and very frequently the children from that district have been unable to attend school owing to the depth of the water. So, too, many of my parishioners Sunday after Sunday, have been

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prevented from assisting at Mass. I need hardly point out that in the case of the children the school average suffers considerably. Then, to, that portion of the road situate at Ballinahoun bridge and another part some yards beyond what is called the "Priest's Bridge" are very frequently flooded, especially after heavy rain, and myself and the curate have often considerable difficulty in reaching the Chapel of Ease at Lacken owing to this, sometimes having to turn back and go round by Blessington, a round of at least eight miles. This is a state of things that should not be allowed to continue and I trust the Council will take immediate steps to have something done in the matter. I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend to-morrow (Monday) with the deputation of the ratepayers from Knocknadrucce, Glanree, Glenavore and Granamore in reference to the motion set down on the agenda in Mr Henry's name. I am heart and soul with them in the matter of the memorial and I sincerely hope that the Council will weigh well the statements contained therein and favourably consider the petition. Yours faithfully. (signed) F E O'Loughlin, P.P.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;
Seconded by Councillor Laurence Moore ;

Resolved—That the sum of £250 asked for by the County Surveyor in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1930/1931 under the head of County Roads Contingencies be increased to £350, and allowed, the additional £100 to be devoted by the County Surveyor to remedying the cause of the flooding on the Ballyknockan and Ballinahoun roads.

Passed

A letter dated 16th January, 1930, was submitted from Messrs T Kinsella and G Livingstone on behalf of the ratepayers of six townlands asking to have put into repair a lane connecting the Umrigar road with the main road to Carnew. This work was included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme under the head of councillors' applications for improvements, and was included amongst those struck out for financial reasons.

A memorial extensively signed by local residents was submitted in support of an application by Councillor William Henry for the construction of a passway or roadway and bridge for the convenience of traffic at Granabeg School at an estimated cost of £1000, it being represented that large numbers of children were practically cut off from school for want of this work. The application was further supported by a deputation consisting of two local ratepayers who attended and were heard by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;
Seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That the following work standing in the name of Councillor William J Henry, which is included in page 25 of the provisional Road Works Scheme, and which is estimated to cost approximately £1000, be carried out provided a grant for the purpose be secured from the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health, or in the alternative, that the Minister sanctions a loan of £1000 for the work, and that the said loan be raised from our Treasurer and spread over a repayment period of the greatest length possible :—

"That a passway or roadway and bridge be constructed for the convenience of traffic at Granabeg School."

Passed.

In connection with the remaining works of improvement appearing in the Provisional Road Works Scheme it was

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;
Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne ;

That a sub-committee be appointed to consider the works of road improvement in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1930/1931, during the luncheon interval and that this sub-committee report to the Council when we re-assemble on the possibilities of having some of them embodied in the Road Works Scheme.

Lost on a show of hands by 10 votes to 8.
Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;
Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That we hereby decide to strike out all the remaining works of Road Improvement standing in the names of the several County Councillors in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the year 1930/31, so that it may be possible to eventually adopt a rate estimate for that year that the ratepayers may possibly be able to meet.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, and David H Haskins—11.

AGAINST—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Barry, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—11.

The voting being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, and declared it passed.

MAIN ROADS

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh ;
Seconded by Councillor David Frame ;

That we hereby formally decide that we strike no rate for the upkeep and maintenance of main roads for the service of the financial year ended 31st March, 1931, for the reason that what the ratepayers can afford to pay for that purpose is wholly inadequate to keep main roads in the condition required to meet present day traffic.

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

FOR THE MOTION :—Councillors J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, and David H Haskins—8

AGAINST :—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, William J Henry, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—11

The motion was accordingly declared lost by 11 votes to 8.
Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;

That the County Surveyor's Estimate for the year 1930/1931 for Main Roads, as printed and circulated in the Provisional Road Works Scheme, be approved and adopted.

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As an amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ; and
Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne
That the same amount be raised by means of poor rate for main roads during the year 1930/1931 as was raised out of rates for the year 1929/1930.

This amendment was, with the Council's consent, withdrawn

As a second amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ; and
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle

That a sum of £11000 be raised for main roads from rate and that all tar dressing be struck out.

This amendment was also, with the Council's consent withdrawn.

As a third amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ; and
Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

That this County Council raises by means of the poor rate for the upkeep and maintenance of main roads during the year 1930/1931 the same figure as was raised for similar purposes in the year 1929-30, viz., £8419, that is to say that the sum of £14159 be set aside for Main Roads, £8419 out of rates, and £5740 out of Grant.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne, and David H Haskins—8.

AGAINST :—Councillors Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Major C Mitchell, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—10.

Councillors David Frame, and C M Byrne declined to vote.

This amendment was accordingly declared lost by 10 votes to 8

As a fourth amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;
Seconded by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That all sums included under the head of tarring in the County Surveyor's Estimates for the upkeep of main roads in 1930-1931 be excluded and that we set aside the sum of £17500 for Main Roads, of which £10600 is to be raised by means of rates and £6900 received from the Ministry by way of grant.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Everett's original motion was at this stage withdrawn, with the consent of the Council, and the last-mentioned amendment put as a substantive motion and declared passed.

COUNTY ROADS

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That the sum of £12000 be set aside and allowed for County Road Contracts in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1930-31, i.e., the contracts appearing on pages 4 to 13 inclusive,

Passed

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That the sum of £3000 be set aside for the County Roads to be maintained otherwise than by contract, as shown on page 14, Nos. 1 to 10, of the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;

That all the principal roads at the moment under the contract system be done by direct Labour, this not to apply to bye roads.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—8

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, and David H Haskins—11.

Councillor James McCrea declined to vote

The motion was accordingly declared lost by 11 votes to 8.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore ;

Resolved—That the road No. 358, leading from Blessington to Monamuck, be contracted for for only one year in view of having it steam-rolled at the end of that period.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;

Seconded by " William Henry ;

That the period for contracts on all remaining County Roads be for three years from 1st April, 1930.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, and David H Haskins—10.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—10

The voting being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion, and declared it lost.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That the period for contracts on all remaining County Roads be for only two years, as from 1st April, 1930

Passed.

The Council thereupon approved and adopted the Roads Works Scheme for the year 1930-31 as amended and summarised as follows :—

MAIN ROADS

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| (a) Trunk Roads | £6820 |
| (b) Link Roads | 10395 |

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| | | |
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| (1) Repairs | (c) County Surveyor's recommendations for special repair of existing works | 35 |
| (2) Improvements | (Councillors applications) | Nil |
| (3) Contingencies | | 250 |
| (4) Loan Repayment | | 163 |
| Total for Main Roads | | 17663 |
| COUNTY ROADS | | |
| | (a) New Proposals | 15000 |
| (1) Repairs | (b) County Surveyor's recommendations for special repair of existing work | Nil |
| (2) Improvements | (Councillors' Applications) | 255x |
| (3) Contingencies | | 350 |
| (4) Loan Repayments | | 1508 |
| Total for County Roads | | 17113 |
| GROSS TOTAL | | £34776 |

xN.B. This £255 represents repayment of principal and interest on a loan over a period of five years which it is proposed to raise for a new road and bridge at Graunabeg—the amount to be expended on road and bridge being £1000.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That all tenders for road maintenance be forwarded to the County Secretary, who will submit same to sub-committees of this Council constituted as hereinafter set out, who will meet in the following centres:—Balinglass, Blessington, Fanniskerry, Rathdrum, Tinahely and Shillelagh; that the following officers be appointed at a fee of two guineas for each centre to have the contracts provisionally completed:—Messrs Patrick Byrne (Balinglass and Blessington), Patrick Cunniam (Enniskerry), P W Sheehan (Rathdrum) and John Hopkins (Tinahely and Shillelagh); that the contracts be advertised for two years, each tender to be accompanied by a lodgment of 10s to be returned if the Committee are satisfied it is a valid tender; that the dates

for sending in tenders and for meetings of the sub-committees be fixed by the County Secretary and County Surveyor, and that the County Councillors elected for each county electoral area constitute the sub-committees to meet in the centres situated in the said respective areas, for the acceptance and consideration of tenders to be submitted to the Council at a meeting to be held before the 31st March, 1930, subject to the proviso that a County Councillor may attend a sub-committee meeting in any centre to decide and vote on any tender received for the maintenance of a road in his county electoral area.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That a very large bus has commenced running from 1st January from Dublin to Greystones, Kilpedder, Roundwood, Glendalough, Rathdrum and Wicklow, twice daily, carrying mails, which is doing immense damage to our roads, which are not in order for such traffic, and cannot stand it. We call upon the Postmaster to discontinue the contract and to carry mails as heretofore. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That a small committee be appointed as follows to inspect the engineer's books and reports and submit a report to the Council, the County Surveyor to have charge of such arrangements as may be necessary.—Councillors James Everett, T.D., C M Byrne, Edward Byrne, James McCrea and David H Haskins.

Passed

The Secretary submitted letters dated 18th and 20th December, 1929, No. P.H.90884/29 Gill Mhanntain (Ae), and No.P.H.91512/29 Cill Mhanntain (Ae) respectively, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that in view of the transference of the functions of Insurance Committees as from the 1st January, 1930, it was very important that the County Medical Officer of Health who would also act as Tuberculosis Officer should take up his duties forthwith, and stating that it would serve the purpose if this officer were appointed at the Road Works Meeting.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

Positions Vacant

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH

The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the following whole-time, pensionable positions as County Medical Officer of Health who will also act as Tuberculosis Officer and School Medical Officer.

(a) CO. WICKLOW—Salary. £800 a year, with vouched travelling expenses not exceeding £200 a year.

(b) CO. ROSCOMMON.....

Minimum age in each case 27 years on 1st September, 1929.

Latest date for receiving applications 8th October, 1929, Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C 8.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission, contained in their letter of the 7th December, 1929, No. L.A.2/729, we hereby appoint Dr. Gerald Gordon Beckett, to the whole-time, pensionable position of County Medical Officer of Health for this County, with which are combined the positions of Tuberculosis Officer and School Medical Officer, at a salary of £800 per annum, with vouched travelling expenses not to exceed £200 per annum, this officer to take up duty on 1st February, 1930.

Passed

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LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

Position Vacant—Assistant Co. Surveyor.

The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the whole-time, pensionable position of Assistant Co. Surveyor under the Wicklow County Council. Salary £205 a year, to include travelling expenses. The person appointed as Assistant County Surveyor will also act as Engineer for the Shillelagh District at an additional salary of £65 a year for work under Public Health and Labourers Acts, and £15 a year for work under the Poor Law Acts. A commission of per cent. will be paid on works costing over £500. Age limits 21 to 40 years on 1st August, 1929, with an extension of the maximum age limit in favour of existing permanent Assistant County Surveyors. Latest date for receiving applications, 30th August, 1929. Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission 45 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.8.

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;

Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, contained in their letter of the 29th November, 1929, No. L.A.177/29, we hereby appoint Mr John P Caffrey, 19 Kensington Place, Newport, Monmouth, to the whole-time, pensionable position of Assistant County Surveyor for South Wicklow, at a salary of £205 per annum inclusive of travelling expenses, Mr Caffrey to be permitted to act as Engineer under County Wicklow Board of Health for Shillelagh District, and that he take up duty on the 1st March, 1930.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That we hereby grant to Mr J T O'Byrne, B.E., who has been acting temporarily in the district rendered vacant by the death of Assistant Surveyor Joseph Boyd, the usual allowance in respect of the period from 1st February, 1929, to 28th February, 1930, which would normally have been paid to Mr Boyd in respect of the administration of road grants etc.

Passed.

C. M. Haskins
19/2/30

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 17th February, 1930.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C. M. Ua Broin, Chairman;
Councillors James McCreagh, John W. Ryan, Laurence Moore, Joseph Jacob, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Denis Condren, D. H. Haskins, James Everett, T.D., Joseph Byrne, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Peter P. O'Reilly, William J. Henry, Michael Fleming, George Kearon, William Byrne, Daniel J. Kehoe, James Kavanagh, and John J. Metcalfe.

A telegram was submitted from Councillor David Frame apologizing for his inability to attend.

The minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Reports Nos. 1 and 3
- 2 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 3 To consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee made regarding the condition of Collector John Byrne's collection for the current financial year.
- 4 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and referred by the Finance Committee to the Council, requesting that for the future the Council as a deterrent to dilatoriness on the part of poor rate collectors would impose a suitable penalty by way of reduced poundage if more drastic disciplinary action was not considered necessary.
- 5 To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 6 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 7 To consider the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates of Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1931.
- 8 To consider the Estimates and strike the rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1931.
- 9 To receive, consider and approve of a New Buildings List, prepared under Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and in respect of the financial year 1930/1931, so as to secure to the occupiers the reduction in rating contemplated by that section.
- 10 To approve and confirm the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, received from the Road Works Meeting held on the 20th January, 1930.
- 11 To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 12 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 13 To consider the County Surveyor's Report.
- 14 To consider a letter dated 29th January, 1930, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating, in connection with the arrangements made for entering into road contracts, that the Council should themselves fix the last date for the reception of tenders and the dates for consideration of tenders by the Tenders Committee.
- 15 To consider a letter dated 16th January, 1930, from the General Manager of the Great Southern Railways, referring to the problem of strengthening overhead bridges to deal with the increased speed, weight and volume of modern traffic, and asking for friendly negotiation and joint approach to the Minister for Local Government with a view to having by means of legislation the cost divided between the Railway Company and the road authority.

16 To consider a letter from the Dublin Corporation Water Works and Markets Committee, asking the Council to constitute the roads around Roundwood Reservoir as public roads, as the Corporation desire to disclaim responsibility for their further maintenance.

17 To consider a resolution from Mayo County Council, advocating a joint conference of County Councils with a view to urging on the Government the necessity for making the cost of all Trunk and Link Roads a national charge.

18 To consider the County Surveyor's Report regarding the application of Mr William Doyle, Togherbeg, Roundwood, for permission to erect a petrol pump and tank at his garage in Roundwood.

19 To consider a letter from the Secretary to Greystones and District Development Society, calling attention to the alleged disgraceful condition of the footpaths in Greystones.

20 To consider a letter from the Rev G M Fry, Moyne Rectory, Ballinglen, stating that the roads in the Moyne and Aughavanagh area are in a shocking state and in some cases almost impassable condition and threatening to direct the attention of the Minister for Local Government, to the matter.

21 To consider a letter from Captain H R Rose, Hoeyfield House Delgany, complaining that the roads in his area are covered by large sharp stones, and that many large holes are filled by nothing but water.

22 To consider a letter from William Deverell Esq., Ellesmere, Greystones, suggesting that the Council take over the roads on the Burnaby estate in Greystones and certain other roads in the district, as this would lead to more houses being built.

23 To Sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act.

24 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C M Byrne:—"I hereby give notice that at the meeting to be held on the 17th February, 1930, I or some Councillor for me, will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following loans:—(1) loan of £500 for the erection of Gate Lodge, and Entrance to the District Hospital, Baltinglass; (2) Loan of £1500 for the equipment and completion of the Hospital Buildings; (3) loan of £700 for the repair of Rathdrum Dispensary Residence.

25 To again consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne:—"I hereby give notice that I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of this Council that

we, the members of the Council, consider the question of raising £5000 for the relief of the unemployed, the money to be spent on the roads throughout the County of Wicklow during the Christmas times."

26 To again consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCreagh:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council that all quarry stones for future roads done by contract be supplied by the Council."

27 To consider the question of continuing in office Collectors John Doyle, Mrs K Doyle, and James J Jacob, who were appointed for a probationary period of one year

28 To consider a file of correspondence dealing with Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, including reports from the caretaker as to the necessity for repairs and applications from various parties for apartments

29 To Sign and Seal an Agreement entered into by Daniel Nolan with the Council in respect of his occupation of apartments in Shillelagh Workhouse buildings.

30 To consider documents received from the Chief Clerk and Accountant, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, regarding Louth County Council's contingent liability in connection with the actions instituted by officers of the Joint Committee of Management for arrears of salary.

31 To consider an application from North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee for financial assistance to build a technical school for the students who are attending classes from Rathdown area.

32 To approve of the action of Dr Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, Coroner for West Wicklow, in appointing Dr William G Lyons Baltinglass, as his deputy.

33 To consider a letter dated 24th January, 1930, from the Secretary to the Commission of Inquiry into Derating, asking if the Council desire to submit any evidence to the Commission relating to the objects of the Inquiry.

33a To consider an invitation received from the Secretary of the Irish Live Stock Exporters' and Traders' Association to appoint representatives of the Council to a conference to be convened relative to the stranglehold which the shipping companies are stated to have on the live stock trade.

34 To consider a resolution passed by County Wicklow Central Library Committee, to the effect that Mr Daniel Doyle, be paid salary at the rate of £250 per annum during the period he acted as County Librarian and Secretary.

35 To consider an application from the Abbey Publicity Service, Croydon, England, for the Council's official sanction to the publication by them of a Guide Book, for which the Council would be called upon to undertake no financial responsibility.

17th February, 1930.

86 To consider a further letter dated 28th January, 1930, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, urging the Council to give their immediate attention to the condition of the pound at Enniskerry.

87 To consider correspondence received from H Butler Esq., N.T., Secretary, Wicklow County Committee of the Irish National Teachers Organization, regarding the National Teachers' Pension Fund.

88 To fill vacancies existing on the Council's representation on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by reason of the disqualification of Councillors John J Metcalfe, and Michael Fleming, and James Kavanagh Esq., P.C., Tinahely.

89 To fill the vacancy created on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of the Rev Father Lyons, C.C., Enniskerry.

40 To consider the Secretary's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Joint Committee of Management for the half-year ended 31st December, 1929.

41 To consider the County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st December, 1929.

42 To consider Applications received for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

43 To receive and consider reports from Committees.

44 To receive Reports from County Officers.

45 To consider Official Correspondence.

46 To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, the 31st January, 1930.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors W J Henry, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob,

The minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee had before them the following Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£8436 : 11 : 7

The Committee, having examined the annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1930.

County Board of Public Assistance—£10440 : 10 : 0

HALF-YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1930.

County Board of Public Health—£7104.

The Committee directed the Secretary to call upon the Law Agent for a report as to the cause of the delay in collecting and lodging £584 12 8 outstanding in No. 17 District, in which Mr Charles Byrne was formerly collector.

The Secretary as previously directed submitted a statement showing the condition of Collector John Byrne's 1929/1930 collection, from which it appeared that of the total warrant of £3078 6 11 only £1095 0 11 (little more than one-third of the warrant) had been collected and lodged.

ORDER. The Committee call the Council's attention to the condition of this warrant on the present date and on the 17th February, prox., and recommend that Collector Byrne be suspended if the collection is not in a satisfactory condition on the latter date.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 7th December, 1929, No. G87420/1929 Cill Mhanntain, Fa, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that Collectors Frank Healy, Patrick J Doyle, Kinsella and Fleming should be called upon to speed up their collections, and that the collection in the Delgany district is particularly backward. The Secretary submitted particulars of the progress of these collections, and also of Collector Lynch's, which he also considered backward. ORDER. That Collectors Lynch, Healy and Kinsella be called upon to proceed more energetically with their collections.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 23rd December, 1929, No. G.91252/1929 Cill Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that for the future the Council, as a deterrent to dilatoriness on the part of poor rate collectors, would impose a suitable penalty by way of reduced poundage if more drastic disciplinary action was not considered necessary. ORDER. Referred to Council to make such order on the matter as they deem advisable.

The Secretary submitted correspondence which had passed between him and Mr Thomas Fleming, the Council's Insurance Broker, concerning the Council's share of his commission on insurance premiums. ORDER. Adjourned to next meeting, and that Mr Fleming be given an opportunity of attending.

The Committee recommend that Mr Michael Roche, poor rate collector for No. 12 District, be called upon to enter into a new fidelity bond with three or four personal sureties for that district, in lieu of the existing bond, and that he submit for the Council's approval the names of the persons he proposes as his sureties.

17th February, 1930.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—"3rd December, 1929. Gentlemen. I am applying for compensation for loss of office as school attendance officer held by my late husband, Patrick Short. He was appointed in 1918. I am told he is entitled to a gratuity under 1924 Act. Trusting you will give this matter your careful consideration. Yours faithfully, (signed) Maria Short." ORDER. Considered, and the Committee regret they are unable to make any recommendation, as there are no monies due to the late Mr Short.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd January, 1930, from Mr Michael O'Shea, applying on behalf of the O'Shea Dramatic Company for the use of the Court House, Tinahely, for one week commencing Monday, 3rd February, 1929. ORDER. The Committee regret they are unable to accept the responsibility of letting the Courthouse in this case, as the Council's fire insurance policy expressly forbids dramatic entertainments involving the use of scenery, and the Council as owner of the hall would be liable to heavy penalties if there was any breach of the law relating to performing rights.

The Committee had before them a joint report from Councillors John J Metcalfe and Daniel J Kehoe, stating that they could not recommend the acceptance of Mrs A Fenton's tender for certain material in Balinglass Workhouse Buildings, but that there were five or six plain doors and slates which should be disposed of, and for which they suggested the Committee should authorise them to obtain tenders. ORDER. The Committee request Councillors Metcalfe and Kehoe to get at least three tenders for the plain doors and slates which they recommend should be sold.

The Committee proceeded to consider the question of drafting a Scheme for the giving of assistance towards building new houses to persons whose houses were destroyed by coast erosion in Greystones area, and after discussion, decided to recommend for the Council's approval the following draft Scheme prepared by the Secretary:—

SCHEME PREPARED UNDER THE HOUSING ACT, 1929, AND THE HOUSING (LOCAL ASSISTANCE) ORDER, 1929.

(Draft prepared by Secretary, and recommended by the Finance Committee for the County Council's approval).

1 In this scheme "the Minister" shall be taken to mean the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; "the Council", the County Council of the County of Wicklow; "the Society", Greystones Public Utility Society; "the Act", the Housing Act, 1929; and "the Appointed Officer" the officer appointed by the Minister pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

Allocation and Payment of Grants.

2 Subject to the provisions of the Act and the above Order and of this Scheme, the Council will make a grant to the Society towards the cost of building not more than thirteen new houses.

3 The grant to be made by the Council in respect of any house shall be the sum of £100, or the amount of the State grant payable by the Minister in respect of the said house, whichever shall be the lesser.

4 The grant to be made in respect of each house shall be paid by the Council to the Society in instalments, by means of Paying Orders drawn in favour of the Society, following official notification to the Council by the Minister of the payment of the corresponding instalment of the State grant by him.

5 If for any reason the Minister refuses or reduces a State grant in respect of a house the Council shall refuse or reduce proportionately the grant payable by them in respect of such house.

Time Limit.

6 Copies of the Appointed Officer's certificates approving of plans etc. shall be lodged in the Council's offices not later than the 31st March, 1930, and the grants will then be allocated to the houses by the Council at their special meeting in April.

7 If the Council is satisfied that the delay is due to circumstances beyond the control of the Society, they may, subject to the time limit imposed in the First Schedule to the Act, fix a later date before which the afore-mentioned certificates must be lodged.

8 If by the 31st March, 1930, or such later date as is fixed under the foregoing paragraph, certificates as aforesaid are received in respect of more than thirteen houses which are being built by the Society, the thirteen houses in respect of which grants shall be allocated shall be selected in manner provided by the above-mentioned Order.

Conditions.

9 If so called upon to do by the Council, or the Finance Committee or the Secretary of the Council, the Society shall furnish documentary evidence that it is a public utility society within the meaning of Section 1 of the Act.

10 No grant shall be payable by the Council in respect of any house unless

(a) the said house comes within the provisions of the Act and the Minister's requirements, and unless a grant is payable by the Minister under the Act in respect of the said house;

(b) the said house is built to accommodate the occupier of a house rendered uninhabitable by coast erosion in Greystones area;

(c) the person for which accommodation such house was built is not financially in a position to supply from his own resources the full cost of rebuilding such house;

(d) all windows sills, doorsteps and granite used in the building of such house are cut stone, and that only Co. Wicklow slates are used, unless evidence is produced that on the ground of price or quality they could not reasonably be used.

11 Subject to the provisions of the following paragraph the Finance Committee are delegated the power to determine whether the requirements of this Scheme have been fulfilled in the case of any house, and to pass payments of instalments of grants without awaiting a meeting of the Council, and the Society shall produce to the Finance Committee such documents and furnish such information as the Committee may require in this connection.

12. If the Finance Committee decide not to pass payment of the grant, or any instalment thereof, in respect of any house, they shall report their reasons for not doing so and all other relevant facts to the County Council, who shall finally decide whether the requirements of the Scheme have been complied with and whether the grant or instalment may be paid.

Expenses of Scheme.

13 The Council shall defray the expenditure incurred by them under this Scheme out of a loan of £1300 to be raised from their Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, to be repaid over a period of ten years the rate of interest chargeable therefor not to exceed 4% under Irish Banks' Rate, rising and falling therewith.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 3rd February, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe and accepted by the Chairman, though stated by the Secretary to be out of order and contrary to Standing Order No. 34:—"I beg to give notice that I or some member for me shall move that the Resolution passed at the meeting on the 26th August, 1929, making a grant of £100 per house to members of Greystones Utility Society be rescinded."

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the recommendation in Finance Committee's Report No. 1 relative to Collector John Byrne, and the Secretary submitted a statement showing that, whereas £1977 1s 6d was outstanding on the 31st January, 1930, the date of the Finance Committee meeting, on a total warrant of £3078 6s. 11d, the sum of £175 14s. 2d. had been lodged in the interval, leaving £1801 7s. 4d outstanding up to date. A letter dated 11th February, 1930, was submitted from the New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd., agreeing that the collection was unsatisfactory, and asking the Council to proceed with their decision to suspend the collector unless there was a considerable improvement by the 17th February, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

That before arriving at a definite decision regarding Collector John Byrne's poor rate collection, the Secretary be directed to telegraph to the Rate Inspector, Mr John Hopkins, enquiring what date this Collector's books were last checked.

This motion was with the Council's consent withdrawn, and Mr Thomas Fleming, the Council's insurance broker, who was present, undertook, on receipt of the rate inspector's report that Collector Byrne's accounts were in order, to arrange with the New Ireland Assurance Co. for the continuation of their fidelity bond in Collector Byrne's case.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That this Council hereby informs Collector John Byrne that it is considered his poor rate collection is in a very unsatisfactory condition at this date, and that he be informed that if he fails to collect more energetically and put his collection into a thoroughly satisfactory condition by the Council's meeting to be held in March, he will be suspended at that meeting without any further warning.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 23rd December, 1929, No. G.91252/1929 Cill Mhanntain, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that for the future the Council as a deterrent to dilatoriness on the part of poor rate collectors would impose a suitable penalty by way of reduced poundage if more drastic disciplinary action were not considered necessary; and a further letter dated 11th February, 1930, No. G.8399/1930 Fa Cill Mhanntain, drawing attention to the poor progress made with the rate collection, particularly in Districts No. 5, 6,

17 and 19. ORDER. The Council consider the collectors are doing their best in the present state of the country.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick;

Seconded by " Denis Condren

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following as sureties to enter with Collector Michael Roche into a new bond in the prescribed form in respect of his duties in No. 12 District, the Law Agent to arrange for the completion of the bond, which shall be in substitution for the existing bond and for the same amount:—Messrs M J Murray, merchant, 88 and 89 Main Street, Arklow; T O'Toole, contractor, Main Street, Arklow; W H Butler, merchant, 30 Main Street, Arklow.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEES REPORT NO. 3

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 14th February, 1930.

The following members attended—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob, J J Bourne, and William Byrne.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£3259 16s. 7d.

The Secretary again submitted correspondence which had passed between himself, Mr Thomas Fleming, the Council's insurance broker, and the various insurance companies with which the Council did business during the year, regarding certain points which had arisen concerning the Council's share of the commission on insurance premiums paid by them. The Committee discussed the matter with Mr Fleming, who was in attendance. ORDER. That having considered all the facts and figures for the period ending 31st March, 1930, we hereby direct that the terms of the Council's resolution passed on the 26th March, 1929, shall not apply to any premiums which were payable prior to the 1st April, 1929, but which in fact the Council did not pay until after that date.

The Secretary submitted an application for an order received from the local agent of "Minimax" chemical hand fire extinguishers, to which was attached information regarding prices, testimonials, etc. ORDER—Submitted.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee

14th February 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £8436 11s 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Additional Payments amounting to £3259 16s. 7d., (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;
Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

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

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That our Secretary be authorised to apply on our behalf to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, for overdraft accommodation to the 31st March, 1930, not exceeding in amount £10,000, at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ under Irish Banks' Rate, rising and falling therewith, the said overdraft accommodation to be made available only if, when, and so far as may be, absolutely necessary. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the

Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, the 7th February, 1930.

The following members were present:—
Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors Joseph Jacob, J J Bourne, Major C Mitchell, William Byrne, C M Ua Broin, James Everett, T.D.

A letter dated 6th February, 1930, was submitted from Councillor David Frame regretting that owing to an important engagement he was unable to attend.

RATE ESTIMATES

The Secretary submitted in the form prescribed the annual estimates of the amounts required to be raised as general charges and as separate charges during the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the sums demanded in respect to that period by the subsidiary bodies. The following report in that connection was also submitted:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council on the Estimates for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1931.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit herewith the Annual Estimates of the General Rate which, in my opinion, will be required during the forthcoming Financial Year to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the monies which must be supplied on demand to the other Public Bodies depending for their funds upon the County Council. The items that go to make up the respective Services are set out in detail on the accompanying Explanatory Form.

The Demands from the Board of Assistance, the Board of Health, and the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital are considerably higher for the coming year than they were for the current year. I subjoin their respective figures:—

| | Demanded for year ending 31st March, 1930 | Demanded for year ending 31st March, 1931 | Increase £ |
|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|
| Board of Assistance | 38,180 | 40,778 | 2,598 |
| Board of Health | 2,838 | 5,400 | 2,562 |
| Grangegorman Mental Hospital | 13,908 | 14,981 | 1,073 |

Total of Increases 6,233

The County Council has no power to alter these Demands. It will be observed that provision has been made for payment in the coming year of

(1) County Wicklow's proportion of the sum due to Louth County Council in the event of that Body withdrawing from the contributing area of Grangegorman Mental Hospital;

(2) the Principal and Interest for one year, of the proposed Loan of £1300 which it is proposed to devote to making grants, under the Housing Act, 1929, to persons erecting houses in Greystones to replace dwellings destroyed by coast erosion; and

(3) the cost of the two Drainage Schemes petitioned for by certain Ratepayers in Ardoyne and Baltinglass, under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

For the purpose of comparison I subjoin a table showing the General Rate assessed by the County Council on Other Hereditaments for the current year, and for the three previous years:—

| | s | d |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Year ended 31st March, 1927 | 8 | 2 |
| " " " 1928 | 7 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| " " " 1929 | 7 | 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Year ending 31st March, 1930 | 8 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

The following are the figures for General Rate suggested by me for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1931:—

| | s | d |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Roads | 2 | 4 |
| County Services | 3 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Poor Relief | 2 | 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Health District Charges | 0 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | 8 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

The Rate on land would therefore be $5\frac{1}{6}$ in the Pound, consequent upon the relief afforded by the double Agricultural Grant, which is equivalent to $2\frac{1}{10}$ in the £1 in this County.

Year after year the greatest difficulty is experienced in preparing an Estimate when the Council's finances are upset by reason of the fact that the Poor Rate Collections are rarely closed within the financial year to which they relate. This point is worthy of serious consideration, by the Council, for a very difficult situation would be created if the Minister for Local Government and Public Health were to refuse at any time to allow the Council to operate an Overdraft. In this connection I might mention that from 10th July, 1928, to 8th November, 1928, from 26th November, 1928, to 25th March, 1929; from 8th July, 1929, to the 26th September 1929, and from the 11th December, 1929, to this date, the more urgent needs of the Council have been met with the assistance of an Overdraft allowed by your Treasurer. The increasing amount of interest payable on this Overdraft could be saved if in each year's Estimates an effort was made, however small, to restore the Council's reserve Balances which were used to reduce rates during one of the troubled years, when the then existing Government withheld all Government Grants from the Council.

In conclusion I may mention that it would require a Separate Charge Rate of approximately $5\frac{1}{4}$ in the £ over the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway to liquidate the large Debit Balance that has accrued against that area, and meet the requirements of the Joint Committee of Management in the coming Financial Year. This Rate is manifestly an impossible one, yet the financial condition of the Tramway Company continues steadily to grow worse. It is a matter therefore which requires immediate consideration, notwithstanding the fact that apparently every possible course of action has been attempted which would appear likely to bring relief to the Ratepayers of the area concerned.

Yours faithfully,
P T HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

The terms of the report, and each figure on the form relating to general charges (as already printed and circulated to each member of the Council) having received the most careful consideration, and having heard the Secretary's explanation as to the basis upon which each figure appearing in the form was arrived at, the Committee made certain modifications under the following heads, as will be observed by a comparison of the figures in the form already circulated to each Councillor with the figures on the revised form which accompanies this Report:—

GENERAL CHARGES.

- A. Roads Maintenance of steamrolling plant.
- B. County Repayment of loan re Greystones Housing.
- Services. Public Works Repairs—Courthouses.
do. Workhouses.
- Legal expenses.
- Advertising pleasure resorts.
- Reformatories and Industrial Schools.
- Drainage Schemes at Ardoyne and Baltinglass.
- Proportion of payment to County Louth as compensation for the surrender of their interest in Grangegorman Mental Hospital establishment.
- County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.
- North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.
- County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the teaching of Irish.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

- F. Separate Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
- Charges Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

The estimates submitted by the Secretary represented an increase of $4\frac{1}{2}$ in the £ in the total general charge rate over the rate assessed for the current year 1929/1930. In these circumstances, realising the inability of the ratepayers to maintain any services other than those which were absolutely necessary, the Committee saw no alternative but to recommend severe cuts under the headings above indicated.

17th February, 1930.

The Secretary submitted the following correspondence:—

5th February, 1930, from R A Foley, Esq., The Typewriter House, 5 Trinity Street, Dublin, offering to type-fill the Council's rate forms, including demand notes, receipts and blocks, at an inclusive figure of £1 per thousand ratings, and to supply the printed forms for same for £2 per thousand extra. ORDER—Submitted.

File of correspondence received from the majority of the industrial schools and reformatories in which children from Co. Wicklow are maintained, refusing to agree to the reduction from 5/- to 4/6 in the contribution per head per week paid by the Council, claiming the balance stated to be due on their accounts, and in many cases announcing their intention to refuse to admit any further children from Co. Wicklow until the former rate of contribution is restored; also a letter dated 4th December, 1929, from Stanislaus Murphy, Esq., Inspector, Department of Education, Industrial Schools Branch, 9 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, directing the Council's attention to the responsibilities imposed on them by Sections 74 (2) and 13 (19) of the Childrens Act, 1908. ORDER—The Committee cannot recommend any change in the decision arrived at by the Council to reduce the weekly allowance to 4/6 per head.

30th January, 1930, from Miss Brigid Redmond, County Librarian, conveying a resolution passed by County Wicklow Central Library Committee asking the Council to restore the rate of 3/4 in the £ for the purpose of maintaining this service, and copy of the estimate of that Committee for the forthcoming financial year; also a letter dated 30th January, 1930, from the Secretary, Library Association of Ireland, 32 Merrion Square, Dublin, asking the Council to restore the 3/4 rate, and thirteen memorials to the same effect signed by local residents and ratepayers in each of a number of local areas in the county. ORDER—The £327 allowed in the financial year 1929/30 is restored to £654 in the estimate now recommended for the year 1930/31.

3rd February, 1930, from H Painting, Esq., Principal and Secretary, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, conveying a resolution passed by his Committee asking the Council to restore the rate contribution to the technical education scheme to the basis obtaining in 1928/1929; also a letter dated 7th February, 1930, from Matthew Byrne, Esq., Baltinglass Technical School, Baltinglass, conveying a resolution to the same effect passed by a meeting of students and ratepayers in Baltinglass area. ORDER—The £154 allowed in the financial year 1929/1930 has been increased to £443 in the estimate now recommended for the year 1930/1931, for technical instruction purposes, as distinct from the teaching of Irish, for which a half-penny rate over the Rural portion of the County (excluding Rathdown No. 2 former area) is recommended again in the coming year.

30th January, 1930, from F F MacCarthy, Esq., Principal and Secretary, North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Technical School, Bray, conveying a resolution of that Committee asking the Council to contribute the same rate for the year 1930/31 as had been given for the current year. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to maintain the rate at the level existing for the current year, 1929/1930.

Greystones Housing. The Committee reduced by £50 the figure in the Secretary's estimate under the heading repayment of loan (Greystones Housing) in the belief that the £1300 in question would not be required for distribution until well on in the forthcoming financial year, until which date interest would not be payable on the loan.

Legal Expenses. At a meeting of the County Council held on the 14th March, 1924, a resolution was passed directing that all necessary steps be taken by the Council's solicitor, J H McCarroll, Esq., for the purpose of opposing the Bills entitled the Dublin Electricity Supply Bill, the East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill, the Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill and the Naas No 1 Rural District Electric Power Order, being promoted in the then session of the Oireachtas. Since that meeting three separate sums of £300 each had been paid by the Council to their Law Agent on account of law costs involved by the opposition to the Bills referred to, making a total already paid on account of £900. The Committee are of opinion that this £900 should be

ample to cover all costs incurred by the Council in connection with the opposition to the four Bills, and for that reason they have struck out of the estimates the sums of £570 which had been included therein by the Secretary to meet such balance as might be due to the Law Agent on foot of a bill of costs at present before the Taxing Master in respect of such opposition. They ask the Council to approve of their action in this matter.

Advertising Pleasure Resorts. The Committee struck out the item of £617 appearing in the estimates as the proceeds of a 1/2 rate in the £ for the purpose of advertising pleasure resorts, being of the opinion that the ratepayers are unable to afford this expenditure.

Drainage Schemes at Ardoyne and Baltinglass. It will be observed that the Committee have struck out of the estimates the Secretary's estimated figure of £1000 for drainage schemes at Ardoyne and Baltinglass, believing it to be unlikely that this sum will be required during the forthcoming financial year.

They have for the same reason struck out of the estimates the sum of £3468 in respect of the contingent payment to County Louth County Council in the event of that body withdrawing from the contributing area of Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

The Committee note that the financial condition of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway grows steadily worse from year to year, and that as a consequence it would require a separate charge rate of no less than 5s. 4d. in the £ in the ensuing year to liquidate the debit balance against the Guaranteeing Area and to meet the requirements of the share-

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holders and of the Joint Committee of Management in the coming financial year. As manifestly the imposition of this rate would be impossible, the Committee recommend that a separate charge rate of only 2s. 2d. be levied in the ensuing year over the Guaranteeing Area, which still however remains liable for a large debit balance which has accumulated by reasons of the reduced rate being struck from year to year.

The Committee enclose herewith a revised copy of the estimate already circulated to each Councillor, showing the figures modified as before mentioned, and they strongly recommend that these amended figures be approved and adopted for the purpose of calculating the rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1931. The Committee's recommendations, if adopted by the Council, will have the effect of reducing the rate suggested in the Secretary's Report to the following figures:—

| | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|
| A. Roads | 2 | 4 |
| B. County Services | 2 | 7½ |
| C. Poor Relief | 2 | 7½ |
| D. Health District Charges | | 4½ |
| Net Rate on Other Hereditaments | 7 | 11½ |
| Rebate on Agricultural Land | 2 | 10½ |
| Net Rate on Agricultural Land | 5 | 0½ |

The corresponding figures for the current year are:—

| | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|
| A. Roads | 2 | 8 |
| B. County Services | 2 | 9 |
| C. Poor Relief | 2 | 5 |
| D. Health District Charges | 0 | 2½ |
| Net Rate on Other Hereditaments | 8 | 0½ |
| Rebate on Agricultural Land | 2 | 10½ |
| Net Rate on Agricultural Land | 5 | 1½ |

A comparison of the rates for each of the services will show that as regards services within the control of the County Council, the rate recommended by the Committee shows a marked decrease, viz., 4d in respect of roads and 1½d in respect of county services. The two services, poor relief and health district charges, which are not within the control of the Council, show increases of 2½d and 2½d, respectively.

The Committee in conclusion desire to point out that they have succeeded in effecting a reduction of 1d. in the £ in the total general rate for the service of the coming year 1930/1931, as compared with the general rate for the service of the current year 1929/1930, but they also wish to point out that in all areas in the county the separate charge rates have increased by sums varying from 1d. in the area formerly known as Shillelagh Rural District to 5½d in part of West Wicklow over the current year's figures to meet expenditure under the heading of separate charges in the demand of the Board of Health.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 10th February, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the No. 2 Report of our Finance Committee, which has been printed and circulated, and which deals with the Rates Estimates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1931.

As an amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by " John W Ryan; and

Resolved—That the sum of £100 be included in the rates for 1930/31 and handed to the Tourist Development Association for advertising tourist resorts in County Wicklow.

Passed on a show of hands by 12 votes to 8.

As a further amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick;
Seconded by " Denis Condren;

That a further sum of £100 be included in the Rate Estimates for 1930/31 to be devoted to summer schools for Irish in the County.

Defeated by 10 votes to 9, on a show of hands.

The original motion was then amended by the incorporation there-

in of the accepted amendment, and put to the meeting as follows:—

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the No. 2 Report of our Finance Committee, which has been printed and circulated, and which deals with the Rates Estimates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1931, subject to the inclusion therein of £100 to be devoted to advertising tourist resorts in Co. Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of the resolution already passed.

Passed unanimously.

A letter dated 14th February, 1930, was submitted from E O'Sullivan, Esq., Supervisor to Wicklow and District Cow Testing Association, asking on behalf of that Association for the restoration of the original rate contribution to County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture. NO ORDER.

A circular letter dated 31st January, 1930, Ref. A.S.Cir. 11/1930, was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the necessity for compliance by public bodies with the provisions of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, prescribing the consideration of rate estimates before the 1st March in each year.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and Seal the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) now submitted to us, as amended, and determine the rates in the £ to be levied in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, as follows:—

GENERAL CHARGES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Construction and Maintenance of Roads | 28d. |
| County Services | 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Poor Relief | 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Health District Charges | 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Total on Other Hereditaments | 95$\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Deduction for Agricultural Grant | 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Rate on Agricultural Land | 60 $\frac{1}{4}$ |

Special Rate in addition to above for North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee over the area of the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District

SEPARATE CHARGES

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Arklow Harbour | d. |
| Wicklow Harbour | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Blessington Tramway | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board | 26 |
| Baltinglass Union Loans | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Naas Union Loans | 1 |
| Rathdrum Union Loans | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Baltinglass District Pensions | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Rathdown District Pensions | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Rathdrum District Pensions | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Criminal Injury—Ballinacor E.D. | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| do. Dungansown South E.D. | 1 |
| do. Bray Urban District | — |
| Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—former Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—former Rathdrum Rural District | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—former Shillelagh Rural District | 8 |
| Baltinglass Water Supplies, etc. | 1 |
| Baltinglass Sewers, etc. | 3 |
| Ballyknockan Water Supply | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Dunlavin Sewerage | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Rathdown No. 2 Water Supplies, etc. | — |
| Greystones Water Supply | 3 |
| Greystones Sewerage | 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Enniskerry Sewerage | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Greystones Lighting | 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Rathdrum R.D. Water Supplies, etc. | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Johnstown Water Supply | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Newcastle Water Supply and Sewerage | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Rathnew and Ballinalea Water Supplies | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Kilbride and Kilcandra Water Supplies | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Togher Water Supply | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Rathdrum Sewerage | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Water Supply and Sewerage—Shillelagh Rural District | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Enniskerry Lighting | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Blessington Lighting | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Donard Lighting | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy Lighting | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Rathdrum Lighting | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Tinahely Lighting | 2 |
| Stratford Lighting | $\frac{1}{4}$ |

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 42 and 43, 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 in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, as follows:—

| Name of Roads Urban District | County Services | | | Poor Relief | | | Health District Charges | | | Separate Charges | | | Total | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----|---|-------------|----|---|-------------------------|----|---|------------------|---|---|-------|----|---|------|----|----|
| | £ | s | d | £ | s | d | £ | s | d | £ | s | d | £ | s | d | | | |
| Arklow | 198 | 10 | 6 | 457 | 19 | 4 | 967 | 17 | 0 | 46 | 8 | 0 | 199 | 0 | 0 | 1869 | 14 | 10 |
| Bray | 896 | 9 | 6 | 2223 | 9 | 6 | 4662 | 16 | 6 | 216 | 9 | 2 | 24 | 14 | 8 | 8023 | 18 | 11 |
| Wicklow | 202 | 16 | 5 | 462 | 6 | 6 | 972 | 3 | 6 | 45 | 7 | 6 | 1005 | 10 | 6 | 2688 | 4 | 5 |

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by Councillor William Henry ;

Resolved—That the New Buildings List prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Rating of New Buildings Orders, 1925, in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, be hereby approved as submitted, and that the appropriate reduction in rate be allowed for the said financial year in each case as specified on the said List.

Passed.

Councillor James Everett, T.D., raised the question as to whether the Roads Works Scheme might now be amended to the extent that certain county roads specified therein should be maintained by direct labour instead of by contract, and a long discussion ensued, in the course of which the Secretary submitted the following correspondence received by him:—

(i) Undated, memorial from workmen in Dunlavin district, petitioning the Council to maintain by direct labour the roads leading from Dunlavin to Tuckmill via Rathsallagh and from Dunlavin to Grangecon, as the mileage of road in the district ordinarily scheduled for direct labour was not nearly sufficient to provide work for those unemployed locally.

(ii) Undated, from Mr Richard Candy, Secretary, Kilquiggan Labour Club, asking the Council on behalf of the local unemployed to maintain by direct labour the roads from the Tanyard Cross to Carlow Bounds at Knockatomeoyle, from Mullinacuffe to Boley Cross, and from Knockballysine Bridge to Leaney Brook, and to provide for the use of stone from the Council's quarries on contract roads.

(iii) 13th February, 1930, from Mr James Byrne, Secretary, Carnew Labour Club, asking the Council to maintain by direct labour the road from Somers' Corner Carnew, to Willoughby's, in order to relieve the distress due to local unemployment.

The County Surveyor informed the meeting that compliance with these requests would involve a revision of the finances of the Road Works Scheme (and consequently of the Estimates already approved) inasmuch as he could not maintain the roads by direct labour at the amounts for which they were scheduled for contract, and thereupon the Chairman ruled that he would accept no amendment to the following motion:—

Proposed by Councillor William Henry ;
Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the Road Works Scheme for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1931, now submitted from the Road Works Meeting held on the 20th January, 1930.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, William J Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, and D H Haskins—12.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, P P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—9.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by 12 votes to 9.

The following was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—" I move that the resolution passed at meeting this day, approving of Road Scheme, be rescinded, and that we add the following roads to be placed under the charge of the County Surveyor: Roads from Dunlavin to Tuckmill via Rathsallagh and road from Dunlavin to Grangecon; Carnew, Somers' corner to Willoughby's; Shillelagh, Kilquiggan to Knockatomeoyle, from Deegan's Bridge to Knockatomeoyle, Hanley's Bridge to Laney's Brook." The Secretary drew attention to Standing Order No. 34, which provided that no Notice of Motion be accepted from any Councillor the subject of which had been decided on at any meeting held within the previous twelve months by the Council. The Chairman then made the following ruling:—" Accepted, provided Law Agent says I am entitled to do so." At a later stage the Law Agent ruled that the motion was irregular for a number of reasons, and should not be accepted or placed on the Council's agenda for the next meeting.

There were no Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
13th February, 1930.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT
TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY, 1930.

GENTLEMEN,

1. A communication has been received from the Great Southern Railway Company asking you to co-operate with them with a view of seeking legislation relative to the improvement and strengthening of Bridges carrying public roads over the Railway. At present the Railway Company are bound to maintain the Bridges to the standard which enables them to carry the volume and weight of traffic existing at the time when the bridges were built, but the statement that it is clear that the cost of rendering the bridges suitable for modern traffic should be borne by the Highway Authority is open to question.

There are 27 Bridges in County Wicklow which carry public roads maintained by you, across the railway. These Bridges have carried the heavy traction engine traffic for many years and apparently have not suffered but whether or not they will withstand the heavy Omnibus traffic which it is understood the Railway Companies propose to establish is doubtful. There is however, no doubt that many of the bridges and approaches require alteration such as the easing of the grade of the approaches and "hog backs" on bridges; straightening out abrupt right angled bends and widening—the cost of which undoubtedly should not be borne by the Railway Company.

I recommend that you accede to the Railway Company's request and see that the cost of such alterations, strengthening, etc, is not thrown altogether on the ratepayers.

2. A request is being made to you by Dublin Corporation that you declare certain roads around the Reservoir at Togher to be Public Roads, under the provisions of Section 25 of the L. G. Act, 1925.

The roads in question come within the provisions of the Section, being over 11 feet wide and over which there is a public right of way. They have been up to this maintained by Dublin Corporation but whether or not they are so maintained by the Corporation as an act of grace or in fulfilment of a duty thrown on them by the Acts or Orders under which the Waterworks were constructed, should be inquired into by your legal adviser. In any case no provision is made in your current Road Scheme for maintaining these roads and further, if you should accept maintenance it should be on such conditions which would ensure that no liability direct or indirect should fall on you in connection with the Corporation bridges, embankments, pipes, etc, or for the pollution of the water in the Reservoirs.

3. Some land slips have occurred on the sandy cliffs between the County Road and the sea at Ardinary. It is stated that these slips are the result of sea erosion during the recent severe storms. The road is not in very immediate danger but the cost of the work necessary to prevent further erosion will be so high that it would be a severe burden on the ratepayers.

4. Owing to the recent wet weather many roads suffered severely from "bursts" or "quagmires" but though repaired did not dry out quickly and rendered the roads very rough. In particular the road from Ballinglen to Moyne, suffered very severely—in addition to the damage caused by natural causes this road suffers from heavy motor lorry traffic which it is certainly unreasonable to expect a mountain road to carry—I am informed that no less than 4 heavy motor lorries travel over this road at frequent intervals. You must either ask the Minister for Local Government to prohibit or limit such traffic or take steps to reconstruct this road.

5. An application has been received from a Mr Peter J Cosgrave, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, for permission to build a wall in continuation of the existing wall of his house. There is no objection to this.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Paragraph No. 1:—ORDER—Referred to the Law Agent for his own considered opinion.

Paragraph No. 2:—ORDER—Referred to the Law Agent for his own considered opinion.

Paragraph No. 3:—ORDER—County Surveyor to bring this matter before the Coast Erosion Commission.

Paragraph No. 4:—ORDER—County Surveyor's action in this connection approved.

Paragraph No. 5:—ORDER—Approved, to be built to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2

17th February, 1930. Gentlemen. I request permission to apply out of the balances of the contingencies such sums as may be absolutely necessary in maintaining the Main Roads. Yours faithfully (signed) S. G. Gallagher. ORDER—Approved.

A letter dated 29th January, 1930, No. R/RM/33, was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of a sum of £2:2:0 to Messrs P Byrne, P Cunnam, P W Sheehan and John Hopkins for acting as clerks to the sub-committees for considering tenders for road contracts, but pointing out that according to Article 55 (1) (c) of the Public Bodies Order the Council should themselves fix the last date for reception of tenders and the date for consideration of tenders by the Tenders Committees.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

17th February, 1930.

Resolved—That in compliance with the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 29th January, 1930, Ref. R/RM/33, and with the provisions of Article 55 (1) (c) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, we hereby fix the following dates in connection with the acceptance of tenders for the roads in the Road Works Scheme which are to be maintained by contract, and for the consideration of tenders by the tenders Committees in the several areas:—

Last date for receiving Tenders in Secretary's Offices, Court House, Wicklow—Tuesday, 11th March, 1930, up to 5 p.m.

Meetings of Committees to provisionally accept tenders in the several areas to be held as follows:—

SHILLELAGH AREA—Court House, Shillelagh, at 12 noon, on Friday, the 21st March, 1930;

RATHDOWN NO. 2 AREA—Carnegie Library, Enniskerry, at 12 noon, on Friday, the 21st March, 1930;

RATHDRUM AREA—Court House, Rathdrum, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 20th March, 1930;

TINAHELY AREA—Court House, Tinahely, at 12 noon, on Friday, the 14th March, 1930;

BALTINGLASS AREA—Court House, Baltinglass, at 12 noon, on Wednesday, the 19th March, 1930;

BLESSINGTON AREA—Court House, Blessington, at 12 noon, Tuesday, the 18th March, 1930;

To facilitate would-be contractors specifications to be also available for inspection and tender forms and particulars of the several roads to be had on application at the following offices between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the 26th February, 1930, and Thursday, the 27th February, 1930:—Board Room, Workhouse, Shillelagh; Board Room, Workhouse, Loughlinstown; Board Room, County Home, Rathdrum; Mr Patrick Byrne's residence, Baltinglass.

Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RE ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

16th January, 1930, No. L.70863, from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways, referring to the problem of strengthening overhead bridges to deal with the increased speed, weight and volume of modern traffic, asking for friendly negotiation and joint approach to the Minister for Local Government with a view to having by means of legislation the cost divided between the Railway Company and the road authority. ORDER—See County Surveyor's Report.

6th January, 1930, from the Secretary, Water Works and Markets Committee, Dublin Corporation, 28 Castle Street, Dublin, asking the Council to constitute the roads around Roundwood Reservoir as public roads, as the Corporation desire to disclaim responsibility for their further maintenance. ORDER—See County Surveyor's Report.

7th December, 1929, from the Secretary, Mayo County Council, conveying resolution passed by his Council advocating a joint conference of County Councils with a view to urging on the Government the necessity for making the cost of all Trunk and Link Roads a national charge.

Proposed by Councillor Laurence Moore;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That, having considered the Resolution submitted from the Mayo County Council regarding the ever increasing cost of the upkeep of Main Roads, which places an unbearable burden upon the ratepayers in this County we, as their elected representatives approve of the suggested conference of representatives from the County Councils in the Saorstat, and we appoint the following to represent this Council at such conference, together with the County Surveyor, and that we suggest that the Conference should be convened at an early date by Mayo County Council, from whom the proposal emanated:—The Chairman, and Deputy Everett.

Passed.

22nd November, 1929, from William S Doyle, Esq, Roundwood, seeking permission to erect a petrol pump outside his garage, also letter dated 4th December, 1929, from the County Surveyor, stating that he knew of no objection. ORDER—Granted.

8th January, 1930, from Leslie Goode, Esq, Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, Royal Bank Ltd., Greystones, calling attention to the alleged disgraceful condition of the footpaths in Greystones, also letter dated 12th February, 1930, from the County Surveyor, stating that the repair of these paths was in progress at the time the complaint was received, and that he had experienced considerable difficulty in keeping the paths in Greystones in good repair owing to the practice of people riding horses and driving vehicles over them. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

8th January, 1930, from the Rev. G M Fry, Moyne, Rectory, Ballinglen, stating that the roads in the Moyne and Aghavannagh area were in a shocking and in some cases almost impassable condition and threatening to direct the attention of the Minister for Local Government to the matter. ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor.

9th January, 1930, from Captain H R Rose, Hoeyfield House, Delgany, complaining that the roads in his area were covered by large sharp stones, and that many large holes are filled by nothing but water, also letter dated 12th February, 1930, from the County Surveyor, generally denying the statements made. ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor.

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18th January, 1930, from William Deverell, Esq., Ellesmere, Greystones, suggesting that the Council take over the roads on the Burnaby estate in Greystones and certain other roads in the district, as this would lead to more houses being built. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed to inspect a stream of water which enters Mr Doyle's land at Tombreane on the Carnew-Newtonbarry road, and cause the stream to be carried further down the road and diverted into a gullet into Mr Doyle's other field, some eighty yards further down, with a view to carrying the water on into the river.

Passed.

A letter dated 31st January, 1930, No. R/RGS/33, was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), referring to the Council's resolution requesting the Minister to agree to the payment to Assistant Surveyor J T O'Byrne, B.E., of the grant allowance of £40 per annum in respect of the duties discharged by him as temporary Assistant Surveyor in Shillelagh area, and stating that the Minister had no authority to recoup from the Road Fund more than at the rate of £40 per annum in respect of a whole time Assistant County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, having considered the reply from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to the Resolution passed at their last meeting recommending that the usual Grant allowance of £40 per annum be paid to our Assistant Surveyor, Mr Joseph T O'Byrne, B.E., hereby request the Minister to allow Mr O'Byrne the grant allowance as paid to part time assistants in this area, namely, twenty-five pounds per annum.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James McCrea and accepted by the Chairman:—"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me will move that a loan of £2000 be raised to reconstruct the Carnew-Shillelagh road."

Proposed by Councillor George Keaton;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary having submitted copy of the notice sent to each County Councillor in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, and also letter dated 18th January, 1930, from P W Sheehan, Esq., Secretary, County Board of Health, Rathdrum, forwarding relative extracts from the minutes of proceedings of that Board, it was, in accordance with Notice of Motion:—

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following loans:—(1) loan of £500 for the erection of Gate Lodge and Entrance to the District Hospital, Baltinglass; (2) loan of £1500 for the equipment and completion of the Hospital Building; (3) loan of £100 for the repair of Rathdrum Dispensary Residence.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councilor James Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman:—"I hereby give Notice that I or some Councillor for me will move at the next meeting of this Council that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of £2565 for the purpose of carrying out an Improvement Scheme under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts in the Greystones Electoral Division."

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dunne was withdrawn with the consent of the Council:—"I hereby give notice that I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of this Council that we, the members of the Council, consider the question of raising £5000 for the relief of the unemployed, the money to be spent on the roads throughout the County of Wicklow during the Christmas times."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea; and

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

That all quarry stones for future roads done by contract be supplied by the Council.

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

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—8

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AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, William J Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, and D H Haskins—12.

The motion was accordingly declared lost by 8 votes to 12.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That, inasmuch as Collectors John Doyle (No. 2 District), Mrs K Doyle (No. 9 District), and James J Jacob (No. 11 District) were appointed to those districts for a probationary period of one year, and inasmuch as those collectors have discharged their duties with reasonable efficiency during the period since they were appointed, we hereby decide to retain them in office in the capacity of temporary poor rate collectors.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS.

The following correspondence received by the Secretary in relation to above was submitted by him:—

(i) 7th January, 1930, from Mr John Murphy, caretaker, reporting extensive damage to the slates, tiles and windows of the building following the storm on the 24th December, 1929. ORDER—County Surveyor to be asked for detailed report.

(ii) Undated, from Mr Daniel Nolan, Shillelagh, reporting that certain repairs were necessary to the apartments which the Council had granted him in the workhouse buildings. NO ORDER.

(iii) 29th November, 1929, from Mr Joseph Deegan, Ballyknocker, Shillelagh, offering the sum of £1 for some scrap roofing iron composing a lean-to shed on the western gable of the fever hospital. ORDER—Accepted at £1.

(iv) 5th February, 1930, from Mr Patrick Brennan, S.S.O., Fern Lodge, Carnew, reporting that a shore in the workhouse buildings is in a very unsanitary condition and requires to be opened up and cleaned. ORDER—County Surveyor to have drain cleaned up thoroughly.

(v) 11th December, 1929, from Mr Edward Duffy, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, applying for apartments in the buildings. ORDER—Granted, usual agreement to be entered into, use of room formerly vestry and kitchen in the late temporary fever hospital.

(vi) 8th January, 1930, from Miss Mary Tyrell, Minmore, Shillelagh, applying for a room with a fireplace in the buildings as she had no home now. ORDER—The Council regret they have no accommodation to offer.

(vii) 15th January, 1930, from Mr Philip Fitzpatrick, Shillelagh, applying for the room opposite that occupied by Mr Daniel Nolan. ORDER—Granted, usual agreement to be entered into, sitting room formerly occupied by matron and bedroom over it with use of kitchen.

The Council directed the Secretary to make the usual arrangements for the letting of the lands attached to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mr Daniel Nolan, in respect of his tenure of certain apartments in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

A letter dated 9th December, 1929, No. G.L.14, was submitted from the Chief Clerk and Accountant, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, enclosing copy of a letter addressed by his Finance Committee to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the contingent liability of Louth County Council for their proportion of the arrears of salaries being sued for in the High Court by the officers of the Joint Committee; also letter dated 13th December, 1929, No.M.H.89179/1929 Ardee, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, referring to the Council's resolution passed on the 9th idem, and stating that before making the Final Order the Minister would duly consider what changes should be made in the sum fixed by the Draft Order by reason of any additional liabilities that might be cast on the local authorities as the result of pending litigation arising out of the reduction of salaries and wages. ORDER—Submitted.

A letter dated 30th January, 1930, was submitted from F F MacCarthy, Esq., Principal and Secretary, North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, stating that the Committee would be grateful for the Council's financial assistance to build a proper technical school for the students who are attending classes from all parts of the Rathdown area. ORDER—The Council regret they have no funds available for this purpose.

A letter dated 3rd December, 1929, was submitted from Dr. Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, intimating his intention of appointing Dr. William G Lyons, Baltinglass, as deputy coroner for West Wicklow, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe;

17th February, 1930.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the action of Dr Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, Coroner for West Wicklow, in appointing as his deputy Dr William G Lyons, Baltinglass, subject to the condition that no extra expense is thereby imposed on the County Council.

Passed.

A letter dated 24th January, 1930, No. 30/30, was submitted from the Secretary to the Commission of Inquiry into Derating, Government Buildings, Dublin, forwarding for the information of the Council a copy of the terms of reference of the Commission, and inquiring whether the Council desired to submit to the Commission any evidence relating to the objects of the Inquiry. NO ORDER.

A letter dated 6th February, 1930, was submitted from the Secretary, Irish Live Stock Exporters' and Traders' Association Ltd., Prosperity Chambers, 5/7 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, inviting the Council to send representatives to an All Ireland public meeting in the Mansion House, Dublin, on February 20th, 1930, for the purpose of showing the stranglehold which the shipping combine are stated to have on all goods which enter this country and leave it in the shape of agricultural produce. ORDER—The Council regret it is too late for representatives to arrange to attend.

The Secretary submitted copy of the minutes of proceedings of a meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 6th December, 1929, embodying a resolution passed by the Committee to the effect that Mr Doyle, assistant librarian, be paid salary at the county librarian rate, viz., at the rate of £250 per annum, for the period he had acted as County Librarian and Secretary, and that they were completely satisfied with the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during his term of office. ORDER—Committee to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision on this matter.

The Secretary submitted letters dated 14th December, 1929, and 13th February, 1930, from the Abbey Publicity Service, 124B George Street, Croydon, seeking the Council's official sanction to the publication by them of a Guide Book for the County, free of cost to the Council, on the understanding that a large number of copies would be supplied to the Council for free distribution, and that they would arrange for the material to be compiled by an Irishman resident in Co. Wicklow. ORDER—Sanction granted, provided the Chairman and the Secretary see copy of the proposed Guide Book beforehand.

A letter dated 28th January, 1930, was submitted from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, stating that the District Justice had appointed Mr Michael Windsor, Riverside, Enniskerry, pound-keeper to Enniskerry pound, and that this pound was not in a good condition, owing to there being no shed or shelter. ORDER—The Council understand this pound is not their property, being a manor pound, the property of Lord Powerscourt.

Letters dated 9th January and 4th February, 1930, with enclosures, were submitted from H Butler, Esq., N.T., Secretary, Wicklow County

Committee, Irish National Teachers' Organization, Ferrybank, Arklow, relative to the manner in which the Government proposed to deal with the ascertained deficiency in the Teachers' Pension Fund.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by „ James McCrea;

Resolved—That as the teachers of the Free State already pay four per cent. of their salaries to the Teachers' Pension Fund, and as their part of the Fund is and always has been solvent on actuarial investigation, and as the deficiency in the Fund is solely on the Government side, we are strongly of opinion that the Government should discharge its obligation in this matter by making their portion of the Fund solvent and that they should not penalise the teachers by demanding from them an increased contribution; we urge this the more strongly in view of the fact that the teachers have already suffered a ten per cent. reduction in their salaries, and already contribute a higher percentage of their earnings towards their superannuation than any other body of public servants in the Free State.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by „ James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council strongly protest against the Agreement recently drawn up between the Coal Owners in Great Britain and the Coal Importers in Ireland, as this agreement would place all users of coal in the Free State at the absolute mercy of the Coal Owners and Importers, who would have an unrestricted, unrestrained monopoly, and could raise the price of Coal to such an extent as to seriously handicap existing Industries, to discourage the starting of new Industries, and to impose a heavy burden on every householder in the country. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Industry and Commerce and to the County Wicklow members of the Dail, with the view that action may be taken, before it is too late, to save the Country from this threatened calamity, and we direct that a copy of the Resolution be also sent to each County Council as the matter is one which adversely affects the interests of every user of Coal in Ireland.

Passed.

A letter dated 31st January, 1930, No. 448/30, was submitted from H Painting, Esq., Principal and Secretary, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, reporting the disqualification by non-attend-

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ance of Councillors John J Metcalfe, Michael Fleming and J Kavanagh, P.C., Tinahely, who had been appointed by the Council to represent them on the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by „ James McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby reappoint the following to fill the vacancies created on the County Council's representation on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by their disqualification by non attendance:—Councillors John J Metcalfe and Michael Fleming, and J Kavanagh, Esq., P.C., Tinahely.

Passed.

A letter dated 30th January, 1930, was submitted from F F MacCarthy, Esq., Principal and Secretary, North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Technical School, Bray, reporting the disquali-

fication by non-attendance of the Rev. Father Lyons, C.C., Enniskerry, one of the Council's representatives on the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint John Garvey, Esq., D.L., O.B.E., Vevay House, Bray, to fill the vacancy created on the County Council's representation on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification by non-attendance of the Rev. Father Lyons, C.C., Enniskerry.

Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY COMPANY.

25th January, 1930. To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I beg to report that I attended at Terenure and inspected to day the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1929. The Receipts of every nature from the Undertaking during the half-year amounted to £2486 : 9 : 6, and the Expenses to £4950 : 12 : 5 leaving a deficit on the working expenses amounting to £2464 : 2 : 11. This sum, when added to the Interest on the Guaranteed Capital, brings the total liability of the Guaranteeing Areas of the Counties Dublin and Wicklow to £3454 : 2 : 11 for the Half-Year, one moiety of which (£1732 : 1 : 5) is due for payment by your Council. This is £48 : 9 : 10 more than the amount paid for the previous corresponding Half-Year by County Wicklow. The gross receipts for the Half-Year were less by £224 : 10 : 1 than those for the corresponding Half-Year, but on the same comparison the Expenditure is less by £127 : 10 : 3. I have only to add that these accounts were audited on behalf of Dublin County Council on the 16th January, 1930, by Messrs Kevans and Company, of 31 Dame Street, Dublin, and that no item therein would appear to call for special comment on my part. Yours faithfully, (signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council. ORDER—Submitted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
14th February, 1930.

TO/
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
DUBLIN & BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

GENTLEMEN,

On the 10th, 11th, and 13th instant, I carried out the Annual inspection of the Co. Wicklow part of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway and of the Depot at Templeogue.

The weeds and grass have been fairly well kept down and the line has been kept open for traffic, but the condition of the unsound sleepers is now very serious and is rapidly approaching the danger point, especially on the Section between the Lamb and Co. Dublin. Also, in isolated instances throughout the rest of the line, as a consequence of the rotten sleepers, the rails, fastenings, and holding-down bolts are very loose and it reflects great credit on the Engineer and his staff that no serious accident has occurred. Decayed and unsound sleepers mean that with the passage of every train the fastenings and holding-down bolts become loose and the gauge upset. I am informed that between 160 and 170 new sleepers were put in on the County Wicklow portion this year.

The rolling stock has been kept in working condition but one coach, No. 6, was scrapped, unless some expenditure is incurred on paint in a short time the stock will become so deteriorated that the cost of repairs will be excessive.

On my visit on the 11th instant there was one engine up for repairs and the Drewry Petrol Coach was undergoing some slight repairs to the engine.

Some patching has been done to the roof of the machine shops at Templeogue and material is ready for further patching but what is being done is only a mere fraction of the requirements.

You are well aware that the receipts of this line are far below the comparatively large expenditure necessary for the bare keeping of the line open for traffic, but the line has now reached the condition where a really very heavy expenditure is rapidly becoming imperative and either steps must be taken to close it down or you will have to incur this expenditure.

Your obedient Servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDER—Submitted.

The County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1929, was submitted as follows:—

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PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31/12/1929.

| Articles submitted for Analysis. | Date Received. | No. | From | Result of Analysis. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| New Milk | 1/10/29 | 8 | Bray, Guard Stanton | Genuine |
| New Milk | 4/10/29 | 4 | " | " |
| Flour | 8/10/29 | 1 | Greystones, Guard Hunt | " |
| Margarine | " | 1 | " | " |
| Whiskey | 16/11/29 | 1 | Arklow, Guard Crowe | " |
| New Milk | " | 5 | " | " |
| New Milk | 22/11/29 | 3 | Wicklow, Guard Bergin | " |
| New Milk | 23/11/29 | 4 | " | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | 2/12/29 | 1 | Newtown, Sergeant Cox | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " | " |
| Jam | " | 1 | " | " |
| Sugar | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | 3/12/29 | 2 | County Home | " |
| New Milk | 11/12/29 | 4 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | " |
| Sugar | " | 1 | Aughrim, Sergeant Hayden | " |
| Cocoa | " | 1 | " | " |
| Coffee | " | 1 | " | " |
| Whiskey | 14/12/29 | 2 | Roundwood, Sergeant Mahony | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " | " |
| Sugar | 16/12/29 | 1 | " | " |
| Breadsoda | " | 1 | " | " |
| Dripping | 18/12/29 | 1 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | 19/12/29 | 2 | Greystones, Guard Morris | " |
| Butter | 30/12/29 | 1 | Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan | " |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " | " |
| New Milk | " | 2 | Greystones, Sergeant Morris | " |
| Whiskey | 31/12/29 | 4 | Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan | " |
| Water (Kilballyowen) | 8/10/29 | 1 | Co. Board of Health | Condemned |
| Water (Bray) | 22/11/29 | 1 | Bray Urban District Council | Passed |
| Drugs | 1/10/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | genuine |
| " | 3/10/29 | 3 | Co. Home, Rathdrum | " |
| " | 5/10/29 | 3 | Rathdrum | " |
| " | 8/10/29 | 3 | Dunganstown | 2 gen. 1 not gen. genuine |
| " | 10/10/29 | 3 | Avoca | " |
| " | 17/10/29 | 3 | Co. Hospital | " |
| " | 19/10/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | 22/10/29 | 3 | Kilcool | " |
| " | 22/10/29 | 3 | Newtown | " |
| " | 31/10/29 | 3 | Aughrim | " |
| " | 1/11/29 | 3 | Arklow | " |
| " | 19/11/29 | 3 | Coollattin | " |
| " | 30/11/29 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | 6/12/29 | 3 | Baltinglass | " |
| " | 10/12/29 | 3 | Tinahely | " |
| " | 19/12/29 | 3 | Fever Hospital | " |
| " | " | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 58; Drugs, 51; Waters, 2. Total, 111. Number adulterated—Drugs, 1; 1 Water condemned. Date 13/1/1930.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

ORDER—Submitted.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by James McCrea;

Resolved—That Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be hereby renewed to the following:—

Mrs Annie S Miller, Blessington.

Albert E Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow.

Thomas Ellison, Shilkeagh.

William Alcorn, Wicklow.

Laurence Murphy, Togher.

S V Delahunty, Wicklow.

G B Hopkins, Wicklow.

John E Griffin, Bray.

Thomas M Barker, Coolboy, Tinahely.

James Bradshaw, Kiltegan.

Mrs M Toomey, Hollywood.

James Craul, Oldecourt, Manor-Kilbride.

Denis J Cogan, Laragh.

J P Deegan, Ashford.

Michael Tutty Hollywood.

James Healy, Rathdangan.

Miss A M Geraty, Carnew.

Robert Spain, Donard.

Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan.

P J Graham, Knockananna.

J W Hanbidge, Dunlavin.

James Lawler, Dunlavin.

Robert Griffin, Bray.

F J Sutton, Rathdrum.

Arthur Hennessy, Blessington.

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W F Murphy, Aughrim.
Arthur R H Pasley, Tinahely.
Simon Lambert, Rathdrum.
Thomas Annesley, Arklow.
William B Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen.
Edwin Doyle, Church Road, Greystones.
John Synnott, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy.
Robin Haskins, The Stores, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.
Joseph Germaine, Main Street, Baltinglass.
Joseph Harrington, Dunlavin.
Mrs Elizabeth Kavanagh, Aughrim.
Christopher Keogh, Ballyknockan, Blessington.
Patrick Leigh, Grangecon.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 14th February, 1930, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, No. P.H.10680/30 Cill Mhanntain (Ae), enclosing the following copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Health, with regard to the chargeability of the salary and allowances of the County Medical Officer of Health:—
14th February, 1930, No. P.H.10680/30 Cill Mhanntain (Ae),
A Chara. With reference to your letter of the 12th instant, I am directed

by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to explain that having regard to the terms of Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1925, the County Council are primarily responsible for payment of the remuneration and expenses of Dr G G Beckett as County Medical Officer of Health, but will be entitled to reimbursement of the proportions assignable for Tuberculosis and School Medical Services from the Board of Health who will in turn include those items in their periodical returns for recoupment purposes. As regards the question of apportionment the Minister is of opinion that the amount of the County Medical Officer of Health's salary to be earmarked to the County Tuberculosis Scheme should be fixed at £300 per annum, and that an approximate amount of £150 per annum, might be allocated for Dr Beckett's services in the capacity of School Medical Officer as soon as he commences a preliminary survey of the school going population or other effective work for organizing and operating a scheme of School Medical Inspection. As regards travelling expenses, it is suggested that for a period of say six months, the County Medical Officer of Health might be asked to keep careful records of the journeys undertaken by him and of the purpose for which they were necessary, whether solely in connection with the Tuberculosis scheme or the School Medical Service Scheme or for the discharge of his Public Health duties or for purposes jointly connected with the above-mentioned headings. The proportion of his travelling expenses incurred during that period (whether singly or in combination) for the purposes of the Tuberculosis or School Medical Service Schemes might be admitted to rank for recoupment as the case may require, and the information derived from the aggregate classification of expenses can be utilised as the basis of a decision as to a subsequent apportionment of travelling expenses as between Tuberculosis, School Medical Service and general Public Health duties. Mise, le meas, (signed) L S Smith, ar son Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

The Secretary also submitted a letter from Dr G P G Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, stating that he had been informed in the Department that as the Council were his employers they should pay him the full amount of his salary direct, and obtain recoupment from the Board of Health, of the appropriate amount. ORDER—Referred to Board of Health to make the payments.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

22nd November, 1929, No. H.83722/1929 (HBF) Cill Mhanntain, stating that advances from the Local Loans Fund can be made only to municipal authorities undertaking schemes for the provision of houses under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1921.

29th November, 1929, No. P.H.77204/1929, Sealed Order vesting the Board of Health with urban powers for the purpose of putting Section 49 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, in force in the district electoral division of Greystones, and fixing that district electoral division as the area of charge for the consequential expenses.

10th December, 1929, No. R/RM.33, approving under certain conditions of the Council's proposal to make available a sum of £1600 for the preparation of road materials to be used in the ensuing financial year.

10th December, 1929, No. G.88055/1929 Cill Mhanntain Fa, sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 on the Council's account to the 28th February, 1930.

11th December, 1929, No. R/SGN/33.2, approving on the usual conditions of the work proposed by the Council to be carried out on the Glencaly Road under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme.

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12th December, 1929, No. R/MT/209/33, stating with reference to the Secretary's position as Local Taxation Officer that remuneration up to the maximum fixed by the Department as the maximum amount to be recouped by the Department could be paid by the County Council without further sanction, and that the Secretary should enter into the usual form of Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1000.

13th December 1929, No. G.88744/1929 Ighneitheach/S, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister under Section 2 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, declaring the office of Rate Inspector to be an office to which that Act applies.

19th December, 1929, No. R/MT.209/33, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the completion of the above-mentioned Guarantee Bond of £1000 with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., in respect of the Secretary's motor registration and licensing duties, at the terms quoted by the Company, viz., 6/- per cent.

24th December, 1929, No. G.91511/29 (Fa) Cill Mhanntain, approving of the extension of Mr Patrick Furlong's appointment as Rate Checker to include No. 6 District, and stating that while the Council's letter of July, 1926, concerning checking of rate collections would appear to have been mislaid in the Department, the Minister would have approved of the arrangements proposed.

25th January, 1930, No. R/RS.33, noting the appointment by the Council on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners of Mr John P Caffrey, B.E., as Assistant County Surveyor as from 1st March, 1930, at a salary of £205 per annum inclusive of travelling expenses.

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

11th December, 1929, No. L.3971/29, requesting local authorities to issue urgent instructions to their veterinary inspectors to ensure compliance with Article 14 of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, whereby occupiers of infected premises are bound to cleanse and disinfect same, at their own expense, and to the satisfaction of the Inspector of the local authority.

24th January, 1930, from the Office of National Education, Dublin, regarding the payment of County Council Scholarships to pupils who are admitted to Preparatory Colleges in preparation for the position of teacher in national schools or are appointed pupil teachers in recognised secondary schools.

4th February, 1930, No. P.1315/30, from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Dublin, stating that the contract for the conveyance of the mails between Greystones and Annamoe was after public competition awarded to the Irish Omnibus Company, and that apart from the carriage of mails between these points the Department had no concern with the bus service between Dublin and Wicklow.

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

16th November, 1929, referring to the claims of the Council in the Garrett Byrne and Michael Halpin cases, and stating that he had received a communication from Messrs Corrigan and Corrigan, solicitors for the Hibernian Insurance Company, to the effect that their instructions were to deny liability in the case of ex-Collector Halpin, and that under the circumstances such proceedings might be taken as might be advised.

30th November, 1929, in the same connection, stating that Messrs Corrigan and Corrigan had written to the effect that they were instructed to accept service of the summons herein, and that Mr M J Ryan, K.C., acting for the Council, was of the opinion that proceedings should be commenced in the High Court.

Arklow, 25/11/29. Dear Mr Healy. I received a copy of a resolution of sympathy with us on the occasion of the death of Fr McGrath. On behalf of the parishioners of Arklow, my colleagues and myself, I wish to thank the members of the County Council for their kind message of sympathy with us on the death of such a kind and loving Father. Yours, (signed) M Gleeson, C.C. P.S. I shall convey your message to his relatives.

29th November, 1929, from the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, 90 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the 41st Congress and Exhibition of the Institute to be held in Margate.

30th November, 1929, from S Moore, Esq., T.D., 51 Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin, stating that the Minister for Local Government had agreed to receive a deputation on the roads question on the following Thursday, and that he was in strong sympathy with the proposal to compel an admixture of home-grown grain with maize.

Ballyknockan, Blessington. 3/12/29. P T Healy, Esq. Dear Sir. Please convey to your Council and staff myself and Mrs O'Reilly's sincere thanks for your kind note of sympathy on the death of my daughter. Respectfully yours (signed) P P O'Reilly.

9th December, 1929, from James Everett, Esq., T.D., Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Dublin, stating that the resolution of the Council advocating the compulsory admixture of home-grown grain with maize would have his warmest support.

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12th December, 1929, from J B O'Halloran, Esq., Manager National Bank, Ltd, Wicklow, conveying the sanction of his Board to an overdraft of £20,000 on the Council's account.

December, 1929, from the Hon Secretaries, Royal Institute of Public Health, 87 Russell Square, London, W.C.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the next Congress of the Institute which would be held in Portsmouth at Whitsuntide, 1930.

22nd January, 1930, from Mrs K M Shewell, Power's Hotel, Kildare Street, Dublin, suggesting that humane killers should be supplied by the Council to their veterinary inspectors and suggesting a suitable instrument.

From the Hon Secretaries of the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, the Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the County Wicklow Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asking for the Council's support for the Wild Birds Protection Bill, 1929.

January, 1930, from the Secretary, National Association of Insurance Committees, asking the various Boards of Health to give preference to displaced officials of Insurance Committees if and when increasing their staffs in respect of the duties transferred to them under the National Health Insurance Act, 1929, and to give preference, when appointing committees to discharge these duties, to representatives of insured persons who have had experience as members of Insurance Committees.

10th February, 1930, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, enclosing Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1000 in respect of the Secretary's duties as Local Taxation Officer. ORDER—Bond, as submitted, approved by Council.

8th February, 1930, from the Registrar, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, asking for the Council's views regarding the contribution by relatives towards the maintenance in the institution of Mrs Eliza Byrne, formerly of Carriglineen House, Glenmalure, Rathdrum.

ORDER—To be dealt with by Board of Health.

12th February, 1930, from J B O'Halloran, Esq., Manager, National Bank, Ltd, Wicklow, acknowledging receipt of a Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1000 in respect of the Secretary's duties as Local Taxation Officer, to be retained in the Bank's records for safe custody on behalf of the Council.

To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council. Mr Laurence Wolohan, children and relatives, thank you most sincerely for your kind sympathy in their great sorrow. Ard Greine Terrace, Wicklow. January, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Cork County Council, calling on the Department of Fisheries to take most stringent steps by the providing of patrol vessels to prohibit the depredation which foreign trawlers are committing in Free State territorial waters nightly, and other purposes connected therewith.

From Roscommon County Council, asking to have the law relating to bye-roads altered so that a declaration made by a majority of the County Council, that a road is of public utility will be a valid reason before the Auditor for declaring such road entitled to have public money spent on its making or upkeep.

Collins
24/2/30

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 31st March, 1930.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, William J Henry, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, D H Haskins, Laurence Moore, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle, Joseph Metcalfe, Peter P O'Reilly, James McCrea, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, Thomas Weadick, David Frame, William Byrne, and Timothy Mulcahy.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider Proposals from the several sub-committees appointed for the purpose of entering into provisional road contracts.
2. To consider a letter dated 5th March, 1930, from Messrs Gerald Byrne and Company, solicitors, Dublin, complaining on behalf of their client, Mrs Ellen Rylands, Bollarney, Wicklow, of the flooding of the latter's lands by water from the public road.
3. To consider an application from Messrs David Allen and Sons, Billposters, for permission to erect a boarding in the Main Street, Wicklow.
4. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting to be held on the 31st March, 1930, I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of £2565 for the purpose of carrying out an Improvement Scheme under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts in the Greystones Electoral Division."
5. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Joseph Metcalfe:—"I beg to give notice that I or some member for me shall move that the resolution passed at meeting on the 26th August, 1929, making a grant of £100 per house to members of Greystones Utility Society, be rescinded."
6. To again consider the condition of Collector John Byrne's collection.
7. To fix a date for a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the rate collection, and if deemed advisable to appoint a sub-committee to make a preliminary scrutiny of the irrecoverable lists.
8. To consider a further application from the O'Shea Dramatic Company for the use of Tinahely Courthouse for the purpose of giving dramatic entertainments therein after Easter.
9. To consider correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, regarding the separation of County Louth from Grangegorm Mental Hospital district.
10. To consider correspondence which has passed relative to the question as to whether the County Council is primarily responsible for the payment of the whole of the salary of the County Medical Officer of Health, the major portion of whose time is devoted to discharging his duties as Tuberculosis Officer and Medical Inspector of Schools, under the County Wicklow Board of Health.

The Council proceeded to consider, in accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, Proposals for Road Contracts sent forward by the several local Tenders Committees, as follows:

ENNISKERRY.

Of 17 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, 16 were approved, the provisionally-accepted tender for Road No. 17 being rejected by the Council on the grounds that the contractor was a minor.

31st March, 1930.

24th March, 1930, from Mr P Kearns, Ballynabrocky, Manor-Kilbride, objecting to the provisionally-accepted contractor for Road No. 12 on the grounds that his sureties were not ratepayers. ORDER—Surety to be substituted.

24th March, 1930, from Mr Patrick Gallagher, Glencree, Ennis-kerry, objecting to the provisionally-accepted contractor for Road No. 11 on the grounds that one of his sureties was not a ratepayer. ORDER—Surety to be substituted.

24th March, 1930, from Collector Patrick Mulligan, Lough Dan, Roundwood, to the County Surveyor, stating with reference to the sureties for the provisionally-accepted contractors for Roads No. 11 and 12 that the father of Christopher McAneany was the rated occupier of their house and farm in Ballyross, and that Michael O'Toole paid no rates whatever in the district.

25th March, 1930, from Mr George Roe, Killough, Kilmacanogue, objecting to Mr Garret Nolan, the provisionally-accepted contractor for Road No. 17, on the grounds that he was a minor.

RATHDRUM.

109 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

TINAHELY.

Of 23 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms and considered, 23 were approved, the provisionally-accepted contract for Road No. 209 being rejected on the grounds that the tender had been irregularly handed in direct to the local committee instead of through the Secretary.

SHILLELAGH.

Of 33 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms and considered, 32 were approved, the provisionally-accepted contract for Road No. 251 being rejected on the grounds that the tender had been irregularly handed in direct to the local committee instead of through the Secretary.

BALTINGLASS.

Of 66 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms and considered, 64 were approved, the provisionally-accepted contracts for Roads No. 272 and 295 being rejected on the grounds that the contractor was a minor.

26th March, 1930, from Mr Christopher Murphy, Knockaderry, Knockanarrigan, Donard, objecting to the provisionally-accepted contractor for Road No. 295 on the grounds that the contractor was a minor.

From Councillor Major C Mitchell to the County Surveyor, enclosing baptismal certificate of Mr Benjamin Case, provisionally-accepted contractor for Roads No. 272 and 295.

BLESSINGTON.

37 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

From Mr Michael Miley, Granabeg, Vallemount, Blessington, objecting to the provisionally-accepted contractor for Road No. 343 on the grounds that he failed at the meeting to acknowledge his tender for another road.

From Mr James Byrne, Cloughlea, Manor-Kilbride, offering to maintain Goldenhill Lane for 2 years at £17 per year.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Kearon;

Resolved—That the contracts entered into for road maintenance approved of at this meeting be now signed and Sealed by the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That the ten shilling deposits attached to the tenders of (i) Peter Farrington, Bawnogue, Vallemount, and (ii) Patrick Harney, Merginstown, Dunlavin, for Roads No. 353 and 336 respectively, be impounded, and lodged to credit of the Council, these would-be contractors having failed to enter into contracts when called on—and that the Secretary be hereby directed to return to Mr Thomas Flynn, of Annacrivey, Enniskerry, his ten shilling deposit (Road No. 9) because of the fact that he was too ill to attend the meeting at which tenders were provisionally accepted.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 24th March, 1930, from Mr Patrick Doyle, Twomilwater, Wicklow, stating that he forgot to sign his three tenders for Roads No. 101, 103 and 106 and was therefore disqualified, and asking the Council to refund him his three deposits of ten shillings each.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor C M Byrne;

Resolved—That the three sums of 10/- each lodged by Mr Patrick Doyle, Twomilwater, Wicklow, be refunded to him as his tenders were informal through no fault of his.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That all roads for which no tenders were provisionally accepted at the several local sub-committee road meetings be given in charge of the County Surveyor for a period of twelve months, at sums not exceeding the annual amounts already allowed by the Council; and that all roads in respect of which the Council refused to ratify the contracts provisionally accepted at local sub-committee meetings be also placed in charge of the County Surveyor for a period of twelve months at sums not exceeding the annual sums already allowed by the Council for each such road (vide appropriate forms).

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry ;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That, where tenders were accepted at road committee meetings, which had not passed through the hands of our Secretary, such provisional contracts as were entered into be rejected as being directly contrary to the terms of the Council's resolution passed at the meeting held on the 17th February, 1930, and that those roads be placed in charge of the County Surveyor for a period of twelve months, the cost of their maintenance not to exceed the annual amounts already allowed by the Council therefor.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;
Seconded by " William Henry ;

Resolved—Having had all the facts explained to us by the Secretary, we hereby approve and confirm his action in sending a member of our clerical staff to Baltinglass on the 19th March, 1930, as clerk to the local roads sub-committee, and we direct that £3 cost of motor car required for that purpose be paid by our Finance Committee.

Passed.

A memorial was submitted from local workmen asking to have the stones in Merginstown pit, Dunlavin, broken by hand instead of by the crusher. ORDER—Memorialists to be informed that the County Surveyor has given instructions that these stones are to be broken by hand if he finds he can do so economically.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 5th March, 1930, from Messrs. Gerald Byrne and Company, solicitors, 7 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin, complaining that the overflow from a water trough discharged into a gully trap on the public road and was conveyed in pipes underneath the road so as to discharge directly over the lands of their clients, Mrs. Ellen Rylands, at Bolarnoy, Wicklow, whereby she was stated to have suffered serious loss, and proceeding to state that unless matters were arranged in the interests of their client, they must proceed as advised. ORDER—Referred to Law Agent.

Councillor Joseph Byrne drew attention to the condition of a wall at Mr O'Toole's house, Ballywaltrim, Bray. This wall, which it was stated sustained the man's garden and house, both of which are above the level of the public road, had fallen. The question he wished answered was would the County Council assume responsibility for rebuilding the wall, which it was locally believed was built as part of a relief work in the famine times. The Council adjourned the matter for further information to be collected by the local Councillors and the County Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from David Allen and Sons, Billposting, Ltd., 40 Pearse Street, Dublin, C.9 :—" 27th March, 1930. P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Wicklow. Dear Sir. We beg to apply for permission to erect advertising hoarding on the dead wall opposite Mr Phillips's premises in Main Street. The work would be done by our contractor : Mr John Kane, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow. The projection on the footpath would be about 3½ ins. Yours faithfully, David Allen and Sons, Billposting, Ltd." ORDER—The Council regret they are unable to comply with this request.

A letter dated 30th March, 1930, was submitted from Mr William Clare, Rathnew, seeking permission to erect a small cross at the bridge on the Rathnew-Wicklow road where his brother was killed. ORDER—Council offers no objection, provided authority to do so is obtained by Mr Clare from the Great Southern Railways Company and from the County Surveyor.

A letter dated 28th March, 1930, was submitted from the County Surveyor, enclosing (with sketch) received from Mr Charles Fowler, Ashford, seeking permission to remove portion of the road wall at his garage so that motorists could move in off the road to his petrol pumps. The County Surveyor recommended that this permission be granted.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That the Council's permission be given to the following :— (i) application from Mr Thomas Walsh, Tinahely, to erect a petrol pump, provided he complies with the requirements of the County Surveyor ; (ii) application from Mrs Cunniam, for power to raise the wall at her hotel, Ashford, provided she complies with the requirements of the County Surveyor ; (iii) application from Mr C Fowler, Ashford, for powers to remove a portion of the present wall around his garage at Ashford, provided he complies with the requirements of the County Surveyor.

Passed.

Two deputations appeared before the Council, one representing the unemployed in the Avoca district, and the other representing the unemployed in the Arklow district. Having heard their respective views, as put forward by one speaker from each deputation, on the lamentable condition of privation and want which existed in their respective areas consequent upon long-continued unemployment, it was

Proposed by Councillor George Keaton ;

Seconded by " Thomas Weadick ; and

Resolved—That this County Council make an earnest appeal to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give a grant to this Council sufficient to finish the link road—Rathnew to Arklow, from near Temple-rainey to the Vale Cross Roads—with a view to completing the good work on this road, as otherwise all the previous expenditure might almost be described as having been wasted.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman :—" I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that a loan of £10,000 be raised over a term of 20 years for the purpose of putting certain trunk and link roads into a proper condition, and also with a view to making an effort, however small, to alleviate the present dreadful hardships existing in the several areas, consequent upon unemployment."

The Council, at Councillor Everett's request, unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of the following Notice of Motion which stood in his name on the agenda :—" I hereby give notice that at the next meeting to be held on the 31st March, 1930, I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance

of the sum of £2,565 for the purpose of carrying out an Improvement Scheme under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts in the Greystones Electoral Division."

The Secretary having submitted a letter dated 30th March, 1930, from Edward Archer, Esq., Secretary, Greystones Public Utility Society, Ard-naree, Greystones, enclosing copy of certificate from the Appointed Officer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing) approving of the site, block plan, house plans and method of construction of the thirteen houses proposed to be built by the said Society, it was, in accordance with Notice of Motion,

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob ; and

Resolved—That the Resolution passed at the meeting of this Council held on the 26th August, 1929, making a grant of £100 per house to members of Greystones Utility Society, be rescinded.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted a statement showing the condition of Collector John Byrne's collection, from which it appeared that of the warrant for the year ending 31st March, 1930, amounting to £3078 6s 11d there was outstanding on the 31st March a sum of £776 7s 10d. ORDER—Collector to be warned to close his collection at a very early date.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by " D. H. Haskins ;

Resolved—That, having carefully considered all the difficulties confronting poor rate collectors in their efforts to close their collections, we hereby extend to the 30th April, 1930, the period within which these collections for the year 1929/1930 may be closed.

Passed.

The Secretary drew the attention of the Council to the requirements of the Public Bodies Order, 1929, whereby they were bound to meet within one month after the close of the financial year for the purpose of investigating the accounts of the rate collectors, and to the recommendation of the Minister that a sub-committee be appointed for the purpose of dealing with the irrecoverable claims, received from the several collectors. ORDER—Date of meeting to be arranged by the Secretary with the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 24th March, 1930, from Mr Michael O'Shea, 57 Bridgefoot Street, Dublin, applying on behalf of the O'Shea Dramatic Company for the use of Tinahely Courthouse for the week commencing Easter Sunday, 20th April, 1930, for the purpose of giving dramatic performances therein. Mr O'Shea stated as the plays were written by his wife there was no danger of infringement of performing rights, and that he would see that all lights were out before leaving the building and be responsible for any damage.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That in view of the risks by fire and possible performing rights we refuse to give Tinahely Courthouse for dramatic performances by the O'Shea Dramatic Company or by any other Company.

Passed, Councillors James McCrea and the Chairman dissenting.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 14th March, 1930. No. M.H.17163/30 Arde, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing copy of a Sealed Order made on the 12th idem separating the County of Louth from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital District from 1st April, 1930, and copy of a proposed Order of financial adjustment consequent upon the said separation, and going on to state that particulars of objections where not already made should be transmitted to the Department before the 1st July, 1930. ORDER—Previous objections adhered to.

The Secretary having submitted correspondence received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance regarding the procedure to be adopted in the matter of the payment of the salary of the County Medical Officer of Health in respect of his services under the Tuberculosis and Schools Medical Service Schemes in the county, it was

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Henry ; and

Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the terms of the following resolution passed by County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and direct our Secretary to give effect thereto by paying Dr G. G. Beckett the full amount of his remuneration monthly :—" That inasmuch as this Board when adopting their Estimate and Demand for service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, did so on the understanding that the salary of the County Medical Officer of Health for his duties as Tuberculosis Medical Officer and Schools Medical Officer and as Inspector of Midwives, amounting in all to £700, and travelling expenses, estimated to amount to £200, should be paid by the Board of Health, leaving a sum of £100 to be paid by the Wicklow County Council for his duties as County Medical Officer of Health ; and as we are now informed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in his letters dated 14th and 18th February, 1930, (Reference P.H.10680/30, Cill Mhanntain Ae) that the obligation of paying the full salary of £800, with travelling expenses, to the County Medical Officer should be met by the County Council, we hereby confirm and approve of the arrangement and request the Wicklow County Council to pay Dr Beckett monthly the aforesaid full salary of £800 per annum, irrespective of the chargeability of any portion thereof, and also to pay him vouched travelling expenses not exceeding £200 per annum, and we direct that no change be made in the contemplated procedure for recompense, i.e., the application to be made by this Board to the Minister for the refund to be credited to the account of this Board. Reimbursement to be made quarterly by this Board to the County Council."

Passed.

The Chairman intimated to the Council that the Manager of Artane Industrial School, the Rev. Brother Ryan, was present at the meeting, and had asked permission to address the Council in his capacity on Honorary Secretary to the Association of Managers of Industrial Schools in the Free State, with regard to the hardships inflicted on these industrial schools by reason of the Council's resolution passed on the 27th May, 1929, reducing the Council's allowance per head per week for children committed to reformatory and industri-

31st March, 1930.

al schools from County Wicklow from 5/- to 4/6. Having heard the Rev Brother Ryan at considerable length, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor David Frame and accepted by the Chairman :-

"I hereby give Notice, that I will move, or someone on my behalf, at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, that the five shillings per head per week formerly paid to the Managers of Reformatory and Industrial Schools for the maintenance of children committed to their care from this County be restored as from the date it was reduced to 4/6 per head per week, and that all orders and resolutions on the records of this Council to the contrary be rescinded."

Letters dated 30th March, 1930, addressed to the Chairman and to the Secretary, were submitted from Miss Katie Kehoe, New Street, Wicklow, in which she requested the Council to call upon Mr J Malone, 105 Connaught St., Phibsboro', Dublin, to remove a memorial stone erected on the side of the Wicklow-Rathnew road, at Merrymeeting, on the grounds that she wanted that portion of the fence on which this cross stood for her own use. ORDER—Miss Kehoe referred to Mr Malone.

Call Byrne
26/5/30

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 26th May, 1930.

The following members attended :-

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;
Councillors John W Ryan, P P O'Reilly, Laurence Moore, John Dunne, Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, D H Haskins, William Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Byrne J J Bourne, George Heatley, George Kearon, Major C Mitchell, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Michael Fleming, James Everett, T.D. ; Daniel J Kehoe, John Barry and Timothy Mulcahy.

The minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS

- 1 To consider the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of Wicklow County Council and of County Wicklow Central Library Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1929, and for the period ended 31st March, 1928, respectively.
- 2 To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 3 To pass a Resolution concerning the Finance Committee's recommendation relative to the transaction of the Council's legal affairs following the death of their Law Agent.
- 4 To consider the cases of Collectors Frank Healy, James J Jacob, Denis J Kinsella and John Byrne, who have not yet closed their collections.
- 5 To make arrangements for the appointment of a Court Keeper for the County Court House, Wicklow, consequent upon the resignation of the present Court Keeper.
- 6 To authorise the Secretary to obtain overdraft accommodation limited to £10,000 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, if, when, and so far as, found necessary.
- 7 To Sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 8 To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 9 To Sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 10 To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 11 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 12 To consider the County Surveyor's Report.
- 13 To consider a letter dated 15th April, 1930, from Messrs Gerald Byrne and Company, solicitors, asking the Council to undertake to remedy the flooding of their client's premises at Bollarney, Wicklow, or alternatively, to name a solicitor who would accept service of proceedings for an injunction.
- 14 To consider correspondence from Arklow Urban District Council, referring to matters connected with road maintenance and improvement.
- 15 To consider a memorial from Donard workmen, seeking employment as road workers and alleging corruption in the engagement of men in Ganger Rogers' section.
- 16 To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, referring to a report that the entrance to Aughrim fairgreen was strewn with large stones likely to injure animals' feet.
- 16A. To consider a letter from Messrs P J Byrne & Co., solicitors, Carlow, calling on the Council either to settle forthwith the claim of their client, Mr Andrew O'Brien, Holdenstown, Baltinglass, for gravel sold, etc., or to name a solicitor who would act for them.
- 17 To Sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 18 To fix the date for the Council's annual meeting.
- 19 To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, and to Sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collectors' warrants.

20 To Sign and Seal Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.

21 To again consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting I will move that the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of £2565 for the purpose of carrying out an Improvement Scheme under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts in the Greystones Electoral Division."

22 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that a loan of £10,000 be raised over a term of twenty years for the purpose of putting certain Trunk and Link roads into a proper condition, and also with a view to making an effort, however small, to alleviate the present dreadful hardships existing in the several areas consequent upon unemployment."

23 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David Frame:—"I hereby give notice that I will move, or some one on my behalf, at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the five shillings per head per week formerly paid to the Managers of Reformatory and Industrial Schools for the maintenance of children committed to their care from this County be restored as from the date it was reduced to 4/6 per head per week, and that all orders and resolutions to the contrary on the records of this Council be rescinded."

24 To consider the question of joining the Commissioner for Bray Urban District in a lease of a plot of ground on the Quin Estate, Bray, on which it is proposed to build a new Technical School, North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee undertaking to pay the head rent and legal expenses involved.

25 To consider the County Surveyor's Report on the proposed Scheme for drainage at Ardoyne.

26 To nominate a representative on the Executive Committee of the Irish Tourist Association.

27 To consider a concession submitted for signature by the Abbey Publicity Service, Croydon, in connection with their proposal to publish a free guide for the county on the basis of advertising revenue.

28 To consider a circular dated 10th May, 1930, from the County Councils' General Council, dealing with the provisions of the Vocational Education Bill, 1930.

29 To consider a letter dated 1st April, 1930, from Edward Archer, Esq., Secretary, Greystones Public Utility Society, asking on what grounds the Council rescinded their Resolution making grants for houses built by the Society.

30 To consider the proposal of County Wicklow Central Library Committee to dismiss the librarians at Enniskerry, Kilmacanogue and Curtlestown and the caretaker at Greystones.

31 To consider the report of the County Librarian on her interview with the Commissioner for Bray Urban District relative to the absorption of Bray Library Scheme by the County Central Library Committee.

32 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking if the Council agreed to the terms of a resolution passed by Wicklow Urban District Council relinquishing their powers and duties under the Libraries Acts to the County Council.

33 To consider the State Lands (Workhouses) Act, 1930, relating to workhouse lands vested in the Minister for Local Government in trust for the purposes of the Poor Relief Acts, and endowing Boards of Health and Public Assistance with limited powers to grant leases thereof.

34 To Sign and Seal Agreements with Messrs Edward Duffy and Philip Fitzpatrick in connection with their tenancy of apartments in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

35 To consider an application from Mrs Mary Fitzpatrick for the use of a room on the ground floor in Shillelagh Workhouse instead of the room already occupied by her husband upstairs.

36 To consider an application from Sergeant M Ryan, Baltinglass, for permission to use the yard of Baltinglass Courthouse for impounding animals.

37 To consider a letter from Mr Frank Whittle, caretaker of Dunlavin Courthouse, reporting the necessity for certain minor additions and repairs to the premises.

38 To consider an application from Alfonso O Conchubhair, Secretary, County Wicklow Feis Committee, applying on behalf of that Committee for the use of the Courthouse, Wicklow, on the 6th July, the date of the County Feis, in the event of the weather being wet.

39 To consider an application from James Waldron, Esq., asking the Council on behalf of Wicklow Branch of the Irish National Forester's Society to appoint a sub-committee to discuss the possibility of leasing the southern end of Wicklow Jail Premises for the erection of a hall by that Branch.

40 To consider a notification from the Secretary of the Electricity Supply Board dated 14th April, 1930, of intention to attach small lines and fittings to the Courthouse premises in Wicklow.

41 To appoint a representative on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee in lieu of Mr J Garvey, D.L., O.B.E., who is not prepared to act.

42 To consider the County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1930.

43 To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

- 44 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 45 To receive Reports from County Officers.
- 46 To consider Official Correspondence.
- 47 To consider General Correspondence.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,
Wicklow,
22nd May, 1930.

To each member of Wicklow County Council

A Chara,

I beg to inform you that a Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James McCrea at the Council's last Quarterly Meeting was inadvertently omitted from the printed agenda for the Spring Quarterly Meeting circulated to each County Councillor on Monday last, and that this notice of Motion will now constitute item No. 21a on the agenda for the meeting, as follows:—

21a. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea:—"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me will move that a loan of £2,000 be raised to reconstruct the Carnesh-Shillelagh road."

Mise, le meas,
P. T. HEALY,
Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor D Frame;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we have heard with the deepest regret of the death of our esteemed Law Agent, Mr J H McCarrroll, solicitor, who during the course of his long service proved himself a valued and trustworthy servant of this Council, and that his widow and children be assured of our condolence in their bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to our Accountant, Mr Thomas Langton, and to the other relatives, our sincere sympathy with him in the regrettable death of his wife.

Passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

91872. 4th December, 1929. I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow Co. Council (inclusive of the Libraries Committee for the two half years ended 30/9/1928 and 31/3/1929. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith. The following is a comparative table of the rates raised for the years 1926/27, 1927/28 and 1928/29:—

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| In respect of Roads (Rate in £) | 33d. | 28½d. | 27½d. |
| " " " County " | 33d. | 35½d. | 35½d. |
| " " " Services " | | | |
| " " " Poor Relief " | 29½d. | 24½d. | 27d. |
| " " " Health " | 2½d. | ½d. | 2½d. |
| District Charges | | | |
| Total | 98d. | 89½d. | 91½d. |

The Estimates for 1927/28 in respect of Roads included an item of £500 for erection of Road Signs, whereas there was no charge under this head in the other two years; and in each of the years 1927/28 and 1928/29, the charge in respect of Loan repayment was greater by approximately £1,300 than in the year 1926/27. The estimated expenditure on repair and maintenance for each of the 3 years was £31,500, £25,112 and £24,512 respectively so that the reduction in rate raised is attributable to the decrease in this main head of expenditure. The increase in County Services in 1927/28 and 1928/29 is due to the fact that whereas pensions to former Union and Rural District Council Officers were a separate charge in the year 1926/27, they were made a County-at-Large charge by the Local Government Act, 1927. In regard to Poor Relief, provision was made in the 1926/27 estimate for the liquidation of a commencing debit balance of £4,300. The Secretary's estimate for 1927/28 was reduced by the Board of Health by an amount of £700, and in addition, expenditure in excess of the estimate seems to have been incurred in that year, so that in the estimate for 1928/29 provision had again to be made for a commencing debit balance of £2,600. The decreased rate for Health District Charges in 1927/28 resulted from an accumulated credit balance which was brought into account in the Estimates for that year. The Poor Rate collection has considerably improved since last audit. There are however the following sums outstanding in respect of previous years' collections.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| No. 17 District—Ex-Collector Charles Byrne | £584 12 8 |
| " 12 " " Garret Byrne | 1006 18 6 |
| " 2 " " Michael Halpin | 974 6 1 |

The Council have entrusted the closing of these collections to their Law Agent. The Council continues to raise an insufficient rate to discharge their annual liability in respect of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway, and as a result a debit balance is steadily increasing against the guaranteeing area. All insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date. (Signed) Sean O h-Ealuighthe, Infiuchoir. Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla agus Slainta Phuubliche.

4th December, 1929. I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Wicklow Libraries Committee for the two years ended 30/9/1927 and 31/3/1928. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith. (Signed) Sean O h-Ealuighthe, Infiuchoir. Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla agus Slainta Phuubliche.

ORDER—Noted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, the 25th April, 1930.

26th May, 1930.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors William Byrne, William J Henry, James Everett, T.D.,
Timothy Mulcahy and Major C Mitchell.

The minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee had before them the following Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£12255 : 9 : 2.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfer on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1930.

County Board of Public Assistance—£9948 : 10 : 0.

The Secretary reported with regret, the death of the Council's Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, on the 8th April, 1930. He mentioned that the Law Agent had in hands many urgent legal matters of grave importance to the County Council, and submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in that connection for the information and guidance of the Committee and the Council:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE,

G.26757/1930,

DUBLIN,

Gill Mhanntain (Sd.)

15th April, 1930.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant and I am to state that the vacancy in the position as Solicitor to the County Council will fall to be filled in pursuance of Section 6 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners. In the meantime, it is open to the Council with the consent of the Minister to fill the office temporarily and the person appointed shall hold office until a permanent appointment is made, or the expiration of six months from the office becoming vacant whichever first occurs.

The terms and conditions for the necessary permanent appointment should be submitted for the consideration of the Minister at the earliest possible date in order that formal application to the Local Appointments Commissioners may be made without undue delay.

Mise, le meas.

(Signed) :—G. M. HICKEY,
a/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The Committee recommend that the legal business of the Council continue to be transacted by Messrs J H McCarroll and Company, Wicklow, that firm's remuneration to be based on taxed bills of costs. The Committee consider that the salary paid in the past was excessive, and consequently suggest that the above-mentioned course be adopted for a period of twelve months, so that the Council may be afforded an opportunity of ascertaining by experience what is the most economic method of having their legal work performed.

The Committee noted with regret a medical certificate submitted by the County Surveyor, S G Gallagher, Esq., B.E., to the effect that he was confined to bed suffering from a severe cold, and would be unable to discharge his duties for some days.

A letter dated 28th March, 1930, was submitted from Joseph T O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Assistant Surveyor, stating that his travelling expenses were allowed at the rate of 6d. per mile limited to an annual sum of £120, and asking for this maximum limit to be advanced by £25, in view of the fact that his actual travelling expenses each year considerably exceeded the existing limit. The Committee recommend that the application be acceded to, and that the new limit begin to operate as from the 1st April, 1930.

Correspondence from Thomas Fleming, Esq., the Council's insurance broker, was submitted, in which he asked to have the matter of appropriation by the Council of commission on insurance premiums adjusted so as to allow him adequate expenses in connection with the periodical inquiry which he was obliged to make into the financial standing of the counter-securities furnished by collectors included in the fidelity bond with the New Ireland Assurance Company. The Committee recommend that in calculating the commission allowed to Mr Fleming in each year the commission on the premium paid on the rate collectors' bond be excluded on the grounds that the amount (£8 : 8 : 0 approximately) is expended by Mr Thomas Fleming in pursuing the periodical inquiry afore-mentioned.

Letters dated 11th and 25th March, and 14th April, 1930, were submitted from Proinsias O Cinneide, County Registrar, Court House, Wicklow, enclosing copy of an account which had been received by the Stationery Office, Dublin, from the "People" Printing Works, Wexford, in respect of the publication on the 23rd November, 1929, of a notice of dates of Circuit Court sittings, and which had been paid by the Stationery Office. The County Registrar stated that he had been instructed to obtain from the County Council a Paying Order value £5 : 16 : 2 and forward

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same to the Stationery Office to recoup them for the said payment, since the cost of the advertisement was chargeable to the County Council. The Committee note that this account was not furnished in the regular manner to the County Council for payment, and that it has been computed at the Government rate, viz., 1/- per line, instead of at 6d. per line, being the Council's contract rate with the "Wicklow People," and they recommend that payment be made in accordance with the latter rate, on which basis it would amount to £3 : 7 : 0.

A letter dated 18th April, 1930, was submitted from the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wicklow, asking the Secretary to cause instructions to be issued for the removal of the explosive material in stock by the Council at Wicklow Garda Station, as it was not proposed to stock any further quantities at that centre. ORDER—County Surveyor to take suitable action.

A letter dated 22nd February, 1930, was submitted from Sergeant James Bredin, Weights and Measures Office, Garda Síochána, Malrow, formerly Weights and Measures Inspector at Wicklow, claiming refund of the sum of £1 stated to have been expended by him on coal for the Weights and Measures Office at Wicklow. ORDER—To be reconsidered when receipted accounts are received from Sergeant Bredin.

A letter dated 24th April, 1930, was submitted from Mrs Maria Williams, Court Keeper, Wicklow, resigning her position as from the 30th June, 1930. ORDER—Consideration adjourned to next meeting, Secretary then to submit draft of conditions for the new appointment.

A letter dated 2nd April, 1930, was submitted from R Wilson, Esq., Coollatin Estate Office, Shillelagh, asking if the Council would be prepared to pay for the electrical heating of Rathdrum Courthouse, instead of the existing arrangements for fuel. ORDER—The Committee recommend that the said Courthouse be heated by electricity when used for Court purposes.

A letter dated 9th March, 1930, was submitted from Mr William O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, caretaker of Bray Courthouse, seeking extra remuneration for scrubbing and washing, and for cleaning and lighting fires in two offices in the Courthouse every day. ORDER—The Committee regret they are unable to allow any sums other than those already allowed quarterly.

The following Statement of Letting of the lands attached to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings in respect of the eleven months ending on the 23rd February, 1930, was submitted by Edwin Hammond, Esq., Cronehorn, Carnew:—

| Plot No. | | £ | s | d |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----|----|---|
| 1 | J Murphy | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 & 4 | J Dempsey | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 3 | J Dempsey | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 5 | J Murphy | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 6 | Mrs Duffy | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 3 Fields grazing | T Fleming | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Less Advertising and Expenses | | 15 | 5 | 0 |
| Net | | 14 | 15 | 0 |

ORDER—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted the following tenders received by him for material at Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings:—

| | | £ | s | d |
|------------------------------|--------------|---|----|---|
| John Rodgers, | 8 doors roof | | | |
| Weavers' Square, Baltinglass | and slates | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Garret Byrne | | | | |
| Lathalier, Baltinglass | Roof | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Henry Jones, | do. | | | |
| Deerpark, Baltinglass | | 1 | 5 | 0 |

ORDER—The Committee recommend the acceptance of John Rodgers' tender at £5 2s.

A letter dated 3rd April, 1930, was submitted from Mrs Annie Murphy, The Lodge, Shillelagh Workhouse, asking to be appointed to clean and light fires in "the Clerk's office" in that building. ORDER—The Committee regret they have no powers to make payments in this matter.

A claim was submitted by Mrs K Doyle, (No. 9 District) for refund of the sum of £10 : 8 : 1 lodged but not yet collected by her on foot of her 1928/1929 warrant. ORDER—The Committee regret they cannot legally recoup the collector in this instance.

The Secretary submitted a statement of the condition of the poor rate collections as on the date of the meeting. The Committee noted therefrom that the following collectors had closed their 1929/30 warrants:—

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Collectors Luke MacDonnell, John A Doyle, Edward Lynch, William Burke, P J Doyle, Patrick Mulligan, Mrs K Doyle, W P Murphy, Michael Roche (Nos. 12 and 14 Districts), W J Quinn, P J O'Byrne and Thomas Fleming.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee

1st May, 1930.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd May, 1930, from E J H Hopkins, Esq, solicitor, Main Street, Wicklow, stating that he was a candidate for the position rendered vacant by the death of Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor to the Council. ORDER—See Finance Committee's Report No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William 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 Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to Co. Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

A meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 9th May, 1930.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob and William J Heary.

Following the resolution passed by the County Council at the Special Meeting of that body held on the 31st March, 1930, allowing poor rate collectors to the 30th April to close their collections for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1930, the Secretary submitted a schedule showing that the following sums still required to be lodged to close the collections of the poor rate collectors indicated:—

| | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|------|----|---|
| District No. 5 | Frank Healy | £155 | 12 | 1 |
| " | 6 do | 529 | 1 | 9 |
| " | 11 James J Jacob | 195 | 14 | 2 |
| " | 17 D J Kinsella | 73 | 19 | 8 |
| " | 19 John Byrne | 175 | 13 | 7 |

After due consideration the Committee decided to recommend the County Council to suspend from office at their Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 26th instant such of these collectors as have not closed their collections by that date.

As directed by the Committee, the Secretary submitted conditions which he suggested should govern the appointment of Court Keeper for Wicklow Court House, which becomes vacant on the 30th June next, consequent upon the resignation of Mrs Maria Williams. These conditions were approved and recommended to the Council as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE POSITION OF COURT KEEPER FOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT WICKLOW

Duties.

1. To keep the Courts, the judge's, barristers', and solicitors' rooms, the Council Chamber, and all the public offices, hallways, stairs, floors, landings, corridors, walls, windows, and the lavatories both in and outside the Court House at all times in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the County Secretary, the outside lavatories to be white-washed as often as may be required.

2. To light and maintain fires in the said rooms and offices on such occasions during the winter months as they are required by the persons occupying the same in the discharge of their duties, to keep all chimneys swept, and to see that the heating apparatus in the Court is in proper working order whenever required whilst the Court is sitting in cold weather.

3. To keep the keys of all rooms and offices in the buildings entrusted to him in his personal custody, and to see that such rooms and offices are locked when unoccupied.

4. To see that all lights in the building are out and all outer doors locked and bolted before retiring at night. The person appointed will be expected to take every precaution to see that no electric light is wasted.

5. To act as Porter to the County Council, and promptly obey all orders of the County Secretary.

6. To exclude unauthorised persons from the building, and to prevent loitering in the outer hallway, particularly after office hours.

7. To post such notices as may be required at the door of the building.

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Remuneration.

8. A salary of £78 per annum will be paid in quarterly instalments, of which £10 shall be deemed to be in respect of the duties as Court Keeper, and £68 in respect of the duties as officer of the County Council. The Finance Committee of the Council will order Paying Orders in respect of salary to be withheld if on the report of the County Secretary or the Under-Sheriff it appears that the duties are not being efficiently discharged.

9. Reasonable claims for cleansing materials and utensils, and for the expenses of periodically emptying the ash-pit in the Courthouse yard, will be paid if properly supported by receipted accounts, and the person appointed will also be allowed free apartments, fuel and light.

10. No claims for extras other than those afore-mentioned will be entertained.

Other Conditions.

11. The position confers no rights of pension or compensation.

12. The appointment will at first be made for a probationary period of one year, and subject to the receipt of a report from the County Secretary that the person appointed has performed and is capable of performing the duties with efficiency, the appointment will then be made permanent.

13. The appointment may be determined at any time by three months' notice in writing on either side.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

12th May, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted letters dated 6th March, 1930 (G.15691/1930), 7th March, 1930 (G.12948/1930), 21st March, 1930 (G.18469/1930), 9th April, 1930 (G.24232/1930), 23rd April, 1930 (G.28194/1930), 3rd May, 1930 (G.32320/30) and 16th May, 1930 (G.36430/1930), from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, expressing dissatisfaction with the progress of the poor rate collection, deferring consideration as to the continuance of Collectors John A Doyle, James J Jacob and Mrs K Doyle (who had been appointed for a probationary period) until their 1929/1930 warrants were accounted for, reluctantly agreeing to the postponement to the date of the Council's Quarterly Meeting (the 26th May, 1930), of the examination of the Collectors' accounts under Article 102 of the Public Bodies Order, 1929, conveying the Minister's view that the poundage of collectors closing subject to the 30th April, 1930, should be reduced and that for the financial year 1930/31 in the event of dilatoriness penalties at least by way of reduced poundage should be enforced, and recommending the appointment of a small committee for dealing with the Council's work relating to the collection of rates. The Secretary also submitted a letter dated 29th March, 1930, from Collector Frank Healy, stating that he was severely handicapped by the absence of a pound, a letter of the 14th May, 1930, from the New Ireland Assurance Company, Ltd, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Collector John Byrne threatening cancellation of his Fidelity Bond unless he diligently discharged his duties, and a schedule made out by him (the Secretary) showing the position as on the day of the meeting, from which it appeared that the following sums remained outstanding:—

| | | | |
|--|------|----|---|
| Collector Frank Healy (No. 5 District) | £115 | 7 | 1 |
| do. " 6 " | 421 | 3 | 8 |
| Collector John Byrne " 12 " | 119 | 11 | 5 |

Collectors Denis J Kinsella (No. 17 District) and James J Jacob (No. 11 District) having closed some days previous to the day of the meeting. Collector John Byrne having closed his collection during the progress of the meeting, the Council ordered that he be paid his poundage in full.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;
Seconded by " George Kearon;

Resolved—That being satisfied that Collector Frank Healy has put forward a reasonable excuse for not having his collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts closed by to-day by reason of there being no pound in existence in all his two districts, we hereby request our Law Agent to hasten the setting up of pounds in Blessington, more particularly, and throughout the entire County generally, and that Collector Frank Healy be given until the 30th June, 1930, in all the extenuating circumstances of his two districts to close these collections.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 24th May, 1930 (G.37909/1930), from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that in view of the disregard by Collector Denis J Kinsella of frequent warnings on the subject of dilatoriness the Minister sanctions payment only at the rate of 6d. in the £ of poundage on the second moiety of his 1929/1930 warrant. ORDER—Collector to be paid on this occasion at full rate of poundage.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That advertisements be issued inviting applications for the position of Court Keeper in the Court House at Wicklow in accordance with the conditions approved of in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, copy of which shall be handed to each applicant, that the appointment be made at the Council's Annual Meeting subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that the latest date for receiving applications be fixed by our Secretary.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 23rd May, 1930.

The following members were present:—

26th May, 1930.

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors W J Henry, James Everett, T.D. ; William Byrne and C M Byrne.
The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment :-

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£3940 19 6

The Secretary submitted the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the undermentioned rate collectors, and the Committee, having made an exhaustive and thorough examination of the same, recommended them for approval and adoption by the Council as follows :-

| District No. | Collector | Allowed | Carried Forward | Disallowed |
|--------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| | | £ s d | £ s d | £ s d |
| | | | | 1 12 5 |
| 12 | Michael Roche | 68 8 10 | | |
| | | | | 1 12 5 |
| 1 | Luke McDonnell | 10 3 9 | 19 15 2 | |
| 2 | John A Doyle | 11 15 5 | | |
| 2 | do. | 10 15 1 | 5 12 5 | |
| 3 | Edward Lynch | 8 18 0 | 90 8 2 | |
| 4 | William Burke | 3 18 3 | | |
| 7 | P J Doyle | 85 2 7 | 5 15 1 | |
| 8 | Patrick Mulligan | 12 4 7 | | |
| 9 | Mrs K Doyle | 8 9 8 | 19 0 4 | |
| 10 | W P Murphy | 43 7 3 | | |
| 11 | James J Jacob | 72 7 10 | | |
| 12 | Michael Roche | 41 18 10 | 46 15 5 | |
| 13/15 | William J Quinn | 49 2 8 | 9 11 0 | |
| 14 | Michael Roche | 16 19 5 | | |
| 16 | P J O'Byrne | 84 6 7 | 26 16 7 | |
| 17 | D J Kinsella | 45 1 0 | 13 14 1 | |
| 18 | Thomas Fleming | 0 18 6 | 31 5 5 | |

The Secretary submitted a schedule showing the expenses incurred in connection with the letting of County Roads out for contract for the two years 1930/32, from which it appeared that the net cost was approximately £54. ORDER—Submitted.

A letter dated 6th May, 1930, was submitted from Collector Frank Healy, Ballynascullogue, Manor-Kilbride, reporting that the District Justice had dismissed summonses issued by him against a number of ratepayers who refused to pay rates in respect of mountain holdings on the Downshire Estate, on the grounds that the ratings were not properly entered in the rate book, and asking the Council to afford him all necessary legal assistance in the matter. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to afford Collector Healy the legal assistance required.

An application was submitted dated 20th May, 1930, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, for the use of Tinahely Courthouse for the purpose of a buttermaking class, which would continue for three weeks from the 26th May, 1930. ORDER—Permission granted.

The Committee noted that the sums still remaining outstanding on the various poor rate collections for the year 1929/1930 were as follows :-

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Frank Healy (5) | £155 12 1 |
| Frank Healy (6) | 529 1 9 |
| James J Jacob (11) | 115 15 10 |
| D J Kinsella (17) | Now closed |
| John Byrne | 119 11 5 |

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

24th May, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as now read, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;
Seconded by " J J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Finance Committee's recommendations regarding the claims for uncollected rates received from the undermentioned rate collectors, as follows :-

| District No. | Name of Collector | Strike off as Irrecoverable | Carry forward | Disallow |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|
| | | £ s d | £ s d | £ s d |
| | | | | 1 12 5 |
| 12 | Michael Roche | 68 8 10 | | |
| | | | | 1 12 5 |
| 1 | Luke MacDonnell | 10 3 9 | 19 15 2 | |
| 2 | John A Doyle | 11 15 5 | | |
| 2 | do. | 10 15 1 | 5 12 5 | |
| 3 | Edward Lynch | 8 18 0 | 90 8 2 | |
| 4 | William Burke | 3 18 3 | | |
| 7 | P J Doyle | 85 2 7 | 5 15 1 | |
| 8 | Patrick Mulligan | 12 4 7 | | |
| 9 | Mrs K Doyle | 8 9 8 | 19 0 4 | |
| 10 | William P Murphy | 43 7 3 | | |
| 11 | James J Jacob | 72 7 10 | | |
| 12 | Michael Roche | 41 18 10 | 46 15 5 | |
| 13/15 | William J Quinn | 49 2 8 | 9 11 0 | |
| 14 | Michael Roche | 16 19 5 | | |
| 16 | P J O'Byrne | 84 6 7 | 26 16 7 | |
| 17 | D J Kinsella | 45 1 0 | 13 14 1 | |
| 18 | Thomas Fleming | 0 18 6 | 31 5 5 | |

Passed.

26th May, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby delegate to the members of the Finance Committee for the time being this Council's powers regarding the scrutinising and ruling on the claims for rates sworn to be irrecoverable by poor rate collectors, which duty would otherwise fall on this Council under the requirements of Article 102 of the Public Bodies Order, 1929, subject to the Finance Committee reporting their action thereon in due course to this Council for final approval.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our Secretary, if and when the necessity arises, to apply for and obtain from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, overdraft accommodation limited in amount to

£10,000, this authorisation to extend up to but not beyond 31st August, 1930.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd May, 1930, from J P Caffrey, Esq., Assistant Surveyor, applying for travelling expenses and explaining that he was unable to discharge his duties properly without a proper means of getting about. In this connection the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J J Bourne, and accepted by the Chairman :—" I hereby give notice that I or some person for me, will move at the next Annual Meeting of this Council, that Assistant Surveyor J P Caffrey, who operates in the Southern end of the County, be allowed a reasonable sum to cover travelling expenses, so as to secure that the Council's work will be efficiently carried out, and on more economic lines."

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly ;

Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That the travelling expenses of those members of the Council who failed to completely qualify for their recoupment for the half-year ended 31st March, 1930, be paid, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, before whom all the extenuating facts in each case are to be put.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS :-

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " Timothy Mulcahy ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas amounting to £12,255 9s 2d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " Timothy Mulcahy ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Additional Payments, amounting to £3940 19s 6d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Major Mitchell ;

Seconded by Councillor William Henry ;

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

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 1.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,

22nd May, 1930.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 26th MAY, 1930.

GENTLEMEN,

1. The surface dressing of the roads is now in progress. Owing to the delay caused by not having sufficient plant it is nearly impossible to carry on this work speedily and economically. Therefore, I request permission to purchase 2 stand-by tar boilers. These articles are supplied at a price set forth in the Ministry's list and roughly would cost £125 each plus delivery.

2. It was necessary to carry out some works as Sudden Damages viz :-

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Repairs to Sheana foot-bridge at a cost of | £8 0 0. |
| Repairs to road at Aughavannagh " " " | £3 0 0. |
| Repairs to road Kilmacoo-Avoca " " " | £2 0 0. |
| Repairs to gulleys on the Carnew—Kirke's, Toghier road, at a cost of | £24 14 0. |

3. Applications have been made for the erection of Petrol Pumps by the following :-

Mr Stephen Barry, Kilcoole, the Pump to be adjacent to road, but on Mr Barry's own premises. There is no objection.

Messrs V J Stevens, Wicklow ; P J Byrne, Adelaide Road, Bray, (3 Pumps) ; William McCormack, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy ; John Tompkin, Wexford Road, Arklow, and John F Kenny, Shillelagh. As you have given permission for kerbside pumps elsewhere, I presume you will do so in these cases.

Your obedient Servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

26th May, 1930.

ORDER—Paragraph No. 1—To be bought, subject to the Minister's sanction to the cost being met out of overdraft. Paragraph No. 2—Approved. Paragraph No. 3—Authority granted, subject to the works being carried out to satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

26th May, 1930. Gentlemen. Further to my Report, I have received three further applications for permission to erect Petrol Pumps from the following:—Messrs Bates, Ferrybank, Arklow (two kerbside pumps); Mr A E Cole, Kilboy, Kilbride (one pump); Mr Arthur Hatton, Bollarney, Wicklow (one pump). I have no objection to the erection of above pumps. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—Granted, subject to work being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 3.

26th May, 1930. Gentlemen. I received an application from Messrs Jones and Kelly, Architects, 17 South Frederick Street, Dublin, for permission to make additions at the premises owned by Miss Moylan, Bonne Bouche, Greystones. I have no objection to the above. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—Granted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 4.

26th May, 1930. Gentlemen. As a result of further investigation of the extent and depth of the floods in the King's River at Granabeg, I have been forced to the conclusion that it would not be possible to construct a public car road and Bridge for £1000 (the probable cost would be nearer £3000) also the gradient leading on both sides to the bridge would be excessively steep, and the cost of avoiding this steepness would enhance the cost of construction and increase the already large sum asked for compensation. An alternative site was suggested lower down the river but on investigation I decided that no advantage would accrue especially as the main object of the application is to afford a short and safe passway for school children from the S. side of the Valley to Granabeg School. The present passway to the footbridge is subject to floods and it is obvious that the provision of a safe passway is necessary. I suggest that the Board of Health make use of the Section 33 and 36 of the Local Government Act, 1898, and provide a public path as was done at Ballymore Eustace some years ago. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

ORDER—Copy to be sent to the Board of Health with the suggestion that they apply for a grant of £2,000 for this work.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 5.

26th May, 1930. Gentlemen. I request leave to be absent from the County from Tuesday night, 27th inst, to Saturday, 31st instant. Thanking you in anticipation. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

ORDER—Granted.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

15th April, 1930, from Messrs Gerald Byrne & Company, solicitors, 7 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin, discussing at length the alleged flooding of the premises of their client, Mrs Ellen Rylands, at Bolarney, Wicklow, by water from the county road, and asking the Council either to undertake to remedy the cause of complaint, or to name a solicitor who would accept service of proceedings.

ORDER—Referred to Law Agent.

Correspondence from Arklow Urban District Council, dated 22nd April, and 7th May, 1930 (a) asking the Council to erect warning signs where necessary; (b) objecting to the spreading of sea gravel on the footpath at Ferrybank; (c) asking for the improvement of the footpaths in the urban area under the Government Grant; (d) suggesting the erection of specified direction signs. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

9th May, 1930, memorial from Donard workmen, seeking employment as road workers and alleging corruption in the engagement of men in Ganger Rogers' section. ORDER—That the County Surveyor be directed to personally investigate the subject matter of charges herein, and to report in the fullest manner to this Council.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the County Council directs that in future all work where extra men may be employed that work will be given in turns of one month, that married men and single men with dependents be given preference, also men tenants of Council cottages.

Passed.

10th May, 1930 L 1633-30, from the Department of Agriculture, referring to a departmental inspector's report that the entrance to Aughrim fair-green was strewn with large stones likely to injure animals' feet. NO ORDER, the County Surveyor having reported that the stones were not on the Council's property, and Councillors having stated that the private owners had already put the entrance into proper condition.

15th May, 1930, from Messrs P J Byrne and Company, solicitors, 13 Dublin Street, Carlow, calling on the Council either to settle forthwith the claim of their client, Mr Andrew O'Brien, Holdenstown, Baltinglass, for gravel sold, etc., or to name a solicitor who would act for them. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor to be settled forthwith.

26th May, 1930, from Mr Stephen Barry, Kiloole, seeking permission to erect a petrol pump and enclosing plan. ORDER—Granted, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be empowered to spend £100 in remedying the flooding of the Ballyknockan road and B illinahoun near Moran's bridge as a sudden damage as this sum of £100 was added to sum set aside for

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sudden damage in the Road Scheme in order that this work be done. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby fix Tuesday, the 24th June, 1930, at 12 noon, as the date and hour for the Council's Annual Meeting.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books, and that the Poor Rate Books and Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That the collection books for the year 1930/1931 be issued at as early a date as possible to such poor rate collectors as have closed their 1929/1930 collections, and that the issue of the new collection books to the remaining collectors be left to the discretion of our Finance Committee, subject to the condition that the new collection books be issued in no case until the 1929/1930 collection has been closed; and that each collector be warned that, for the financial year now current, and all future financial years, strict compliance with the conditions requisite for the payment of poundage will be insisted upon, and that in the event of failure penalties at least by way of reduced fees will be enforced by this Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £1869 14s 10d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount of £8023 18s 11d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount of £2688 4s 5d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary having submitted copy of notice dated 27th February, 1930, which he had forwarded to each Councillor in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, it was in accordance with Notice of Motion

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " C M Byrne; and

Resolved—That the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing

by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of £2565 for the purpose of carrying out an Improvement Scheme under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts in the Greystones Electoral Division.

Passed unanimously.

The Council adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea, the Chairman having intimated that Councillor McCrea was through illness unable to attend the meeting:—"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me will move that a loan of £2000 be raised to reconstruct the Carnew-Shillelagh road."

The Council decided to adjourn to their next Quarterly Meeting item No. 22 on the printed agenda, being Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor David Frame, was ruled out of order by the Chairman on the grounds that it infringed the terms of Standing Order No. 34:—"I hereby give notice that I will move or some one on my behalf, at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the five shillings per head per week formerly paid to the Managers of Reformatory and Industrial Schools for the maintenance of children committed to their care from this County be restored as from the date it was reduced to 4/6 per head per week, and that all orders and resolutions to the contrary on the records of the Council be rescinded."

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 4th April, 1930, from Sean Mac Cathmhaoil, Clerk, Urban District Council, Bray, asking the Council to join with the Commissioner for Bray Urban District in a lease of a plot of ground on the Quin Estate, Bray, on which it was proposed to build a new Technical School, North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee undertaking to pay the head rent and legal expenses involved. The Clerk of the Urban Council also enclosed file of correspondence which had taken place between him; F. F. MacCarthy Esq., Principal and Secretary, North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee; John Garvey, Esq., D.L., O.B.E., Vevay House, Bray; and Messrs White and Mearns, Agents for the Quin Estate, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin. In addition, the Secretary submitted to the Council file of correspondence and draft lease which accompanied a letter dated 23rd April, 1930, from James M Magee, Esq., solicitor, for the Commissioner of Bray Urban District.

ORDER, Referred to Law Agent for report.

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The Secretary submitted the following:—
Ardoyne Drainage Petition,
Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have examined the Petition presented under the above-mentioned Act and beg to report as follows:—

1. On the General Merits. Flooding occurs throughout the length of River (about 5 miles) proposed for improvement and land not at present under cultivation could be brought into tillage if proper drainage outfalls were provided. The area likely to be benefited however seems incommensurate with the extent of the work and its probable cost.

2. On the Probable Cost of the Work. The probable cost of the work is £1683 0 0. Since the Minor Schemes Act of 1928 applies only to projects involving expenditures not exceeding £1000, Drainage Work, if executed here, should be carried out under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925. It will not be necessary to lodge a fresh petition for this purpose. We have not taken into consideration in arriving at the sum mentioned certain contingencies which may possibly arise.

3. On Infringements. Effect could be given to the proposals contained in the petition without infringing any of the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

We are, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

S G Gallagher, County Surveyor, Wicklow.
J P Punch do do Carlow,

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;

Seconded by Councillor William J Henry;

Resolved—That the promoters of the Ardoyne Drainage petition submitted under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, be informed that this Council has now had under consideration the combined Report of the Co. Surveyors of Carlow and Wicklow on their petition, and that inasmuch as the necessary expenditure involved would be considerably greater than the maximum expenditure allowed under that Act the Council has no statutory powers to deal with the petition as submitted.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 21st May, 1930, from R J McCann, Esq., Main Street, Baltinglass, referring to the petition lodged with the Council for the drainage of small streams near Baltinglass, and requesting the Council to hasten matters. NO ORDER, County Surveyor's Report not having yet come to hand.

The Secretary having submitted a letter dated 25th April, 1930, from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, inviting the Council to nominate a representative on the Executive Committee of the Association, it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That this Council hereby nominates Councillor William Henry as their representative on the Executive Committee of the Irish Tourist Association; and that the Association be asked to forward for the Council's information a certified copy of the letter received by them from the Ministry for Industry and Commerce approving of the Association, and the further letter received from the Minister for Industry and Commerce by the Association approving of their Scheme for the expenditure of Co. Wicklow's contribution and of those of other local authorities.

Passed

The Council having had before them a letter dated 6th March, 1930, from the Abbey Publicity Service, 124B George Street, Croydon, thanking the Council for according their official sanction to the publication of an Official Guide for Co. Wicklow and enclosing concession form for signature it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That the Abbey Publicity Service, whose head office is at 124B George Street, Croydon, be informed that Wicklow County Council, after further consideration, finds it impossible to comply with their requirements in the matter of the production of an Official Guide for Co. Wicklow.

Passed

Vocational Education Bill, 1930.

The Secretary submitted copy of a circular letter dated 10th

May, 1930, from the Secretary County Council's General Council, enclosing summary of the above-mentioned Bill, and conveying a resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the General Council stating that the compulsory attendance of farmers' children at certain periods of the year would be unnecessarily burdensome and expressing the opinion that the proposed Scheme should be financed by the State. In this connection the following five motions were proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe, were referred by the Council to the General Council for consideration, and were not seconded:—

(i) That this Council protest against Section 6 of the Vocational Education Bill, 1930, by which it is proposed to amalgamate the area administered by the North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee with the rest of the County, as we consider such action would be injurious to Technical Instruction Schemes in that district

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(ii) That the Minister for Education be requested to grant from Government funds two-thirds of the cost of buildings.

(iii) That we object to the wide powers over Committees given by the Bill to the Minister and we ask our representatives to have the Bill amended so that Committees may be more than mere figureheads to do the wishes of his Department.

(iv) That we ask the Minister for Education to include existing Technical Instruction areas over 10,000 (ten thousand) population and towns over 8,000 (eight thousand) population in First Schedule of the Vocational Education Bill, 1930.

(v) That we consider the allowance to members of the Committee should be payable for the return journey of members of Vocational Education Committees and not as in No. 7 of the Second Schedule.

The Council had before them a letter dated 1st April, 1930, from Edward Archer, Esq., Secretary, Greystones Public Utility Society, Ard-na-Ree, Greystones, asking on what grounds the Council rescinded their Resolution making grants for houses built by the Society, or if the latter body failed to comply with any of the Council's requirements. ORDER. Submitted.

The Council had before them a letter dated 20th May, 1930, from Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian, Wicklow, conveying the following recommendations of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee (a) That Mrs Bridget Cooper, cleaner of Greystones public Library, be dismissed owing to inadequacy of funds; (b) That Mr. Denis Troy, librarian and caretaker at Enniskerry Library be dismissed on the ground of inefficiency; (c) That the County Library Committee be authorised to appoint a suitable caretaker to the Enniskerry Library at £9 per annum, in a temporary capacity.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor C M Byrne;

Resolved—That the Rev. Father Lucey, C.C., Kilmacanogue, be appointed as a member of the County Libraries Committee, and that the recommendations, three in number, from that body, submitted to this meeting be referred back to the County Committee for further consideration.

Passed.

The Council took no action with regard to the County Librarian's Report on her interview with the Commissioner for Bray Urban District relative to the absorption by the Central Library Committee of the Bray Library Scheme, as it was understood that the proposal had been abandoned by the Central Library Committee.

The Council having had under consideration a letter dated 5th April, 1930 (G.22890/30, Wicklow U.D.) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking if the Council agreed to the transfer to them on the terms stipulated by Wicklow Urban District Council of the powers of the said Council under the Public Libraries Acts, 1855-1920, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor David Frame and

Resolved—That this Council hereby approves of the transfer to them of the powers and duties of Wicklow Urban District Council under the Public Libraries Acts, 1855 to 1920, on the terms set forth in the following resolution passed by the said Urban District Council:—"That we the Urban District Council of Wicklow in pursuance of the powers vested in us under sub-section 6 of Section 65 of the Local Government Act, 1925, hereby relinquish in favour of the County Council of the County Wicklow, our powers and duties under the Public Libraries Act, 1855-1920, provided that a minimum rate of 3d in the £ be struck annually to maintain a branch of the library in this Urban District;" and that the powers transferred as hereinbefore be delegated to County Wicklow Central Library Committee, except in so far as concerns the appointment and dismissal of paid officers.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted copy of the State Lands (Workhouses) Act, 1930, and also circular letter dated 16th April, 1930 (Circ. P. 23/30 Ilghneitheach) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, explaining the provisions of same. NO ORDER.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the Agreements with Edward Duffy and Philip Fitzpatrick respectively, in relation to the tenancy by the said persons of certain apartments in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated 21st April, 1930, from Mrs Mary Fitzpatrick, Workhouse Buildings, Shillelagh, applying for the use of a room on the ground floor instead of that already occupied by her husband upstairs. NO ORDER, the Agreement having been already executed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 28th April, 1930, from Sergeant M Ryan, Garda Síochána, Baltinglass, asking if the yard of Baltinglass Courthouse might be used for impounding animals, as since the old pound had reverted to the landlord great inconvenience was experienced in dealing

with cases of road trespass. ORDER. Granted, County Surveyor to have the work of enlarging the entrance carried out forthwith, a double door capable of allowing the passage of a horse and cart to be provided.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 21st May, 1930 (G.37124/1930

G. Cill Mhanntain) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that a report had been received from the Department of Justice as to the unsatisfactory accommodation for the Circuit Court in Baltinglass Courthouse, and giving a list of suggested improvements (including the provision of a safe for the room allocated for a Circuit Court Office) which practically corresponded with a list of requirements furnished by the Under Sheriff to the County Secretary, and by the latter to the County Surveyor. ORDER. County Surveyor to have these requirements fulfilled forthwith, but no safe to be supplied, it being considered by the Council unnecessary.

The Secretary submitted an undated letter from Mr Frank Whittle, The Green, Dunlavin, caretaker of Dunlavin Courthouse, reporting that the doors and windows of the Courthouse required painting, and that the glass panels over the door were broken and would require a shutter to protect them. ORDER. Work to be carried out by the County Surveyor.

The Council having had before them a letter dated 9th May, 1930 from Alfonso O Conchubhair, "Springmount," Wicklow, Secretary, County Wicklow Feis Committee, applying on behalf of the said Committee for permission to hold County Feis competitions in the Court House, Wicklow, on Sunday, July 6th, 1930, in the event of the weather being unfavourable to the holding of outdoor competitions, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor John J. Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That, in the event of the weather proving unsuitable for the holding of outdoor competitions, we hereby grant the use of the County Court House, Wicklow, to County Wicklow Feis Committee, for the purpose of holding competitions therein on Sunday, July 6th, 1930, subject to the said Committee giving a written undertaking to hold themselves responsible for any damage done to the premises, and paying the Court Keeper the sum of £1 : 0 : 0 for cleaning up afterwards.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 26th March, 1930, from Mr James Waldron, Secretary, Wicklow Branch, Irish National Foresters' Benefit Society, expressing the desire of his Branch to negotiate with the Council with a view to purchasing or taking a lease of that portion of the southern end of the Wicklow Gaol premises comprising large yard and opening on market street for the purpose of erecting a hall and premises thereon. ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

A printed notice dated 14th April, 1930, of intention to attach small lines and fittings to the Court House premises, Wicklow, was submitted from the Electricity Supply Board. NO ORDER.

The Council having had before them a letter dated 10th March, 1930, from F F MacCarthy, Esq., Principal and Secretary, North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, reporting that Mr J Garvey, D.L., O.B.E. was not prepared to act on the Committee owing to ill-health, it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne; and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr James Doyle, Sunnybank, Bray, to represent this Council on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, to take the place of Mr J Garvey, D.L., O.B.E., who is not prepared to act.

Passed.

The County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1930, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31/3/1930.

| Articles submitted for Analysis. | Date Received. | No. | From | Result of Analysis. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Margarine | 1/1/30 | 1 | Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright | Genuine |
| Whiskey | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | 3/2/30 | 4 | Bray, Guard Stanton | " |
| Butter | 20/2/30 | 3 | Shilielagh, Sgt. Canney | " |
| Whiskey | " | 3 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | 5/3/30 | 4 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | " |
| New Milk | 8/3/30 | 2 | Arklow, Guard Crowe | 1 gen. 1 not gen. |
| Butter | " | 2 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | 11/3/30 | 1 | Aughrim, Sergeant Hayden | " |
| Butter | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Margarine | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Whiskey | 12/3/30 | 1 | Roundwood, Guard Mahony | " |
| Ginger Wine | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | 13/3/30 | 2 | Newtown, Sergeant Cox | " |
| Whiskey | " | 2 | " " " | " |
| Butter | " | 2 | " " " | " |
| Tea | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Sugar | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Sugar | 15/3/30 | 1 | Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony | " |

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|----------------------|---------|---|---------------------------|--------|
| Lemonade | " | 1 | " | " |
| Whiskey | 18/3/30 | 1 | Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright | " |
| Margarine | " | 2 | " " " | " |
| Cheese | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Butter | 22/3/30 | 2 | Arklow, Guard Crowe | " |
| New Milk | " | 1 | " " " | " |
| Butter | 25/3/30 | 4 | Bray, Guard Stanton | " |
| Whiskey | " | 2 | Greystones, Sgt. Morris | " |
| New Milk | " | 4 | " " " | " |
| New Milk | " | 2 | Newtown, Sgt. Cox | " |
| New Milk | 31/3/30 | 3 | Baltinglass, Guard Conway | " |
| Drugs | 6/1/30 | 3 | Blessington | " |
| " | 10/1/30 | 3 | Dunganstown | " |
| " | 23/1/30 | 3 | Delgany | " |
| " | 27/1/30 | 3 | Dunlavin | " |
| " | 28/1/30 | 2 | Co. Hospital | " |
| " | 30/1/30 | 3 | Rathdrum | " |
| " | 13/2/30 | 3 | Avoca | " |
| " | 20/2/30 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| " | " | 3 | Coollatin | " |
| " | 27/2/30 | 3 | Arklow | " |
| " | " | 2 | Co. Home, Rathdrum | " |
| " | 28/3/30 | 3 | Blessington | " |
| " | 3/3/30 | 3 | Powerscourt | " |
| " | 4/3/30 | 3 | Wicklow | " |
| " | 7/3/30 | 3 | Annamoe | " |
| " | 24/3/10 | 3 | Bray No. 1 | " |
| Water (Tina-hely) | 7/1/30 | 1 | Co. Board of Health | Passed |
| Waters (En-niskerry) | 10/1/30 | 2 | " " " | Passed |

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 69; Drugs, 46; Waters, 3. Total, 109. Number adulterated—New Milk, 1. Date 16/4/1930.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

ORDER.—Noted.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor David Frame;

Resolved—That we call upon the Government to immediately stop the shipping of German oats into Ireland, and we request that the importation of the present cargo of 20,000 to 40,000 barrels discharging in Dublin this week be stopped.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

4th February, 1930 (R/RB/33) relative to the necessity for advertising under Section 25 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, the proposal to construct a passway and bridge at Granabeg School, and stating that as the proposal was a "new work" it would be desirable to advertise the intention to raise a loan, also letter dated 18th March, 1930, from the County Surveyor, stating that the above-named Section would not appear to apply.

ORDER. See Order made at this meeting.

3rd March, 1930 (C.14365/1930, Fa Cill Mhanntain), sanctioning an overdraft not exceeding £10,000 up to the 31st idem

3rd March, 1930 (G.14368/1930, Fa Cill Mhanntain), regretting that the Council did not make provision for a working balance in order to avoid the necessity for overdrafts.

5th March, 1930 (R/RGS/33) stating that road grant allowances to surveyors were fixed on the basis of whether whole-time or part-time service was given, the relative amount of work done not being a material consideration.

8th March, 1930, (H.12259/1930 Pc), sanctioning the Scheme made by the Council under the Housing Act, 1929.

12th March, 1930 (IR/124), with enclosed memorandum, relative to the shoeing of horses in such a manner as to avoid the risk of slipping on modern roads.

25th March, 1930 (G.20224/30 Fa), returning with the Minister's approval Collector Michael Roche's bond for No. 12 district, subject to the condition that monies be lodged within 48 hours of collection.

14th March, 1930 (RGM/201/30) memorandum provisionally notifying the allocation of a grant of £6900 for the upkeep of Main Roads for the year 1930/31.

3rd April, 1930 (SGG/201), notifying the provisional allocation of the following sums for Main Road improvement, subject to the usual conditions:—Rathnew-Arklow road, near Templaraine to Vale Cross Roads, £2950; Surface dressing main roads, £5000.

11th April, 1930 (R/RG/33/1), referring to the Council's resolution relative to a grant for the improvement of the Rathnew-Arklow road, and directing attention to the foregoing letter from the Department.

15th April, 1930 (G.26024/1930 Cill Mhanntain Fa), consenting to the retention as part-time poor rate collector of Mr John A Doyle, No 2 District.

28th April, 1930 (R/SGG/33), approving subject to the usual conditions of the scheme for the improvement of main roads proposed to be carried out under the terms of the Minister's letter of the 3rd April (SGG/201), above referred to.

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28th April, 1930 (G.30305/1930 Fa), stating that poundage is not allowable on discount granted under the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

The Louth Mental Hospital District Order, 1930, constituting the administrative County of Louth a separate district for the purpose of the provision and maintenance of accommodation for the lunatic poor in that County.

20th May, 1930 (G86691/1930 Cill Mhanntain), sanctioning the retention of Mrs K Doyle (No. 9 District) as part time rate collector.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

21st March, 1930 (L.3240/29), emphasising the necessity for following the regular procedure with a view to ensuring the validity of appointments of substitutes for Veterinary Inspectors temporarily unable to discharge their duties.

8th May, 1930 (L.1670/30), reporting that a sample of butter purchased by a departmental Inspector on the premises of Joseph Germaine, Baltinglass, was on analysis found to be adulterated, and asking that proceedings be instituted on behalf of the Council.

ORDER Secretary's action in initiating proceedings approved.

12th May, 1930 (L.1706/30), reporting that six samples of butter purchased in Baltinglass and Dunlavin by an officer of the Department were on analysis found to be genuine.

5th March, 1930 (3003038), from the Secretary, General Valuation Office, stating that wires and transformer stations, etc. the property of the Electricity Supply Board should be included in the list of tenements requiring revision, when the question of exemption would be investigated.

27th March, 1930, from the Irish Land Commission, enclosing list of defaulting Land Purchase annuitants against whom legal proceedings had been directed.

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

19th March, 1930, enclosing original Bond and Warrant of Attorney in the case of Collector Michael Roche, registered in the Central Office of the High Court.

22nd March, 1930, enclosing for swearing by the Secretary, Affidavit to ground motion in the case of the Council against ex collector Charles Byrne, and his sureties, Alfred Hopkins and William Kidd, also letters dated 5th and 13th idem from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the delay in instituting proceedings.

14th May, 1930, from Messrs J H McCarroll and Company, reporting that they had secured the adjournment of the case of the Council against the Hibernian Insurance Company, and also of the Malicious Injury Claim of Colonel W H C Kemmiss.

28th February, 1930, from the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association, hoping that Local Authorities would grant medical officers' applications for leave to attend the annual meeting of the Association at Winnipeg.

28th February, 1930, from Miss Maud Gonne MacBride, Hon. Secretary, Women Prisoners' Defence League, 32 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, with enclosures, relating to the alleged ill-treatment of persons stated to be political prisoners.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 7th March, 1930.

From University College, Dublin, regulations for County Council and City of Dublin Scholarship Examination, 1930.

16th March, 1930, from S. Conway, Esq., V.S., Salem, Wicklow, reporting that he was taking a two weeks' course of lectures in Dublin and nominating a substitute for that period, with consequential correspondence, including letter dated 28th March, 1930 (L3240-29) from the Department of Agriculture, stating that as Mr Conway's attendance at the lectures was entirely voluntary no recoupment of the expenses of the substitution from the funds of the Council could be sanctioned.

26th March, 1930, from Dr Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, enclosing the Chairman's original approval of the appointment by Dr. Lyons of Dr W G. Lyons, Baltinglass, as his deputy.

Report of the Irish Export and Import Freights Committee.

March, 1930, from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, invitation to appoint delegates to the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Association, to be held in London in July, 1930.

7th April, 1930, from the Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Committee of Management, stating that further copies of the accounts of the Tramway would be supplied should the Council decide to furnish its members with those accounts, and that the policy of the Committee would be dictated as the economic conditions of the Undertaking and the interest of the ratepayers in the guaranteeing area required.

15th April, 1930, from Dr P J Hamilton, Arklow, Coroner for East Wicklow, fearing he would be unable to continue in his position unless there was a decrease in the accident mortality rate.

Undated, from Mr Daniel Nolan, Ballard, Shillelagh, giving notice of his intention to vacate on the 16th April, 1930, the apartments occupied by him in Shillelagh Workhouse Building.

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29th April, 1930, from the Chairman of the Council, C M Byrne Esq., Ballykillavane, Glenealy, stating that he was unable to authorise a special meeting for the purpose of the irrecoverable rate lists, because the Council would be satisfied with the Secretary's scrutiny of these lists, and also because of the near approach of the date of the Quarterly Meeting and the prejudicial effect the holding of a special meeting would have on Councillors' claims for travelling expenses.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 2nd May, 1930.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 9th May, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES

From Tuam Town Commissioners, protesting against the action of the Government of Northern Ireland in prohibiting the entry of the "Irish World," especially in view of the alleged foolish tolerance of the Free State in permitting the "Irish Times" to "sneer" at Irish place names with impunity.

From Kilkenny County Council, supporting the endeavour to prevent Irish flour mills from being acquired and controlled by British millers.

From Offaly County Board of Health, urging the Government to establish a National Housing Board so as to ensure the construction of the 50,000 houses required within ten years.

From Kildare County Committee of Agriculture, protesting against the proposed financing of the Vocational Education Scheme out of funds to be supplied by the ratepayers.

C. M. Byrne
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The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 24th June, 1930.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;
Councillors James McCrea, John J Barry, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Denis Condren, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, John J Metcalfe, William J Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, James Everett, T.D. ; Timothy Mulcahy, J J Bourne, Major C Mitchell, Michael Fleming, George Kearon, James Kavanagh, George Heatley, John W Ryan, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, and David H Haskins.

BUSINESS :

1. Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
2. To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.
3. To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
4. To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation List for the County.
5. To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, and of the Proposals Committee, in the coming year 1930/31.
6. To appoint a Court Keeper for the County Court House, Wicklow, in accordance with the terms referred to in the Council's published advertisement.
7. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea:— "I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me, will move that a loan of £2000 be raised to reconstruct the Carnew-Shillelagh road."
8. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J J Bourne:— "I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next Annual Meeting of this Council, that Assistant Surveyor J P Caffrey, who operates in the southern end of the County, be allowed a reasonable sum to cover travelling expenses so as to secure that the Council's work will be more efficiently carried out, and on more economic lines."

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That Councillor C M Byrne, of Ballykillavane, Glenealy, be, and he is hereby, re-elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That Councillor Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bray be, and he is hereby re-elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by Councillor David Frame ;

Resolved—That we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, place

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on record our deep regret at the tragic death of that distinguished County Wicklow man, Sir Henry de H Segrave and we tender to his wife and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry ;

Seconded by Councillor James Kavanagh ;

Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations necessary in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the lists revised accordingly.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor John Ryan ;

Resolved—That the following be the dates fixed for Quarterly meetings of the Proposals and Finance Committees and the County Council for the year 1930/1931 :—

| Place of Meeting | Hour | Summer Quarter 1930 | Autumn Quarter 1930 | Winter Quarter 1931 | Spring Quarter 1931 |
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| PROPOSALS COMMITTEE | | Friday, Aug. 1st | Friday, Oct. 24th | Friday, Jan 30th | Friday, Apr. 24th |
| COUNTY COUNCIL | | Monday, Aug. 25th | Monday, Nov. 17th | Monday, Feb. 16th | Tuesday, May 26th |

PROPOSALS

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| PROPOSALS COMMITTEE | | Friday, Aug. 1st | Friday, Oct. 24th | Friday, Jan 30th | Friday, Apr. 24th |
| COUNTY COUNCIL | | Monday, Aug. 25th | Monday, Nov. 17th | Monday, Feb. 16th | Tuesday, May 26th |

Passed.

The Secretary read the following advertisement :—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
COURT KEEPER WANTED FOR WICKLOW COURTHOUSE.**

The above Council will, at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 24th June, 1930, proceed to appoint a Court Keeper for Wicklow Court House. Full particulars regarding the appointment may be had on application to the undersigned. All applications must be received before 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 21st June, 1930.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council,

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow,
12th June, 1930.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 26th April, 1930, from William Toomey, Esq., B.L., Under Sheriff, Annacrivey, Enniskerry, agreeing to appoint the Council's nominee, and reported that he had amended the conditions of appointment to read as follows in accordance with suggestions contained in a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 11th June, 1930 (G.40446/1930 Cill Mharútaín):—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

**CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE POSITION OF
COURT KEEPER FOR COUNTY COURT HOUSE AT WICKLOW.**

Duties.

1. To keep the Courts, the judge's, barristers', and solicitors' rooms, the Council Chamber, and all the public offices, hallways, stairs, floors, landings, corridors, walls, windows, and the lavatories both in and outside the Court House at all times in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the County Secretary, the outside lavatories to be white-washed as often as may be required.
2. To light and maintain fires in the said rooms and offices on such occasions during the winter months as they are required by the persons occupying the same in the discharge of their duties, to keep all chimneys swept, and to see that the heating apparatus in the Court is in proper working order whenever required whilst the Court is sitting in cold weather.
3. To keep the keys of all rooms and offices in the buildings entrusted to him in his personal custody, and to see that such rooms and offices are locked when unoccupied.
4. To see that all lights in the building are out and all outer doors locked and bolted before retiring at night. The person appointed will be expected to take every precaution to see that no electric light is wasted.
5. To act as porter to the County Council, and promptly obey all orders of the County Secretary.
6. To exclude unauthorised persons from the building, and to prevent loitering in the outer hallway, particularly after office hours.
7. To post such notices as may be required at the door of the building.

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Remuneration.

8. Wages will be paid at the rate of Thirty Shillings per week, of which the equivalent of £10 per annum shall be deemed to be in respect of the duties of Courtkeeper and the balance in respect of duties as employee of the County Council. The Finance Committee of the County Council will order wages to be withheld if on the report of the County Secretary or the Under-Sheriff it appears that the duties are not being efficiently discharged.

9. Reasonable claims for cleansing materials and utensils and for the expenses of periodically emptying the ash-pit in the Courthouse yard, will be paid if properly supported by receipted accounts and the person appointed will also be allowed free apartments, fuel and light.

10. No claims for extras other than those above-mentioned will be entertained.

Other Conditions.

11. The position confers no rights of pension or compensation.

12. The appointment will at first be made for a probationary period of one year, and subject to the receipt of a report from the County Secretary that the person appointed has performed and is capable of performing the duties with efficiency, the appointment will then be made permanent.

13. The appointment may be determined at any time by three months' notice in writing on either side.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow.

12th June, 1930.

Applications for the position were submitted by the Secretary from the following :-

1. Kehoe, Andrew, The Mall, Wicklow
2. King, Thomas, Wicklow Head, Wicklow
3. McSweeney, Edward, Gate Lodge, Friarshill, Wicklow
4. McDermott, Miss Harriett A., Church Hill Cottage, Wicklow
5. Hughes, Michael B., Fitzwilliam Row, Wicklow
6. Kehoe, James, 1 Convent Road, Wicklow
7. Manley, John, Knockraheen, Roundwood
8. Kehoe, Miss Katie, New Street, Wicklow

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

FOR KING:-Councillor D J Kehoe-1

FOR McDERMOTT:-Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, George Heatley, John W Ryan, John J Barry, C M Byrne, William Byrne, D H Haskins, Joseph Jacob and Timothy Mulcahy-24

FOR HUGHES:-Councillors P P O'Reilly and James Everett, T.D.-2
Miss McDermott having a clear majority of votes was declared elected.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor John W Ryan;

Resolved-That we hereby appoint Miss Harriett A McDermott, of Church Hill Cottage, Wicklow, as Court Keeper for the County Court House, Wicklow, in accordance with the terms and conditions referred to in the Council's published advertisement (which conditions she shall be taken to have read and agreed to), and that the Under-Sheriff and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to accord their approval to this appointment.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle; and

Resolved-That a five-year loan of £2000 be raised through our Treasurer to reconstruct the Carnew-Shillelagh road, on condition that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health gives a free grant of a similar sum of £2000 to be expended in reconstructing and improving that road.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming; and

Resolved-That Assistant Surveyor J P Caffrey, who operates in the Southern end of the County, be allowed a reasonable sum to cover travelling expenses, so as to secure that the Council's work will be more efficiently carried out, and on more economic lines and that we hereby fix the sum of Seventy Pounds (£70) per annum to cover his travelling expenses, which expenses are to be vouched with accounts in the usual manner, checked and certified by the County Surveyor.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION:-Councillor J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, Daniel J Kehoe, Major C Mitchell, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Bryrno, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, John W Ryan, John J Barry, C M Byrne, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; David H Haskins, and Joseph Jacob.-22

AGAINST:-Councillors William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, John Dunne, George Heatley, and Timothy Mulcahy.-5

The motion was accordingly declared passed by twenty-two votes to five.

The Secretary submitted the following:- "15th June, 1930. To the Chairman and members of Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I wish to resign my position as clerk in your offices consequent upon transfer on promotion to the position of County Accountant under Louth County Council, and I should be obliged if you would kindly give me permission to leave at the earliest convenient date. I beg to thank you most sincerely for the kindness you have shown me during the seven years and four months I have been in your service. Yours faithfully (Signed) Michael Fox."

ORDER. Accepted as from July 14th, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

Resolved-That we request and authorise the Finance Committee to take such steps as they deem advisable to provide by a wholly temporary appointment for the shorthand, typing and clerical help required by the County Secretary consequent upon Mr Fox being promoted to the position of County Accountant to Louth County Council (which this Council has released him as from the 14th July, 1930, prox.), subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained.

Passed.

The Council adjourned to their Quarterly Meeting consideration of a letter dated 30th May, 1930 (G.40014/1930 Cill Mhanntain Sd), pointing out that it was not competent for the Council to make a temporary appointment of a Solicitor for twelve months and urging the taking of steps to ensure a permanent appointment without further delay.

The Council also adjourned to their Quarterly Meeting a letter

dated 17th June, 1930, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, enclosing report of a meeting of a Select Committee convened by the Committee of Agriculture for the purpose of drafting a suitable Sheep Dipping Scheme for the County.

The Secretary submitted two letters dated 19th June, 1930, from Messrs J H McCarroll and Company, Wicklow, the Council's temporary legal advisers, applying for permission to obtain Counsel's opinion on the following matters, in view of their importance to the Council and the involved state of the law relating thereto:-(i) the strengthening of overhead bridges over lines operated by the Great Southern Railways Company, and (ii) the proposal of Dublin Corporation to transfer to the Council the liability for the maintenance of roadways adjacent to the Roundwood Reservoirs.

ORDER-Granted.

An application dated 23rd June, 1930, was submitted from Leslie Good, Esq, Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, for permission for his Society to erect four of five seats along the Church Road, Greystones. A letter was also submitted from the County Surveyor stating he had no objection.

ORDER-Granted.

A letter dated 6th June, 1930, was submitted from the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, applying, subject to the consent of the District Justice, for the use of the Justice's Room in the Courthouse, Arklow, for the purpose of the local library, the Urban Council to provide shelving accommodation. The Council had also before them copies of letters from the District Justice, Mr Liam Price, 10 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin, consenting to the proposal.

ORDER-Permission granted.

The Council adjourned to their Quarterly Meeting an application dated 21st June, 1930, from Messrs Thomas Doyle and Son, Auctioneers, Baltinglass, for permission to use Baltinglass Courthouse for the purpose of holding Land Commission auctions therein.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

24th June, 1930. To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I regret to have to report that your Accountant, Mr Thomas Langton, is confined to his bed and is under the care of the doctor. Yours faithfully (signed) P T Healy, Secretary.

ORDER-Noted.

The following application was submitted from the County Surveyor:- "23rd June, 1930. Gentlemen. With your permission I propose taking my 30 days leave of absence from the 28th July, 1930, to the 1st September, 1930 (both days inclusive). It will be necessary to authorise and direct the Assistants, each in his own area, to attend to any urgent matters which may occur during that period. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor."

ORDER-Granted.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved-That the application dated 18th June, 1930, of the Pioneer Road Construction Company, Ltd., of East Wall, Dublin, to be allowed to hire the stone crusher at present situate in the Glen of the Downs, be acceded to, on the following terms:-(i) the Company to pay

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10/- per day therefor; (ii) to indemnify the County Council against all accidents to persons or property by reason of the hiring of the crusher; (iii) that the above Company guarantee to leave the crusher back in the Downs Quarry in its present state of repair.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John W Ryan;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That our Chairman and Councillors James Everett and David Frame be asked to call at the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health to discuss the reduction of the poundage fees payable to certain rate collectors and to put forward the Council's deliberate and expressed views in that connection at this meeting.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow this Council when expending Government Grants to confine the employment of ex-National Army men to fifty per cent of the whole number employed, the remaining fifty per cent to be suitable men with dependents.

Passed.

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