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The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 21st August, 1939.

The following Members were present:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman ;
Councillors P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Bourne, John Dunne, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; David H. Haskins, Wallace Hammond, P. D. Kinsella, J. P. O'Donnell, Major R. Smith, Miss Margaret Kelly, Edward Byrne, Michael Timmins, Michael Mooney, James Everett, T.D. ; Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; Daniel J. Kehoe, M. M. Gleeson, Joseph Jacob, and M. J. Brennan.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 1.
- 2 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 2.
- 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 Acts.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 11 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
- 11A To appoint a Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Electora Divisions of Hollywood and Lugglass—the Minister for Agriculture having refused to sanction the appointment of Mr. Patrick Murphy.
- 12 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne :—
"I hereby give notice that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 21st August, 1939, 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 a sum of £7,600 for the purpose of re-laying the water Main from Glen of the Downs to Greystones, for the improvement of Greystones Water Supply."
- 13 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne :—
"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 21st August, 1939, that the salary of the Court House Keeper in Wicklow Court House (who is also Caretaker and Attendant of all the County Council's Offices), Miss Grace McDermott, be increased to £100 per annum, to compensate her for all the extra work she has been compelled to take on since her appointment by the Council on 26th June, 1933."
- 14 To complete the Form No. 111 to be sent to the Local Appointments Commissioners with a view to filling permanently the position of County Surveyor, now vacant, consequent upon the resignation of Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E.
- 15 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.

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16 To consider an application from Mr. James Lawler, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin (supported by a tracing) for permission to build on a vacant space in front of his premises in Dunlavin.

17 To consider a communication from Mr. Sean Dunne, Area Delegate, Workers Union of Ireland, Bray Branch, Federation Hall, off Main Street, Bray, requesting the Council to receive a deputation from the Newtownmount-Kennedy Section on the subject of the fortnightly pay system.

18 To consider a communication from the Acting County Surveyor with reference to luminous advertisement signs erected by private owners on the road side, which he considers tends to render the use of the highway unsafe.

19 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's application for a free Grant to put certain thoroughfares in Greystones into a satisfactory condition of repair before being taken over and maintained by the County Council.

20 To receive from the Local Appointments Commissioners the results of the recent competitive examinations for Junior Clerical Officers and Short-hand-Writer Typists, and to make the permanent appointments therefrom in accordance with the approved Scheme.

21 To consider Reports on the Council's Secondary School Scholarship Holders for the Scholastic year 1938/39, and if so disposed, to pass a resolution renewing these Scholarships for the year 1939/40.

22 To consider Reports on the Council's University Scholarships Holders for the year 1938/39, and if so disposed, to pass a resolution renewing these Scholarships for the year 1939/40.

23 To consider the following resolution submitted by the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

"Resolved—That a Loan of £500 be procured from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., in order to erect a new house for the Caretaker of the Cemetery, and we request the Contributing Bodies—Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, to give their consent to the Board raising such a loan for this work, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

24 To re-consider a letter from the Department of Finance replying to the Council's recent resolution on the grievances submitted by the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub Committee.

25 To receive and consider detailed Report from temporary Poor Rate Collector Michael O'Neill on his efforts to close the 1938/1939 Collection in No. 19 District, following the resignation of Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew.

26 To make arrangements for the appointment of a Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. John J. Doyle.

27 To consider a Report from the Council's Solicitor, Mr. Joseph Brazil, regarding the loss to the Council of the rates on the 6,000 acres of land taken over at Poulaphuca under the Hydro Electric and Water Supply Scheme.

28 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposals to increase the Salary of the Secretary to the County Library Committee.

29 To consider a further communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £750 to be devoted to the purchase of Belle Vue House, Wicklow, for County Library purposes.

30 To approve and confirm the appointment of a new Clerk to Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee recently made by that Committee to replace Mrs. Maria Short, resigned.

31 To consider County Analyst's Report.

32 To receive Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

33 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

34 To receive Reports from County Officers.

35 To consider official correspondence.

36 To consider General correspondence.

The Minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 21st July, 1939.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Major R. Smith, J. P. Kehoe and James Everett, T.D.

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

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee, recommend same for payment to the County Council, as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£9,398 7 10.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same.

QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1939.

County Board of Public Assistance—£12,283 10 0.

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

HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1940.

To the County Board of Public Health £17,269 10 0.

The Secretary submitted as usual the Reports received from the Rate Inspector and Rate Checker on their checkings

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since the Committee's last meeting of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County.

The following application was submitted from the Acting County Surveyor:—

COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW.
11th July, 1939

Dear Sir,

Three Maps indicating all the roads in the County (Main Roads in Green and County Roads in Black) with each official number marked thereon, are required, one for my office, one for the County Council Board-room and one for the County Secretary's Office.

These maps require to be mounted on linen and properly fitted with rollers.

I have only one Map with the official road markings at present, and this has become very worn after its many years service.

The preparation of copies of this map is very tedious, and I have not got facilities in my office to have these expeditiously completed. I therefore propose to have these copies made by a recognised Drawing Office in the City—J A Trueman & Sons, 24 Molesworth Street, and I have ascertained that the cost will be approximately £11 0 0.

I therefore ask that you will obtain the necessary authorisation to have this most necessary work put in hands and completed as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE.

Acting County Surveyor.

P. T. HEALY Esq.,

Secretary,
County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

The necessary expenditure was sanctioned by the Committee.

The Committee adjourned to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of an application from Sergeant Sean MacBrinn, Weights and Measures Inspector, Wicklow, for a permanent Weights and Measures Office in the Town of Arklow.

Signed:—DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;

Seconded by John Dunne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 18th August, 1939.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor David H. Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Major R. Smith, and Joseph Jacob.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received since the Committee's last meeting from the Rate Inspector on his checking of the accounts of No. 19 Collecting District.

The Committee considered the following Additional Proposals and recommend same for payment by the County Council as follows:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£290 2 2.

Ex Poor Rate Collector, Mrs. K. M. Doyle's superannuation allowance

The Committee proceeded to consider the following resolution passed by the County Council at the Special Meeting of that Body held on the 31st July, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby accept Mrs. K. M. Doyle's resignation acting on the advice of her doctor, from the position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 9 (Newcastle) District, and we hereby request our Finance Committee to consider and recommend to this Council the full superannuation allowance to which her years of service will entitle her."

The Committee are satisfied that Mrs. Doyle is entitled to have her pension calculated on the average amounts she received annually as salary and emoluments during the three years which expired on the 31st March, 1939, and it was also noted that Mrs. Doyle had been in the service of the County Council for fifteen years and eight months.

It is this Committee's unanimous recommendation, therefore, that Mrs. K. M. Doyle, who was appointed on the 19th November, 1923, be awarded a superannuation allowance of £97 15 5, she having 15 completed years of service, as from the date on which Wicklow County Council accepted her resignation, i.e., 31st July, 1939.

The Committee have instructed the County Secretary to issue the

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usual statutory notice to each Member of the County Council in connection with the proposal to award this superannuation allowance.

Signed: DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee

Dated this 18th day of August, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;

Seconded by " Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read by our Secretary, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the Quarterly transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £939 7 10 (any modifications made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional proposals for payment, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £290 2 2 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

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 submitted from the Proposals Committee and consequently no contracts to be Sealed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly;

Resolved—That the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

There were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, the Cinematograph Acts, 1909, or the Explosives Act, 1875.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER, 1937.

The following letter was submitted:—

AN ROINN TALMHADHEACHTA,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
9th August, 1939.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to advert to your letter of the 1st instant and its enclosed copies of resolutions adopted by the Co. Council at their meeting held on the 31st ultimo with regard to the employment of dipping inspectors during the current dipping period. In reply I am to state that the Minister will offer no objections to the appointment of twenty dipping inspectors as proposed—that is an additional Inspector to the nineteen whose appointments were provisionally approved in this Department's letter of the 25th ultimo—nor to the alteration in the areas of duty as proposed in certain instances. It is noted that the Local Authority's proposals in the above connection will involve the re-appointment of Mr. Hugh O'Keefe as Dipping Inspector.

The Minister, however, for reasons already conveyed to your Local Authority, cannot see his way to modify his decision not to sanction the re-employment of ex-temporary Inspector Patrick Murphy. In view of the fact that the prescribed dipping period has now commenced it is hoped that the Local Authority will take steps to have the vacancy in question filled, subject to the Minister's approval, with the least practicable delay.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
P. O'CONNOR,
for Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
WICKLOW.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the Minister's request in this letter he had issued the usual advertisements in the local papers inviting applications for the position of temporary Inspector under the Sheep Dipping Regulations for the area of Hollywood and Lugglass Electoral Divisions, and had received eight applications.

After a considerable discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins;

Seconded by " P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Minister for Agriculture regarding the appointment of a Sheep Dipping Inspector for Hollywood and Lugglass Electoral Divisions in succession to Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Oakwood, Vallemount, we desire to strongly emphasise the view of this Council that Mr. Patrick Murphy should continue in our service as Inspector, and we would respectfully submit that Mr. Murphy has, as Warble Fly Inspector, been already penalized more than the circumstances warranted, and we see no reason for refusing to appoint him

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as Sheep Dipping Inspector for the above referred to area, to which position we hereby appoint him, we would further add that we are satisfied Mr. Murphy at all times discharged the duties of sheep dipping Inspector personally and satisfactorily.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued to each Member of Wicklow County Council on the 10th July, 1939, under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That the approval of the County Council be given to the borrowing by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £7,600 for the purpose of relaying the Water Main from the Glen of the Downs to Greystones, for the improvement of Greystones Water Supply.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That the salary of the Courthouse Keeper in Wicklow Courthouse (who is also Caretaker and Attendant of all the County Council Offices) Miss Grace McDermott, be increased to £100 per annum, to compensate her for all the extra work she has been compelled to take on since her appointment by the Council on 26th June, 1933.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), P. P. O'Reilly, Daniel J. Kehoe, Martin Gleeson, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Miss M. Kelly, James Everett, T.D., D. H. Haskins, C. M. Byrne, J. P. O'Donnell, and Joseph Jacob—13.

AGAINST—Councillors J. J. Bourne, Wallace Hammond, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern), Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Major R. Smith, M. J. Brennan, and P. D. Kinsella—8.

The Chairman, thereupon, declared the Motion to have been passed by 13 votes to 8.

VACANT POSITION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The Secretary again submitted the communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 17th July, 1939, Ref. R/RS/33 (a full copy of which appears on page 7 of the printed minutes of the Council's meeting held on the 31st July, 1939, and stated that it was the Minister's wish that application should be made as soon as possible to the Local Appointments Commission to have a qualified and suitable person recommended for appointment to the vacant position.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, in compliance with the direction in the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 17th July, 1939 (No. R/RS/33) hereby decide to appoint a suitable person to the permanent pensionable position of County Surveyor at a salary of £750 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20 to £900 per annum, with an allowance for travelling expenses in accordance with such regulations as may be made by the Minister from time to time, subject to a maximum of £200 per annum; we further decide that the person to be appointed as County Surveyor shall be responsible for all engineering works to be undertaken by the County Council and the Board of Health, and, we hereby direct that the green form of application No. 111, be now completed by our Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne, and the same forwarded to the Local Appointments Commission with the request that advertisements be issued and a suitable candidate recommended to this Council for appointment as County Surveyor.

Passed—Councillors P. P. O'Reilly and Michael Timmins dissenting.

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ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Tighe na Cuirte,
Cill Manntain,

16adh Lughnasa, 1939.

Do'n gCathaoirleach a's na dhaoine uaisle,

1. ROAD MAINTENANCE.

The progress of road repair works, which I had arranged for the Spring-Summer period of 1939-40, in accordance with available funds, has been fairly well maintained. The adverse weather experienced during the months of June and July has delayed the completion of these works in full, but recently an improvement in these conditions has encouraged a further resumption of the work.

2. SURFACING.

During the quarter ending the 30th June tar surface dressing was carried out for a distance of about 14 miles.

3. INCREASE IN TRAFFIC.

Notwithstanding the unsuitable weather, and other unusual conditions, such as the International Situation, the

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amount of light and heavy traffic on the roads in this County continues to increase, and I have observed that many bye-roads, heretofore isolated, are now expected to cater for Tourist and other traffic to a surprising extent.

4. HEDGE CUTTING.

A special communication has been received from the Department of Local Government indicating the general want of attention to hedge cutting and tree lopping in the County and directing that the matter should be attended to during the current year. I have to report that all landowners and occupiers were served with a Notice to comply with the Act during 1938-39.

5. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD. (LIFFEY SCHEME).

I have received a communication from the Secretary of the Electricity Supply Board, indicating that the Military Authorities propose to demolish a Road Bridge at (Baltboys and Tulfarris Lodge at Burgage) during the Army Manoeuvres to take place in the first week in September. These Structures are situated within the area to be surmerged in connection with the Liffey Hydro Electric Scheme.

6. SURVEY OF MAIN BRAY-RATHNEW ROAD.

I have had correspondence with the Department regarding the easing of bends and superelevation of corners on the Main Bray-Rathnew Road, which is unfit to cater for the increasing traffic. The Department requests that a survey be made at the earliest opportunity with a view to suitable reconstruction.

7. SALE OF FLAGSTONES.

I have had several Slate Flagstones raised from the paths on Road L.29, No. 100, Wicklow Urban, and replaced these by concrete. I propose to dispose of these to the Wicklow Urban Council or any other purchaser at 1/6d. each.

8. UNAUTHORISED SIGNS.

Many luminous advertisements and signs have been erected along the sides and grass margins of certain roads, Main and County. These are unauthorised, and, in some cases, a source of danger to users of the highway during night travel. I offer my opinion that the powers of the County Council should be used to have all these removed in accordance with the appropriate Acts.

Is mise, le meas mór,

S. T. O'Broin,

A/SUIRBHEIR AN gCONDAR.

ORDERS.

Paragraph (1)	Noted.
" (2)	Noted.
" (3)	Noted.
" (4)	Owners of hedges and trees to be called upon to do this work between 1st November and the 31st March in each year.
" (5)	Noted.
" (6)	Work of survey to be carried out immediately.
" (7)	1/6 to be charged for large ones, 1/- for smaller ones, and 6d. for broken ones.
" (8)	To be left to the discretion of the Acting County Surveyor.

A letter dated the 29th July, 1939, accompanied by a Map was submitted from Mr. Thomas Lawler, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin, who stated he would be glad to know if Wicklow County Council would raise any objection to his building on the front of his property in Dunlavin on a space at present occupied by a concrete slab.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Mooney;

Seconded by " Michael Timmins;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, offer no objection to Mr. James Lawler, of the Railway Hotel, Dunlavin, building on the front of his property on a space at present occupied by a concrete slab, so that the new frontage will be in line with the front wall of the Civic Guard Barracks and with Mr. Coleborn's petrol pumps and also in line with the other houses in the square as shown with the red line on the map which accompanies his application dated the 29th July, 1939.

Passed.

The following letter from Mr. Sean Dunne, Area Delegate, Workers'

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Union of Ireland, Bray Branch, Federation Hall, Bray, was considered:—
30th June, 1939.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of Newtownmountkennedy section of this Branch the following deputation was selected to wait upon the County Council at the next Quarterly Meeting when the fortnightly pay system will come up for discussion:—

Joseph Quinn, Killadreenan, Co. Wicklow.
Joseph Cullen, Newtown " "
Thomas Ellis " " "

The deputation's object is to put forward reasons for requesting the altering of the present pay system of the County Council. Please notify me when the meeting in question will take place.

Sincerely yours,
SEAN DUNNE,
Area Delegate.

ORDER—The Council regret that it is not possible to arrange for weekly payments to men employed on road improvement and maintenance in the County.

The following letter from the Acting County Surveyor was considered:—

Court House,
Wicklow,
29th July, 1939.

Dear Sir,

There are several luminous advertisement signs fixed by private owners without any permission on the grass margin adjoining the road between Bray and Rathnew. I consider that these are objectionable, from the point of view of the safety of users of the highway, especially after dark.

I propose to request the owners of these signs to have them removed, but before doing so, I consider that it would be right to have the advice of our Law Agent.

I am anxious to have these signs removed within the next few weeks, because I understand many others are about to be erected.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'BYRNE,
Acting County Surveyor.

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

ORDER—To be left to the discretion of the Acting County Surveyor—Vide Order made on Paragraph 8 of the Acting County Surveyor's printed Report to this meeting.

The following application was considered:—

Court House,
WICKLOW.

21st August, 1939.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Court House,
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

Would you be kind enough to obtain permission from the Council to take my annual 4 weeks leave of absence in such a manner as will be arranged with the County Secretary and to suit the carrying out of the various road works now in progress or to be initiated.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'BYRNE,
Acting County Surveyor.

ORDER—Granted.

The Secretary read the following communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to take over conditionally five thoroughfares in Greystones which hitherto have not been maintained out of Public Funds:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Roads).

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

25 Jul, 1939.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 26th May last and annexed copy of a resolution adopted by your Council agreeing to the taking over by the Council of certain roads in Greystones provided that they are put into a satisfactory condition of repair by means of a free grant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that there are no funds at the disposal of the Department from which a grant could be made for the purpose stated.

Mise, le meas,

TOMAS MacARDHGHAIL,
Leas Runai.

The Secretary,
County Council Offices,
WICKLOW.

ORDER—Read and noted.

The Council considered the following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:—

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
(Roads),
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN.

R/RGM/33,
A Chara,
10adh Lughnasa, 1939.

With reference to the maintenance of main roads in the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that a report has been furnished regarding the general want of attention to hedge cutting and tree lopping and I am to state that steps should be taken to have the matter attended to during the current financial year.

Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON,
Runai.

The Secretary,
County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

ORDER—See order made at this day's meeting on paragraph (4) of the Acting County Surveyor's printed Report.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise Owen O'Neill, of Carnew, to enclose a small patch of ground on the bend Carnew-Kileavan Road adjoining his plot, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor, this piece of ground is being illegally used as a dumping ground and is very insanitary and objectionable to Mr. O'Neill and his family.

Passed.

A memorial dated 31st July, 1939, was submitted from residents of Grange Con and district in which the County Council was asked to have the street of the village steam rolled and tarred. The memorial went on to say that owing to the position of the village between Dunlavin and Balinglass there is a great deal of traffic and in dry weather the dust penetrates into the school and every house in the village, and in wet weather pedestrians are splashed with mud by every passing car.

ORDER—Referred to the Acting County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action.

When the Council came to consider item No. 20 on the Agenda the Secretary intimated that he had not yet received from the Local Appointments Commissioners the results of the recent competitive examination for Junior Clerical Officers and Shorthand Writer Typists, but a communication had been received from the Commissioners in which it was stated that the delay was due to one of the examiners being absent from home and that the results might be expected at an early date.

ORDER—Consideration adjourned; the Local Appointments Commissioners to be written to expressing the Council's disappointment that the results of the examination were not received in time for that day's meeting.

The Council adjourned consideration of Item No. 21 on the Agenda pending the receipt of reports on the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders for the School Year 1938/39.

The Council also adjourned consideration of item No. 22 on the Agenda pending receipt of further reports on the Council's University Scholarship Holders' further examinations for the year 1938/39.

As no Councillor appeared to be willing to hand in a Notice of Motion on the matter no action was taken on the following resolution submitted by the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board which was passed at a meeting of that Body held on the 5th May, 1939:—

Resolved—That a loan of £500 be procured from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., in order to erect a new house for the caretaker of the Cemetery, and we request the Contributing Bodies—Wicklow County Council, and Wicklow Urban District Council—to give their consent to the Board raising such a Loan for this work, subject to sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

The Secretary intimated that, as instructed at the Council's Meeting held on the 31st July, 1939, he had forwarded to each Member of the County Council, and to each Member—and to the Clerk—of the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, a copy of the communication dated the 26th July, 1939, Ref. No. S.88/4/39, received from the Department of Finance regarding the Council's recent resolution on the grievances submitted by that Sub-Committee.

ORDER—Consideration again adjourned.

Condition of Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 District.

Financial Year ended 31st March, 1939.

The following letter and Report were submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN.

G.4152/14/39,
A Chara,
15th August, 1939.

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant regarding the collection of rates in No. 19 District, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that what is required in this case is a full investigation into the question whether the former Collector for the area has lodged within the times prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, 1925, all amounts collected by him in respect of rates.

A partial report on this aspect of the matter was furnished on the 28th April last and the Minister now desires that the fullest enquiries should be made so that the report in question may be completed as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas,
J. COLLINS,
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The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council

21st August 1939.

Temporary Poor Rate Collector's Report

No. 19 District—1938/39 Collection.

To: The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report to Wicklow County Council on the condition to-day of No. 19 District, in which I was appointed to collect temporarily in succession to Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew:—

The total value of the Warrant for the year was: £4184 15 0
The following amounts were accounted for by Mr. John J. Doyle:

1st Moiety—	£1737 6 4	
2nd Moiety—	192 3 8	£1929 10 0
Collected by County Secretary through the Office:		
1st Moiety—	£38 11 1	
2nd Moiety—	377 5 10	£415 16 11
Total accounted for		£2345 6 11

Value of the Rate Receipts in the Collection		
Books when handed to me		1839 8 1
Amounts collected and lodged by me to credit of the County Council		1197 17 10
Difference—still outstanding		641 10 3

This £641 10 3 appears to be made up as follows:

Outstanding on derelict holdings	£51 9 6	
" because of poor circumstances	105 10 11	
" under legal proceedings	234 15 11	
" to be paid from lettings	14 18 8	
" due to disputed liability	68 7 8	475 2 8

Prima facie evidence produced of collection by John J. Doyle	£128 13 2	
Alleged to be paid to John J. Doyle but Ratepayer is either unable or unwilling to produce documentary evidence of having done so	37 14 5	166 7 7

Making allowance for certain adjustments which might be credited to Mr. Doyle's collection, the balance to be demanded from ex-collector John J. Doyle and his Sureties is: 82 0 11

Yours obediently,
MICHAEL O'NEILL,
18th August, 1939.

Having gone into Committee for the purpose of considering the Report received from temporary Collector Michael O'Neill the Council later resumed its deliberations in public when, it was

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor James McCrea;

Resolved—That, having received and considered temporary Poor Rate Collector Michael O'Neill's detailed report on the condition to-day of the 1938/39 Collection in No. 19 District in which Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, was Collector, and having satisfied ourselves that Mr. John J. Doyle and the Sureties in his Personal Fidelity Bond are liable to the Co. Council in respect of the above mentioned Collection for the sum of £146 8 8, we hereby call upon Mr. John J. Doyle and his Sureties to lodge forthwith to credit of Wicklow County Council the said sum of £146 8 8. As, however, we have satisfied ourselves, further, that certain Poundage fees and emoluments which amount to £64 7 9 would in normal circumstances have become payable to Mr. John J. Doyle, we hereby appeal to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow this sum of £64 7 9 to be taken as a credit to the collection so as to reduce from £146 8 8 to £82 0 11 the amount which the County Council is in this resolution calling on Mr. Doyle and his Sureties to lodge to credit of Wicklow County Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved. That our Secretary be instructed to advertise in the local papers for a suitable person for appointment at our next meeting to the part-time temporary position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 (Aghowie) Collecting District, at the usual Poundage fee of Sevenpence—not less than five solvent Personal Sureties in a Fidelity Bond to be submitted with each application.

Passed.
The Council directed the Secretary to insert in the Minutes, for the information of each Member, the following Return showing in respect of the financial year which ended on the 31st March, 1939 (a) the sums in the several collecting districts deemed to be irrecoverable, and (b) under various headings, the sums which it was found necessary to carry forward for collection into the collection books for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1940:—

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County of Wicklow.

ANALYSIS OF UNCOLLECTED RATES—YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1939.

Carried forward into Warrants for 1939/40.

Name of Collector and Number of District	Allowed as Irrecoverable and struck out	Derelict unused and unstocked Holdings	Under legal proceedings and Paying on Deceits	Paying from Lettings	Paying Instalments and Poor circumstances	C/S on Holdings divided by J. L. C.	Acquired wholly or partly by E. S. B.	Ex Service-men's Houses pending Supreme Court Decision	Other disputes or owners not in County	Total carried forward	Chargeable to Collector	Gross Total on Sheets
Luke McDonnell	1	101 13 8	15 9 9	44 2 3	25 16 2			44 18 10	5 2 2	127 9 3	166 7 7	209 2 11
John A. Doyle	2	138 9 10	479 18 10		11 4 5			137 4 11	1 15 1	164 14 3	166 7 7	185 7 6
Edward Lynch	3	274 5 5	42 0 8		20 1 11	33 8 3		4 13 2	4 13 2	403 12 5	166 7 7	467 8 8
P. Burke	4	50 6 4	14 4 2		200 18 9		404 13 8		0 14 4	251 5 1	166 7 7	271 9 4
Do.	5	89 14 4	1469 13 5		73 0 4		1481 4 7			567 8 4	166 7 7	572 11 1
Mrs. Healy	6	1040 17 1	67 4 6		166 4 5					2697 0 0	166 7 7	2697 0 0
P. J. Doyle	7	33 9 2	234 15 11	14 18 8	57 1 10					373 5 6	166 7 7	373 5 6
P. Mulligan	8	75 1 8	1402 2 9		53 14 6					148 19 1	166 7 7	148 19 1
Mrs. Doyle	9	210 7 0	42 0 8		273 16 9	0 14 11				2247 12 1	166 7 7	2247 12 1
W. P. Murphy	10	2 0 9	14 4 2		16 11 1					314 9 10	166 7 7	314 9 10
J. J. McCall	11	161 11 5	1469 13 5		9 12 2	155 3 7				251 15 7	166 7 7	251 15 7
W. C. Byrne	12	375 7 2	85 17 6	54 1 3	15 10 5					1646 15 3	166 7 7	1656 7 2
M. Roche	13	676 13 0	221 19 6		157 14 11					689 8 6	166 7 7	759 18 3
P. J. O'Byrne	14	583 10 11	533 10 11	10 0 0	10 16 2					980 8 0	166 7 7	1037 14 9
D. J. Kinsella	15	120 18 6	67 4 6	104 7 7	31 5 1	114 0 11				747 10 4	166 7 7	835 4 11
T. Fleming	17	51 9 6	234 15 11	14 18 8	105 10 11					295 9 2	166 7 7	315 14 1
Vacant	19									475 2 8	166 7 7	641 10 3
Total	...	4801 11 11	3246 11 7	227 9 9	1241 18 5	308 7 8	1885 18 3	138 0 1	178 13 10	12023 11 6	166 7 7	13024 13 0

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21st August 1939.

The Council's Solicitor submitted the following Report—
4, Church Street,
Wicklow.
26th July, 1939.

Wicklow County Council.

re Liffey and Reservoir Act, 1936.

Dear Sir,
I duly received your letter of the 20th instant enclosing copy of resolution passed by your Council at their meeting held on the 27th June ultimo in reference to the loss in rates of £1,400 a year approximately following the taking over of about 6,000 acres of land at Poulaphuca in connection with the Electricity and Water Supply Scheme there.

Section 13 (1) of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936 provides:—
"The Liffey Works shall, while in the possession and control of the Board, be exempt from assessment for poor rate and also from assessment of any other rate made by a local authority."

The Board referred to in said Section means the Electricity Supply Board.

Under the provisions of the said Act, which was signed on the 28th November, 1936, the Electricity Supply Board are not liable for payment of Poor Rate in respect of any land or buildings acquired for the purposes of the said Act or land or buildings which form part of the "Liffey Works" while in the possession and control of the Electricity Supply Board.

Unless an Act is passed amending Section 13 (1) of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, giving liberty to the local authority to assess Poor Rate on the Liffey Works the Electricity Supply Board will be exempt from payment of rates.

Yours faithfully,
J. BRAZIL,

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

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins;
Seconded by D. H. Haskins;

Resolved—That having considered all the circumstances in connection with rates on the land acquired for the purposes of the Liffey Reservoir Scheme under the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, whereby the lands so acquired are made exempt from payment of rates to the Local Authority in future, we emphatically protest against the injustice thus being done to the Ratepayers of County Wicklow, and we request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to introduce an amending Act so that Section 13 (1) of the Act mentioned above may be altered; and we hereby request the Irish County Councils' General Council to take such steps as will lead to this Council being equitably treated, and the prospective losses in Rates restored to our Funds by the amending Act suggested above.

COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S SALARY.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN.

G.16676/3/39.
A Chara, 18th July, 1939.

With reference to the resolution adopted by the County Council on the 22nd May last increasing the salary of Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian, from £250 by annual increments of £10 to £300 per annum, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has been in communication with the County Librarian with regard to the effect of this proposal on the book fund. Last year the total income of the Library Committee was £748 and the expenditure £993. The sum spent on salaries and wages was £419 or 56 per cent. of the income and 42 of the expenditure which must be regarded as excessive not by reason of the salaries and wages being too high but owing to the rate income being relatively low. Whilst the Minister is prepared to agree to the proposal he must make sanction conditional on the extra expense being met as from next year wholly out of rate. The provision of books is the primary and essential part of the library service. All other expenditure must be regarded as ancillary to this and cannot be allowed to encroach unduly on the amount available for book purchase.

Mise, le moas,
J. COLLINS,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James McCrea and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the amounts of increments to Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian, be included year by year in the funds approved and raised in our Estimates for transfer to the funds of the County Library Committee so that the increase approved by this Council may not interfere with the funds to be made available for the Book Fund."

Proposed Loan to Purchase Bellevue House, Wicklow, for use as County Book Repository and Library.

The following letter was received and considered:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN.

G.1674/39.
A Chara, 29th July, 1939.

With reference to your letter of the 1st ultimo transmitting copy of a resolution regarding the raising of a loan of £750 for the purchase of Bellevue House, Wicklow, for County Library purposes I am directed

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by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having received a report from his Inspector regarding the suitability of the premises for the purpose referred to the Minister is unable to sanction their acquisition as proposed.

Mise, le meas,
J. COLLINS,
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Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—The Minister to be asked to submit to the Council for consideration copy of the Inspector's Report referred to; the Acting County Surveyor to report to the County Council.

The following letter from the County Wicklow Board of Health was submitted :—

Secretary's Office,
County Home,
Rathdrum,

Ref. No. 2994/39. 19th August, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Healy,

The attached Medical Certificate speaks for itself. As you are aware, Dr. Beckett had been granted Annual Leave for the entire month of August—31 days. Owing to his illness he did not commence vacation leave until the 7th and does not accordingly intend to resume duty until the 8th September. I presume this in order.

Dr. Conway who had been appointed vacation substitute, acted for him during the period of his illness, from the 30th July to 6th August, inclusive.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SHEEHAN,
Acting Secretary.

ORDER—Week's extension approved.
Pending the issue of advertisements and the receipt of recommendations from Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub Committee and the name of a suitable person to act as Clerk to that Committee, the Council adjourned consideration of item No. 30 on the Agenda, i.e., "To approve and confirm the appointment of a new Clerk to Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub Committee recently made by that Committee to replace Mrs. Maria Shert, resigned."

QUARTERLY REPORT.

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 30/6/1939.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Whole Milk	1-4-39	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Whole Milk	5-4-39	1	Co. Hospital	"
Whole Milk	11-4-39	4	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	2 gen. 2 not gen
Whole Milk	19-4-39	1	Fever Hospital	Not Genuine
Milk	22-4-39	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	Genuine
Whole Milk	25-4-39	5	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Whole Milk	27-4-39	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	2	County Home, Rathdrum	"
Whole Milk	28-4-39	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	1-5-39	1	Co. Hospital, Wicklow	"
Whole Milk	3-5-39	1	Fever Hospital	"
Whole Milk	6-5-39	4	Dunlavin, Guard Laverty	3 Gen. 1 not Gen
Sugar	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	12-5-39	3	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Milk	17-5-39	1	Fever Hospital	"
Whole Milk	18-5-39	2	Newtown, Guard Nevin	"
G. Wine	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	20-5-39	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Butter	27-5-39	1	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Milk	"	2	"	"
Whiskey	1-6-39	3	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Milk	5-6-39	1	Co. Hospital	"
Whole Milk	6-6-39	2	Aughrim, Sgt. Lee	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Lard	"	1	"	"
Lard	7-6-39	1	Shillelagh, Guard Behan	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	12-6-39	7	Arklow, Guard O'Reilly	"
Buttermilk	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	17-6-39	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	21-6-39	4	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Whole Milk	22-6-39	1	District Hospital, Baltinglass	"
Whole Milk	24-6-39	5	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	4 Gen 1 not Gen
Whole Milk	28-6-39	1	"	Genuine
Cornflour	"	1	"	"
Lard	"	1	"	"

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Analysis—Continued

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Buttermilk	29-6-39	1	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	Genuine
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	30-6-39	4	Greystones, Guard Dwyer	"
Drugs	1-4-39	3	Dunganstown Dispensary	"
"	8-4-39	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	11-4-39	3	Baltinglass	"
"	"	3	Baltinglass Hospital	"
"	"	3	Avoca Dispensary	"
"	13-4-39	2	Aughrim	"
"	14-4-39	2	Fever Hospital	"
"	21-4-39	3	Arklow Dispensary	"
"	22-4-39	3	Rathdrum	"
"	17-5-39	3	Annamoe	"
"	19-5-39	2	Fever Hospital	"
"	22-5-39	3	Bray No. 1 Dispensary	"
"	"	3	Kiltegan	"
"	5-6-39	3	Powerscourt	"
"	8-6-39	3	Co. Home	"
"	13-6-39	3	Blessington	"
"	26-6-39	3	Newcastle	"

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 90; Drugs, 48
Total 138. Number Adulterated—5 Milks.
Dated 15th July, 1939.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

The Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Library Committee were received.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Abstract of Correspondence laid before the Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, 21st August, 1939.
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

18th May, 1939, No. G.14810/39, Cill Mhanntain, acknowledging the Council's proposal to amalgamate No. 4 and 5 Collecting Districts and requesting information as to how the collections would now stand if there were no dispute about the Ratings taken over by the Electricity Supply Board.

19th May, 1939, No. RU/206/33, intimating that the Minister has approved of the Scheme of Road Works proposed by the Council to be carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1939/40 Roads (Rural) towards which the Minister has given a grant of £2,070, and the rates have provided £730

20th May, 1939, No. RU/206/10, intimating the allocation of a Grant of £4,430 out of the Employment Schemes Vote, 1939/40 Roads (Rural) Winter Work, subject to a local contribution of £1,570, and detailing the conditions on which such grant is given.

22nd May, 1939, No. G.8736/2/39, Cill Mhanntain, inquiring what action has been taken by the Council in recovering the amounts outstanding under the Seeds Supply Schemes.

22nd May, 1939, No. S.88/4/39, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution relative to the complaints of the Shillelagh O. A. P. Sub-Committee.

1st June, 1939, No. G.4152/12/39, Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning the Council's appointment of Mr. Michael O'Neill to complete the collection of the 1938/39 Warrant in No. 19 District from which Mr. John J. Doyle has resigned.

1st June, 1939, No. G.193/5/39, sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the Accounts of the Council for the period ending 31st July, 1939, such overdraft not to exceed £40,000.

9th June, 1939, No. G.13397/2/39, intimating the Minister will have no objection to the steps being taken by the Council for the recruitment of Junior Clerks and Shorthand Typists.

13th June, 1939, No. G.16734/39, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution proposing to purchase Bellevue House, Wicklow, for use as a County Library Headquarters, stating no further steps in the matter should be taken for the present, and intimating that a further communication would be addressed to the Council in due course.

21st June, 1939, No. P.H.1340/39, Cill Mhanntain (Pd.), enclosing

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copy of an Order made by the Minister determining Rathdrum Rural District to be the area of charge in connection with the special expenses of providing and maintaining a Water Supply at Roundwood.

30th June, 1939, No. G.14810/39, Cill Mhanntain, conveying the Minister's consent to the formal amalgamation of Districts Nos. 4 and 5 and the assignment of the amalgamated district to Collector Patrick Burke.

30th June, 1939, No. P.81/1939, Ugh., forwarding copy of the County Schemes (General Amendment) Order, 1939.

11th July, 1939, No. G.453/10/39, sanctioning payment of Poundage to certain of the Council's Poor Rate Collectors, subject to deductions in stated circumstances.

12th July, 1939, No. RGM/201/39, intimating that a sum of £10,542 has been provisionally allocated to the Council by way of Main Road Upkeep Grant for the year 1939/40.

13th July, 1939, No. A18235/39, Cill Mhanntain (F) forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for the two years ended 31st March, 1939, together with attested Abstracts of Accounts.

18th July, 1939, No. Cir. S. 82/39, enclosing copy of the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act, 1939.

15th July, 1939, sanctioning payment of Poundage to Collector Kinsella on the terms of the Department's letter of the 11th inst.

17th July, 1939, No. R/RS/33, forwarding copy of a letter addressed that day to the County Board of Health in regard to the proposals submitted in connection with the salaries of the Assistant County Surveyors.

20th July, 1939, No. P.H.8481/3/39, Cill Mhanntain (Pd), enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister fixing, among others, the areas of charge for providing for the public lighting of Grange Con and Roundwood, and altering the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a water supply at Rathnew.

22nd July, 1939, stating the Minister is not prepared to alter his decision in the matter of the remuneration to be paid to Mr. O'Rourke for carrying out the duties of Rate Inspector for the period from 10th March to 31st December, 1939.

27th July, 1939, No. G 193/6/39, sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period ending 31st August, 1939.

2nd August, 1939, No. F.20594/2/39, Cill Mhanntain, intimating that the claim of the Registration Officer in connection with the expenses of the Sixteenth Register of Electors has been examined, that the claims of the Registration Officer and the Stationery Office have been paid, and that application for recoupment should be completed and forwarded to the Department.

4th August, 1939, No. A.21773/39, forwarding Auditor's Report on his audit of accounts of the County Committee of Agriculture for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1939.

4th August, 1939, No. A.21786/39, forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1939.

5th August, 1939, Circular Letter No. 90/39, intimating that the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1939, became law on the 27th ultimo, and that a general sanction has been given for the remuneration of rate collectors in the current year for investigation of employment allowance claims on the same basis as previous years.

9th August, 1939, No. G.4152/13/39, sanctioning the recoupment of £1 18s. 11d. to Mr. Donoghue and £4 16s. to Mr. O'Neill, in respect of the expenses incurred by them in connection with the special check of No. 19 Collecting District.

9th August, 1939, No. G.8735/4/39, sanctioning an increase to £30 in the remuneration of Mr. O'Neill, Rate Checker, with effect as from the 22nd May, 1939.

9th August, 1939, No. P.H.21681/3/39, Cill Mhanntain, noting the Council's ratification of the appointment of Dr. J. Conway, as substitute for the County M.O.H. at a remuneration of £7 7s. per week, with vouched travelling expenses.

10th August, 1939, No. R/RGM/33, with reference to the maintenance of main roads stating a report has been submitted regarding the want of attention to hedge cutting and tree lopping and that steps should be taken to have the matter attended to during the current financial year.

12th August, 1939, No. G.22737/39, transmitting form of query for completion in connection with the superannuation of Mrs. K.M. Doyle, and also forwarding forms of query in connection with the appointment of Mr. M. Healy as temporary collector.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

27th May, 1939, No. L.662/39, asking what is the present position regarding the proposal of the County Committee of Agriculture to make payments to the owners of private swim baths used for public dipping in connection with the Council's Sheep Dipping Scheme.

12th June, 1939, No. L.4512/33, regarding the necessity for precautions to guard against the possibility of the contamination of water supplies or fishing waters as a result of sheep dipping operations.

28th June, 1939, No. L.2188/39, intimating that supplies of Forms, Regulations, etc., in connection with Sheep Dipping Schemes is now the concern of the Local Authority, and will not be supplied by the Department.

13th July, 1939, No. L.352/39, adverting to previous correspondence, stating the Minister will offer no objection to the payment of ex-temporary Warble Fly Inspector Patrick Murphy for the seven days, 5th to 12th May, inclusive, on which he personally attended to his duties, and that the Minister considers his action most irregular and such as to preclude consideration of his employment in a similar capacity in future.

Copy of Statutory Rules and Orders, 1939, No. 74—Foot and Mouth Disease (Hay, Straw and Peat Moss Litter) Order, 1939.

Statutory Rules and Orders, 1939, No. 120—Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Order, 1939.

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9th August, 1939, Ref. No. L.3405/38, sanctioning the Council's proposal to re-appoint 19 sheep dipping Inspectors (including Mr. Hugh O'Keefe), and the revision of the areas of the inspectors, and, further, stating the Minister will not sanction the re-appointment of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Valkeymount, and that the Council should take steps immediately to appoint his successor.

15th August, 1939, sanctioning the Council's proposals as follow:—

- (1) To pay allowances to 80 owners of private swim baths, amounting in all to £121 13 9.
- (2) To pay the sum of £1 each to 16 owners of subsidy swim baths towards repairs and maintenance, amounting in all to £16 0 0.
- (3) The payment of a sum of £50 to Mr. G. P. Byrne for extra work in connection with sheep dipping scheme in the current year.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AN TAOISEACH.

No. S.10725, 24th July, 1939, acknowledging receipt of the Council's communication of the 21st instant, transmitting copy of a communication from the General Secretary of the Farmers' Federation relative to the Agricultural Grant for Co. Wicklow.

FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

13th June, 1939, No. O.I.I/54320, transmitting instructions relative to amendments in the regulations governing examinations for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools under County Councils.

FROM THE DRAINAGE COMMISSION.

15th August, 1939, No. E. 51, stating that the Council's written statement of evidence for the Commission should be submitted before the 26th instant, as otherwise, it will be too late.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

26th May, 1939, reporting the result of proceedings taken under the Food and Drugs Acts at Bray District Court on that day against Andrew Harmon and Joseph Murray, as follows:—

Andrew Harmon—Probation of Offenders Act applied on payment of £2 16s. costs and expenses.

Joseph Murray—Probation of Offenders Act applied on payment of £1 8s. costs and expenses.

10th July, 1939, reporting the committal to Industrial Schools at the District Court in Rathdrum on the 6th inst., of John, James, Patrick, and Barbara McCann, the father of the children being at present serving a sentence of two years hard labour.

20th July, 1939, reporting the committal to an Industrial School at Newtownmountkennedy District Court on the 14th instant of a boy named Michael Farrell, Tittour, Newtownmountkennedy.

28th July, 1939, reporting the hearing of applications to commit two boys to Industrial Schools at Newtownmountkennedy District Court on the 27th instant, both applications being adjourned by the District Justice.

10th August, 1939, reporting the committal, to Carriglea Industrial School at Dublin District Court on the 4th instant, of a boy named Patrick Byrne.

FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

17th August, 1939, stating the demands of the Irish Public Analysts' Association for increased remuneration was under consideration at the Annual Meeting of the Council, and asking to be furnished with details of the fees paid to the County Analyst.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER, THE NATIONAL BANK, LTD.

8th June, 1939, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors on an extension of the Council's Overdraft at an increased limit of £40,000 up to the 31st July, 1939.

20th May, 1939, from S. Conway, V.S., Salem, Wicklow, applying for two weeks holiday leave from the 12th to 25th June, inclusive, and nominating W. J. Richardson, V.S., as locum during his absence.

23rd May, 1939, from Mr. Mark W. Quinn, Hon. Secretary, Greystones and District Ratepayers' Association, Bayswater, Greystones, enclosing copy of letter which he had addressed to the Acting County Surveyor relative to certain matters requiring attention at the sea front, Greystones.

31st May, 1939, from the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition (1939), 84, Eccleston Square, Westminster, S. W.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the tenth Annual Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from the 18th to 18th November next.

5th June, 1939, from the Secretary, the Separatist Club, 55, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of memorandum entitled "Separatist Statement on Partition."

7th June, 1939, from Mr. T. Kennedy, Secretary, Social Credit Bureau, 2, Upper Ely Place, Dublin, drawing attention of the Council to a resolution (copy enclosed) which was passed by the Legislature of Manitoba,

Springfield,
Kilbride,
WICKLOW,

26th June, 1939.

Dear Mr. Healy,

Will you please convey my sincere thanks to the Members of the County Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my dear mother, R.I.P.

I regret I have been so long in answering your kind letter, but I still have over 100 letters to answer.

Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT.

11th July, 1939, from Michael Gilvery, Boghall, Bray, enclosing copy of a Petition which had been addressed to the Minister for Local Government,

21st August 1939.

The Board of Health, and the "Wicklow People," relative to the water supply and drainage at Boghall.

3rd August, 1939, from Henry Ford & Son, Ltd., Cork, enclosing leaflets dealing with Fire Fighting Appliances.

10th August, 1939, from Mr. Isaac Myers, Estate Office, Shelton Abbey, Arklow, asking what steps have been taken by the Council in connection with a Petition dated the 1st November, 1938, lodged with the Council in connection with the condition of the road leading from Ticknock Bridge to the Village of Avoca.

From the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House North, London, W.C.1., enclosing copy of the Report of the Council 1938.

Easter, 1939, B. J. O'Connor, Hon. Secretary, Appeal Committee, Memorial Hall Fund, National Association of the Old I.R.A., 196, Pearse Street, Dublin, appealing for funds to erect a suitable Memorial Hall to perpetuate the memory of those who lost their lives in the struggle for National Independence.

From the President, The Royal Life Saving Society, 8 Bayley St., Bedford Square, London, W. C. 1., forwarding copy of a pamphlet dealing with the application of artificial respiration.

Handwritten notes:
 B
 O'Connor
 13/11/39

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 9th October, 1939.

The following Members attended:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
 Councillors Edward Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Daniel J. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, James Everett, T.D.; M. J. Brennan, and John Dunne.

BUSINESS:

1 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held 29th August, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts in respect of the erection of Swim Baths:—

Richard Leeson, Ballycumber, Ballinglen	£15
Nicholas Nolan, Stoneypass, Ballinastow	15
Edward O'Toole, Aughavannagh' Aughrim	15

2 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held 29th August, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts in respect of the re-construction of Swim Baths:—

Patrick Doyle, Slieveragh, Rathdangan	£5
Richard Gillespie, High Park, Kiltegan	4
Michael Lynch, Ballymanus, Aughrim	4

3 To consider resolutions passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on 26th September, 1939, relative to (a) payment of £10 on account to 19 Sheep Dipping Inspectors; (b) payment of £1 5 6 to Mr. S. Kidd, Ballinglen, for the use of his private Swim Bath; and (c) appointment of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Vallemount, as temporary Sheep Dipping Inspector.

4 To consider an application for compensation from Mr. Matthew Hanbidge, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, who alleges four of his sheep died as a result of dipping.

5 To consider an application for compensation from Mr. James Fay, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, who alleges one of his sheep was poisoned during dipping operations.

6 To approve and confirm the Secretary's action in appointing Mr. Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Vallemount, as temporary Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Electoral Divisions of Hollywood and Lugglass.

7 To execute original assignment regarding 4 acres, 1 rood, 23 perches of land sold by the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee to Dublin County Council.

8 To pass a resolution authorising the completion of the Request for the transmission of certain Land Bonds Registered Certificates in connection with the payment of Poor Rates by the Irish Land Commission on the Estate of H. B. O'Hanlon, Executor of the Very Rev. Michael Busler, P.P., deceased.

9 To consider the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Council for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1938.

9th October 1939

10 To consider an application from Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian, for the benefit of the Law Agent's opinion as to whether the County Library Committee has power to charge a yearly fee to borrowers resident in a town or Urban District.

11 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the amounts of increments to Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian, be included year by year in the funds approved and raised in your Estimates for transfer to the funds of the County Library Committee, so that the increase approved by this Council may not interfere with the funds to be made available for the Book Fund."

12 To consider the question of renewing for a further year the Scholarships held by students in Secondary Schools under the Council's Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme.

13 To consider the question of renewing for a further year the University Scholarships held by students under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme.

14 To receive from the Local Appointments Commissioners the results of the recent competitive examinations for Junior Clerical Officers and Short-hand-Writer Typists, and to make the permanent appointments therefrom in accordance with the approved Scheme.

15 To approve and confirm the appointment of Mr. Terence Quinn, of Newtownmountkennedy, as Clerk to Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee recently made by that Committee to replace Mrs. Maria Shortt, resigned.

16 To appoint a Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew.

17 To pass a formal resolution required by statute granting a super-annuation allowance to Mrs. K. M. Doyle who recently resigned her position as Poor Rate Collector in No. 9 Collecting District.

18 To consider correspondence from the Minister for Defence on the subject of Air Raid precautions, and to formulate a Scheme of Air Raid precautions for submission to the Minister for Defence.

19 To receive and accept Tender for the erection of Weighbridge.

20 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.

21 To consider a communication from Mr. William Henry requesting the Council to take over, repair and maintain Blackberry Lane, Delgany.

22 To again consider a letter from the Department of Finance replying to the Council's recent resolution on the grievance submitted by the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

23 To receive and consider a further letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the pension proposed by the County Council for Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., who resigned his position as County Surveyor.

24 To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

25 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

26 To receive Reports from County Officers.

27 To consider official correspondence.

28 To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held the 29th August, 1939;

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts in respect of the erection of Swim Baths:—

Richard Leeson, Ballycumber, Ballinglen	£15
Nicholas Nolan, Stoney Pass, Ballinastow	£15
Edward O'Toole, Aughavannagh, Auhgrim	£15

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wallace Hammond;

Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 29th August, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts in respect of the re-construction of Swim Baths:—

Patrick Doyle, Slieveragh, Rathdangan.	£5
Richard Gillespie, High Park, Kiltegan	£4
Michael Lynch, Ballymanus, Auhgrim	£4

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 26th September, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to make a payment of £10 on account to the following nineteen Sheep Dipping Inspectors:—

Matthew Devitt, Monameen, Greenane, Rathdrum.
Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Auhgrim.
John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan.
Martin Fitzpatrick, Coollatin, Carnew.
Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinalhly.
Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue.
James Kavanagh, Cloneshamon, Knockenarrigan.
Patrick J. O'Toole, Monroe, Donard.
William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum.
Bernard Malone, Baltinanima, Roundwood.
Joseph Clancy, Rathdrum.
Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood.
John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder.
William A. Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood.
Robert Johnson, Kilpoole, Wicklow.
George Miley, Knockadruce, Vallemount.
Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Vallemount.
Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan.
Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown.

Passed.

9th October 1939

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 26th September, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £1 5 6 to Mr. S. Kidd, Ballinglen, in respect of 426 sheep double dipped in his private swim bath during the 1938 dipping period."

Passed.

Having considered items Nos. 4 and 5 on the Agenda and the large file of correspondence which had passed in connection therewith, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That the applications for compensation for loss of sheep consequent, as alleged, upon sheep dipping, as received from Mr. Matthew Hanbidge, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, and from Mr. James Fay, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, be referred to the Council's Solicitor to take such steps as he may deem advisable to protect the interests of the County Council in this matter.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted letters dated 26th August and 15th September, 1939, Ref. No. L.3405/38, from the Minister for Agriculture in which he regretted he could not see his way to sanction the Council's appointment of Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Oakwood, Vallemount, as sheep dipping inspector, but he would be prepared to extend his sanction to the employment of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Vallemount, as sheep dipping inspector in the Electoral Divisions of Hollywood and Lugglass with remuneration for the period of such employment calculated at the rate of £25 for the prescribed period.

The Council considered further correspondence on the matter, including letters from Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Glenree, dated 9th September, 1939, and Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Liffeydale, Brannockstown, dated the 11th September, 1939, and the following resolution which was passed in that connection by the County Committee of Agriculture on the 26th September, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the County Secretary's action in appointing Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Vallemount, as temporary sheep dipping inspector for Hollywood and Lugglass area, and we recommend the County Council to pay this man the full £25 provided he carries out his duties to the satisfaction of the Council and the Department."

Proposed by Councillor Michael Mooney;

Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the County Secretary's action in appointing Mr. Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Vallemount, as temporary Sheep Dipping Inspector for Hollywood and Lugglass areas to replace Mr. Patrick Murphy, Oakwood, Vallemount, and, as recommended by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, we hereby agree to pay the newly appointed Inspector the full £25 0 0 provided he carries out his duties to the satisfaction of the Council and the Department of Agriculture.

Passed unanimously.

Having considered correspondence from the Chief Clerk, Grange-gorman Mental Hospital Committee, and Mr. Thomas Early, Solicitor, 39, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That the original assignment regarding 4 acres, 1 rood and 23 perches of land sold by the Grange-gorman Mental Hospital Committee to Dublin County Council be now executed, and that the Seal of this Council be attached thereto and witnessed by the presiding Chairman.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and adopt the subjoined resolution which was passed by the Joint Committee of Management of Grange-gorman Mental Hospital at the meeting of that Body, held on 17th August, 1939, and we undertake to execute the necessary legal agreement so soon as same reaches us so as to give effect to the terms of this resolution:—

"That for the purpose of enabling necessary road improvements to be carried out we agree (subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and our parent Councils—the Corporation of Dublin and the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow) to transfer to the Dublin County Council 3 roods 26 perches statute measure of our lands at Turvey, Denabate, as shown coloured red on the map now submitted which is identified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Chief Clerk endorsed thereon, in consideration of:

- a payment by the Council, therefor, to this Committee at the rate of ten shillings per statute perch;
- the erection by the Council of a substantial concrete post and wire fence in lieu of existing fences to be removed; and
- the preparation by the Council's Solicitor at the Council's expense of the necessary legal agreement, including cost of approval by our Solicitor, and its execution by our parent Councils without expense to this Committee."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct the completion of the Request for the transmission of certain Land Bonds registered Certificates in connection with the payment of Poor Rates by the Irish Land Commission on the estate of H. B. O'Hanlon, Executor of the Very Rev. Michael Butler, P.P., deceased.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following Report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Council and of

the County Library Committee for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1938 :-

2nd August, 1939.

23144/39.

I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council, including the Accounts of the County Library Committee, for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1938.

Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith. Following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years 1937/38, 1938/39/1939/40 :-

	1937/38	1938/39	1939/40.
In respect of Roads (Rate in £)	39d.	38½d.	40½d.
" " " Co. Service "	55	46½	39½
" " " Poor Relief "	86	36½	34½
" " " Health District Charges	14½	18	21½
	144½	140	186

The Rate for Roads in 1938/39 was ½d. in the £ less than in the year 1937/38, and the expenditure and receipts for the year 1938/39 appear to have coincided very nearly in the aggregate with the estimate as the credit balance on the account at 31/3/1939 is approximately £662 (the equivalent of very nearly ½d. in the £ less than at 31/3/1938.

The Rate for Co. Services in 1937/38 had been specially increased to reduce the abnormal debit balance on the account and as compared therewith the rate raised for 1938/39 was 8½d. in the £ less. The comparative adverse balances which closed the accounts for the two years were :-

31/3/1938—	£20,580 19 9 debit
31/3/1939—	1,646 17 8 "

indicating an improvement in the position for the year 1938/39 of £18,934. In the main this improvement was accounted for by a provision made in the estimate for the year to the extent of £9,200 for the reduction of overdraft, by the receipt of a sum of £7,073 within the year in respect of arrears of agricultural grant over and above the agricultural grant applicable to the year itself, and by a reduction of £1,500 in the rates uncollected at 31/3/39 as compared with 31/3/1938.

For comparative purposes the following table shows the irrecoverable rates written off and the collectible arrears carried forward from one warrant to the next for each of the three years, viz :-

	1936/37	1937/38	1938/39.
Recoverable Rates carried forward	£6,504	£10,139	£11,548
Irrecoverable Rates struck off,			
Refunds and Discounts	1,560	848	2,800

The increase in the amount carried forward for collection is due to the accumulation year by year of rates on a number of derelict holdings. The larger amount under the head of Irrecoverable Rates, etc., in the year 1938/39 is attributable to the successful appeal by the Great Southern Railways Co. against the Valuations on which they have been assessed.

For the year 1939/40 the Rate raised for Poor Relief was reduced by 2d. in the £ as compared with 1938/39 notwithstanding an adverse balance in the account which has remained practically at the same level.

The balances which appeared to the debit of the Urban District Councils at 31/3/1939 were :-

Arklow	£799 2 4
Bray	3903 8 0
Wicklow	1773 1 0

In the cases of Arklow and Bray these balances were considerably less than they had been a year previously, but in the case of Wicklow the balance had increased.

I think it would be well that Road Opening Agreements should be in a book form, numbered consecutively, each series of documents to consist of a counterfoil, the agreement form, and a form to convey the Council's permission. I am of opinion that the opening of the public road in anticipation of the Council's express permission through the County Surveyor should in no circumstances be tolerated.

All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.
(Sgd.) S. O. HEALUIGHTE,
Infiuicor.

Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla,
agus Slainte Puibli.

ORDER—Considered very satisfactory.

The following letter was submitted.

WICKLOW COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE,
Bellevue House,
WICKLOW,
12th September, 1939.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
A Chara,

Would it be possible for the County Library Committee to have the benefit of the opinion of the County Council's Law Agent on the following question?

As to whether it is lawful for them to charge a yearly fee 1/- or 2/- to borrowers resident in a town or urban district, such fee being intended to meet the costs of overhead Library Charges in such districts which do not occur in rural areas. Such charges include rent, light, heating, repairs and paid attendance. In towns such as Wicklow and Greystones these maintenance charges are necessary and are a burden on our funds which were originally mainly intended for book purchase and headquarters maintenance. In rural areas where the book service is run upon a voluntary basis these charges do not occur. Both urban and rural areas pay approximately the same amount in rates to the Library funds, but there is a disproportion between the amounts expended in rural and urban areas, the urban areas absorbing the larger portion of our income.

This might be adjusted somewhat by imposing a small yearly charge on borrowers in town areas, as is the practice in other Irish County Library services.

The following are applicable extracts from Public Libraries Ireland Acts, 1855. "No charge shall be made for admission to a Library provided under this Act for any Library district, or, in the case of a lending Library, for the use thereof, by the inhabitants of the district."

A Clause in the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, Section 61, carries forward the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts, 1855-1920, unless and until amended by subsequent statutes of the parliament of the State. This position was reaffirmed for the Irish Free State by Section 73 of the Irish Free State Constitution Act, 1922.

The 1855 Act stipulates that "Library expenses shall be paid out of the borough or town fund or rate."

By section 65 of the Irish Free State Local Government Act, 1925, County Libraries were created by allowing County Councils to adopt by ordinary resolution, the Public Libraries Ireland Act, 1855, for the whole or any part of the County inclusive of any urban district. The County Council then becomes the Library Authority for the area specified in the resolution, and shall carry into execution the Public Libraries Ireland Acts, 1855-1920, for that area. Any expense incurred shall be charged on that area."

I should be grateful for the opinion of the law agent on this matter.

Le meas,

B. Redmond.

ORDER—County Library Committee to apply direct to the Council's Solicitor and to pay him his professional charges for his Opinion in this matter.

In the absence of Councillor James McCrea consideration of the following notice of motion standing in his name as item No. 11 on the Agenda was adjourned :-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council that the amounts of increments to Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian, be included year by year in the funds approved and raised in our Estimates for transfer to the funds of the County Library Committee, so that the increase approved by this Council may not interfere with the funds to be made available for the Book Fund."

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly :

Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby renew for a further year, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education, the Scholarships in Secondary Schools at present held by the following students :-

- Soirse MacNicoaill, High Street, Wicklow.
- Thomas McPartland, 4, Seapoint Villa, Bray.
- Kathleen Desmond, 8, Park Terrace, Arklow.
- Mary Teresa Hanley, Tinahely.
- Thomas B. M. Hennessy, Blessington.
- John J. McGuirk, 7, Main Street, Bray.
- Kevin Belton, Rathdrum.
- Kathleen M. O'Kelly, Drummin, Annamoe.
- Mary Josephine Rawson, Coolfancy, Tinahely.
- Julia Black, Station House, Shillelagh.
- Bryan H. Prosser, Enniskerry.
- Patrick J. Kavanagh, 17, Condren's Lane, Arklow.

Passed—The Secretary's action in sending Secondary School Scholarship holders back to their respective Colleges in anticipation of the passing of the foregoing resolution, and in the absence of a Special Meeting for that purpose, was unanimously approved.

In connection with item No. 13 on the Agenda, i.e., the question of renewing for a further year such University Scholarships as the holders might ask extension of for the purpose of completing their course of studies, the Secretary submitted a letter from one of the holders, Mr. Michael McD. Fleming, Shillelagh, who intimated that he had secured his B.E. degree, and he thanked the Council for all that had been done for him; the Secretary also submitted a letter from Miss Bridget Lawler, Killalish, Kiltegan, who intimated that she had sat for her B.Comm. Degree in September, the result of which examination had not yet reached her, and that she proposed to devote the Scholastic year 1939/40 to qualifying for her Higher Diploma in Education, towards which end she asked the Council to extend her Scholarship for a fourth year.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Timmins and accepted by the Chairman :-

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 13th November, 1939, that our University Scholarship Holder, Miss Bridget Lawlor, of Killalish, Kiltegan, who has completed satisfactorily her three year term be hereby granted a fourth year of Scholarship in the National University on the same conditions and terms as governed her past three years, so as to allow of her completing her studies and obtaining the Degree necessary to enable her to obtain remunerative employment following all her years of study."

FOUR VACANT POSITIONS AS CLERICAL OFFICERS.

The Secretary submitted the following figures in connection with the examination for the above positions :-

Number of candidates sent forward to the Local Appointments Commissioners	45.
Number disqualified and not allowed to sit at the examination	1
Number who qualified to sit at the examination	44.
Number who qualified at the examination	16.
Number who failed to qualify at the examination	27.
Number of candidates who did not apparently present themselves for examination	1.

The Secretary submitted the subjoined letter and Schedule of marks obtained by the several candidates at the examination, as received by him from the Local Appointments Commissioners :-

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION,
45, Upper O'Connell Street,
DUBLIN, C.8.,
L.A.13.13.39. Lughnasa 25, 1939.
Confidential.

An Bunaidhe,
Comhairle Chonndae Chille Mhantain,
Cill Mhantain,
A Chara,

I am directed by the Local Appointment Commissioners to refer to previous correspondence regarding the holding of an examination for the appointment of four Junior Clerical Officers in your Office, and to inform you that the examination was duly held on 20th and 21st ultimo.

The work of scrutinising the papers, etc., has now been completed and a statement of the result of the examination showing in detail the marks awarded to the candidates in all subjects is transmitted herewith. It will be observed that the successful candidates are as follows:—

Sean De Butleir, Teach "Cabul," Caladhphort, Inbhear Mór.
Patrick Joseph Swords, Knockrath House, Rathdrum.
Seoirse P. E. MacNiocaill, Sraid Ard, Cill Manntáin.
Réamonn Alabhaois O Laimhin, 5, Aoibhíthe Carlton, Bri Chulann.

The enclosed forms L.A.10 should be filled in, in your presence by the candidates on taking up duty and the forms then returned to this office. Copies of the question papers are also enclosed.

The application forms of the four successful candidates have been compared with the forms filled up by these candidates at the examination and in each case the handwriting on the application form is the same as that on the other forms. The particulars given on their application forms by three of the successful candidates, viz., Messrs. Swords, MacNiocaill and O Laimhin, are identical with the forms filled up by them at the examination. On a form filed by Mr. De Butleir at the examination, Mr. Henry Butler, 27, Main Street, Arklow, is given as one of the persons prepared to answer enquiries as to character in place of Mr. P. Murphy, Master Mariner, 8, Park Terrace, Arklow, given on the application form. The other two persons named on the examination form by Mr. De Butleir are the same as those given by him on the application form.

While a comparison of the handwriting of the four candidates placed highest in the examination shows that the persons who filled up the application forms also sat for the examination it is not possible to say that none of the four persons concerned filled up the application form and sat for the examination under an assumed name. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to satisfy yourself that the persons who take up duty are the persons whose names appear on the application form.

A further communication will be addressed to you regarding the expenses incurred by the Commissioners in connection with the holding of the examination.

The Commissioners presume that you will communicate the result to individual candidates in such manner as the Council may think fit.

The application forms of the candidates are returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,
M. O. CATHAN,
Bunaidhe.

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

Resolved—That in accordance with Paragraph (g) of the Scheme approved and adopted by Wicklow County Council on the 22nd August, 1938, we hereby appoint as permanent and pensionable Clerical Officers the following four candidates who obtained the first four places at the open competitive examination conducted by and reported on by the Local Appointments Commissioners on the terms and conditions referred to in the published advertisements and subject to the formal sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the production of the required evidence regarding health, character, etc.

- 1 Sean Butler, Cabul House, Ferrybank, Arklow.
 - 2 Patrick Joseph Swords, Knockrath House, Rathdrum.
 - 3 George Nicholls, High Street, Wicklow.
 - 4 Raymond A. Laven, 5, Carlton Villas, Novara Avenue, Bray.
- Passed.

COIMISIÚN UM CHEAPACHÁIN ÁITIÚLA.

COMÓRTAS Junior Clerical Officers (Male) Wicklow County Council, July, 1939.

SLOINNE AGUS AINM	AIT CHOMHNUITHE	Gaeilge (Oral and written)					English					TOMLAN	
		Maxima	300	300	300	200	300	300	300	200	200		
Four Successful Candidates.		Riachtanach chun Cáilíochta										1,400	
1	95 De Búitléir, Seán	Teach "Cabul," Caladhphort, Inbhear Mór.	290	202	197	226	100						1,015
2	117 Swords, Patrick Joseph	Knockrath House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.	184	183	290	194	125						976
3	106 Mac Niocaill, Seoirse Proinsias Eamonn	Sraid Ard, Cill Manntáin.	239	216	205	181	100						941
4	115 Ó Laimhín, Réamonn Alabhaois	5, Aoibhíthe Carlton, Bóthar Naoimh Fhinnbarra, Bri Chulann.	247	187	230	167	105						936
Twelve Candidates who qualified but who were unsuccessful.													
5	83 Mac Domhnaill, Seosamh Plúincéid	3, Árdán Mac Uillim, Bri Chulann.	208	126	226	217	130						907
6	87 Ó Murchadha, Liam	Baile na Carraige, Ráthdroma.	172	138	219	236	105						870
7	94 De Bealtáin, Caoimhín Micheal	Brewery Place, Ráthdroma, Co. Cille Manntáin.	219	184	177	212	70						862
8	77 Ó Meirigeán, Seán Gearóid	Baile Murtha, Abhainn Mhór, Co. Cille Manntáin.	177	107	276	197	70						827
9	103 Finlayson, Andrew Joseph	Main Street, Wicklow.	160	142	206	189	90						787
10	85 Ó Broin, Pádraig Seósaímh	Moyne, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow.	176	107	131	216	135						765
11	114 Beakey, Patrick Joseph	6, Bridge St., Arklow, Co. Wicklow.	199	196	102	176	80						753
12	88 Ó h-Uallacháin, Aindrias Coireall	Ard na Gréine, Cille Manntáin.	215	115	195	206	0						731
13	92 Beintlí, Risteird	"Tigin Anne," Wexford Road, Inbhear Mór.	199	100	144	168					93		704
14	90 Redmond, Seán	Ballynulta, Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow.	195	100	191	119							605
15	107 Kearney, Eugene Aloysius	New Street, Wicklow.	210	126	147	111	0						594
16	100 Ó h-Aodha, Tomás MacDonough	Quarry St., Stol Eiligh, Co. Chille Manntáin.	160	100	181	142	0						583
Twenty-seven Candidates who failed to qualify.													
97	Kavanagh, Albert Victor	Tinnakilly, Wicklow.	93	235	246	140	135						849
105	Hargadon, James Joseph	Avoca, Co. Wicklow.	103	232	249	162	90						836
82	Ó Ceallaigh, Aodh Proinsias Oilbhéir	Druimín, Átha na mBó, Co. Cille Manntáin.	220	92	160	206	125						803
81	Moore, Andrew William	Grange Con, Co. Wicklow.	201	73	270	209	0						753
98	Mac Gearailt, Séamus Seosamh	Kilgarron, Áth na Scairbhe, Co. Cille Manntáin.	127	114	290	140					81		752
84	De Clár, Pádraig	55, Baile Beag, Rath Naói, Co. Cille Manntáin.	204	83	211	174	70						742
76	Mac Partalán, Proinsias Seosamh	4, Bóthar Ring na Mara, Bri Chulann, Co. Cille Manntáin.	143	106	249	233	0						731
112	Ó Dubhghaill, Maolmórdha C.	49, Lr. Main St., Arklow.	212	68	196	150					72		698
91	McCrea, Donal Kevin	Main St., Carnew, Co. Wicklow.	237	79	126	219	0						661
111	Ó Briain, Seán	Teach na Rómhannaigh, Abha Mhúchta.	147	49	230	89					124		639
93	Kavanagh, Patrick Joseph	17, Condren's Place Lr., Arklow.	178	131	92	204	0						605
108	Murphy, Michael J.	"Tig-an-Cuinne," Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.	115	157	159	168	0						599
102	Ó Beacháin, Seán V.	Baile Millton, Rath Naói, Co. Cille Manntáin.	54	100	220	98					124		506
110	Conway, John Thomas	2, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.	142	152	169	123	0						586
109	Bradley, Oliver Plunket	1, "Ocean Villa," Esplanade, Bray, Co. Wicklow.	116	83	86	221	75						581
89	Ó Murchadha, Séamus T.	4, Árd na Gréine, Cill Manntáin.	102	100	214	131	0						547
75	Ó Leathlobhair, Pádraig Seán	Bóthar Séipéil, Dúnluadháin, Co. Cille Manntáin.	82	84	241	140	0						547
96	Mac Ruaidhri, Pádraig S.	Dún Ard, Dún Luadháin, Co. Cille Manntáin.	160	121	52	206	0						539
80	Burke, Seán	4, Milward Tee., Bray.	131	55	198	143	0						527
86	DeLahunty, Joseph Aiden Aloysius	Furzeditch, Wicklow.	105	108	74	136	95						518
118	Kennedy, Peter Joseph	Main Street, Wicklow.	182	74	44	181	0						481
79	Byrne, Robert	Glendalough, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.	142	83	100	140	0						465
99	Smott, James	1, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.	67	126	252	—	0						445
104	Ó Nualláin, Basil P.	2, Sidminton Ave., Bri.	94	100	56	157	0						407
78	Byrne, John Joseph	Caretaker's House, Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.	138	42	70	155	0						405
101	Ó Deorán, Liam	Tig an Stáisiún, Rath Naói, Co. Cille Manntáin.	184	49	56	111					0		400
116	De Hál, Micheál	Main St., Carg Nuach, Co. Cille Manntáin.	45	100	96	90							331

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M. O. CATHAN,
Rúnai.

Coimisiún um Cheapacháin Áitiúla.

25, LUGHNASA, 1939.

TWO VACANT POSITIONS AS SHORTHAND-WRITER TYPISTS

Number of candidates sent forward to the Local Appointments Commissioners	28.
Number disqualified and not allowed to sit at the examination	2.
Number who qualified to sit at the examination	26.
Number who qualified at the examination	10.
Number who failed to qualify at the examination	15.
Number who failed to present themselves for examination	1.

The Secretary submitted the subjoined letter and schedule of marks obtained by the several candidates at the examination, as received by him from the Local Appointments Commissioners:—

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION,
45, Upper O'Connell Street,
DUBLIN, C.S.
11adh Meadhon Foghbair, 1939.

L.A.13.13.39.

Confidential.

An Runaidhe,
Comhairle Chonndae Chille Manntain,
Cill Manntain.

A Chara,
I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to refer to previous correspondence regarding the holding of an examination for the appointment of two Shorthand-Typists in your office and to inform you that the examination was duly held on 20th and 21st July.

The work of scrutinising the papers, etc., has now been completed and a statement of the result of the examination, showing in detail the marks awarded to the candidates in all subjects, is transmitted herewith. It will be observed that the successful candidates are as follows:—

Elizabeth Molloy, Ballinastow, Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow.
Aine De Ghraint, 17, Cearnóg Bhoif Tonn, Theas, Bri Cualann.

The enclosed forms L.A. 40 should be filled in, in your presence, by the candidates on taking up duty and the forms then returned to this office. Copies of the question papers are also enclosed.

The application forms of the two successful candidates have been compared with the forms filled up by them at the examination and in each case the handwriting and other particulars on the application form are the same as on the other forms.

While a comparison of the handwriting of the two candidates placed highest in the examination shows that the persons who filled up the application forms also sat for the examination, it is not possible to say that neither of the two persons concerned filled up the application form and sat for the examination under an assumed name. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to satisfy yourself that the persons who take up duty are the persons whose names appear on the application forms.

A further communication will be addressed to you regarding the expenses incurred by the Commissioners in connection with the holding of the examination.

The Commissioners presume that you will communicate the result to individual candidates in such manner as the Council may think fit.

The application forms of the candidates are returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,
Ari O Riain,
A/s Runaidhe.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith;
Seconded by George Heatley;

Resolved—That in accordance with Paragraph (g) of the Scheme approved and adopted by Wicklow County Council on the 22nd August, 1938, we hereby appoint as permanent and pensionable Shorthand-Writer Typists the following two candidates who obtained the first two places at the open competitive examination conducted by and reported on by the Local Appointments Commissioners, on the terms and conditions referred to in the published advertisements, subject to the formal sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and the production of the required evidence, regarding health, character, etc.:

- 1 Miss Elizabeth Molloy, Ballinastow, Kilpedder.
 - 2 Miss Annie Grant, 17, Wolfe Tone Square, S., Bray.
- Passed unanimously.

COIMISIÚN UM CHEAPACHÁIN ÁITIÚLA.

COMÓRTAS Shorthand Typists (Female) Wicklow County Council, July, 1939.

ORD FIUNTAIS	UIMHIR SGRÉDUCHÁIN	SLOINNE AGUS AINM	AIT CHOMHNUITHE	Gaeilge (Oral and written)	English	Arithmetic	Shorthand	Typewriting	IOMLÁN
				Maxima 300	300	150	500	500	1,750
			Riachtanach chun Cáilíochta	150	99	49	165	165	
2 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.									
1	57	Molloy, Elizabeth	Ballinastow, Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow.	232	253	63	490	430	1,468
2	66	de Ghraint, Aine	17, Cearnóg Bhoif Tonn Theas, Bri Cualann.	198	214	81	483	399	1,375
8 CANDIDATES WHO QUALIFIED BUT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.									
3	43	Hagan, Elizabeth	"Tounville," St. Mary's Tce., Arklow.	220	263	84	361	410	1,338
4	51	Ní Bhroin, Veronica Carmel	14, Siubhalóid Uí Bhraonáin, Bri Cualann.	181	227	68	456	400	1,332
5	41	Ní Mheachair, Helena Máire	St. Anthony's, Radharc an Chaisleáin, Cill Manntáin.	206	269	112	323	315	1,225
6	64	Hughes, Margaret Mary	41, O'Byrne Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.	161	226	57	474	303	1,221
7	59	Ní Cheallaigh, Máire Máighréad	Baile Thíos, Rathdroma, Co. Chille Manntáin.	217	243	121	255	319	1,155
8	62	Costelloe, Josephine Magdalen	Greenanmore, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.	266	265	121	266	232	1,150
9	46	Maher, Elizabeth Augusta	Station Hse., Glenealy, Co. Wicklow.	173	222	62	276	313	1,046
10	61	Nolan, Sheelah	Ballinclare House, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow.	176	227	94	203	190	890
15 CANDIDATES WHO FAILED TO QUALIFY									
	45	Sinnott, Honoria Monica	The Hotel, Carnew, Co. Wicklow.	106	237	90	397	389	1,219
	52	McNamara, Mary Winifred Brendan	Maryville, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.	143	196	57	429	360	1,185
	42	Byrne, Esther	Monkton Rd., Wicklow.	109	202	75	295	444	1,125
	55	Gregan, Mary Mannix	Ballinalea, Ashford, Co. Wicklow.	148	194	75	301	339	1,057
	49	McGinnis, Anne Letitia	4, St. Columba's Tce., Arklow, Co. Wicklow.	98	173	77	268	337	953
	47	Shannon, Esther Veronica	Humphreystown, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.	106	176	36	196	355	869
	63	Frawley, Margaret Mary	2, Lr. Kendlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.	48	162	18	335	305	868
	50	Noonan, Catherine Mary	Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.	195	242	47	18	291	793
	48	Byrne, Mary Christina	Ratheoyle N.S., Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.	119	236	40	0	373	768
	44	O'Toole, Teresa Frances	Kilmacanogue, Bray, Co. Wicklow.	133	200	38	187	210	768
	54	Black, Anna Maria	Station House, Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow.	138	188	62	27	307	722
	56	Ní Ghreacháin, Elizabeth Teresa	Ballinalea, Ashford, Co. Wicklow.	48	188	42	8	255	541
	65	Ní Mhurchadha, Mairéad	Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow.	72	122	22	0	312	528
	60	Fogarty, Elizabeth Mary	Carrignore, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow.	40	168	58	0	234	500
	53	Mooney, Catherine Mary	Charleville Cottage, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.	49	155	50	0	208	462

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ART Ó RIAIN,

Rúnái.

Coimisiún um Cheapacháin Áitiúla.

11. Meán Fómhair 1939.

9th October 1939

The Secretary submitted the following advertisement, report and letter:—

COUNTY WICKLOW OLD AGE PENSIONS' COMMITTEE.

CLERK WANTED.

The above Committee invite applications from persons competent to discharge the duties of Clerk to the Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee for the area in the County Wicklow administered by that sub-committee and embracing the Dispensary Districts of Newcastle and Annamoe.

The salary attaching to the position—which is temporary and non-pensionable—is £9 12s. 6d. per annum, payable quarterly. Applications in writing will be received by me up to but not later than 2 o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th August, instant, at my office, Court House, Wicklow.

The Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee will meet in Newtownmounckennedy on Friday, the 18th instant, to appoint a suitable person. The appointment will be subject to ratification by County Wicklow Old Age Pensions' Committee and also to the approval and sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

P. T. HEALY, County Secretary.

Court House,
Wicklow.

Dated the 8th day of August, 1939.

Court House,

WICKLOW.

7th September, 1939

The Chairman and Members, of
Co. Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that in accordance with your instructions, advertisements were issued inviting applications for the position of Clerk to Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, in succession to Mrs. M. Shortt, resigned.

There were four applications which were laid before a special meeting of the Sub-Committee, held on Wednesday, the 6th instant. I subjoin a resolution which was unanimously passed by the Sub-Committee selecting and appointing Mr. Terence Quinn, Newtownmounckennedy:—

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the County Old Age Pensions Committee (i.e., Wicklow County Council) and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby select and appoint Mr. Terence Quinn, of Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, to be Clerk of the Newcastle Old Age Pension Sub-Committee in accordance with the terms of the published advertisement inviting applications from candidates for that position.

I have prepared and am submitting to you a draft resolution which I would respectfully suggest be passed confirming this appointment, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,

(Old Age Pensions Branch)

A.279/4. CUSTOM HOUSE,
NEWCASTLE. DUBLIN,

16th September, 1939.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of replies to queries regarding the appointment of Mr. Terence Quinn, Newtownmounckennedy, Co. Wicklow, as clerk to the Newcastle Old Age Pension Sub-Committee; and I am to state that the Minister has approved of the appointment.

One form of replies to queries is returned herewith, for retention by you.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'NEILL,

ar son Runai.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Wicklow County Pension Committee,

Proposed by Councillor M J Brennan;
Seconded by Major R Smith;

Resolved—That we, the County Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee, in exercise of the powers vested in us, hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Terence Quinn, Newtownmounckennedy, as Clerk of the Newcastle Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, in room of Mrs. M Shortt, resigned, in accordance with the terms of the published advertisement and of the resolution unanimously passed on the 6th September, 1939, by the Newcastle Old Age Pension sub-Committee.

Passed.

9th October 1939

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR IN No. 19 DISTRICT

The Secretary reported that the subjoined advertisement had been issued with a view to filling the above vacant position temporarily:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above named Council, will, at a Special Meeting to be held on the 9th October, 1939, consider applications from persons over twenty-one years of age suitable for the position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 Collecting District, which comprises the Electoral Divisions of Aghowle, Cronlea, Killinure, Money and Rath, at a remuneration of 7d. in the Pound collected and lodged to credit of the County Council within each financial year. No Poundage will be paid unless each Moiety of the annual Warrant is lodged within its respective half-year. For the year 1939/40 the Warrant is approximately £4,600, including arrears carried forward. Certain fees prescribed under the Electoral Act, 1923, as amended by the Juror's Act, 1927, amounting to approximately £8 0s. 0d. per annum will also become payable if the duties imposed under these Acts be satisfactorily performed. Irrecoverable rates approved by the County Council will be refunded the Collector.

The duties of the office will be those prescribed under Article 103 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and will be probationary for the first year's collection. The standard of education of the candidate must be such as to satisfy the County Council. Applications should be on the forms obtainable from the undersigned, and must be lodged in the Council's offices not later than 11 a.m. on the morning of the 7th October, 1939, accompanied by testimonials from citizens of undoubted standing, such as Public Representatives, Professional Men, Clergymen, or Bank Managers.

Each applicant must give in his form of application the names and addresses of not less than four solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed form of Fidelity Bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties as prescribed in the Public Bodies Orders in a sum of £2,400. It is to be clearly understood that this position is part-time and non-pensionable.

Candidates must be in attendance in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the date of the meeting, and must be prepared, if there is any doubt as to age, to submit birth Certificates if called upon to do so by the Council. A Schedule showing the disqualifications imposed by Article 96 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, will be forwarded to each person requiring a form of application.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 20th day of August, 1939.

Applications were received from the following:—

Thomas Joseph Balfe, Croneynhorn, Carnew.

John Kevin Mulhall, Woodmount, Tinahely.

Michael O'Neill, Lower Bullingate, Carnew.

A vote having been taken it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR BALFE—Councillors Wallace Hammond, Patrick Doyle (Winetaverna); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. J. Brennan, and Sena'or C. M. Byrne—6.

FOR MULHALL—Nil.

FOR O'NEILL—Councillors J. J. Bourne, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, P. D. Kinsella, James Everett, T.D., and J. P. Kehoe—10.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Michael J. O'Neill, of Lower Bullingate, Carnew, to fill the position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District on the terms and conditions set forth in the Council's published advertisements, that position having been rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and, further, we hereby approve of the following four persons as Personal Sureties in Mr. O'Neill's Bond, as, from our own knowledge of them and their circumstances, we believe they are suitable and proper Sureties for the said Bond:—Mrs. E. M. Smith, Raheengraney, Clonegal, Ferns, Co. Wexford—Farmer. Mr. George Dixon, Derry View House, Drummin, Clonegal, Ferns, Co. Wexford—Farmer. Mr. Michael Synnott, Main Street, Carnew—Farmer, etc. Mr. James O'Neill, Churchland, Tinahely—Public Official

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the resolution passed by the County Council at their meeting held on the 21st August, 1939, regarding the ascertained deficiency in the Poor Rate Collection for No 19 Collecting District for which ex Poor Rate Collector Mr. J. J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, and his four Personal Sureties, must, under the conditions of his Fidelity Bond, be held responsible:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN,

G.4152/15/39.

6th October, 1939.

A Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd August last, enclosing copy of a resolution regarding the claim to be made on the Sureties of ex Collector J. J. Doyle, and I am to state that the Sureties should be required to lodge the total ascertained deficiency of £146 8 8 for which they are liable.

When this has been done an application for the assignment of Poundage to the warrant should be made at a rate not exceeding 7d. less 20% which has been the rate paid to the least satisfactory of the Council's Collectors for the year 1938-39. When the application on these lines is being made it might be stated what is the nature and amounts of the other emoluments which were included in the total credit of £64 7 9.

Mise, le meas,
J. COLLINS,
T. c. an Runaidhe.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith ;

Seconded by George Heatley ;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby call upon ex Poor Rate Collector John J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, and the four Sureties in his Personal Fidelity Bond, to lodge within twenty-eight days of this date the total ascertained deficiency of One Hundred and Forty-six Pounds, Eight Shillings and Eight Pence (£146 8 8) for which they are liable in respect of Mr. Doyle's Poor Rate Collection for the financial year which ended on the 31st March 1939 ; and we direct that a copy of the Minister's letter of the 6th October, 1939, Ref. No. 4152/15/39, be forwarded to Mr. Doyle and to each of the four Sureties concerned.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary having read the formal notice which had been issued to each Member of the Council on the 22nd August, 1939, in accordance with the provisions of 28 and 29 Vic. Cap. 26, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That Mrs. K. M. Doyle, of 3, Wentworth Place, Wicklow, who has devoted her whole time to the service of Wicklow County Council for 15 years and 6 months in her capacity as Poor Rate Collector in No. 9 District in this County and who was at the time of her resignation incapable of discharging the duties of her position with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body and age, be granted an annual superannuation allowance of Ninety-seven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Five Pence (97 15 5), subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed unanimously.

The Council had under consideration a file of correspondence from the Minister for Defence, the Acting Secretary to Wicklow Board of Health, and the Clerk of Wicklow Urban District Council on the subject of Air Raid Precautions and the obligation on the Council to formulate a scheme of Air Raid Precautions for submission to the Minister for Defence.

Having considered the letters from the Department of Defence the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, and the Air Raid Precautions Schemes (Prescribed Provisions) Regulations, 1939, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Seconded by James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That having considered the correspondence received from the Department of Defence, we hereby appoint Mr. P. T. Healy, our County Secretary, as Chief Officer under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, and we further appoint our Chief Clerk and Accountant, Mr. L. Wolohan, as Assistant Chief Officer under the same Act, and we hereby direct these Officials to frame, after consultation with other Officials concerned, a skeleton Scheme for operation within the County, the said skeleton Scheme to be printed and circulated to each Member of the Co. Council at as early a date as possible but certainly before our forthcoming quarterly meeting which is fixed to take place on the 13th November, proximo.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following advertisement which had been issued in compliance with the request received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads Section :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1933.

SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF A 20-TON WEIGHBRIDGE.

Tenders are invited from competent Contractors for the supply and erection of a 20-ton weighbridge, which shall comply with terms of the Road Traffic (Weighbridge) Order, 1936, at Wicklow Town.

The construction of the hut and ancillary works will be carried out by the Wicklow County Council. Further particulars may be obtained at the County Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Sealed Tenders endorsed "Weighbridge" addressed to the undersigned, will be received not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on 29th day of September, 1939.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order,

P. T. HEALY,

County Secretary.

County Council Offices,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

16th September, 1939.

Four Tenders were received in answer to this advertisement, and these the Council proceeded to consider. They were as follows :—

- (1) From Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd.,
105 Middle Abbey Street,
Dublin.

(a) Basic Price	£267
(b) With Ticket Pointer	284
(c) With Dial Indicator	325

- (2) From Messrs. Ashworth Ross & Co., Ltd.,
Midland Ironworks,
Scout Hill, Dewsbury.

(a) Basic Price	£309
(b) Ticket Pointer	20
(c) Dial Indicator	70

Total £399

- (3) From Messrs. S. Parsons & Co., Ltd.,
St. George's Iron Works,
Young Street, Bradford.

(a) Basic Price	£295
(b) Ticket Pointer	20
(c) Dial Indicator (not quoted for)	

Total £315

- (4) From Messrs. E. & A. Ashworth, Ltd.,
Crown Engineering Works,
Stancliffe Road, Dewsbury.

(a) Basic Price	£315
(b) Ticket Pointer	20
(c) Ticket Indicator (not quoted for)	

Total £335.

It was

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

Resolved—That having considered the tenders received for the erection of a Weighbridge complying with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, we hereby accept the Tender of Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., of 105, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, for the provision of the proposed Weighbridge in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisements at a cost of £325 0 0 subject to the formal approval of the aforesaid Tender by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to whom the four Tenders received shall be first submitted.

Passed.

The following Report was submitted :—

COURT HOUSE,

WICKLOW,

4adh. D' Foghmhair, 1939.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chairde,

Experience has disclosed the fact that it is no longer possible to keep accurate and reliable records with the present system, of equipment in stock for Road Maintenance and Improvement. This is a matter that was discussed at the recent Audit at considerable length, and as a consequence I would respectfully ask your permission to purchase the following items, so as to be in a position to set up a well thought out card index system of Stock-book :—

1	1-14 Drawer Steel Cabinet at a probable cost of	£12 10 0
2	5000 Record Cards printed both sides at a probable cost of	£14 15 0
3	1400 Advice Cards, i.e., 14 sets of 100 for each of 14 areas	£2 12 6

The total probable cost will be approximately £29 17 6 but, I should add, the Tenders in these cases have been given subject to immediate purchase owing to market fluctuations, which the present uncertain times necessitate.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

A/Suirbheir an gCondae.

ORDER—Permission granted.

The Council referred to the Acting County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action, a communication dated the 23rd June, 1939, received from Mr William Henry, who requested the Council to take over, repair, and maintain Blackberry Lane, Delgaay.

The Council decided to again adjourn consideration of a letter from the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, dated the 26th July, 1939, Ref. No. S/88/4/39, in reply to the Council's resolution regarding certain grievances submitted by the Shillelagh O. A. P. Sub-Committee.

The Secretary pointed out to the Council that it would be necessary to adjourn item No. 23 on the Agenda as the further letter expected from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the pension proposed by the County Council for Mr. S. G. Gallagher, B.E., who resigned his position as County Surveyor, had not been received yet.

The Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee were received.

The Council adjourned consideration of an application dated 5th October, 1939, from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, for an increase to his present travelling allowance of £200 per annum.

A communication dated the 2nd October, 1939, was received from P. E. Malleady, Newtownmountkennedy, again drawing the Council's attention to the necessity for repairing the wall bordering the public road Kileol-Newtownmountkennedy and field owned by him in the Townland of Kilmacullagh.

ORDER—Referred to Acting County Surveyor for his information and suitable action.

The Secretary intimated that there was no formal report from the deputation which waited upon the Electricity Supply Board to discuss the

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roads to be submerged under the Hydro-Electric Scheme and the necessity for a complete scheme of improvement of the two alternative roads so as to make it possible for the quarrying industry at Ballyknockan to continue.

The Secretary further stated that he had received the following letter from Assistant County Surveyor P. J. Foley, B.E.

87/33 Lower Abbey Street,
DUBLIN, C.S.,
5th October, 1939.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the Council's instructions, I attended the conference with the Electricity Supply Board representatives at 60, Upper Mount Street, on the 12th ultimo. All the members of the Deputation and the Acting County Surveyor were present, and were met by Mr. J. Fay, Director. Mr. J. McDonald, Chief Engineer, and Mr. Donovan, Assistant Secretary.

The question of the roads which would be submerged under the Scheme and the difficulties which the quarry owners and the people of the district would be faced with were discussed at length. It was indicated on behalf of the Electricity Supply Board that they were anxious to meet the case fairly, and appointed 15th ultimo for a meeting with their Chief Engineer, the Acting County Surveyor and myself. We met there with Mr. Everett, T.D., and inspected the roads in question.

The roads to be submerged are approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, and the numbers are 359 and 367. It was proposed to improve No. 365 to carry quarry traffic and to improve 356, the total length of which is approximately the same length as the roads to be submerged. Mr. P. P. O'Reilly was to summon a meeting of the local people to see if this would meet their views, and he did so, and has informed the Electricity Supply Board that the people and quarry owners are satisfied with the proposal.

The question of cost was discussed, but the discussion was entirely without prejudice, as the Chief Engineer was not then in a position to go into the matter fully. He suggested that when he had gone into the matter fully, Mr. O'Byrne or some person might call and have an interview with him. Mr. O'Byrne asked me to keep in touch with the Electricity Supply Board, which I have done, and the matter has progressed no further except that I am informed that Mr. MacDonald, Chief Engineer, is prepared to discuss the matter, and is anxious that the matter should be disposed of with the least possible delay.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Court House,
WICKLOW.

ORDER—Adjourned for attention by the Acting County Surveyor on his return from holiday.

The Council's Solicitor, Mr. Joseph Brazil, informed the Council that there was a claim for £500 compensation to be heard at an early Court in respect of the burning of 40 tons of hay, hayshed and carts, the property of Henry Jones, Bushfield, Donaghmore, and asking if the Council would be so good as to suggest the area of charge over which any decree made by the Circuit Court Judge might be assessed and levied.

On a show of hands the Council decided that, if any award be given, which might be considered to be high such award is to be a County at large charge; if, on the other hand, any decree is given that might be considered to be small in figure the decree is to be a local charge.

The Council adjourned consideration of an application dated 6th October 1939, received from Poor Rate Collector Thomas Fleming, No. 18 Collecting District, for a refund of Poundage deducted from his payments in respect of his Poor Rate Collection for the service of the financial year 1938/39.

Handwritten: P. T. Healy
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Wicklow County Council

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 13th November, 1939.

The following Members attended:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Edward Byrne, Liam O'Cleirigh, Joseph Keenan, P. P. O'Reilly, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D., James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Thomas J. Birthistle; David H. Haskins, P. D. Kinseila, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, M. M. Gleeson, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, Denis Condren, J. P. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); Daniel J. Kehoe, Miss Margaret Kelly and J. P. O'Donnell.

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Report.
- 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 sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 6 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 7 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 8 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
- 9 To appoint a permanent Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Newcastle) Collecting District in accordance with the Council's published advertisement, in which district the temporary Collector at present is Mr. Michael J. Healy, Hillside, Wicklow.
- 10 To consider a representation from Collector Michael O'Neill, No. 19 Collecting District to have a Fidelity Bond with an approved Insurance Company substituted for a Fidelity Bond with Personal Sureties.
- 11 To receive the Secretary's Report on the efforts made by Mr. John J. Doyle's Sureties to close the Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 Collecting District for the year ended 31st March, 1939.
- 12 To again consider an application from Mr. Thomas Fleming, Poor Rate Collector in No. 18 District, to be paid the sum of £8 10 1 which was deducted from his poundage in respect of the 1938/39 Collection by order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
- 13 To pass a resolution directing execution of the document required for the purpose of disposing of Land Bonds issued in payment of Poor Rates on the holdings of the late Very Rev. Dr. Michael Butler, P.P., Roundwood.
- 14 To consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which he states he sees no reason for increasing the salary of Miss Grace McDermott, Court-keeper, Wicklow.
- 15 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.
- 16 To consider a communication from Rev. J. P. Walsh, Bursar, St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan, in which attention is drawn to the condition of the road from the Village of Kiltegan to the Mission House.

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17 To consider the following resolution passed by the Arklow Urban District Council at the meeting of that Body held on 2nd October, 1939:—
 "Resolved—That we, the Arklow Urban District Council, protest in the most emphatic terms against the small return given by the County Council of Wicklow in the form of Road and Footpath services in that portion of the Town under their control, for amounts paid in County Demand."
 18 To consider a complaint from Mr. John Byrne, Rathangan Cottage, Ballyglass, that he was discharged from his employment as road worker whilst men in far better circumstances were given employment.
 19 To consider a letter from Mr. Thomas Fleming, Hon. Secretary, Ballyrahan '98 Memorial Committee, Shillelagh, asking the Council to remove the dangerous corner on the road at Ballyrahan Cross Roads as his Committee proposed spending £100 on a memorial to be erected on Mr. Byrne's land at the Cross.
 20 To receive a report from the Acting County Surveyor on the proposed settlement with the Electricity Supply Board regarding the reconstruction of a road between Annacorney, Ballyknocken and Lacken to replace the road from Ballyknocken to Valleymount which is to be submerged.
 21 To consider a petition from four Ratepayers living on Garryhoe laneway, Ballyglass, asking the Council to repair the lower half of the laneway which is stated to have been rendered impassable by the casting of stones over it from the Quarry.
 22 To consider a communication from Mr. J. Dillon, 4, St. Mary's Terrace, Strand Road, Bray, Secretary, Bray Unemployed Association, asking the Council to carry out some scheme in Bray area to provide the unemployed with at least one month's continuous employment during December.
 23 To consider the following adjourned Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea:—
 "I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the amounts of increments to Miss B. Redmond, County Librarian, be included year by year in the funds approved and raised in our Estimates for transfer to the funds of the County Library Committee, so that the increase approved by this Council may not interfere with the funds to be made available for the Book Fund."
 24 To consider correspondence from Councillor Major R. Smith regarding accounts stated to be remaining due for payment by the County Library Committee.
 25 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Library Committee at the meeting of that Body held 15th September, 1939:—
 "Resolved—That we desire to draw the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the urgent necessity of providing permanent premises for our County Library and to the fact that we have strongly recommended the acquisition of Belle Vue House, Wicklow, as suitable premises."
 26 To take such action as the Council may deem desirable consequent upon the refusal of Mr. Sean Butler, Cabul House, Ferrybank, Arklow, to accept the position of Clerical Officer to which he was appointed at the Council's last meeting.
 27 To take such action as the Council may deem desirable consequent upon the refusal of Miss Annie Grain, 17, Wolfe Tone Square, S. Bray, to accept the position of Shorthand Writer Typist to which she was appointed at the Council's last meeting.
 28 To consider a draft Scheme under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, as prepared and submitted by your Secretary and Accountant.
 29 To pass a resolution making provision for dealing with the question of Public lighting in the functional area controlled by the County Council and when circumstances may demand that orders be given in that connection.
 30 To again consider an application from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, for an increase in his present travelling allowance of £200 per annum.
 31 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Timmins:—
 "I hereby give notice that I shall move at the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting of this County Council, to be held on the 13th November, 1939, that our University Scholarship Holder, Miss Brigit Lawlor, of Killalish, Kildare, who has completed satisfactorily her three year term be hereby granted a fourth year of Scholarship in the National University on the same conditions and terms as governed her past three years, so as to allow of her completing her studies and obtaining the Degree necessary to enable her to obtain remunerative employment following all her years of study."
 32 To consider correspondence from the Department of Finance and the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee regarding certain grievances of the Sub-Committee.
 33 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on 31st October, 1939:—
 "Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £15 to Messrs. J. Walsh, Scurlocks Leap, Manor, Kilbride, and Thomas Hill, Coolahullen, Woodenbridge, in respect of the erection of new Swim Baths."
 34 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on 31st October, 1939:—
 "Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay Mr. R. A. Boothman, Miley Hall, Blessington, the sum of £1 8s. in respect of 467 sheep double-dipped in his swim bath during the 1938 dipping period."
 35 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on 31st October, 1939:—
 "Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work done under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1939, subject to the Department's sanction:—
 S. Conway, V.S. £80
 A. F. Walshe, V.S. 85
 W. J. Richardson, V.S. 80."
 36 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on 31st October, 1939:—
 "Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the balance of £15 to each of the following nineteen Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1939 Sheep Dipping Period." (List of Inspectors attached).
 37 To consider County Analyst's Report.
 38 To receive Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.
 39 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
 40 To receive Reports from County Officers.
 41 To consider official correspondence.
 42 To consider General correspondence.
 The Minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 13th October, 1939.

The following members were present:—
 Councillor David H. Haskins, Chairman.
 Councillors Major R. Smith and J. P. Kehoe.

The Minutes of previous meetings were read, confirmed and signed. The Secretary submitted the Reports received from the Rate Inspector and the Assistant Rate Checker on their checkings, since the Committee's last meeting, of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County, and also the following return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on 30th September, 1939:

District No.	Amount of Warrant	Amount collected to date	Discount Allowed	Amount not collected
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
1	6840 3 5	1795 18 3	15 2 10	5029 2 4
2	4126 10 0	716 5 1	3 18 0	3406 6 11
3	3433 14 8	841 14 10	0 13 3	2591 6 7
4	4603 14 7	619 3 6	6 15 7	3977 15 6
5	2386 3 4	57 14 10	0 3 8	2328 4 10
6	8606 14 6	708 0 5	0 4 3	7898 9 10
7	16342 15 11	6017 5 2	9 17 10	10315 12 11
8	4832 1 10	2218 17 6	1 6 5	2111 17 11
9	15438 17 10	5872 8 5	Nil.	9566 9 5
10	5049 18 3	2053 1 5	1 6 5	2995 10 5
11	7635 18 7	2422 14 10	0 5 3	5212 18 6
12	8635 17 11	2544 3 5	1 11 7	6090 2 11
13,14,15	11442 14 2	3156 2 9	6 12 5	8279 19 0
16	3484 1 1	1823 16 6	1 9 1	6658 15 6
17	6172 19 7	626 3 10	Nil.	5546 15 9
18	6166 1 0	516 1 7	2 15 2	5647 4 3
19				
Total	£119698 6 8	£21989 12 4	£52 1 9	£87656 12 7

The Committee noted in this connection that the temporary Collector in No. 9 District did not receive his collection books until 30th August.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee, recommend same for payment to the County Council as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE — £11073 5 9.

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

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1940.

To the County Board of Public Assistance—£11,618 0 0.

In connection with the proposal to establish a branch Weights and Measures Office in the Town of Arklow the following communications were submitted:—

42, Lower Main Street, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, 10th May, 1939.
 Sergt. Sean MacBrinn,
 Ex Office Inspector, Weights & Measures,
 Wicklow.

Dear Sir,
 I have now prepared the necessary offices on my premises for use as weights and measures offices at Arklow. I am prepared to rent the offices to the Wicklow County Council for the purposes aforesaid, and including:—
 (a) Maintaining same in a perfect state of cleanliness.
 (b) Providing artificial light and fires, when necessary.
 (c) Taking care of any articles as may be deposited therein from time to time.
 (d) Providing therein during periods of occupation, such tables, forms, chairs and benches as may be required for use on loan.
 In respect of the letting of the offices, and the purposes included, viz. (a) to (d) I shall require the sum of Twelve Pounds per annum (£12), or £3 per quarter.

Faithfully yours,
 J. DORAN.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, WICKLOW TOWN, 12th May, 1939.

Secretary,
 County Council,
 WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,
 I beg to attach hereto an application by John Doran, 42, Lower Main Street, Arklow, in respect of the letting of portion of his premises, at that address, as a permanent Weights and Measures Office, for use on the occasions of the administration of the Weights and Measures Acts at or from that centre.

I have already inspected the premises which I consider suitable. The establishment of a permanent office at Arklow is desirable for the following reasons:—

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- (a) Economy.
- (b) Centre of administration occasionally for the areas of Carnow, Shillogan, Finahealy, Coolboy, Coolkenno, Aughrim, Avoca and Ballycoogue, Redcross and Woodenbridge.
- (c) Forestalling at a lower rate, having regard to the fact that eventually it will be imperative to establish an office in Arklow.
- (d) Travelling expenses.
- (e) Inflated charges at the permissible maximum of ten shillings per day for temporary offices.

The five foregoing sub-heads (a) to (e) may be the more readily followed by the following.

On the occasion of the administration of the Acts heretofore the expenses arising with the letting of temporary offices amounting to approximately one half of that which is sought for the entire year.

By the administration, on occasions, of the Acts from Arklow the car hire expense for, say, Woodenbridge would amount to 3/-, as against 18/- from Wicklow. Many similar instances could be related.

The advance of trading indicates that eventually a permanent office will become imperative. Experience has shown that when the office is urgently or essentially required the figure is usually prohibitive. Hence the necessity to forestall, especially when same can be done now by effecting economies in car hire also. Please see (e) as to permissible rates of charge on a temporary basis—Doran's charge is £12 per annum.

I make this application because I am of opinion that it is in the interest of economy to do so. In recommending Doran's application I have in mind the fact that the charge is very reasonable and furthermore, in deference to his supplementary services for a period of over forty years in the administration of the Weights and Measures Acts, I should point out that none is more deserving in having his application most favourably considered.

For favour of your kind consideration, please.

I am, Sir,
Yours obediently,
SEAN MACBRINN, SAIR, 4262.

The Committee recommend the Council to hire Mr. Doran's premises for the purpose indicated and on the conditions contained in his letter for the sum of £3 per quarter.

The following communication was received from the Inspector of Weights and Measures, Bray, regarding the condition of the office in that Town:—

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, BRAY,
Co. Wicklow,
25/9/39.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
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Condition of Weights and Measures Office, Bray.

I wish to draw your attention to the condition of the Weights and Measures Office, Bray. There are several matters in the way of repairs which need to be effected, principally the following:

- (1) The roof of the coal house (repairs to slates, etc.).
- (2) The outside door (wood repair and paint).
- (3) Fire grate (repairs to bars, etc.).
- (4) Floor (replacement of damp tiles).

There are also other small repairs which can be seen by the County Surveyor.

If possible I should like if the latter will make an appointment with me at Bray to view the Office. I am absent from Bray Town very frequently but shall be very pleased to meet him at Bray at any time he desires.

Mise, le meas,
N. O'BRIEN,
SERGT.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to refer these matters to the Acting County Surveyor with instructions that he carry out the required repairs with as little expenditure as possible.

Miss E. F. Bobbett, of Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, was received by the Committee in connection with her application to be allowed to set her lands with an assurance from the County Council that no seizures would be made on any stock found grazing thereon by the Poor Rate Collector, Mr. W. C. Byrne, in his efforts to collect the rates which had accrued due on her five holdings over a number of years. In return for this assurance Miss Bobbett stated she was prepared to devote as much of the receipts from the letting of the lands towards reducing her liability for rates as would be allowed by the Land Commission to whom a large sum was also due in respect of Land Annuities.

Having heard Miss Bobbett at considerable length in support of her application the Committee were informed by the Secretary that the rates due on Miss Bobbett's five holdings up to 31st March, 1940, amounting to £399 19s. 4d. The Secretary also informed the Committee that the instalment payments offered by Miss Bobbett at that Committee meeting would mean, if accepted, that the total amount of rates due by Miss Bobbett on the 31st March, 1940, would be very considerably greater than the total amount of Rates due by her on the 31st March, 1939, thus establishing an exceedingly dangerous precedent in connection with Poor Rate Collections generally.

ORDER—The Committee received Miss Bobbett, of Springfield, and have considered the facts submitted. We hereby give instructions—which we hope the Council will confirm—that the Rate Collector is not to

seize the property of any person renting her lands for grazing purposes until further instructed by this Committee, provided Miss Bobbett carries out her undertaking, viz., to make the following payments to the Council on her arrears of Rates:—to date—£220 2s. 6d. within a week—£15; £5 in December, 1939; in February, 1940—£5 16s. 8d. and on 1st May, 1940—£15. Miss Bobbett has undertaken to pay to this Committee in addition to the foregoing sums any monies that she can make it possible to provide.

Signed:—DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 13th October, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.
Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The usual fortnightly meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 10th November, 1939.
The following members attended:—
Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors Joseph Jacob, J. P. Kehoe and Major R. Smith.
The Secretary submitted, as usual, the reports received from the Rate Inspector on his checking, since the Committee's last meeting, of the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County and also the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 31st October, 1939:—

County of Wicklow.

Comparative Statement of Rate Collection for the periods ended 31st October, 1938, and 31st October, 1939.

Name of Collector and Number of District	Amount of Warrant 1938/39	Amount of Warrant 1939/1940	Amount Collected at 31/10/1938	Amount Collected at 31/10/1939	Increase or Decrease in Amount Collected		Percentage Increase or Decrease		% of Warrant o/s at 31/10/1938	% of Warrant o/s at 31/10/1939
					Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		
Luke McDonnell	1 6706	6840	3068	3180	62	18	2.0	1	53.81	55.77
J. A. Doyle	2 4012	4127	1730	1712					56.60	58.25
E. Lynch	3 3252	3434	1025	1397	372		36.3		68.29	58.96
P. Burke	4 4457	4604	1384	1912	528		38.2		68.69	58.12
Do.	5 2213	2386	459	738	279		60.8		70.16	68.94
Mrs. M. Healy	6 7675	8607	1263	1707	444		35.2		83.42	80.03
P. J. Doyle	7 15664	16343	6786	7873	637		9.5		56.76	54.61
P. Mulligan	8 4275	4332	2231	2306	75		3.4		47.67	46.49
Mrs. K. M. Doyle, 1938	9 14699	15439	6699	8160	1461		21.9		54.20	46.90
M. J. Healy, 1939	10 5328	5050	2694	2775	81		3.		49.26	44.85
W. P. Murphy	11 7851	7636	3752	3735		17		0.5	51.85	50.69
J. J. McCall	12 8433	8636	2476	3115	639		25.9		70.50	63.80
W. C. Byrne	13/14/15 11678	11443	5155	5088		67		1.3	53.63	55.31
M. J. Roche	16 8484	8484	3697	3629		68		1.9	56.18	56.78
P. J. O'Byrne	17 8522	6173	1734	2306	572		32.9		68.58	62.32
D. J. Kinsella	18 5570	6166	1915	2307	392		20.4		65.80	62.08
T. Fleming	19 5594									
J. J. Doyle, 1938	19 4185		44				44		98.82	100.
Vacant, 1939										
			£46,062	£51,300	£5,828		11.6		NETT	NETT

Amount of Warrant for No. 19 District in respect of the year 1939/40 not available.

The Committee noted in this connection that the temporary Collector in No. 9 District, Mr. Michael J. Healy, did not receive his Collection Books until the 30th August, 1939.

ORDER—Considered satisfactory.

Signed:—DAVID H. HASKINS, Chairman, Finance Committee.

dated this 10th November, 1939.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by Major R Smith ;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by James Everett, T.D. ;
Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by John Dunne ;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payments, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £11,073 5s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by Joseph Jacob ;
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 Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by John Dunne ;
Resolved—That the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts, be now signed and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
There were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, or under Explosives Acts, 1875.

Proposed by Councillor Major R Smith ;
Seconded by James Everett, T.D. ;
Resolved—That we hereby instruct our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. John Egan, of the "White Horse Inn", Newtownmountkennedy, subject to a satisfactory report on the premises being received from the Acting County Surveyor and also from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Stochana; the granting of this Licence to be conditional on the National Anthem being played at the commencement of each performance.

APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR IN No. 9 DISTRICT

The Secretary reported that the subjoined advertisement had been issued with a view to filling the above vacant position:
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above named Council will, at their Quarterly Meeting to be held on Monday, the 13th November, 1939, consider applications from persons over twenty-one years of age suitable for the whole-time, permanent and pensionable position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 9 Collecting District, which comprises the Electoral Divisions of Altiford, Kilcoole, Killiskey, Newcastle Lower and Newcastle Upper at a remuneration of Sevenpence (7d) in the £ collected and lodged to credit of the County Council within each financial year. No Poundage will be paid unless each Moiety of the annual Warrant is lodged to credit of the County Council within its respective half year. For the financial year 1939/40 the Warrant is £15,439 approximately, including arrears carried forward. Certain fees prescribed under the Electoral Act, 1923, as amended by the Jurors Act, 1927, amounting to approximately Eighteen Pounds (£18) per annum will also become payable if the duties imposed under these Acts be satisfactorily performed. Irrecoverable rates approved by the County Council will be refunded the Collector.

The duties of the office will be those prescribed in Article 103 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The standard of education of the candidate must be such as to satisfy the County Council. Applications should be on the forms obtainable from the undersigned and must be lodged in the Council's Offices not later than 11 a.m. on the morning of the 13th November, 1939, accompanied by adequate testimonials from citizens of undoubted standing such as Public Representatives, Professional men, Clergymen or Bank Managers.

Each applicant must give in his form of application the name and address of an approved Insurance Company willing to enter into the prescribed form of Fidelity Bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties as prescribed in the Public Bodies Orders in the sum of £4,000 (Four Thousand Pounds).

Candidates must be in attendance in the Council Chamber Court-house, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the date of the meeting, and must be prepared if there is any doubt as to age to submit his Birth Certificate if called upon by the Council, to do so. A Schedule showing the disqualifications imposed by Article 98 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, will be forwarded to each person requiring a form of application.

BY ORDER,
P. T. HEALY,
County Secretary,
County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow.
Dated this 31st October, 1939.

Applications were received from the following:—
Michael J Healy, Hillside, Wicklow.
Michael Byrne, 19 Albert Road, Sandcove, Co. Dublin.
Patrick V O'Neill, Richview, Delgany,
James Sinnott, 1 Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy,
Sean Traynor, Delgany.

A vote having been taken it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR HEALY:—Councillors James McCrea, J J Bourne, Wallace Hammond, T J Birthistle, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy), Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern), P P O'Reilly, D J Kehoe, Michael Mooney, Martin Gleeson, Michael Timmins, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, Maj. R. Smith, John Dunne, P D Kinsella, James Everett T.D.; D H Haskins, C M Byrne, J P Kehoe, J P O'Donnell, Joseph Jacob and Joseph Keenan—24.

FOR TRAYNOR:—Councillors Miss Margaret Killy and Liam O'Clearigh—2.

FOR BYRNE—Nil.

FOR O'NEILL—Nil.

FOR SINNOTT—Nil.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by James Everett T.D. ;

Resolved:—That we hereby appoint Mr Michael J Healy, of Hillside, Wicklow, to the whole-time, permanent and pensionable position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 9 (Newcastle) Collecting District on the terms of the Council's published advertisements, subject to the formal sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and we direct our Insurance Broker to arrange on our behalf with the Ocean Accident Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., 34 Dame Street, Dublin, for the issue of the usual form of Fidelity Bond for this Collecting District in the sum of £4,000.

Passed by 24 votes to 2, The Chairman thereupon declared Mr. Michael J Healy duly elected.

The following application was considered
Lower Bullingate,
Carnew,
Co. Wicklow,
21st October, 1939.

Dear Sir,
In regard to my proposed Bond for collection of Rates in No. 19 District I shall be obliged if you will ask the County Council to kindly accept an Insurance Company's Fidelity Bond instead of the Personal Surety Bond.

I may say that at the present time it places one under rather too much of an obligation to give purely Personal Surety, and while the persons whose names I submitted are prepared to act I would much prefer to relieve them—through the Fidelity Bond—of part of their responsibility.

Yours obediently,
MICHAEL O'NEILL.

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

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by James McCrea ;
Resolved—That we hereby consent to the application of the newly appointed Collector for No. 19 Collecting District, Mr. Michael O'Neill, Lower Bullingate, Carnew, to have a Fidelity Bond issued by the Ocean Accident Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., 34 Dame Street, Dublin, instead of the Fidelity Bond with Personal Sureties as originally offered by him, and we hereby instruct our Insurance Broker to arrange on our behalf to have this Bond issued by the Corporation referred to at the earliest date possible, meantime the Collection Books to be issued to Mr. O'Neill so soon as the Cover Note has been received.

Passed.
The Secretary submitted the following Report:—

**COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW.**

13th November, 1939.

To: The Chairman
and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Re: Monies due to the Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 District for the year ended 31/8/39 by Mr. J. J. Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, ex-Poor Rate Collector, and his four Sureties on foot of his Fidelity Bond.

A Chairde,
I beg to report that Mrs. Annie Doyle, The Bakery, Carnew, mother of the above-named ex-Poor Rate Collector, and who is also one of the Sureties in his Personal Fidelity Bond, lodged with me on the 6th instant a Bank Draft for the sum of £82 0s. 11d.

The balance of the Council's claim against Mr. J. J. Doyle and his Sureties, amounting to £64 7s. 9d. has not yet been lodged to credit of the County Council, it being apparently their view that the sum of £64 7s. 9d. which would in normal circumstances have become payable to Mr. Doyle might be credited by the County Council to the collection for the year in question with a view to closing it.

(The Council) will remember that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has already decided that this course cannot be followed.
Miscellaneous
P. T. HEALY.

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(g) The Kilticarrig, Killool, Newcastle and Killougher road has been extensively surfaced tarré. The road between Killool and Newtown was steamrolled and tarré over about a mile and a quarter and just about 1/2 mile remains to be done.

(h) Easements to dangerous bends and surfacing has been effected at Newtown over 1/2 mile.

(i) The Wicklow-Rathnew road 2 miles tarré; the Milltown road No. 97 has been steamrolled and completed between Tighe's Avenue and the Brickworks; steamrolling 1/2 mile effected on Ballycullen road.

(j) There has been considerable improvement on Toghher-Moneystown, and Toghher-Newtown Roads by steamrolling; and on Road No. 85 Laragh-Rathdrum, widening, and tarring have resulted in a satisfactory surface throughout.

(k) Road No. 120 Rathdrum-Garryduff has been surfaced and tarré over about 1 mile and I am about to continue this work so as to provide a short and more direct run between Rathdrum and Toghher, and to Ashford.

(l) The Rathnew-McCoy's Road has been widened and surfaced over 1 mile; road 102 (Brittas Road) also tarré and widened 1/3rd mile; and Road 161 Ardarairey-Jack Whites heavily steamrolled and improved 1 1/2 miles.

(m) The Barnarrig-Redeross Road has been steamrolled and tarré over 7/8 mile; and I propose to extend this work so as to provide a direct route between Wicklow and Avoca.

I have given above only an outline of the major works in general which I arranged and carried through since March, 1939, with the able co-operation of Assistant Surveyors Mr. Foley and Mr. Caffrey. In addition to these items mentioned, considerable work has been done in the matter of drainage, and edging, but much more remains and will be done during the coming winter. The preparation and storage of materials for winter spreading is also satisfactory in so far as funds permit.

8 Hedge Cutting Notices are now being served on all land-owners and occupiers, and the Council has every right to expect co-operation in this important branch of road maintenance. Authority should be given to me now, to take such action as may be necessary against any defaulters in this respect.

4 Weighbridge.—The County Council at their meeting on October 9th, 1939, accepted a tender for a Weighing Machine, equipped with Dial Indicator for the sum of £325. The Minister for Local Government has written under date 1st inst., to state that this type of machine does not comply with the requirements of the Road Traffic (Weighbridge) Order, 1934, but that he will approve of the acceptance of the tender from Messrs. W. and T. Avery, Ltd., for a Weighbridge of the Stealyard type with printer, at the price of £284. I ask the Council to approve of this.

5 Diesel Oil Roller.—The Council has already given me authority to purchase a new Oil Roller and it was to have been used, in the first instance, in connection with the proposed New Link Road between Dunbur and Magheramore, and paid for by the Hire Purchase System as that work proceeded. The Minister had already approved of this arrangement, but this work has not yet commenced owing to a temporary hold up of funds, resulting from the War. If the machine which is already assembled at works for immediate delivery, is not accepted immediately I am informed that the price will be increased by £150 for a similar roller, if that which is now available is sold elsewhere. I ask the approval of the Council, subject to sanction, to the immediate acquiring of the roller, and that it be paid for out of the machinery account or by hire purchase from such other work where it will be engaged.

It will be obvious that the use of an oil roller as against a machine in which coal is necessary will be very economical.

6 Cinema Licence.—As directed, I have inspected the premises known as The Hall at Baile O'Gearing, the property of Mr. John Egan, and I see no objection to the granting of a Licence under the Acts, subject to small alterations being effected to my approval.

7 Sudden Damages.—I regret to inform you that several minor damages of an unforeseen nature occurred to roads in the County generally owing to storm action. The usual approved action was taken by me in such cases and the amounts expended to date are as follows:—Main Roads: £153.18 0. County Roads: £86.10 2. (m)

8 New Coastal Link Road—Wicklow-Arklow.—The Council is aware that proposals have been submitted for the construction of new link routes (a) between Dunbur and Magherabeg, and (b) Ardarairey-Sallymount. The Minister, having considered the estimate of the cost, as set out in the Road Scheme 1939-40 (page 22), has sanctioned the expenditure during the present year of £6172 on the Dunbur-Kilpool Section and £2088 on the Sallymount Section, subject to approval of the Engineering Details. The works covered by these amounts represent the portions to be undertaken during the first year of a two year programme for the whole scheme. The land occupiers concerned in this year's portion of this work have agreed to allow their ground to be acquired; one of these, Mr. John Maher, Kilpoole, however, stipulating that the County Council must assume the responsibility for maintaining for all time, the necessary new fences to be erected adjoining the new road.

For the purpose of completing the scheme during 1940-41, it will be necessary to go through the lands of Magheramore and Magherabeg. The solicitors acting for the absentee owner of these lands (Ellis' Estate) have indicated that the said owner, Mr. F. R. Leslie-Ellis, will oppose any such proposal in every way. It is necessary, therefore, for the Council to immediately take steps to acquire these lands and effect compulsory acquisition.

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With regard to the second portion of the Ardarairey Section, one of the land-occupiers, Mrs. Mary Murphy, of Ardarairey, whilst agreeing to the acquisition of her land, disputes the proposed location on a small way. Whilst this obstacle might be surmounted, by peaceful negotiation before her land would be required, I think that similar compulsory powers should be sought so as to make certain that no delay would occur next year.

9 Air Raid Precautions.—In order to comply with the Regulations under this Scheme it will be necessary to provide proper blinds for the windows in the Courthouse and I have ascertained that the cost will be approximately £40 0 0. I ask for approval of this expenditure.

Mr. Le Mear M.P., O.R.B.
SEOSAN T. O'BRIEN
Seinbeomoon 5 Connac
8-11-1939.

ORDERS.—Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 Noted.
Paragraph 4. Approved and referred to the Finance Committee to fix the proposed site.
Paragraph 5, 6, and 7. Approved.
Paragraph 8. See resolution—Ardarairey-Sallymount road to be proceeded with forthwith.
Paragraph 9. Approved, but there is to be no expenditure by the Acting County Surveyor or that can be avoided.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne.
Seconded by James Everett, T.D.

Resolved.—That the County Council take the necessary steps to acquire compulsorily the portions of the lands the property of Mr. John Maher and Mr. F. R. Leslie Ellis so as to enable the Council to proceed with the construction of the new link route Dunbur and Magherabeg, and also the portion of the lands of Mrs. Mary Murphy to enable the Council to proceed with the construction of the new link road Ardarairey and Sallymount.

The following letter was submitted:—
St. Patrick's, Kiltegan,
Co. Wicklow,
30th September, 1939

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,
The road from the village of Kiltegan to the Mission House at High Park is in a very bad state of repair. Since St. Patrick's Missionary College was founded the road in question is being used by a considerably increased volume of traffic. Apart from the daily routine business traffic connected with St. Patrick's the road is being used extensively by visitors to the College from many parts of Ireland and all comment unfavourably on the terrible condition of the road. As winter approaches the condition of the road will naturally become even worse.

As we are expecting a large number of visitors for the Ordinations which will take place at Christmas, we should be grateful if you would kindly have the road repaired before that time.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. WALSH.

ORDER—Road to be put in thorough repair by the Acting County Surveyor.

The following resolution passed by Arklow Urban District Council at the meeting of that Body, held on the 2nd October, 1939, was considered:—

Resolved.—That we, the Arklow Urban District Council, protest in the most emphatic terms against the small return given by the County Council of Wicklow in the form of road and footpath services in that portion of the town under their control for amounts paid in County Demand.

The Council having reviewed the facts and figures at considerable length in relation to the terms of the resolution referred the matter to the Acting County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action.

The Council referred to the Acting County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action, a communication from Mr. John Byrne, Rathdangan Cottage, Baltinglass, complaining that he was discharged from his employment as road worker whilst men in far better circumstances were given employment.

The following communication was considered:—
BALLYRAHAN 98 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE,
SHILLELAGH,
27/10/39.

To: Mr. P. T. Healy,
A Chara,
I am directed by the above Committee to ask the Council to take into consideration the removing of a dangerous corner at Ballyrahan Cross Roads.

This Committee proposes spending £100 on a Memorial at this Cross (on Mr. Byrne's land) and we hope that the Council will consider at this stage that the suggested improvement might be carried out to harmonise with each other.

Yours sincerely,
THOMAS FLEMING
Hon. Sec.
Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);
Seconded by " Senator C. M. Byrne;
Resolved.—That having considered the letter from Mr. Thomas Fleming

13th November, 1939.

Honorary Secretary, Ballyrahane, 98% Memorial Committee, Shillelagh, in which application is made to the Council to remove the dangerous corner at Ballyrahane Cross Roads as his Committee proposes spending £100 on a Memorial to be erected on Mr. Byrne's land at the Cross, we hereby instruct our Acting County Surveyor, to have the dangerous corner in question removed at the earliest date he can make it possible to do so.

Passed.

POULAPHOUCA HYDRO-ELECTRIC AND WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The following report was submitted:—

COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

At a meeting of the County Council, in view of the hard times which the unemployed of this town are going through at this moment, that they (the County Council) be asked to carry out some Scheme in Bray such as dangerous corners, etc. in the Urban Area to provide work for at least one month during December. We are seeking at present one continuous month's work and asked the Minister to suspend rotation work for that period. The reason for the request from the County Council is to relieve the U. D. C. from bearing all the expense.

I desire to report that I again interviewed the Chief Engineer of the Electricity Supply Board, Mr. J. McDonald, at the E. S. B. Offices, Dublin on the 2nd instant, and I was accompanied by Assistant Surveyor, P. J. Foley.

The matter of the improvement of alternative roads necessary as a result of the submerging of certain routes in West Wicklow Area in connection with the Poulaphouca Hydro-Electric Scheme was fully discussed.

The Chief Engineer will advise his Board to give a sum of £2,500 to the Wicklow County Council for the purpose of improving the road between Lackan-Ballyknockan and Annacorney Cross, Road Nos. part 365 and 356.

I recommend that the County Council should accept this offer. In order to reconstruct fully the road referred to above it would be necessary to expend the total sum of £3,700 so that the County Council will have to find the difference (£1,200) either by loan, grant, or otherwise.

Yours faithfully, J. P. OBYRNE, Acting County Surveyor.

ORDER—£2,500 accepted—the further sum of £1,200 required to be found as follows:—£600 out of Rates in the Roads Works Scheme 1940/41, and £600 to be allocated out of the Employment Scheme Vote.

The Council considered a Petition from four Ratepayers living on Garryhoe laneway, Ballinglen, asking the Council to repair the lower half of the laneway which was stated to have been rendered impassable by the carting of stones over it from the quarry.

ORDER—Laneway to be put into proper state again with as little delay as possible.

The following communication was submitted:

BRAY UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION, 4, St. Mary's Terrace, Strand Road, Bray, October 23rd, 1939.

Mr. Healy, Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

The following report was submitted:— At a meeting of the unemployed held here in Bray I was requested to write and ask the County Council, in view of the hard times which the unemployed of this town are going through at this moment, that they (the County Council) be asked to carry out some Scheme in Bray such as dangerous corners, etc. in the Urban Area to provide work for at least one month during December. We are seeking at present one continuous month's work and asked the Minister to suspend rotation work for that period. The reason for the request from the County Council is to relieve the U. D. C. from bearing all the expense.

It is the opinion of all members that our demand is not excessive. Trusting you will bring this matter before your Council and trusting you will let me have a favourable reply in the course of a few days.

Yours faithfully, J. DILLON, Secretary, Bray Unemployed Association.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea; Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy).

Resolved—That in view of the approach of the Christmas Season, and having regard to the number of unemployed men in the county, we ask the Minister to issue his immediate approval to proceed with the Roads Rural Employment Schemes (Winter Allocation) so as to relieve, in a small way, the distress existing in the areas in which it has been decided to spend these monies, and, it is also requested, in view of the few days still remaining before Christmas, that the Regulations regarding part-time employment, be waived for at least four weeks, so that every man can obtain a months work at full time—the Acting County Surveyor to wait upon the Roads Section of the Local Government Department and urge for a speedy decision on this all important matter.

Passed. In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor James McCrea; Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Coolboy).

Resolved—That the amounts of increments to Miss B. Redmond,

13th November, 1939.

County Librarian, be included year by year in the funds approved and raised in our Estimates for transfer to the funds of the County Library Committee, so that the increase approved by this Council may not interfere with the funds to be made available for the Book Fund.

Passed—Councillors Heatley, Haskins and Timmins dissenting.

The Secretary submitted correspondence received from Councillor Major R. Smith, "Ye Nooke," Greystones, regarding a number of accounts outstanding for a long period which were stated to be remaining due for payment still by the County Library Committee.

As Councillor Smith was now satisfied that these accounts had been paid the following Order was made on the correspondence.

ORDER—Noted.

The following resolution passed by the County Library Committee at the meeting of that Body, held 15th September, 1939, was submitted:—

Resolved—That we desire to draw the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the urgent necessity of providing permanent premises for our County Library, and to the fact that we have strongly recommended the acquisition of Belle Vue House, Wicklow, as suitable premises.

ORDER—Further consideration adjourned pending receipt from the Department of Local Government and Public Health of a copy of the Report made by their General Inspector following his visit to and examination of the present Library premises.

The Secretary having submitted a communication dated the 13th October, 1939, from Mr. Sean Butler, Cabul House, Ferrybank, Arklow, that he is unable to accept the position of Junior Clerical Officer to which he was appointed by the Council at a recent meeting following the result of the competitive examination conducted by the Local Appointments Commissioners on the Council's behalf, it was

Proposed by Councillor P. D. Kinsella; Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That inasmuch as Mr. Sean Butler, Cabul House, Ferrybank, Arklow, who obtained first place at the examination of candidates for the four vacant positions as Junior Clerical Officers in our Offices has refused to accept one of these positions, we hereby award the position thus rendered vacant to the candidate who obtained 5th at the examination, namely, Mr. Joseph Plunkett McDonnell, 3, Fitzwilliam Terrace, Bray, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

The Secretary having submitted a communication dated the 23rd October, 1939, from Miss Annie Grant, 17, Wolfe Tone Square, South, Bray, in which she intimated that she is unable to accept the position of Shorthand-writer Typist to which she was appointed by the Council at the recent meeting following the result of the competitive examination conducted by the Local Appointments Commissioners on the Council's behalf, it was

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne; Seconded by John P. O'Donnell;

Resolved—That inasmuch as Miss Annie Grant, 17, Wolfe Tone Square, S. Bray, who obtained second place at the examination for the two vacant positions as Shorthand-writer Typists in our offices has refused to accept one of these positions, we hereby award the position thus rendered vacant to the candidate who obtained 3rd place at the examination, namely, Miss Elizabeth Hagan, "Tounville," St. Mary's Terrace, Arklow, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

The Council, after a short discussion, adjourned consideration of the following draft Scheme under the Air Raid precautions Act, 1939, as prepared and submitted by the Secretary and Accountant:—

Handwritten signature: C. M. Byrne

13th November, 1939.

COUNTY WICKLOW
AIR-RAID PRECAUTIONS ACT, 1939.

AIR-RAID PRECAUTIONS SCHEMES (PRESCRIBED PROVISIONS)
REGULATIONS, 1939.

DRAFT SCHEME.

FUNCTIONAL AREA. The "functional area" to be administered by Wicklow County Council is the entire County of Wicklow, exclusive of the Urban District of Bray, which itself is a "functional area."

Under Section 12, Sub-section 1 of the above Act the duty is imposed on Wicklow County Council to prepare and submit to the Minister for Defence an Air-Raid Precaution Scheme, which Scheme the Act anticipates shall contain provisions in respect of the following matters, that is to say:—

- (a) The giving of any necessary instruction and advice to the public as to air-raid precautions;
- (b) arrangements for dealing with casualties;
- (c) arrangements for or in connection with the restriction and regulation of lighting in highways, streets and public places;
- (d) arrangements in connection with any transfer of the civilian population pursuant to any direction given by the Minister for Defence;
- (e) the organisation of an emergency fire-fighting service;
- (f) arrangements for making use of natural or artificial supplies of water for fire-fighting;
- (g) the recruiting and training of auxiliary fire-men and such other personnel as may be required for the purposes of the scheme;
- (h) arrangements for securing the use of such vehicles as are required for the purposes of the scheme and adaptation thereof where necessary;
- (i) the provision of appliances, equipment and material required for the purposes of the scheme, other than such equipment as may, in pursuance of Section 60 of the Act, be sold, supplied free of charge, or lent to the local authority by the Minister for Defence;
- (j) the storage and maintenance of such appliances, equipment and material as are provided under the immediately preceding paragraph of this Article;
- (k) arrangements for the detection of poison gas;
- (l) arrangements for the decontamination of highways, streets, public places and buildings affected by poison gas and anything therein requiring decontamination.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE. In this draft scheme it is suggested that there shall be an Advisory Committee which, if the Council feel so disposed, might consist of the Chairman of the County Council with 2 other Members, the Chairman of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the County Council, the Chairman of the Urban District Council of Arklow, the Chairman of the Urban District Council of Wicklow, the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, the County Surveyor, and the County Medical Officer of Health. As this Committee will be expected to shoulder the duties of administering the Act and the Regulations throughout the entire "functional area" its principal aims, it is suggested, ought to be efficiency, economy, and adequate control.

The Deputy Chief Air-Raid Precautions Officer should be appointed to act as Secretary to this Committee, with full powers to make use of the services of the Council's Clerical Staff at this work. Experience has shown that a large and cumbersome Committee is rarely as efficient as a small and carefully selected Committee, but, no doubt, this point of view will receive due consideration by the Council.

FINANCES. Section 34, Sub-Section 4 states that any expenses incurred by the Council of a County shall be defrayed out of the County Fund as a County-at-large charge, and

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Section 35 of the same Act states that the Minister for Defence, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, shall pay towards such expenditure by Local Authority grants not exceeding 70% of approved expenditure.

PAYMENTS. All payments in connection with this scheme shall be made through the County Council's Subsidiary Account, and separate accounts kept as part of the County Council's accounts to be audited in due course by the Local Government Auditor.

SERVICES OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH. The County Medical Officer of Health shall be responsible for giving any necessary instructions and advice to the public as to Air-Raid Precautions; the making of all arrangements for dealing with casualties; the making of all arrangements for the detection of poison gas; the making of all arrangements for the decontamination of highways, streets, public places, and buildings affected by poison gas, and anything therein requiring decontamination; the making of all arrangements for the organisation and equipment of First-Aid and Ambulance units, both in regard to the treatment of gas casualties, and, in the case of units located at coastal towns, for the carrying out of artificial respiration and the general treatment of survivors rescued from any vessels that may be sunk off the coast.

The County Medical Officer of Health shall have the assistance of all the Dispensary Doctors throughout the County, who presumably will give voluntary service, and assist the County M.O.H. in the organisation of the First-Aid Units which will be required at the principal centres of Arklow, Greystones, and Wicklow in particular, and in other populated districts if the Advisory Committee deem First-Aid units are required there.

The County Medical Officer of Health will so organize matters that he will have the voluntary services of all Medical Practitioners, existing Ambulance Brigades, and Nursing organisations, if any, in the functional area.

The County Medical Officer of Health shall also prepare and submit to the Advisory Committee a schedule of his requirements in connection with the carrying out of this Scheme and a detailed estimate of the cost involved.

SERVICES OF COUNTY SURVEYOR. The County Surveyor shall be responsible for the organisation of the emergency fire-fighting service in each of the areas of Arklow, Greystones, and Wicklow; the arrangements for making use of natural or artificial supplies of water for fire-fighting; the recruitment and training of auxiliary fire-men, and such other personnel as may be required for the purposes of this scheme; the making of arrangements for securing the use of such vehicles as are required for the purposes of the scheme and the adaptation thereof where necessary; the provision of all appliances, equipment and material required for the purposes of the scheme other than such equipment as may in pursuance of Section 60 of the Act be supplied, free of charge, or loaned to the local authority by the Minister for Defence; the storage and maintenance of such appliances, equipment and material; all demolition and rescue work as well as for the decontamination of highways, and public places; the erection of such Air-Raid shelters in the populous centres as may be thought essential; and the control of electricity, gas and water supplies.

This scheme contemplates that the County Surveyor shall have the voluntary assistance of the Assistant County Surveyors and the Road Overseers, but, he himself, shall be responsible for the general supervision of all work by these officials.

He shall arrange as soon as possible for submission to the Advisory Committee of a Schedule of all his requirements in connection with the carrying out of this scheme, and a detailed estimate of the entire cost involved.

CHIEF WARDEN, AREA WARDEN and WARDEN. The names of suitable persons will, no doubt, in due course, be obtained and submitted to the Advisory Committee for appointment to these important positions.

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AIR-RAID WARNINGS and LIGHTING "BLACK OUTS."

Clearly these matters, which are of such vital importance should be centrally controlled, and, towards that end, it is suggested that arrangements be made forthwith by the County Surveyor with the Electricity Supply Board to have a control of lighting switch and electric sirens installed in the Civic Guard Stations of each of the populous areas at present illuminated by electricity.

EVAUATION. The County Medical Officer of Health and the County Surveyor shall draft jointly and submit to the Advisory Committee at as early a date as possible a detailed Scheme for the evacuation of the more populous centres should circumstances render that drastic course essential, and these two officials shall be responsible for the entire operation of their Scheme whenever it is considered necessary to put it into force.

STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT. The County Medical Officer of Health and the County Surveyor shall be held responsible for the storage and safe custody of all equipment supplied for the carrying out of this Scheme, and shall account for such equipment whenever the necessity for this Scheme shall cease to exist.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC. This Scheme contemplates that the public shall be called upon to carry out such instructions as may be issued from time to time by the Minister for Defence, particularly with regard to the restriction of lighting. The public shall also be advised to provide themselves in their own homes so far as possible with fire extinguishers and sand so as to have the same ready for use in case of emergency.

It is suggested that the Advisory Committee shall have power to amend this Scheme in any manner if they think fit by adding other necessary provisions to it, but in no circumstances is expenditure to be incurred without the prior sanction of the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council.

Helpful suggestions have already been received from the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow regarding certain matters which should engage the attention of the Advisory Committee. These will, in due course, be laid before that Body, as will also any other suggestions that may be received from any source the effect of which will be to make the Scheme sufficiently elastic to meet every requirement that future circumstances may demand.

Signed—P. T. HEALY,
County Secretary and Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer.
L. WOLOHAN,
Deputy Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer.
County Council Offices,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
6th November, 1939.

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The Council also adjourned Item No. 29 on the Agenda, i.e., the question of passing a resolution to make provision for dealing with Public Lighting in the functional area controlled by the Council and when circumstances may demand that orders be given in that connection.

The Council again considered the following application which had been adjourned from their Special Meeting held on the 9th October, 1939:—
COUNTY HOME,
BATHDRUM,
5th October, 1939.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,
I wish to renew my application for an increase in my travelling allowance, and I repeat the figures which I gave you last January.

Since then the expense of running a car has increased still further.

Year.	Mileage.	Cost at 6d. per mile.
1934	12412	2310 6
1935	14108	2661 0
1936	13949	2631 6
1937	14975	2846 2 6
1938	15908	3081 6

My present allowance is £200 per annum.
Yours faithfully,
G. P. G. BECKETT,
County Medical Officer of Health.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne and accepted by the Chairman:—
"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the annual allowance for travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health be increased from £200 to £300 in accordance with the recommendation towards that end which was submitted by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance."

The following application was submitted by the Secretary:—
5, Lower Fitzwilliam Street,
DUBLIN.
18th October, 1939.

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

Dear Sir,
I received your letter of the 19th ult. and wish to thank you for your kind interest in my case.

You asked me to let you know what subjects I presented for examination—they are as follows:—(1) Political Economy; (2) Accountancy; (3) Commerce; (4) Commercial Law; (5) National Economics; (6) Banking and Finance.

The subject in which I failed was No. 3 (Commerce). There was only one set of papers for pass and honours. The way in which honours is calculated is by obtaining a certain percentage of the total marks. I would be very grateful if you could get the University Authorities to send a recommendation to the Council to have Scholarship extended.

I remain,
Yours respectfully,
BRIDGET LAWLOR.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins;
Seconded by Michael Mooney;

Resolved—That our University Scholarship Holder, Miss Bridget Lawlor, of Killalish, Kiltegan, who has completed satisfactorily her three year term be hereby granted a fourth year of scholarship in the National University on the same conditions and terms as governed her past three years, so as to allow of her completing her studies and obtaining the degree necessary to enable her to obtain remunerative employment following all her years of study.

Passed.
The Council adjourned to their next meeting consideration of Item No. 32 on the Agenda, i.e., to consider correspondence from the Department of Finance and the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub Committee regarding certain grievances of the Sub Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Wallace Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 31st October, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the sum of £15 to Messrs. J. Walsh, Sourlock Leap, Manor-Kilbride and Thomas Hill, Coolahullen; Woodenbridge, in respect of the erection of new Swim Baths."

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Wallace Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 31st October, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay to Mr. R. A. Boothman, Miley Hall, Blessington, the sum of £1 8s. in respect of 467 sheep double dipped in his swim bath during the 1938 dipping period."

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Wallace Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 31st October, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work done under the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1939, subject to the Department's sanction:—

S. Conway, V.S.	£80
A. F. Walshe, V.S.	65
W. J. Richardson, V.S.	30

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Wallace Hammond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on 31st October, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the balance of £15 to each of the following nineteen Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1939 Sheep Dipping Period:—

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Matthew Devitt, Monunee, Greeware
 Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Aughrim
 John Byrne, Blackrook, Rathdangan
 Martin Fitzpatrick, Coollatin, Carnew
 Thomas Kinsella, Muskagh, Tivahely
 Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue
 James Kavanagh, Clonshannon, Knockenarrigan
 Patrick J O'Toole, Mounroe, Donard
 William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum
 Bernard Malone, Baltinanim, Roundwood
 Joseph Clancy, Rathdrum
 Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood
 John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder
 William A Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood
 Robert Johnson, Kilpoole, Wicklow
 George Miley, Knockadruce, Vallemount
 Patrick Toomey, Lookstown, Vallemount
 Patrick Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan
 Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown

Passed.
 The following Report from County Analyst on the articles analysed by her during the quarter ended 30th September, 1939, was submitted :-

QUARTERLY REPORT

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 30/9/1939.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Whole Milk	1-7-39	2	County Home, Rathdrum	Genuine
Whiskey	"	2	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Vinegar	"	1	"	"
Y. Relish	"	1	"	"
Coffee	"	1	"	"
Olive Oil	"	1	"	"
Orange Sq.	"	1	"	"
Ice Cream	"	4	"	"
Whole Milk	3-7-39	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	12-7-39	1	Fever Hospital	"
Whole Milk	22-7-39	2	Newtown-Mt. Koye, Gd. Nevin	"
Whiskey	"	4	"	"
Ice Cream	"	1	"	"
Milk	29-7-39	1	Baltinglass District Hospital	"
Whole Milk	10-8-39	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	1 Gen. 1 not Gen
Whiskey	"	1	"	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	11-8-39	1	Fever Hospital	"
Whole Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
Whiskey	"	2	Roundwood, Gd., Mahony	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	12-8-39	2	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Breadsoda	"	1	"	"
Flour	"	1	"	"
Milk	31-8-39	1	Baltinglass Hospital	"
Whole Milk	15-9-39	2	Rathdrum, Guard Sweeney	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Vinegar	16-9-39	1	Shillelagh, Guard Behan	"
Whole Milk	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Whole Milk	21-9-39	1	Carnew, Guard Doyle	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Milk	22-9-39	1	Fever Hospital	"
Milk	"	1	Co. Hospital	"
Milk	29-9-39	1	Baltinglass Hospital	"
Whole Milk	30-9-39	3	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Drugs	3-7-39	3	Delgany Dispensary	"
"	"	3	Kilmurry	"
Drugs	3-7-39	3	Dunganstown Dispensary	Genuine
"	11-7-39	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	15-7-39	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	26-7-39	3	Aughrim Dispensary	"
"	17-8-39	3	Dispt. Hosp., Baltinglass	"
"	19-8-39	2	Fever Hospital	"
"	1-9-39	3	Ferrybank Dispensary	"
"	16-9-39	3	Annacoe	"
"	21-9-39	3	Arklow	"
"	25-9-39	3	Wicklow	"
Water (Arklow)	18-8-39	1	Arklow U.D.C.	Condemned

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter - Foods: 67; Drugs, 35, Waters, 1. Total - 103. Number Adulterated - 1 Milk, 1 Water condemned.
 Dated 16th October, 1939.
 Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

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The Minutes of proceedings of the monthly meeting of the County Wicklow Library Committee held on 6th October, 1939, were submitted.

The Secretary submitted the following communication :-
IRISH TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION, ARKLOW BRANCH,

7, Abbey Terrace, Arklow,
 10th November, 1939.
 Mr. P. T. Healy,
 Secretary,
 County Council.

Dear Sir,
 Your Council are engaged laying down new footpaths in the Town of Arklow. I wish to state on behalf the men employed on this work that the work being inside the Urban Area they are expecting to be paid the Urban rate of pay.

Yours faithfully,
 P. McCARTHY,
 Branch Secretary.

After a lengthy discussion during which the Council went fully into the rates of wages paid to road workers in the several areas in the County the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Thomas J. Birtistle and accepted by the Chairman :-
 "I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that employees engaged by the County Council and working in the Urban Areas of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow on Main Roads be paid the recognized rates of wages maintaining in each of the said Urban Districts, the new scales of wages to be operative from the 13th November, 1939."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly and accepted by the Chairman :-
 "I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that all men employed on road improvements and maintenance by the County Council in the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District be paid the same rate of wages as maintains in the Rathdrum and Shillelagh Areas, namely, Thirty-two Shillings and Sixpence (32/6d) per week.
 The Council referred to the Acting County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action, a communication from Mr. William Broughan, Tomaskela, Tivahely, in which he complained that although he had been a Road Contractor for over twenty years prior to the introduction of Direct Labour, he cannot now obtain work on the roads.

The following communication and enclosure were submitted :-
COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE,
 Market Square,
 WICKLOW,
 11th November, 1939.

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

A Chara,
 With reference to the Department's letter of the 14th ultimo, No. L.3651/39, bearing on the case of Mr. Joseph Clancy, Sheep Dipping Inspector, I beg to inform you that I submitted same at the meeting of my Committee held on the 31st October.
 In the above connection, the Committee directed me to write to Mr. Conway, Veterinary Inspector, asking him if Mr. Clancy had carried out his duties as Sheep Dipping Inspector in a satisfactory manner during the 1939 Dipping period.
 I am enclosing copy of a reply which I have received to-day from Mr. Conway in connection with the matter. Mine, le mess,
 G. P. BYRNE,
 Secretary.

(Enclosure)

Salem,
 Wicklow,
 10/11/39.

Dear Sir,
 In reply to yours of the 8th instant I beg to say I have found Clancy as satisfactory in his duties as in previous years.
 Yours faithfully,
 S. CONWAY

ORDER - See resolution passed at this meeting in which the Council has approved of 19 temporary Sheep Dipping Inspectors, including Mr. Joseph Clancy, being paid the balance (£15) of their remuneration.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor David H. Haskins and accepted by the Chairman :-
 "I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief."
 The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. P. O'Donnell, and accepted by the Chairman :-
 "I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be put in force in this County forthwith under the same arrangements as in other Counties."

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ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Abstract of correspondence laid before the Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 13th November, 1939.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

19th August, 1939, No. G.22737/2/39, Cill Mhannain, sanctioning the temporary employment of Mr. M. J. Healy as Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 Collecting District on the terms set out, and intimating that Mr. Healy's Bond should be submitted in due course to the Department.

29th August, 1939, No. G.193/7/33, sanctioning overdraft accommodation on the Accounts of the County Council to the extent of £37,500 for the period ending 31st October, 1939.

31st August, 1939, No. Circ. 85/39, forwarding copy of the Regulations made by the Minister under the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act, 1939.

2nd September, 1939, No. SGT./33, intimating that the Minister has approved of the Scheme of Road Improvement proposed to be carried out by the County Council under the Road Improvement Grant, 1939/40, amounting to £11,000 and assigning Works Nos. thereto.

22nd September, 1939, No. P.H.5720/3/39, Cill Mhannain (Pg.) forwarding copy of an Order fixing the Electoral Divisions of Ballyarthur and Ennereilly as the area of charge for the special expenses of providing for the public lighting of Redross, and altering to the Rathdrum Rural District the area of charge for providing and maintaining a supply of water at Rathnew.

23rd September, 1939 (Combined Purchasing Section, 73, Merrion Square, S.) No. C.P. 10/39, intimating that in view of the present circumstances it will be necessary to vary in some respects the terms of the official contracts entered into for the present year by orders under the emergency Powers Act, 1939, and asking the co-operation of local authorities in restricting orders to the bare minimum requirements.

26th September, 1939, No. G.22737/3/39, returning the Fidelity Guarantee Bond of Mr. M. J. Healy, which has been noted.

2nd October, 1939, No. C.P.11/39 (Combined Purchasing Section) No. C.P.11/39, stating that in view of the present European situation many official contractors are unable to supply commodities at the prices stated in their applications for appointment and are requesting local bodies to agree to payment of increased prices, but that no such increased prices may be paid without the sanction of the Minister having been obtained.

11th October, 1939, No. Circ. H.102/39, drawing attention to the terms of the Emergency Powers (Control of Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1939, made by the Minister for Supplies.

11th October, 1939, No. G.27986/39, sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £438 17 11 in respect of the employment of clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of Rate Books, etc., for the current financial year.

13th October, 1939, No. R/RS/33, sanctioning at the request of the Acting County Surveyor, the retention up to the 31st instant of Miss May Byrne as temporary Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office.

16th October, 1939, No. Circ. 114/39, stating the Minister's attention had been drawn to the fact that the provisions of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, and Regulations thereunder, are not always fully observed by local authorities when issuing Licences for the sale of Poisons, and it would be well if a list of all applicants for licences and renewal of licences be referred to the Garda for report.

18th October, 1939, No. C.P.12/39 (Combined Purchasing Section) referring to the difficulties which may arise in obtaining commodities for which official contractors have been appointed and making suggestions as to the best way of minimising those difficulties.

23rd October, 1939, No. F.115/39, forwarding copy of a circular letter issued to the Registration Officer in connection with the preparation of the 18th Register of Electors.

26th October, 1939, Circular No. H.118/38, stating that where loans were obtained by local authorities for the making of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and such advances are repaid in part or in whole before the expiration of the period for which the advance was made, such monies should not be retained by the authority but transmitted to the Offices of Public Works towards the redemption of the relevant loan.

26th October, 1939, No. G.193/8/39, sanctioning temporary overdraft accommodation not exceeding £30,000 for the period ending 31st December, 1939.

27th October, 1939, No. G.28934/39, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. M. J. O'Neill as Collector in No. 19 District and stating arrangements made in connection with rate checking have been noted.

1st November, 1939, No. R/SGQ/38, intimating that no objection will be raised to the Council's acceptance of the tender of Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., for a weighbridge of the steelyard type, with printer at £284, but that the tender for a Dial Machine at £325 should not be accepted as it does not comply with the Road Traffic (Weighbridges) Order, 1934.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

26th September, 1939, No. L.674/37, stating that where the erection of new sheep dipping baths, or repairs to existing baths, can be effected at a cost not exceeding £21 local authorities may have such repairs carried out without prior reference to the Department.

29th September, 1939, No. L.3651/39, stating the Minister has been given to understand that Mr. Joseph Clancy, temporary Sheep Dipping Inspector, has accepted a whole time appointment as steward in the Convent of Mercy, Rathdrum, and asking what proportion of the remuneration of £25 it is proposed to pay Mr. Clancy.

14th October, 1939, No. L.3651/39, acknowledging receipt of the Council's communication on the subject of the remuneration of temporary Inspector Joseph Clancy and intimating that if the local authority is satisfied that Mr. Clancy is not presently employed and his services are immediately available for

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his duties as Sheep Dipping Inspector no adjustment of his remuneration is called for. 19th October, 1939, No. L.3651/39, offering no objection to the payment of a sum of £10 on account to temporary sheep dipping Inspector Joseph Clancy, but that payment of the balance will be subject to the conditions in the Department's letter of the 14th inst.

25th October, 1939, No. L.3407/38, inquiring on what grounds it is proposed to grant Mr. Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Valleymount, temporary sheep dipping Inspector, the full remuneration of £25 fixed for the entire dipping period in view of the fact that the Department had approved of proportionate payment calculated from the date on which Mr. Murphy was appointed.

4th November, 1939, No. L.3405/38, intimating that the Minister cannot see his way to sanction the payment of £25 to temporary dipping Inspector, Patrick Murphy, in view of the fact that six weeks of the dipping period had elapsed before Mr. Murphy took up duty, but that the Minister would be prepared to approve a payment of £17 10s. for the period of his employment.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES.

31st October, 1939, intimating that the next petrol rationing period will be for a period of three months, and asking for full details concerning officials who require additional supplies for the performance of their official duties.

FROM THE COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH.

22nd September, 1939, No. 3851/39, intimating that the Board had considered copies of telegrams received by the County Secretary from the Department of Defence, and had made the Order: "Noted and approved."

27th September, 1939, No. 3446/39, stating the Board had approved of the letter from the Department of Local Government on the subject of the temporary employment of Dr. Cooney as County Medical Officer of Health with remuneration at £7 7s. per week and vouched travelling expenses.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER, THE NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED, WICKLOW.

5th September, 1939, conveying the sanction of the Board of Directors to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £37,500 for the period to 31st October, 1939.

2nd November, 1939, conveying sanction of the Directors to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £30,000 on the accounts of the County Council for the period, which will end on the 31st December, 1939.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.

7th October, 1939, reporting the dismissal of an application for the commitment of a boy named James Barry to an industrial School, heard at Bray District Court on the 6th instant.

FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

4th October, 1939, intimating that the Winter meeting of the General Council will take place early in December and that notice of any matters which the County Council desire to have placed on the Agenda should reach that office before the 25th November.

Summer Hill, WICKLOW,

25th September, 1939.

Dear Mr. Healy.

Please convey to the Members of your Council my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy.

I also desire to thank you and the members of your staff for your expression of sympathy.

Yours sincerely, MARY CULLEN.

24th October, 1939, from the Secretary, National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association, 3, Stephen's Green, Dublin, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that body calling upon the Government, in view of the present grave social conditions, to reconsider their present financial policy anew.

From the Managing Director, New Ireland Assurance Company, Dawson Street, Dublin, C.2., intimating that his Company has acquired a controlling interest in the Irish National Assurance Company, which will in future be carried on solely as a Fire and Accident Company, and asking the Council for their support.

1st November, 1939, from the Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.P., giving a survey of the prospects of maintaining—and even increasing—the volume of holiday traffic next year.

7th November, from Cork County Council, Courthouse, Cork, forwarding copy of a resolution calling upon the Minister for Agriculture to re-introduce the Heifer Scheme Loan.

Handwritten signatures and notes:
C.M.B.
Cull Byrne
12/2/40

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 22nd January, 1940.

The following Members were present:—
Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors J. P. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, James McCreagh, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); Thomas J. Birthistle, David H. Haskins, Michael Mooney, Wallace Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Major R. Smith, and P. D. Kinsella.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that all men employed on Road Maintenance and Improvement by the County Council in the area formerly known as Balinglass No. 1 Rural District be paid the same scale of wages as maintains in the Rathdrum and Shillelagh areas, namely, Thirty-Two Shillings and Sixpence (32/6d.) per week."

2. To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Thomas J. Birthistle:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that employees engaged by the County Council who work in the Urban Areas of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow on Main Roads be paid the recognised rates of wages maintaining in each of the said Urban Districts—the new scales of wages to be operative from this 13th day of November, 1939."

3. To consider a memorial from Ratepayers residing in the Townlands of Currough, Knocknaboley and Lugglass, drawing attention to the condition of the road from Coonmore to Currough, Hollywood, and stating they refuse to pay any rates whatsoever until the above road is repaired to their complete satisfaction.

4. To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.

5. To consider the Acting County Surveyor's Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the death of our esteemed Colleague, Councillor Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney, and we hereby extend to the Members of his family the assurance of our very sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.
Passed unanimously.

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Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);
Resolved—That we hereby extend to our esteemed Colleague, Councillor James Everett, T.D., the assurance of our very sincere sympathy with him, and the members of his family, on the death of his father, Mr. Robert Everett.

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Michael J. Fox, late Secretary to the Longford County Council and a native of Anghrim in this County, who was for many years a valued official of this Council, and we offer our very sincere sympathy to his wife and family in their sad bereavement.

Passed unanimously.
Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " J. J. Bourne;
Resolved—That we hereby tender to Mr. P. J. Noonan, the popular representative of the "Wicklow People" for so many years at our meetings, the assurance of our very sincere sympathy with him and the members of his family on the death of his sister.

Passed unanimously.
In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That all men employed on road maintenance and improvement in the area formerly known as Balinglass No. 1 Rural District be paid the same scale of wages as maintains in the Rathdrum and Shillelagh areas, namely, Thirty-two Shillings and Sixpence (32/6) per week.

Passed—Councillor Wallace Hammond dissenting.
In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor Thomas J. Birthistle;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);
Resolved—That the employees engaged by the County Council work in the Urban Areas of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, on Main Roads be paid the recognised rate of wages maintaining in each of the said Urban Districts—the new scales of wages to be operative from the 13th day of November, 1939, the date on which notice of this motion was handed in.

Passed.
The Secretary submitted a Memorial bearing the names of twelve Ratepayers residing in the Townlands of Currough, Knocknaboley and Lugglass in which attention was drawn to the condition of the road from Coonmore to Currough, and in which it was stated they refused to pay any rates whatsoever until the above road is repaired to their satisfaction.

ORDER:—Road to be put into good order immediately.

Comairle Connrae Cille Mannáin
Cúntar an t-Seirbhéir

Δξ αν Τιονόι, 22-1-40

τις να κύριτε,
cill manntáin,
18^o Ganair 1940.

Δ' Órainne Uapáite,

1. In submitting my Estimates for the Repair and Maintenance of the Roads in Co. Wicklow for the year 1940-41, I desire to remind you that they have been compiled with due regard both to the requirements of the Road System, in general, and, at the same time bearing in mind the position of the Ratepayers who will be called upon to meet the greater part of expense.

It is regrettable that the expenditure on roads has come to be regarded in many quarters solely as a means of providing employment; but, whilst agreeing that the work provided in road making is, at present, the only means of ensuring the livelihood of the vast majority of our rural population, the other essential aspect of the situation should not be forgotten.

Good Roads are an asset, firstly, Nationally, but secondly from the point of view of the County possessing them. It will not be disputed that the better we make and maintain our traffic routes, the more encouragement is given to traffic of every description, not alone of the Tourist Type, but also to the Industrial and Agricultural branches, and the greater the attraction will be given by the district in which good roads exist.

The proof of this is made evident by visiting other countries, both the Continental, and those adjacent to ours, and observing the importance which the Authorities there have been giving to the question of providing good roads. Countries and Districts which are not at all as secure as ours, and, indeed, not any more inviting, in so far as Scenery or Agricultural pursuits are concerned, are regarding the making of first class roads as an absolute necessity for the ultimate prosperity of their peoples.

The present War will, it is certain, disorganise the world to such an extent that years must pass before any stability is restored. Eire has an opportunity now such as has never before presented itself, namely, to prepare to take her place as the one country left to which the tired peoples will turn for opportunities of Peace and Progress, and her most valuable asset will be to possess good roads.

I respectfully submit that, with this viewpoint, as a business proposition, you must agree, and I have, therefore, confidence that the Estimates which I present to you to-day will receive the most careful and favourable consideration. Should you, unfortunately, decide that any reductions must be made, I ask that they be as low as possible; and if you do so decide, I am compelled to ask that you will permit me to use my own discretion in the amounts to be allocated over each road grouping. The system followed, heretofore, when the Surveyor's Estimates were considered, of first deciding on a general reduction,

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and, then, directing a pro rata reduction on each road, is wrong. There are many roads for which my Estimate should not be reduced under any circumstances; they are in urgent need of treatment, and must be attended to during 1940-41.

2. Hedge Cutting. I have drawn the attention of the Council frequently to the matter of hedge cutting and trimming in the County and the necessity for complying with the Minister's requests in this respect.

A special Circular was issued on the 25th September, 1939, by the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads Section), Custom House, Dublin—Reference RM/201 dealing with this matter.

The Order made by the Council on my report on this matter at the meeting of the 21st August last was "owners of hedges and trees to be called upon to do their work between the first November and 31st March in each year." I am advised that this decision is contrary to the terms of the Hedge and Tree Cutting Order and I ask the Council to rescind it immediately.

It would be deplorable if the Minister decided to withhold any portion of the 40% contribution for Main Road Maintenance consequent on the failure by the Council to carry out its duty in this regard.

I have caused the prescribed notices to be served throughout the County; but, whilst the general response has been good, there are some notable defaulters against whom action must be taken in the Courts immediately.

3. Machinery. It is necessary to acquire an additional Rock Drill Machine for the Eastern Area. As the Council already possesses two of the machines the purchase of a third will ensure that one of these machines will be available in each of the three Administrative road sections of the County, and the expense entailed in transporting them from area to area will be eliminated. In view of the cost and scarcity of steel, etc., on account of the war, it will be increasingly difficult, if not impossible to keep the work going in quarries, unless the facilities afforded by Rock Drilling Machinery are available. I propose to obtain a larger machine than the two already in our possession. I have received what I consider to be an attractive offer of a suitable portable Compressor at the price of £435 from the well known firm of Road Machinery Providers, Messrs. Fleming & Co., 10, Burgh Quay, Dublin, and I have ascertained that the War Price of this Machine in future will be £504. The firm are prepared to sell the machine on any terms suitable to the County Council, by hire purchase or otherwise. I have found it necessary to hire it at the moment without prejudice, but if the Council so approve, I propose to finally acquire it by paying in hire purchase out of the Allocated Funds for the New Wicklow-Arklow Road, Dunbar Magheramore Section, now about to start, and out of such other Funds as may be available out of Road Maintenance Accounts.

4. WICKLOW-ARKLOW NEW LINK ROAD. In accordance with Art. 50 (2) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, I submit hereunder for the information of this Council a detailed list of the Owners of such Land as it will be necessary to acquire for the purposes of this proposal, and I have also attached such consents as have been obtained from these land owners:—

A. SILVER STRAND (DUNBUR)-MAGHERABEG SECTION.

- (a) John Wolohan, Dunbur, has signed consent, £75 for 2 acres (approx.).
- (b) John Maher, Kilpool, will agree at the same rate per acre but only on condition that the County Council shall maintain fences.
- (c) Repts. F. R. Leslie Ellis (deceased) (Magheramore and Magherabeg) Messrs. H. & W. Stanley & Co., Solicitors, 59, Dawson Street, acting on behalf of the owners have refused consent under any circumstances.

B. ARDANAIRY-SALLYMOUNT SECTION.

- (a) Mr. Lewis Byrne, Sallymount, has signed consent. The price to be fixed by Arbitration.
- (b) Mrs. Mary Byrne, Ardairary, has signed consent. The price to be fixed by Arbitration.

5. That portion of the new Wicklow-Arklow Road between Ardairary and Sallymount is to be constructed in concrete and the works have now commenced. I have arranged for the purchase of a new Concrete Mixing Machine 10/7 High Discharge similar to the machines already in possession of the County Council and from the same Irish Firm. Notwithstanding the increase in the cost of materials this firm is prepared to sell the machine to the Wicklow County Council at the same price, (£238) as that which they charged for the other machines. I propose to pay for the mixer out of the Funds allocated for this portion of the work, in the ordinary method of Hire Purchase, at the rate of £2 per day and I ask the authority of the Council to the proposal.

Mire,
Le Meas Mór, o Raib.
SEOSAIN T O'BROIN,
Suidéir do'n gConrad.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That the Acting County Surveyor's Report, as printed and circulated, be approved and adopted.
Passed.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR YEAR 1940/41.

The Secretary submitted this scheme which had been prepared by the Acting County Surveyor.

After a prolonged discussion on the amounts to be allowed for Main Roads in the forthcoming financial year, it was

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by " Senator C M Byrne;

Resolved—That we raise by means of Rates for expenditure on Main Roads in the coming year 1940/41 the same figure as was allocated to Main Roads in the year 1939/40, i.e., £30,000 and that the Council accept and approve all the works relating to Main Roads shown on Page 21 of the Scheme, these works to be paid for out of the figure referred to above, viz., £30,000—the whole Scheme to be marked by the Acting County Surveyor accordingly.
Passed.

After further discussion as to the amount to be raised and set aside for County Roads during the forthcoming financial year, it was

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by " Senator C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we raise by means of Rates for expenditure on County Roads in the coming year, 1940/41, the same figure as was allocated to County Roads for the year, 1939/1940, viz., £24,000, and that we approve and adopt the works shown on County Roads on Pages 22 and

22nd January, 1940.

22A of the Scheme, these works to be paid for out of the aforesaid £24,000—the whole scheme to be marked by the Acting County Surveyor accordingly.
Passed.

The effect of these two Resolutions is shown in the following Schedule, and these are the figures that will be incorporated in the Council's Estimates for the service of the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1941:—

Description	Main County Roads		Total	Main County Roads		Total
	£	£		£	£	
PAKT 1. (Repairs)	83763	31698	65371	2494	18948	43932
PART 2 (Improvements)						
(A) Proposals submitted by Acting County Surveyor.	4254	3756	8010	3468	3556	7024
(B) Proposals submitted by County Councillors	950	1218	2168	780	1100	1880
(C) Loan Repayments	318	146	464	318	146	464
PART 3. (Contingencies)	1500	500	2000	450	250	700
Total Estimate.	40785	37228	78018	30000	24000	54000

The following further Report was submitted by Acting County Surveyor:—

COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW.
22nd January, 1940.

P. T. Healy Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Court House,
WICKLOW.

AT THE MEETING ON 22nd JANUARY, 1940.

A Chara,
I found it necessary to transfer an experienced Ganger, Edward Breen, from the Eastern Area of the County to the West, in order to take charge of work being carried out under the Road Improvement Grants 1939/40. This man's wages have been heretofore 10/- per day in charge of machinery (Rock Drills) and working in Bray Urban District. It is reasonable therefore that he should be paid not less than this amount whilst he remains in the West (probably only about 10 weeks). I propose to meet this by paying him 8/4d. per day out of Grant Funds and 10/- per week in Machinery Account for his usefulness in charge of the machinery which is being engaged on this Scheme. An allowance of 15/- should also be given for lodging in the district of Hollywood—he would be unable, of course, to reach his house each night from that distance.

I ask the approval of the Council to the arrangement, the Department have already signified approval.

Mise, le meas,
J. T. O'BYRNE.
A/S Suidéir an gConrad.

ORDER:—Approved.

Cell Byrne
12/2/40

12th February 1940

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 12th February, 1940.

The following Members were present:

Senator C. M. Byrne, M. C. C., Chairman;
Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Miss Margaret Kelly, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); John Dunne, Daniel J. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, M. J. Brennan, J. Everett, T.D.; E. Byrne, James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, Michael Timmins, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Major R. Smith, D. H. Haskins.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To confirm and sign Minutes of previous meetings.
- 2 To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
- 3 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 4 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 5 To consider proposals for payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 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 Acts.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 11 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
- 12 To re-appoint the Warble Fly Inspectors for the period commencing 1st March, 1940, and to consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture on the subject.
- 13 To pass a resolution formally approving and adopting the Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1941.
- 14 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.
- 15 To consider a Report from the Acting County Surveyor on the subject of establishing a Pound in Wicklow Town.
- 16 To consider a communication from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) approving of ten of the County Council's Secondary Scholarship holders for the School Year 1939-1940—but refusing to sanction the Scholarship holders, Julia Black, and Patrick J. Kavanagh, on the grounds that these two had failed to comply with the terms of the Council's Scholarship Scheme.
- 17 To execute an Agreement with Mr. John Doran, 42, Lower Main Street, Arklow, for the renting of portion of his premises as a Weights and Measures Office.
- 18 To consider a communication from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4 Church Street, Wicklow, enquiring, on behalf of a client, if the old Gaol premises in Wicklow are for sale.
- 19 To fill two vacancies on Ballyglass Old Age Pensions Sub Com-

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mittee caused by the death of the Very Rev. T. Monahan, P.P., and the resignation of Mr. George Fisher.

20 To declare a vacancy on Wicklow County Council consequent upon the death of Councillor Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

21 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 28th November, 1939:—

“Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay Mr. Henry Alexander, Knockree, Avoca, the sum of £15 in respect of the erection of new swim bath.”

22 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940:—

“Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts (totalling £5 19 9) to 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors in respect of their postage accounts for the year 1939.”

23 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940:—

“That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the sum of £1 each in respect of maintenance and repairs of their Public Sheep Dipping Baths for the year 1939.” (Here follows list of 25 persons).

24 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 30th January, 1940:—

“Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the amounts set out in respect of the use of their Private Swim Baths during the 1939 Dipping Period—at the rate of 6/- per 100 sheep double-dipped.” (Here follows list of 89 persons and amounts totalling £129 17 11).

25 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

“I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the annual allowance for travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, be increased from £200 to £300 in accordance with the recommendation towards that end submitted by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.”

26 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H. Haskins:—

“I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council—That we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief.”

27 To again consider a draft Scheme under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, as prepared by your Secretary and Accountant.

28 To consider a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health suggesting the County Council should consider the adoption of a Scheme for the supply on loan terms of seed potatoes, oat seeds, barley seeds, and fertilizers, in the coming season to occupiers or cultivators of land who cannot procure supplies out of their own resources.

29 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. P. O'Donnell:—

“I hereby give Notice that I shall move at our next Quarterly Meeting that a Scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be put in force in this County forthwith under the same arrangements as exist in other counties.”

30 To consider an application from the Irish Tourist Association for the striking of a Tourist Rate in the forthcoming financial year.

31 To consider County Analyst's Report.

32 To receive Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

33 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

34 To receive Reports from County Officers.

35 To consider official correspondence.

36 To consider General correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That the Minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be now confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby place on record our sorrow at hearing of the death of the Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, the Most Rev. Dr. E. J. Byrne, and we tender to the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese our sincere sympathy with them in the great loss that has befallen them, and as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Archbishop we hereby decide to adjourn this meeting to Monday, the 4th March, 1940—for the Rate Estimates, year 1940/41—after the imperative financial business has been transacted.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Miss M. Kelly;

Resolved—That we hereby extend to the parents and relatives of the men Peter Barnes and James McCormack, who were executed in Birmingham Prison, our very sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, have much pleasure in congratulating Judge John O'Byrne, a distinguished County Wicklow man, on his promotion to the Supreme Court, a distinction which we have long known to be so well merited, and which we very earnestly hope he may be spared many years to enjoy.

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

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby congratulate Mr. Martin Maguire, S.C., for many years a resident in our County, on his elevation to the Bench, which we trust he will for very many years adorn.

Passed unanimously.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 19th January, 1940.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors Major R. Smith and J. P. Kehoe.

The Committee, having examined the Proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, recommend same to the County Council as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£9445 15 9.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1940.

To the County Board of Public Assistance—£14,085 10 0.

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

HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st SEPTEMBER, 1940.

To the County Board of Public Health—£19,470 0 0.

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

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector since the Committee's last meeting, and also the following Schedule showing the conditions of the Poor Rate Collection as it stood on the 31st December, 1939:—

District No.	Collectors' Warrants	Amount collected to date	Discount allowed	Amount not collected
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
1	6840 3 5	8655 14 6	31 10 3	3152 18 8
2	4126 10 0	1872 16 4	10 16 6	2242 17 2
3	3493 14 8	1573 7 11	11 3 1	1844 3 8
4	4603 14 7	2322 10 7	14 18 10	2266 5 2
5	2386 3 4	868 18 11	2 14 7	1514 9 10
6	8606 14 6	2520 0 6	11 10 10	6075 3 2
7	16342 15 11	8651 13 10	40 5 8	7650 16 5
8	4382 1 10	2348 11 0	11 3 6	1972 7 4
9	15438 17 10	9028 19 8	38 1 9	6371 16 5
10	5049 18 3	2874 19 4	10 11 11	2164 7 0
11	7635 18 7	4242 15 6	30 3 6	3362 19 7
12	8635 17 11	3694 5 5	11 3 9	4930 8 9
13,14,15	11442 14 2	5926 11 2	25 0 2	5489 2 10
16	8484 1 1	4132 19 2	37 17 6	4313 4 5
17	6172 19 7	2958 18 5	20 3 6	8193 17 8
18	6166 1 0	3061 6 8	31 9 1	3073 5 3
19	4501 6 7	1028 4 9	8 5 8	3464 16 2
Totals	£124199 18 3	£60769 18 8	£347 0 1	£63082 19 6

The Committee had under consideration an application from Poor Rate Collector P. J. Doyle, No. 7 District, for a refund of £2 12 10 in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1937, and £7 4 7 in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1938, being rates lodged by him on ex soldiers' houses at Oldcourt, Bray, in order to close his Poor Rate Collections for the years referred to.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to refund these two sums to the Collector.

The following was submitted from the Acting County Surveyor:—

COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW.

11th January, 1940.

The Chairman,
Finance Committee,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I have received an offer of £6 from Mr. John Murphy,

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Contractor and Carrier, Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow, for the old broken stone crusher which is at present on the side of the road between Baltinglass and Blessington.

I consider the price offered by Mr. Murphy is reasonable and as it would be desirable to have this scrap removed from this side of the road I recommend that the machine be disposed of.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to accept this offer of £6 from Mr. Murphy.

The following application was received:—

County Council Offices,

Court House,

Wicklow,

13th January, 1940.

To the Chairman and Members

of Wicklow County Council.

A Chairde,

I was appointed Rate Inspector for this County and took up work on the 3rd January, 1939, at a salary and under conditions not prevailing elsewhere, viz., £250 per annum, inclusive. I have performed my duties during the last twelve months with difficulty as this sum is altogether inadequate to meet the demands which travelling and maintenance impose.

A month ago, on the appointment of the local deputy Checker as Collector for No. 19 Collecting District, my inspection district was increased by the addition of that portion of the County formerly known as Shillelagh Rural District, thereby increasing extensively my work, responsibility, and out of pocket expenditure.

This county, due to its physical characteristics, is one of the most expensive in the country, as far as travelling is concerned owing to a chain of mountains from North to South dividing it in two. To illustrate the travel difficulties peculiar to this county I would point out that it is not possible to travel by rail from Wicklow to Baltinglass and return in one day. To perform the journey by 'bus means that I am compelled to leave Wicklow at 7.30 a.m. and cannot possibly arrive back in Wicklow before 12.20 a.m. next day—a journey of over 140 miles in a day of 18 hours. The journey by hired car over the shortest route:—

To and from Baltinglass is 88 miles.

" " " Shillelagh is 60 miles.

" " " Bray is 38 miles.

In addition to my fortnightly journeys to these centres I am required to interview individual ratepayers when directed to do so by the County Secretary. During the past year, acting on his instructions, I have interviewed at their homes upwards of fifty ratepayers throughout the County. This figure does not include ratepayers interviewed during the special investigations in No. 19 District.

It is, of course, within the knowledge of the Members of the Council that the cost of all forms of travelling has already been substantially increased since my appointment in consequence of conditions due to the War, and it seems certain that further increases may be anticipated in the near future for the same reasons.

I am the only Rate Inspector in Eire not in receipt of travelling expenses and I feel confident therefore that having noted the foregoing you will now desire to make reasonable provision for them. I, therefore, make formal application for an allowance of £120 per annum to cover travelling and subsistence expenses, such allowance to date from the 11th December, 1939, on which date I took over the Shillelagh Rural District from Mr. O'Neill.

I will, with confidence, leave it to the County Secretary to say whether I have given entire satisfaction in discharge of the duties of my position, and in this connection I would like to refer you to the comparative statement of rate collection submitted by the Finance Committee at your last quarterly Meeting. That statement showed a substantial improvement in the collection of rates and I claim to have contributed largely to that improvement and to the consequent reduction of the Council's liability for overdraft interest.

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Hoping you will take the above mentioned circumstances into account and favourably consider my application

Mise, le meas,
M. DONOGHUE,
Rate Inspector.

ORDER—Having given careful consideration to all the facts and figures connected with this application and having noted the steadily increasing cost of travelling, the Committee recommend the Council to accede to Mr. Donoghue's application and to grant him the allowance of £120 per annum to cover his travelling and subsistence expenses—such allowance to date from the 11th December, 1939, on which date he took over for inspection purposes the area in the County formerly known as Shillelagh Rural District.

The following application was submitted :—

Tubberpatrick House,
Tinahely,
6/1/40.

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

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 4th instant to hand. If the checking of my books in the Workhouse, Shillelagh, is going to continue I must ask you to allow me travelling expenses for having to go that distance. It is five miles from here to Tinahely and six from Tinahely to the Workhouse in Shillelagh, which means that I will have to cover twenty-two miles every fortnight for checking on a push cycle, and I may mention also that in bad weather I will have to hire a car, which will cost me at least 6/- from Tinahely.

The small sum of 6/- is the amount which I now make application to you for each checking, and I am sure the County Council will not expect me to do the journey less.

Trusting you will favourably recommend my application.

Your faithfully,
DENIS J. KINSELLA

ORDER—The Committee regret they are unable to recommend the Council to accede to this application.

WICKLOW OLD JAIL.

The following letter of enquiry was considered :—

4, Church Street,
Wicklow,

17th January, 1940.

Dear Sir,

A client of ours has been enquiring as to whether the gaol premises are up for sale and if the Council are willing to sell same what price would they be looking for.

It occurs to us that as the premises are vacant for so long that they might be turned into a business which would be more beneficial to the town, so accordingly we would be obliged if you would get the views of the Council on the foregoing question.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCARROLL & CO.

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

The Committee directed the Secretary to place the letter on the Agenda for the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

St. Kevin's School,
Lough Bray,
Enniskerry.

10/12/39.

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

Dear Sir,

I would thank you to kindly put before the next meeting of your Finance Committee my request to have your weekly contribution for maintenance of boys from Co. Wicklow in this School increased by 2/6 per head.

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The weekly contributions from the neighbouring Counties are :—

Wexford	8/-
Dublin (City & Co.)	8/-
Meath	7/6
Leix	7/6

Yours sincerely,
W. F. O'CONNOR, O.M.I.,
Manager.

ORDER—The Committee regret that the financial condition of the Council will not allow of an increased contribution per head per week for the two boys from County Wicklow at present maintained in St. Kevin's School.

The following application was received :—

COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW,

19th January, 1940.

Dear Sir,

I shall be obliged if you will obtain the necessary authority from the Finance Committee at to-day's meeting for the purchase of a new typewriter for my office. The machine which we have at present has been in commission, I understand, since 1927, and requires extensive overhauling.

In any event, a second typewriter is required and I propose to purchase one from the Trades List, 1939 (see page 25) the price being £23. I understand that the prices of these machines will be increased in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

Acting County Surveyor.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

ORDER—The Committee regret that owing to financial stringency they are unable to see their way to consent to the purchase of a second typewriter for the County Surveyor's Office. They have, however, arranged that the typewriter in the Secretary's Lower Office be lent to the County Surveyor's Office if and when required.

Signed :— DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 19th January, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith ;

Seconded by J. P. Kehoe ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted, the travelling expenses to be allowed to the Rate Inspector to be £60 per annum instead of the £120 per annum recommended in the Report No. 1, and the Acting County Surveyor to be authorised to purchase a new Typewriter.

Passed.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 2nd February, 1940.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor Major R. Smith, Presiding Chairman ;

Councillors J. P. Kehoe, and James Everett, T.D.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received since the Committee's last Meeting from the Rate Inspector on the checkings of the Accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors, and also presented to the Committee a copy of the Return furnished to the Department of Local Government and Public Health showing the condition of each Collector's Account as it stood on the 31st of January, 1940.

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

12th February 1940.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£784 7 8.

Signed:— R. SMITH, Major,
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 2nd February, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated to each Member of Wicklow County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Miss M. Kelly;
Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Major R. Smith;
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 PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following Proposals for Payment chargeable to the various areas amounting to the sum of £8,445 15 9 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment chargeable to the various areas amounting to the sum of £784 7 8 (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.
There were no proposals for contracts submitted by the Proposals Committee, and consequently no contracts to be signed.

Proposed by Councillor J. P. Kehoe;
Seconded by P. Doyle (Coolboy);
Resolved—That the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed, and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by J. P. Kehoe;
Resolved—That the Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to the following, be hereby renewed for the year 1940, by our Secretary:—

Thomas M. Barker	Coolboy, Tinahely
William Saul	18, Main St., Rathdrum
Robin Haskins	Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow
Arthur J. Boyers	Tinahely Co-Operative Society
Edward Dowse	Carnew
Joseph Walsh	Rathdrum
S. H. Correll	Carnew
Thomas Whitten (Mgr.)	32, Main St., Bray
Robert Williams	C/o Murdoch & Co., 30 & 32 Main St., Bray

Michael Hayes	Roundwood
Thomas P. Doyle	Commercial House, Baltinglass
James Lawler	Railway Hotel, Dunlavin
F. J. Sutton, Ltd.,	Rathdrum
Harold Fisher	Dunlavin
D. J. Cogan	Laragh, Glendalough
J. S. Annesley	50, Main Street, Arklow
Terence Finnegan	Abbey St., Wicklow
Garnet B. Hopkins	Main Street, Wicklow
John Synnott	Newtown-Mt. Kennedy
Peter J. Bradshaw	Shillelagh
James Healy	Rathdangan
P. J. Graham	Knockananna
Mrs. Ellen Fleming	Barndarrig, Rederos
F. J. Loughran	Delgany
Mrs. Annie S. Miller	Blessington
William Pratt	C/o of Messrs. M. Syme & Co., Tinahely

John Briscoe	Kiltegan
Arthur Hennessy	Blessington
William Wynne	Kyle, Kiltegan
Thomas Pierce	Tinahely
Joseph Owens	Dunlavin
Patrick Thorpe	Kilquiggan, Tullow
Edwin Doyle	Church Road, Greystones
William Quinn	Main Street, Baltinglass
Thomas F. Phelan	Aughrim
Thomas Moynihan	Donard
James Belton	Killskey, Ashford
Albert Farrar	Bridge House, Lower St., Rathdrum
William F. Murphy	Aughrim
William G. Booker	(Mgr. Heiton & Co., Ltd.), 28, Main St., Bray
Thomas Heiton & Co., Ltd.,	28, Main St., Bray

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John Synnott	Ashford
Patrick Hoxey	Knockenarrigan
James Urell	Newcastle
Mrs. Mary Toomey	Hollywood
Michael Tutty	Hollywood
William B. Kidd	Moyno, Ballinglen
Bernard J. Mulhall	Annacurra
Denis O'Sullivan	Mill Lane, Carnew
Edmund L. O'Higgins	Main St., Dunlavin
S. R. Cole	Kilboy, Wicklow
James Quinn	Valleymount, Blessington
E. V. Briscoe	Ballinalea, Ashford
James Craul	Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride
S. V. Delahunt	Abbey Street, Wicklow
James McCrea	Carnew
William Morrissey	Anghrim

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved—That the Licence issued to Mr. John Hipple, of the Picture House, Greystones, under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, be hereby renewed for a further year under the conditions which governed the issue of the original Licence.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by P. P. O'Reilly;
Resolved—That we hereby grant the renewal of Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to the following, for the year ending 5th November, 1940, for the sale of and storage of mixed Explosives and Gunpowder:—

Miss Olive H. Parr, Dunlavin.
S. Weir & Sons, Tinahely.
E. V. Briscoe, Ballinalea, Ashford.
Hugh P. Doyle, Mill Street, Baltinglass.
James McCrea, Carnew.
Thomas P. Doyle, Main Street, Baltinglass.
William Saul, 18, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letters:—

AN ROINN TALMHAIOCHTA.
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

L.458/40. 24th January, 1940.

Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, as amended by the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Orders, 1936 and 1939, will again come into operation on the 1st March next. Immediate action should, accordingly, be taken by the Local Authority in regard to the appointment of temporary Inspectors, and, as in previous years, advertisements on the lines indicated in the enclosed extract from this Department's communication (E.9078/36) of the 18th December, 1936, should be issued forthwith. A copy of the advertisement should be forwarded to the Department in due course. The names of the selected candidates, together with particulars of their proposed districts, should also be submitted as early as possible, but in any event not later than the 20th proximo. If any of these candidates were previously employed the year or years during which they served should be stated.

In this Department's communication L.400/39 of the 26th January, 1939, reference was made to the fact that during the 1938 treatment period the Minister found it necessary to terminate the employment of a few of the temporary Inspectors owing to unsatisfactory service, and the hope was expressed that the need for similar action would not again arise. It is a matter of regret, therefore, that during the 1939 treatment period it was found necessary to suspend as many as 20 Inspectors, 10 of whom were finally dismissed. It seems to the Minister that the question of the general qualifications and suitability of the Inspectors concerned did not receive sufficient attention by the Local Authorities prior to their appointment. The Minister, would, therefore, further impress upon Local Authorities the necessity for careful scrutiny of the suitability of applicants for these posts during the forthcoming season with a view to the employment of only the most suitable persons.

The Chief Executive Officer of each Local Authority should, as heretofore, have general authority to suspend any Inspector where such action appears to him to be necessary.

Before being selected each candidate should be required to give the usual undertaking, viz., that he will devote his whole time to the work and not engage in any other business during his period of employment; that he will procure (if he does not already possess) a means of locomotion that will enable him to carry out his duties; that he will reside at or reasonably convenient to the centre of the district to which he may be assigned; and that he will not hold any agency for the sale on commission of any of the approved cattle wash preparations or engage in any other way, directly or indirectly, in the sale of these preparations.

The Temporary Inspectors should not hesitate to use their powers in regard to the service of detention notices in all cases where stock owners have failed to dress, within the prescribed periods, any of their cattle which are visibly infested with the larvae of the warble fly. As indicated in the Department's communication (G.446/39) of the 1st May, 1939, the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Order, 1939, empowers such Inspectors to serve notices of the kind without having to await a direction in the matter from their Local Authority. Should any person on whom a notice has been served fail to comply with the requirements of the notice the Local Authority concerned should take legal action forthwith.

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I am to request that you will arrange to bring this communication before the Local Authority without delay, and inform the Department as to the date of the meeting at which it will be considered. Particulars of the action taken in the matter should be furnished in due course.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. O'Connor,

for Secretary.

The Clerk to each Local Authority,
under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Department of Agriculture,
Dublin.

No. L.597/40. 5th February, 1940

Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo and enclosure regarding the appointment of temporary Inspectors under the above-mentioned Orders for the forthcoming season, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, in the circumstances, he will offer no objection to the proposal not to advertise the posts and to the appointment, on the same terms and conditions as last year, of the twenty Inspectors referred to in the enclosure to your letter under reply. In the event of any of the persons concerned not being prepared to accept the positions offered the vacancies should be advertised.

Before taking up duty each Inspector should be required to give the undertaking referred to in paragraph four of this Department's communication (L.453/40) of the 24th ultimo.

In regard to Mr. J. Clancy, it is understood that he will be free to devote his full time to his duties as Inspector, and that a special undertaking will be obtained from him to this effect.

A Departmental Veterinary Supervisor reported last year in the case of Mr. P. Toomey that the nearest point of his district is nine miles from his permanent address, that he resides at various places in the district (Kilbride and Blessington) during the period and the event of Mr. Toomey being appointed for the coming season, he should be informed that it will be necessary for him to arrange with you so that his temporary addresses and itinerary may be readily available when required by the Supervising Inspectors.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Bowers,

for Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That we hereby re-appoint the following nineteen persons to act as temporary Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, during the treatment period which commences on the 1st March, 1940:—

- 1 Matthew Devitt, Monameen, Greenane, Rathdrum
- 2 Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Aughrim
- 3 Martin Fitzpatrick, Coolattin, Carnew
- 4 Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely
- 5 John King, junior, Killough, Kilmacanogue
- 6 James Kavanagh, Clonshannon, Knockenarrigan
- 7 Patrick O'Toole, Munroe, Donard
- 8 William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum
- 9 Bernard Malone, Baltinanima, Roundwood
- 10 Joseph Clancy, Ballyereen, Aughrim
- 11 Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood
- 12 Andrew Fitzsimons, Rockey Valley, Kilmacanogue
- 13 William Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood
- 14 Robert Johnson, Kilpoole, Wicklow
- 15 George Miley, Knockadruce, Vallemount
- 16 Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Vallemount
- 17 Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan
- 18 John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan
- 19 Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown

These temporary appointments to be under exactly the same terms and conditions as last year, the remuneration to be £2 per week, inclusive, and the appointment may be terminated by a week's notice in writing on either side. It is to be clearly understood that each Inspector is to carry out all duties or instructions given to him by the Minister for Agriculture or by any Officer of his Department or by the Secretary of the County Council.

It is also to be clearly understood that in accordance with the letter issued by the Department of Agriculture dated the 24th January, 1940, the Chief Executive Officer of the County Council will have power to immediately suspend any temporary Inspector who fails to carry out his duties. This is to apply specially in regard to the duty of inspecting all the cattle on a holding at each visit.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Mooney;

Seconded by " M. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Patrick Murphy (Herd), Glenree, Vallemount, as temporary Warble Fly Inspector for the sub-district comprising the Electoral Divisions of Hollywood and Lugglass, on exactly the same terms and conditions and with the same salary as the other Inspectors in the County.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That the organising and clerical work for the forthcoming period under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, be car-

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ried out under the supervision of our Chief Clerk and Accountant, Mr. L. Wolohan, on the same terms as for the previous year, i.e., an inclusive sum of £40.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, the Road Works Scheme prepared by the County Council at the Meeting of that Body held on the 22nd January, 1940, and now submitted to us, and the Acting County Surveyor is hereby empowered to enter into sub-Contracts for the upkeep and maintenance of such roads in the above Scheme as he may select as suitable.

Passed.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE MHANNTAIN

CUNTAS AN tSEIRBHEIR.

Oifig an tSeirbheir,

Teach na gCuirte,

12adh Feabra, 1940.

A Dhaoine Uasaile,

The severe weather during the recent weeks of winter caused considerable damage to roads throughout the County and the heavy frost affected surfaces to an extent such as I have not experienced in this County in my time. Funds are not available to cope fully with the extent of the damage, in all cases. I have had to draw out of the Contingency Fund in this matter as follows:—

£195 from County Roads and

£30 from Main Roads.

The prescribed forms have been signed, and official confirmation obtained.

2. With regard to the provision of a Pound in the Wicklow Urban District I recommend that the buildings situated at the rear of the Court House premises be again acquired and renovated. It is the only suitable place I can recommend. The sum of £95 will be required to be expended in making good the boundary walls, and making suitable accommodation for stock, etc.

3. HEDGE AND TREE CUTTING ORDER, 1939.

Notices have been served extensively on land owners requesting them to trim and cut hedges throughout the County. The response has been fairly good, in so far as the Eastern and Southern districts are concerned, but the land owners in the Western Section have not yet apparently realised their responsibilities in this matter. I should be glad if the County Council on this day would issue a warning to all land owners throughout the County in this matter, and would pass a formal resolution authorising and directing your Solicitors to initiate legal proceedings against such defaulters as I may report on to him.

4. WEIGHBRIDGE. The machinery for the weighbridge to be provided in some part of this County under the Road Traffic Act, has now been delivered to Wicklow Station by the manufacturers. The Council should proceed immediately to acquire a suitable site for its erection. The site to be selected must conform with several requirements particularly in the matter of accessibility to the public road, ample space for turning a 6 ton lorry and trailer attached. Level ground is, therefore, desirable.

Mise,

Le meas mor, oraibh.

Seorán T. O'Byrne.

ORDERS:

Paragraph 1 Noted.

" 2 No action taken.

" 3 Consideration adjourned.

" 4 See Resolution.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following letter in connection with the site of the proposed new Weighbridge.

Court House,

Wicklow,

21st November, 1939.

Weighbridge.

Dear Sir,

I desire to refer you to paragraph No. 4 of my Report submitted to the County Council on the 8th instant, with reference to the provision of

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a weighbridge in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act (Weighbridge) Order, 1934, and to inform you that I have investigated the provisions of a suitable site for the machine. After many inquiries I have to suggest that the most suitable site which I can find is within the Urban District of Wicklow, and situated at the northern end of the road or street joining Fitzwilliam Square with the Great Southern Railway Goods Station; that is at the end of Leitrim Place.

I enclose, herewith, Ordnance Sheet to a scale of 25 inches to the mile showing the position of the site which I suggest the Council should acquire for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'Byrne,
Acting County Surveyor.

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

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That this County Council hereby directs that the new Weighbridge be erected at the Northern end of Leitrim Place within the Urban District of Wicklow on the site set forth on the Map submitted to us this day by the Acting County Surveyor.

Passed.

**RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS
SCHOOL YEAR 1939/40.**

Department of Education,
Secondary Education Branch,
1, Hume Street, Dublin, C.2,
3 Feabhra, 1940.

An Rnnaidhe,
Comhairle Chonndae Chille Mannaín,
Tigh na Cuirte, Cill Mannaín.

A Chara,

I am to inform you that the Department is prepared to sanction the renewal, in respect of the school-year 1939-40, of the scholarships awarded by your Council to the undermentioned pupils:—

Colaiste Muire, Knockbeg, Carlow.

Seoirse MacNiocaill (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1939).

St. Finian's College, Mullingar.

Thomas McPartlan (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1939).

Colaiste Muire Loreto, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Kathleen Desmond (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1939).

Loreto Abbey, Gorey.

Mary Teresa Hanley.

Christian Brothers' School, Naas.

Thomas B. M. Hennessy

Christian Brothers' School, Synge Street, Dublin.

John J. McGuirk

Bryan H. Prosser (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1939).

Terenure College, Dublin.

Kevin Belton,

Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Kathleen M. O'Kelly

Colaiste na Croise agus na Paise, Kilcullen.

Mary Josephine Rawson.

In connection with the pupil, Julia Black, Dominican Convent, Wicklow, who obtained a Pass without Honours at the Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1938, I am to refer to the Department's letter of the 21st September, 1938, in which it was stated that as she had another year in which to comply with the terms of your Council's scheme, requiring a Pass with Honours at that Examination at or before the end of the third year of tenure, the Department would offer no objection to the renewal of her scholarship in respect of the school-year 1938-39. As, however, that pupil did not present herself for Examination in 1939, she has not complied with the terms of the scheme, and the Department is unable to sanction the renewal of her scholarship for the current school-year.

With reference to the pupil, Patrick J. Kavanagh, Blackrock College, I am to point out that he failed to pass the Intermediate Certificate Examination in 1938 and 1939, and, therefore, has not complied with the terms of your Council's Scheme. Consequently, the Department is not prepared to sanction the renewal of his scholarship in respect of the school-year 1939-40.

The Reports of the School Managers are returned herewith.

Mise,

D. MacCuinn.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, having considered the letter from the Department of Education in which approval is extended to ten of the County Council's Secondary Scholarship Holders for the School Year 1939/40 but refuses to sanction the Scholarship Holders Julia Black and Patrick J. Kavanagh on the grounds that these two had failed to comply with the terms of the County Council's Scholarship Scheme in so far as they had not passed their Intermediate Examination and obtained honours in three subjects, hereby decide to continue the Scholarships to all of our twelve students, including Julia Black and Patrick J. Kavanagh, for the reasons that Julia Black, who is now reaching her eighteenth birthday, passed the Intermediate Certificate in June, 1938, obtaining two Honours thereat, and passed her Matriculation ex-

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amination in June, 1939 (which is, of course, a higher standard of examination than the Intermediate) and is this year presenting herself for her Leaving Certificate Examination with every prospect of success; and for the further reason that Patrick J. Kavanagh commands no resources which might be used to continue his Secondary Education if the Council deprives him of his Scholarship.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " W. Hammond;

Resolved—That we execute at this Meeting an Agreement with Mr. John Doran, 42, Lower Main Street, Arklow, in connection with the County Council's renting of portion of his premises as a Weights and Measures Office, and that the County Council's Seal on the aforementioned agreement be witnessed by our Chairman.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee be requested, at their Meeting to be held to consider the Rate Estimates, to draft a suitable Scheme for the supply of seeds and fertilizers throughout the County for needy applicants this spring so that this Council will have the Scheme before them when they come to strike the Rates for 1940-41 on the 4th March, 1940.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting to be held after the expiration of one month from this date I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing by the Board from the National Bank, Ltd., the sum of £2,500, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate (varying) for the purpose of providing an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Arklow."

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

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the County Council that, in view of the present increased cost of living, the wages of road workers in County Wicklow be reconsidered by this Council with a view of granting an increase on present rate of wages."

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The Adjourned Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 4th March, 1940.

The following Members attended :-

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors Edward Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, Miss Margaret Kelly, Liam O'Cleirigh, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; J. McCreagh, Joseph Jacob, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy); David H. Haskins, P. D. Kinsella, Michael Timmins, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, George Heatley, Major R. Smith, Michael Mooney, D. J. Kehoe, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern); and M. J. Brennan.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To again consider correspondence from the Department of Finance the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions sub-Committee regarding certain grievances submitted by this latter Body.
2 To receive and consider the reply from the Board of Health and Public Assistance to the Finance Committee's Resolution asking that Board to review and, if at all possible, reduce items in their Estimates and Demands for the year 1940/41.
3 To consider an application from the Great Southern Railway for a refund of £6,508 8s. 0d. Rates paid in excess by that Company during the three years 1937/38, 1938/39 and 1939/40 consequent upon the recent reductions of the Company's Poor Law Valuations in County Wicklow in a High Court Action.
4 To consider the question of drafting and adopting a Scheme for the supply on loan terms of seed potatoes, oat seeds, barley seeds, and fertilizers in the coming season to cultivators of land who cannot procure supplies out of their own resources.
5 To consider the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the Financial year, 1940/41.
6 To consider the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) and pass a Resolution adopting same and determining the rates in the £ to be levied by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial year ending on the 31st March, 1941, and further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each of the Urban Districts in the County in respect of that year.
7 To consider a communication from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4 Church Street, Wicklow, enquiring, on behalf of a client, if the old Gaol premises in Wicklow are for sale.
8 To fill two vacancies on Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the death of the Very Rev. T. Monahan, P.P., and the resignation of Mr. George Fisher.
9 To declare a vacancy on Wicklow County Council consequent upon the death of Councillor Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.
10 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 28th November, 1939 :-
'Resolved-That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay Mr. Henry Alexander, Knockree, Avoca, the sum of £15 in respect of the erection of new swim bath.'
11 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow

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Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940 :-

- 'Resolved-That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts (totalling £5 19 9) to 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors in respect of their postage accounts for the year 1939.'
12 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940 :-
'That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the sum of £1 each in respect of maintenance and repairs of their Public Sheep Dipping Baths for the year 1939.' (Here follows list of 25 persons).
13 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 30th January, 1940 :-
'Resolved-That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the amounts set out in respect of the use of their Private Swim Baths during the 1939 Dipping Period-(at the rate of 6/- per 100 sheep double-dipped).' (Here follows list of 89 persons and amounts totalling £129 17 11).
14 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne :-
'I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the annual allowance for travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, be increased from £200 to £300 in accordance with the recommendation towards that end submitted by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.'
15 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H. Haskins :-
'I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council-That we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief.'
16 To again consider a draft Scheme under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, as prepared by your Secretary and Accountant.
17 To consider and finally decide what action is to be taken against defaulters in respect of Hedge Cutting Notices.
18 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. P. O'Donnell :-
'I hereby give Notice that I shall move at our next Quarterly Meeting that a Scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be put in force in this County forthwith under the same arrangements as exist in other counties.'
19 To consider correspondence from Messrs. Shanley & Walsh, Solicitors, 4 Grafton Street, Dublin, C.3, threatening legal proceedings against the County Council and another for damage to the lands of his client, Mr. Michael Kelly, consequent upon being flooded by road surface water between Baltinglass and Kiltegan.
20 To consider a communication from the Irish Red Cross Society in which co-operation is asked for in setting up a Branch of that Society in County Wicklow.
21 To consider County Analyst's Report.
22 To receive Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.
23 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
24 To receive Reports from County Officers.
25 To consider official correspondence.
26 To consider General correspondence.
Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne;
Resolved-That we hereby extend to the County Registrar, Mr. Thomas Campbell, and to his wife and members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in the sad bereavement they have suffered by the death of their son Colm.
Passed unanimously.
The Secretary read the two following letters :-
Department of Finance,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,
S. 88/4/39, 26 Jul, 1939.
A Chara,
With reference to your letter of the 18th May last and enclosures relative to the attitude of the Local Investigation Officer towards the Shillelagh sub-Committee of the Wicklow Pensions Committee, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state, for the information of the County Council, that he has had the matter fully inquired into, and has ascertained that the Investigation Officer in question has invariably attended this sub-Committee's meetings at the request of the sub-Committee. In any case in which the sub-Committee granted a pension at a higher rate than that recommended by the Officer or granted a pension when it was not recommended by him, the Officer was usually requested, during the course of proceedings, to amend his estimate of means to agree with the estimate arrived at by the sub-Committee. The Officer, however, was unable to agree with the views of the sub-Committee and, therefore, quite correctly, did not comply with these requests.
I am to add that the sub-Committee is not obliged to accept the Officer's recommendation; they may form their own estimate and give a decision accordingly. Where the Officer and Surveyor consider that the decision is not justified by the facts, the case is, in accordance with paragraph No. 18 of the Old Age Pension Consolidated Regulations, 1922, referred to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for final determination.
In all the circumstances the Minister is satisfied that the Investigation Officer performs his duties efficiently and tactfully and that there are no grounds for the complaint of the sub-Committee so far as the officer is concerned.
Yours faithfully,
T. S. C. Dagg,
The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.
Shillelagh sub-Committee of the County Wicklow Local Pension Committee, Shillelagh, 29th September, 1939.
To: Mr. P. T. Healy, A Chara.
The above sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 28th September, 1939, had under consideration your note with copy of letter from the Department of Finance dealing with this sub-Committee's complaint

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regarding the findings and assessments of the Investigation Officer of Arklow District.

This sub-Committee desire to point out that no member of this sub-Committee was consulted by any senior official of the Department of Finance or Department of Local Government Board as to the "efficient and tactful manner" with which the I. O. has discharged his duties to either the poor or the sub-Committee.

It the Department will insist that the I. O. in question has been "tactful" with the Sub-Committee and "efficient" in his dealings with this class of claimants then they wish to make it known that it is an insult to the intelligence of earnest men and a waste of time and energy attending meetings while such conditions prevail.

Misc.

Thomas Fleming, Clerk of sub-Com.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammoud; Seconded by J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That having considered the correspondence received in connection with the grievances discussed at this day's Meeting, submitted on behalf of Shillelagh Old Age Pensions sub-Committee, we hereby request the Department of Finance to arrange for the Investigation Officer and a Senior Official from the Department of Finance to meet the Old Age Pensions sub-Committee at a Special Meeting of that Body which can be arranged with Mr. Thomas Fleming, Shillelagh, the local Secretary.

Passed. The Council had under consideration the following Resolution passed by their Finance Committee at a Meeting of that Body held on the 23rd February, 1940, for the purpose of considering the Estimate submitted by the Secretary for the service of the financial year 1940/41:

Resolved—That we, the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council, having to-day considered exhaustively the estimate of County Charges submitted to us by the County Secretary for the service of the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1941, are satisfied that some very serious effort must be made with a view to ensuring that the General Rate to be raised in 1940/41 shall not exceed the General Rate which is being raised in the financial year 1939/40, and towards that end we urge with all the earnestness at our command the County Board of Health and Public Assistance to review the figures in their Estimates before us this day for the year 1940/41 in the hope that they may find it possible to reduce very substantially some of the figures which appear in the Board's Estimates for Public Health and for Assistance as we are satisfied that the Ratepayers in the County are absolutely unable to face a heavier burden of rate in the forthcoming year than they are struggling to meet in the current year.

We find ourselves reluctant to take this course, but we are coerced to doing so by the steadily and ever increasing demands from the Subsidiary Bodies which Wicklow County Council is compelled to finance each year.

We ask the Chairman of our Committee, Councillor D. H. Haskins, and Councillors J. P. Kehoe and Major R. Smith to wait upon the Board of Health and Public Assistance at a Meeting of that Body to be held on Monday, the 26th February, instant, to explain and support the terms of this resolution.

Passed. The Secretary read the following reply received from the Acting Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,

County Home, Rathdrum,

1st March, 1940.

To: P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council, D. H. Haskins, Esq., M.C.C., Major Smith, M.C.C., J. P. Kehoe, Esq., M.C.C.

A Chara, At a Meeting of the Board held on Monday last the Resolution of the Finance Committee of the County Council relative to the Estimate and Demand of the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance was read and considered, Messrs. Haskins and Smith, Members on the County Council Finance Committee addressed the Board on the subject.

The Board made the following order in connection with the matter:

"Board would point out that they spent a very considerable period of time in considering their Estimates and as a result reduced them substantially. In the circumstances they feel that no useful object would be served by a reconsideration of the matter."

I was directed to furnish to each member of the Deputation and to the Secretary of the County Council a copy of my report on the figures comprising the Estimates and also particulars of the reductions made by the Board, together with any other information which the Secretary of the County Council or the Members of the Deputation might ask for.

It will be noted that of the total Estimated Expenditure of £56,342 as shown on Table A. of Form 51 in respect of the Board of Assistance, £19,313 is allocated for the upkeep and maintenance of the Board's Institutions, as against £15,670 in the current year's demand, an increase of approximately 23 per cent. The total cost of these Institutions during the three months ended December 31st last was £5,440, as against £4,316 in the corresponding period of last year, an increase of approximately 26 per cent. The prices of commodities used in the Institutions, whether supplied locally or from the Trade List issued under the Combined Purchasing Act, continue to increase, consequently I believe if the present scale of rations for inmates is to be continued, the provision made for the coming financial year is inadequate. That this scale is by no means elaborate is proved by the fact that for the Board's four Institutions combined, the

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average weekly cost per patient was only 18/8 for last financial year, and this included food, fuel, light, washing, clothing and bedding, medicines, salaries of Medical Officers, Nursing and administrative staffs, and Establishment charges.

The amount £9,604 for Medical Charities Services is only £204 more than the current year's Demand. The increase will hardly be sufficient to meet the rising prices in medicines and appliances. The salaries of Medical Officers, Midwives and Dispensary Caretakers are fixed. Consequently, if the present services under this head are to be continued on existing basis no reduction is possible.

Lunacy Fees, Registration Fees, Superannuation: These items show a decrease on current year's demands.

The provision made for HOME ASSISTANCE shows an increase of £1,500 on current year's Demand or approximately 10 per cent. The sum estimated does not provide for any increase in the numbers on Home Assistance in the coming year, and only allows of an increase of 1/- per week each to recipients who heretofore had allowances of 10/- weekly, or 6d. per week to each person in receipt of 5/- weekly. The present indications are that my original estimate of £20,300 will be justified. In this connection I might add that Home Assistance distributed during the four weeks ended January 27th was at the rate of £17,800.

The figure of £1,350 for Boarded out Children represents the actual expenditure on children at present boarded out, and no provision is made for any increase in allowances made to foster mothers to compensate for the rising prices of food.

The sums provided for Salaries, Books, Forms, Stationery etc., show no increase on current year's Demand.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS is, of course, a fixed sum which cannot be altered. The sum of £5276 to meet expenses of Treatment of Poor Law Patients in Dublin Hospitals is only equal to the actual expenditure under this head in the year to September 30th last. Most of the patients treated were cases of major surgery, complicated maternity, or defective vision, etc. I do not think that it would be advisable to curtail a service of this nature. The estimated figure makes no provision for any possible increase in the charges for the maintenance of such patients.

In connection with the Estimate and Demand of the Board as a Sanitary Authority particulars of which are shown on the Statement Form 42, it will be noted that under the heading JOINT DISTRICT CHARGES, which covers administration of the Tuberculosis, Schools Medical Service, and Blind Welfare Schemes, the provision made is practically the same as that for the current year.

GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES: The estimated figure shows an increase of £2,764. Many of the items comprising this estimate are much the same as those for the current year, or show a decrease. The principal increase, is of course, in respect of Repayment of Loans borrowed to finance the Board's Housing Schemes.

The estimated expenditure, shown under the head of General Health District Charges is, however, very much of a fixed nature; in other words the Board is committed to the expenditure as shown in respect of each item with the exception of £1,500 for Cottage Repairs. The sum provided, however, will, in my opinion, be hardly sufficient to meet expenditure on unforeseen damage to cottages as a result of storms, etc.

In respect of SEPARATE CHARGES the Estimate Statement gives details of the proposed expenditure in two parts, i.e., Ascertained or fixed expenditure to which the Board is definitely committed, and Expenditure in respect of New Works. In practically all cases, except in the Balinglass Rural District, such works were struck out, leaving only the expenditure which must definitely be met. In the case of No. 10 and 11 District, Greystones Electoral Division, however, a sum of £300 is provided for the erection of a Ladies' Sanitary Convenience at Greystones seafront. This work will not now be proceeded with, because of the difficulty of a site for its erection, and the sum may now be struck out if it is feasible to do so at this stage.

The Estimate was submitted to a Special Meeting of the Board, and the entire day was devoted to its consideration. Each individual item was considered separately, with the result that of the net sum of £61,779 which I asked the Board to adopt in respect of the services of the Board of Assistance, reductions amounting to £6567 were made. This brings the total amount to be Demanded in respect of the coming financial year to £55,212, being £7,409 or 6 1/2% in excess of the current year's figure. When the present Estimate of £47,803 was adopted a year ago a European War was not anticipated, and consequently no provision was made in it to cover the sharp rise in prices which followed its outbreak in the month of September last. The inevitable consequence of such increased prices is that there will be a substantial debit balance on this account at the close of the financial year ending 31st March next.

My nett Estimate of £25,181 was reduced to £22,081, which sum exceeds the current year's Demand by £2,764 or approximately 2 1/2% in the £.

The SEPARATE CHARGES are many and varied, and consequently an analysis would be difficult. With the exception of No. 1, however, the effect on any particular area does not vary very much from last year.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Byrne,

Acting Secretary.

After a prolonged discussion no Order was made.

At this stage a Deputation from the Irish Farmers' Federation waited upon the Council. The Council, having decided to hear the Deputation, the following representatives explained at considerable length that the farming industry in the County had for some years past been facing conditions of the utmost difficulty, and that consequently it was of vital importance to farmers that the County Council should not alone see that there shall be no increase in the Rates for the service of the year 1940/41, but that a very considerable reduction in the Rate for the present year 1939/40 would be of great material benefit to all those whose livelihood

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depend upon land. The following Members of the Deputation submitted their views at great length to the Council:—
 Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow.
 Mr. M. Sexton, Ballinderry, Rathdrum.
 Mr. N. A. L. O'Toole, P.C., Knockananna, Hacketstown.
 Mr. Patrick Cogan, T.D., Dail Eircann, Leinster House, Dublin.

The Secretary submitted the following claim from the Great Southern Railway Company and explained that in addition to the refund of £6,598 8 0 demanded therein there would be a distinct loss under this heading in the forthcoming financial year to the rates of approximately £2,200:—

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS

Accountant's Office,

Broadstone, Dublin.

7th February, 1940.

R.D.24.

Dear Sir,

VALUATION OF RAILWAY HEREDITAMENTS.

As a result of the Judgment of his Honour Judge Davitt given on the 2nd instant, the minimum valuation provided for by Section 8 of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931, has become effective for the quinquennium commenced 1st April, 1937. For the years 1937/38, 1938/39 and 1939/40 the amount of rates paid by the Railway Company has been very much in excess of the sums now ascertained to have been payable. In your case the amounts overpaid appear to be as follows:—

1937/38	£2,267	5	11.
1938/39	2,154	0	3.
1939/40	2,177	1	10.

Total £6,598 8 0.

As the Company has been deprived of the use of this money for considerable periods, I must ask you to make all arrangements to repay it at the earliest possible moment, if possible after the next meeting of your Council; if the Council is not in a position to do so, will you kindly let me have particulars of any proposal for an early payment.

Yours faithfully,

Hartnell Smith.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Court House, Wicklow.

ORDER:—Further consideration adjourned until next meeting.

The Secretary read communications from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 1st February, 1940, No. 3/40, and 15th March, 1939, No. 31/39, stating that in view of the necessity for promoting increased tillage every County Council should consider the question of adopting a scheme for the supply on loan terms of seed potatoes, oat seeds, barley seeds, and fertilizers in the coming season to occupiers or cultivators of land who cannot procure supplies out of their own resources. The Secretary directed the Council's attention to the fact that these letters had been submitted to the Council at the Meeting of that Body held on the 12th February, 1940, at which Meeting they were referred by resolution to the Finance Committee Meeting to be held for the purpose of considering the Rate Estimates for 1940/41. He pointed out, however, that the Finance Committee had referred the matter back to the County Council for further consideration having regard to the present condition of the County Council's finances and the fact that the Council had incurred losses amounting to £865 11 1 on previous Seed Schemes in the years 1932 and 1933.

ORDER:—The Council deferred further consideration on this matter to their next Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by P. Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—Inasmuch as owing to the late hour this Meeting must now close we hereby direct that a Special Meeting of the County Council be convened for Wednesday, the 20th of March, 1940, at which Meeting the Council will strike the Rates for the service of the year 1940/41 and will transact such other business as may not have been reached to-day, and such other business as may arise meantime, and that formal application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend to the above referred Meeting the period within which the Rates for the forthcoming Financial Year 1940/41 may be struck.

Passed.

Edw Byrne
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A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 20th March, 1940.

The following Members attended:—

Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
 Councillors J. P. Kehoe, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; J. McCreesh, P. Doyle (Coolboy); Joseph Jacob, D. H. Haskins, Michael Mooney, P. D. Kinsella, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Major R. Smith, Miss M. Kelly, John P. O'Donnell, E. Byrne, J. Keenan, D. J. Kehoe, Michael Timmins, M. J. Brennan, and Patrick Doyle (Winetavern).

BUSINESS:

1 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the annual allowance for travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, be increased from £200 to £300 in accordance with the recommendation towards that end submitted by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance."

2 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next Meeting of the County Council that in view of the present increased cost of living the wages of road workers in County Wicklow be reconsidered by this Council with a view of granting an increase on present rate of wages."

3 To consider an application sent forward from a Special Meeting of Road Work Delegates from Coolboy, Tinahely, Shillelagh, Bullingate, Killinure, Annacorra and Knockananna, for a weekly rate of wage of £2 for all road workers.

4 To consider an application from the Great Southern Railway for a refund of £6,598 8s. 0d. Rates paid in excess by that Company during the three years 1937/38, 1938/39 and 1939/40 consequent upon the recent reductions of the Company's Poor Law Valuations in County Wicklow in a High Court Action.

5 To consider the question of drafting and adopting a Scheme for the supply on loan terms of seed potatoes, oat seeds, barley seeds, and fertilizers in the coming season to cultivators of land who cannot procure supplies out of their own resources.

6 To consider the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the Financial year, 1940/41.

7 To consider the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) and pass a Resolution adopting same and determining the rates in the £ to be levied by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial year ending on the 31st March, 1941, and further, to determine the amount to be demanded from each of the Urban Districts in the County in respect of that year.

8 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the first Meeting to be held after the expiration of one month from this date I will move that the consent of the Wicklow County Council be sought to the borrowing by the Board from the National Bank, Ltd., the sum of £2,500, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the

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rate of one half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate (varying) for the purpose of providing an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Arklow."

9 To appoint a temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, for the area comprising the Garda sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.

10 To consider correspondence dealing with the question of the Council's powers to assess Rates for the financial year 1940/41 on the holdings referred to in Section 13 of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, set forth in the Valuation Lists by the Commissioner of Valuation as in the possession of the Electricity Supply Board.

11 To consider a communication from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4 Church Street, Wicklow, enquiring, on behalf of a client, if the old Gaol premises in Wicklow are for sale.

12 To fill two vacancies on Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the death of the Very Rev. T. Monahan, P.P., and the resignation of Mr. George Fisher.

13 To declare a vacancy on Wicklow County Council consequent upon the death of Councillor Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

14 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 28th November, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay Mr. Henry Alexander, Knockenree, Avoca, the sum of £15 in respect of the erection of new swim bath."

15 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts (totalling £5 19 9) to 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors in respect of their postage accounts for the year 1939."

16 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940:—

"That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the sum of £1 each in respect of maintenance and repairs of their Public Sheep Dipping Baths for the year 1939." (Here follows list of 25 persons).

17 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body held on the 30th January, 1940:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the amounts set out in respect of the use of their Private Swim Baths during the 1939 Dipping Period—(at the rate of 6/- per 100 sheep double-dipped)." (Here follows list of 89 persons and amounts totalling £129 17 11).

18 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H. Haskins:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council—That we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief."

19 To again consider a draft Scheme under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, as prepared by your Secretary and Accountant.

20 To receive correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which the Council is asked to again consider and finally decide what action it is proposed to take against defaulters on whom Hedge Cutting Notices have been served.

21 To consider correspondence from Messrs. Shanley & Walsh, Solicitors, 4 Grafton Street, Dublin, C.3, threatening legal proceedings against the County Council and another for damage to the lands of his client, Mr. Michael Kelly, consequent upon being flooded by road surface water between Baltinglass and Kiltegan.

22 To consider a communication from the Irish Red Cross Society in which co-operation is asked for in setting up a Branch of that Society in County Wicklow.

23 To consider County Analyst's Report.

24 To take such action as the Council may deem advisable regarding damage caused by extraordinary lorry traffic to roads Nos. 360 and 361.

25 To fill two vacancies on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Mr. M. M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney, and the disqualification of Mr. D. Somers, Thomastown, Arklow.

26 To consider correspondence from the Office of Public Works regarding the necessity for preserving the Cross-carved Pillar-stone at present standing in the bank at the junction between the Wicklow Gap and Glendalough Roads the position of which stone is affected by road works at present in progress.

27 To pass a formal resolution undertaking to take over, repair and maintain in future certain roads set forth in the Road Works Scheme as approved and adopted for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941.

28 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. P. O'Donnell:—

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at our next Quarterly Meeting that a Scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be put in force in this County forthwith under the same arrangements as exist in other counties."

29 To consider a communication from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) stating that the Department is not aware of the power by which the Council proposes to waive the terms of the Scheme under which Scholarships were awarded to Julia Black and Patrick J. Kavanagh and that the Department can take no responsibility for the renewal of those Scholarships for the scholastic year 1939/40.

30 To consider an application from ex-Poor Rate Collector John J. Doyle, Carnew, for such monies as would in normal circumstances have been due to him by way of poundage, etc., at the date of his resignation.

31 To consider a communication from the Arklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in which application is made for Urban Rate of Wages for men residing in Arklow and working at the new road between Ardara and Sallemount.

32 To again consider a Report from the Acting County Surveyor following his inquiries for a suitable position in which to establish a Pound in the town of Wicklow.

33 To receive Minutes of proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

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.

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The Secretary reported that he had received anonymously the sum of 10/- stated to be restitution money, and he asked the representatives of the Press to be so kind as to mention this fact in their report of the proceedings of the Meeting as that was the only channel he could use to make the person who sent the 10/- aware that it had been received and lodged to the credit of the County Council with their Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow.

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne, the Chair was taken at the opening of the Meeting by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne.

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

Resolved—Having regard to the manifold difficulties we are aware of Ratepayers find themselves confronted with at the present time, we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby extend to the 30th April, 1940, the period within which the Poor Rate Collectors in this County shall have their collections for the financial year 1939/1940 closed.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, would earnestly appeal again to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction this Council's proposal to increase the salary of the Court Keeper and Caretaker to the County Council Offices, Miss G. McDermott, from £78 per annum (fixed 10 years ago) to £100 per annum, after a very thorough examination of all the facts, and more especially having regard to the largely increased duties and the increased cost of living. This Council feels that the paragraph in the Minister's letter of the 28th November, 1939, Ref. G.25729/4/39, has been written under a misapprehension as the Court House, Wicklow, is used solely by the County Registrar and by the County Council, apart from being a Court of Justice, and there is no other Body, therefore, to whom the Court Keeper might make application in fulfilment of her claim for increased remuneration.

Passed unanimously.
In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by " Miss Margaret Kelly;

Resolved—That the annual allowance for travelling expenses of Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health, be increased from £200 to £300 in accordance with the recommendation towards that end submitted by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

After considerable discussion the Council decided unanimously to adjourn further consideration of this Proposal for six months.

When the Council proceeded to consider Item No. 2 on the Agenda i.e., the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Everett T.D., proposing that the wages of road workers be reconsidered with a view to granting an increase in view of the present high cost of living, the Secretary submitted an application purporting to be written on behalf of six carters working on the new costal road at Ardara in which the County Council was asked to increase from 10/- to 12/- per day the wages payable to carters.

He also submitted Minutes of a Special Meeting of Road Workers' Delegates at Tinahely in which the County Council was asked to increase from 32/6 per week to £2 per week the wage payable to each road worker.

After considerable discussion, it was
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That a Meeting of the Finance Committee be convened for the 29th March, 1940, at 11 a.m., to consider and report to the County Council on the question of increasing the weekly wages of workers on roads in this County.

Passed.

In connection with Item No. 4 on the Agenda, the Council had under consideration letters dated the 7th February, 1940, Ref. No. R.D.24, and a further letter dated the 16th March, 1940 (same reference number) from the Accountant of the Great Southern Railways, Accountant's Office, Broadstone, Dublin, claiming immediate payment of the sum of £6,610 19 6, representing the amount of Rates paid by the Company to the County Council in the years 1937/38, 1938/39 and 1939/40, which it is now found (consequent upon the judgment of His Honour Judge Davitt given on the 2nd February, 1940) had been paid in excess of the sums now ascertained to have been payable as a result of the decrease of the Poor Law Valuations of the Company's holdings in the County.

After a prolonged discussion, during which it was noted that the Company required payment of the amount mentioned above within one month as otherwise they would be obliged to institute immediate legal proceedings for the purpose of obtaining judgment for the amount demanded, the Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the Claim.

Having considered the question of drafting and adopting a Scheme for the supply on Loan Terms of Seed Potatoes, Oat Seeds, Barley Seeds and Fertilizers in the coming season to cultivators of land who cannot procure supplies out of their own resources, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby undertake to operate a Seeds and Fertilizers Supply Scheme under the Bill at present before the Oireachtas, and we hereby direct that in the operation of this Scheme the following conditions be faithfully observed:—

(1) No individual applicant shall receive seeds or fertilizers of a greater value than £15.

(2) No applicant shall receive seeds or fertilizers unless he or she has first submitted Rate Receipts showing that all Rates had been paid by him or her to the 30th September, 1939.

(3) Every applicant for seeds or fertilizers shall submit the names of two solvent sureties willing to enter into an agreement guaranteeing the refund to the County Council of the cost of such seeds or fertilizers, and

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our Finance Committee shall satisfy themselves of the solvency of the two sureties in each case before the necessary agreement is entered into in front of him.

(4) No applicant shall receive either seeds or fertilizers unless his holding or holdings cont in not less than five acres of land. All applications to be referred to the Finance Committee to be dealt with. Applicants with less than five acres of land to receive not more than £1 worth of Seeds.

(5) No applicant shall receive either seeds or fertilizers who may have failed to refund to the County Council the cost of any seeds or fertilizers supplied to him or to her under a scheme in any previous year unless such person first refunds to the County Council the full amount plus interest, that may be owing since the years 1932 or 1933.

After a prolonged discussion a vote was called for when it was found that the Members present voted as follow :—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J. McCrea, P. Doyle (Coolboy); P. Doyle (Winetavern); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Miss M. Kelly, J. Everett, T.D.; Senator C. M. Byrne, J. P. Kehoe, Joseph Jacob, Joseph Keenan—12.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, M. Mooney, M. Timmins, Major R. Smith, M. J. Brennan, P. D. Kinsella, D. H. Haskins, J. P. O'Donnell—9.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion passed as a Resolution twelve Councillors having voted for it and nine having voted against it.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That we raise a Loan not exceeding £1000 from our Treasurer to meet expenses under the Seeds Supply Scheme adopted at to-day's Meeting. The period for repayment of this Loan be 10 years or such other term of years as it may be possible to arrange. Repayment to be on the basis of half yearly instalments of Principal and Interest.

Passed.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO MEETING OF 20th MARCH, 1940
RATE ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1940

To:

The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

A Chairde,

I beg to refer to the Finance Committee's Report submitted to your last meeting held on the 4th March, instant, and in particular to the paragraph headed "Claim for refund of rates on Railway property in the County." In this connection I have now received information from the Valuation Office to the effect that the total reduction in the County Health District valuation under this heading will amount to £3,432 15s, and this reduced figure will have effect as from the 1st April, 1937.

I have satisfied myself that the reduction referred to above, as well as the reductions in the Poor Law Valuation of the County Health District, on account of holdings taken over by the Electricity Supply Board in West Wicklow, must be taken into account when calculating the rates required for the ensuing year in order to bring the amount raised into line with the requirements of the County Council and to bring the contributions payable on demand by the Urban Districts into closer relationship to Urban Liabilities for County at Large Charges.

For these reasons I have found it necessary to recast the estimate figures in regard to the four main services and also in regard to the Urban Demands and these revised figures will come before you at to-day's Meeting.

In regard to the claim already submitted by the Great Southern Railway Company for a refund of £6,598 8s. in respect of over-payment of rates in the years from 1937/38 to 1939/40 inclusive, I have to again point out that this item has not so far been included in the estimates and I await your decision as to whether you will include the whole sum to be raised in the coming year, or, whether you will include only one year's cost of a loan to be raised for the discharge of this unforeseen liability.

I consider it my duty, however, to inform you that this sum must be paid early in the ensuing year if you are to avoid further costs in connection therewith.

Is mise, le meas,

P. T. Healy,

The Secretary submitted the following communication :—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin,

G.6318/2/40.

13th March, 1940.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 5th instant on the subject and I am to state that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 78 and 79 of that Order as may be necessary to enable the Wicklow County Council to consider and adopt the Estimates for the services of the financial year 1940/41 by a date not later than the 20th instant.

Mise, le meas,

J. Collins,

T.c. an Runaidhe,

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Finance Committee's Report on Rate Estimates for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1941.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 23rd February, 1940, for the purpose of considering the above referred to estimates.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Senator C. M. Byrne, Major R. Smith, and J. P. Kehoe.

The Secretary submitted, on the prescribed Explanatory Tables, the annual estimate of the amounts which he believed should be raised as General Charges and as Separate Charges during the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the sums demanded in respect of that period by Subsidiary Bodies.

He also submitted the following report :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Rates Estimates for the service of the Financial year ending the 31st March, 1941.

To/

The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

A Chairde,

I submit herewith Explanatory Tables showing the full particulars of my annual estimate of the amounts which in my opinion, will be required during the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1941, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of Wicklow County Council and to meet also the demands of other Public Bodies in the County, financed by Wicklow County Council.

The following are the amounts asked for by these Subsidiary Bodies :—

	Increase on figures raised for the year 1939/40	Decrease on figures raised for the year 1939/40
	£	£
County Board of Health	38940	4401
County Board of Assistance	5212	7409
Joint Committee of Grange-gorman Mental Hospital	22782	1576
County Vocational Education Committee	3863	
County Committee of Agriculture	2580	
County Library Committee	831	194

The County Council has no power to vary the demands from the Board of Health; or from the Board of Public Assistance; or from the Joint Committee of Management of Grange-gorman Mental Hospital.

It is also mandatory on the County Council to transfer during the financial year 1940/41 whatever sum is demanded by the County Vocational Education Committee, provided that the sum so demanded does not exceed the proceeds of a rate of 3d. in the £.

Section 36 (1) of the Agricultural Act, 1931, makes it mandatory on the County Council to transfer to the County Committee of Agriculture the proceeds of a 2d. rate over the whole of the County (excluding any Urban Districts comprised therein) and the same section states that the County Council may also, if they think fit, raise in any local financial year an additional sum equal to not more than a rate of 1d. in the £, and may transfer the proceeds of such additional 1d. rate to the County Committee of Agriculture.

In this connection I may add that while the requirements of the County Committee of Agriculture are estimated to be the same for the coming year as for last year, it has been intimated to me there is a balance to credit of that Committee which may be taken into account, and the amount set out above may be reduced accordingly.

As contribution to the Irish Tourist Association, I have included a sum for the coming year of £50 which was the amount contributed in each of the past two years. The Council, however, are empowered to raise any rate up to 1d. in the £ for this purpose.

Having pointed out in previous years the unsatisfactory position of the Council's finances, which necessitates a large and increasing overdraft it is unnecessary for me to refer to the matter again in this report, beyond pointing out that the item for interest included in the Explanatory Table amounting to £1219 is the actual sum paid in the year ended the 30th September last.

In entering the sum of £17482 for deficiency in Agricultural Grant, I am only including the actual difference between the amount already allowed as rebate of rates and not received either by way of Grant or in rates raised by the Council and the sum required to carry on the Services. That is to say, this sum of £17482 is part of the actual requirements of the County Council as estimated in previous years and not received. It should be borne in mind that in entering this sum I have included nothing for possible Agricultural Grant deficiency in the current (1939/40) year.

In regard to temporarily uncollectible rates, I have to point out that the sum carried forward to the 1939/40 collecting warrants amounted to £12004, being an increase over the previous year's amount of £1866. It becomes imperatively necessary for the Council to take such definite action as may be necessary to ensure the collection of a large portion of these arrears.

The following are the General Rates which I suggest should be struck for the service of the forthcoming financial year, 1940/41 :—

Roads	3 6 1/2
County Services	5 11 1/2
Poor Relief	3 8
Health District Charges	2 0 1/2

Gross Total 15 2 1/2

I subjoin for the purpose of comparison the General Rate assessed on other hereditaments during the current year and the four previous years.

Year ended the 31st March, 1936	8 9 1/2
" " " " " 1937	9 2 1/2
" " " " " 1938	12 0 1/2
" " " " " 1939	11 8
" " " " " 1940	11 4

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The figures in the Explanatory Table speak for themselves, and I do not think there is any further item therein which calls for special mention.

I have, however, to refer to a very important matter in regard to rates assessed on Railway Hereditaments throughout the County.

On the 17th January, ultimo, a report appeared in the daily papers in regard to an appeal in the High Court against the Valuation Commissioners' decisions in regard to ratings on Railway property, not only in County Wicklow, but in every other County in Eire.

On the 18th ultimo I communicated with your Law Agent on this matter, and he no doubt will be in a position to explain the legal aspects to you. This morning I received, from the Accountant, Great Southern Railways, the following communication:—

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS,

Accountant's Office,
Broadstone,
Dublin. 7th February, 1940.

Dear Sir,

Valuation of Railway Hereditaments.

As a result of the Judgment of His Honor, Judge Davitt, given on the 2nd instant, the minimum valuation provided for by Section 8 of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931, has become effective for the quinquennium commenced 1st April, 1937.

For the years 1937/38, 1938/39, and 1939/40 the amounts of rates paid by the Railway Company has been very much in excess of the sums now ascertained to have been payable. In your case the amounts overpaid appear to be as follows:—

	£	s	d
1937/38	2,267	5	11
1938/39	2,154	0	3
1939/40	2,177	1	10
TOTAL	6,598	8	0

As the Company has been deprived of the use of this money for considerable periods, I must ask you to make all arrangements to repay it at the earliest possible moment, if possible after the next Meeting of your Council; if the Council is not in a position to do so, will you kindly let me have particulars of any proposal for an early payment.

Yours faithfully,
Hartnell Smith,

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

The table explanatory of the estimate, which is enclosed with this report, was printed before the above communication was received, and I have not included therein anything to meet this demand for payment of £6,598 8s. It will be necessary, however, for the County Council to make provision to meet this claim.

Le meas mor,
Is mise,
P. T. HEALY,
Secretary.

26th February, 1940.

DEMANDS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES

The Committee having given special consideration to the figures set out in above report, and particularly in regard to the estimates furnished by Subsidiary Bodies, unanimously passed the following Resolution:—

Proposed by Councillor David H. Haskins;
Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That we, the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council, having to-day considered exhaustively the estimate of County Charges submitted to us by the County Secretary for the service of the financial year which will end on the 31st March, 1941, are satisfied that some very serious effort must be made with a view to ensuring that the General Rate to be raised in 1940/41 shall not exceed the General Rate which is being raised in the financial year 1939/40, and towards that end we urge with all the earnestness at our command the County Board of Health and Public Assistance to review the figures in their Estimates before us this day for the year 1940/41 in the hope that they may find it possible to reduce very substantially some of the figures which appear in the Board's Estimates for Public Health and for Assistance as we are satisfied that the Ratepayers in the County Wicklow are absolutely unable to face a heavier burthen of rate in the forthcoming year than they are struggling to meet in the current year. We find ourselves reluctant to take this course but we are coerced to doing so by the steadily and ever increasing demands from the Subsidiary Bodies which Wicklow County Council is compelled to finance each year.

We ask the Chairman of our Committee, Councillor D. H. Haskins, and Councillors J. P. Kehoe and Major R. Smith, to wait upon the Board of Health and Public Assistance at the meeting of that Body to be held on Monday, 26th February, instant, to explain and support the terms of this resolution.

David H. Haskins, Chairman.

23rd day of February, 1940,

PROPOSED SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SCHEME.

The Secretary explained to the Committee that the sum of £100 entered in the Explanatory Table under this heading was only intended to cover the initial expenses of advertising, etc., and if the Committee consider it advisable to proceed with this Scheme on the Resolution passed by the County Council on the casting vote of the Chairman at the meeting held on the 12th February, instant, it would be necessary to include in the Estimates a sum sufficient to cover the cost of all seeds or fertilizers necessary under the Scheme.

After careful consideration the Committee decided to delete the £100 already entered in the Estimates and to make the following Order:—

"This Committee is satisfied that the finances of the County will

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not allow us to include in the rates such a sum as would pay for the seeds in advance."

CLAIM FOR REFUND OF RATES ON RAILWAY PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY.

The Secretary drew the particular attention of the Committee to the claim received from the Accountant, Great Southern Railways, for a sum of £6,598 8s., in respect of the years 1937/38; 1938/39 and 1939/40, following a recent Court Decision on the Railway Company's appeal against the valuations of their property in the County Health District. The Committee decided not to enter, at this stage, any figure in the Estimates, but to refer the matter for consideration by the County Council, at the meeting to be convened for the striking of the rates.

DEMAND FROM THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The paragraph in the Secretary's Report in reference to a credit balance held by that Committee was considered and the Secretary explained that since writing his Report an Inspector from the Department of Agriculture had called upon him and explained that certain Schemes left in abeyance were now being put into operation and that the credit balance shown on the books of the Committee would be required for the purposes of these Schemes. In these circumstances the Committee decided not to reduce the demand received from that Committee.

The Table Explanatory of the Estimate figures as revised by the Committee is submitted herewith, and a comparison of these figures with those originally submitted, will show that the Committee has reduced the net sum required for County Services by £32,152, as follows:—

COUNTY SERVICES.

	Allowed by Committee	Increase or decrease on Secretary's figures.
Repairs to Courthouses and Offices	Nil	—605
Loan for New Offices	Nil	—920
Rates likely to be declared irrecoverable, remissions, etc.	1900	—565
Part of the £12,004 c/f to 1939/40 warrants not likely to be collected	Nil	—4000
Election Expenses	Nil	—1500
Printing and Stationery, Rural	600	—12
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	Nil	—50
Deficiencies in Agricultural Grants	Nil	—17482
Air Raid Precautions	100	—4900
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	Nil	—1000
To meet loss on Seeds Supply Schemes 1932 and 1933	Nil	—867
Preliminary Expenses—New Seeds Scheme	Nil	—100
University Scholarships	70	—210
	Total	—32,211
Less receipt entry for estimated refund under old Seeds Schemes		59
	Nett Reduction	32,152

The entry of £3,000 under the heading of Poor Relief to reduce the debit balance in that account was also struck out by the Committee.

The Committee regret that they find it impossible to include in the coming financial year's rates any sum to meet the deficiencies in Agricultural and other Grants, or to finance the suggested Scheme under the the Acquisition of Small Dwellings Acts.

NEW OFFICES.

The Committee had again under consideration the proposal, which was adjourned last year, for the building of County Offices. After consideration the item of £920 to meet the cost of loan for this purpose was deleted from the Estimates.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Committee enclose herewith a revised printed copy of the Estimates as already circulated to each Councillor and they have shown thereon the figures modified as before mentioned in this Report.

It will be noted that a Resolution is being forwarded to the Board of Health asking for a revision of the demands received from that Body, and that the claim for refund of rates on Railway Property in the County has been referred to the County Council for consideration. Subject to your special consideration of these items, and any other matters which you may consider require amendments or alterations, the Committee recommend that the modified figures as shown in the printed copy of Estimates be approved and adopted by the County Council for the purpose of calculating the rates for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1941.

The Committee's recommendations in this report, if adopted by the Council, will have the effect of reducing the rate on the four main services suggested in the Secretary's Report to the following figures:—

A. ROADS	3/7
B. COUNTY SERVICES	3/5½
C. POOR RELIEF	3/5½
D. HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES	2/0½
Total	12/6

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RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

The system of relief of rates on Agricultural Land, with which the Council and the Ratepayers are now familiar, remains unchanged in respect of the forthcoming financial year. Ratepayers should understand that all relief by way of Agricultural Grant will be included in the Official Demand Notes and Receipts issued from the Council's Offices for the services of the year 1940/41.

ECONOMY.

For the information of the Council the Committee direct that the following circular received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health be included in the Report to be submitted to the Council:—

ROINN RIAGHALTAIS AITEAMHAIL AGUS SLAINTE
POIBLIDHE

(Department of Local Government and Public Health)

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM

(Custom House),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH

(Dublin)

C.L.No.11/40.

8th February, 1940.

Economy in Local Administration.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that a preliminary examination of the estimates of local bodies which have up to the present considered the provision that it would be necessary to make to meet the cost of the public health services, public assistance and the maintenance of mental hospitals in the coming financial year, show an advance over the cost of these services in the present year, and the Minister deems it appropriate for local bodies to give close attention to all branches of administration in which economy can be obtained. The most constructive efforts to this end will be in the conservation of existing resources and the elimination of waste.

It would be undesirable to have recourse to any drastic measure of retrenchment at the present time especially as regards the social services. The public health services, such as the school medical service, maternity and child welfare, treatment of tuberculosis, and provision of school meals have been extended from year to year, and the improvement in public health which can be attributed at least in part to these services points unmistakably to the necessity of retaining them. Any curtailment would be not only socially disadvantageous but would give rise to a position from which recovery would be difficult and costly.

The same considerations apply to the maintenance and upkeep of institutions and public utilities. The withholding of essential expenditure on upkeep would not be an economy if it should lead to rapid deterioration and necessitate heavy burdens for restoration and upkeep in the future. While the continuance of essential services is recommended, it is suggested that the closest attention and supervision be given to expenditure so as to ensure that the best results possible are attained. Every officer who has direct responsibility for local expenditure can help in securing economies in this manner.

Attention has already been drawn in Circular Letter of 23rd September last to the necessity for restricting orders for certain non-consumable supplies and the avoiding of new purchases where the retention in use or the repair of existing articles is possible.

It has become more than ever essential that goods produced or manufactured in this country should be accorded preference. Alterations in design, specifications and plant which may be necessary to attain this object should, where found feasible, be effected. The Department will be prepared to co-operate with and facilitate local bodies in every practicable proposal they make to this end.

Every effort should be made to avoid waste of materials. In connection with the operation of power plants, steam-rollers, or stone crushers, the greatest heat value possible should be obtained from every unit of fuel. Fuel requirements may be found capable of reduction by ensuring that central heating is not unnecessarily maintained in unoccupied quarters, and that engines are not kept in operation when not actually required. Fires should not be made up or replenished when rooms are likely to be vacated shortly. Coal lumps not fully consumed should be retained for further use and combustible refuse and riddled cinders should be utilised wherever possible in the working of plants for heating or other purposes. It is essential that the utmost care should be exercised in the use of imported coal. Economies in the consumption of hot water and gas will in turn result in reduction of fuel consumption.

Economies in labour costs may be effected by careful planning and supervision.

Careful stocktaking in stores and machinery yards will in many cases disclose that articles normally regarded as waste are capable of being further utilised.

Attention should be particularly paid to the elimination of waste in connection with the maintenance of county homes, county and district hospitals, and mental hospitals. Recent comparative figures of cost of mental hospitals show that maintenance costs range from £12 11 10 to £60 14 6 per patient, a difference of £18 2 8 a year.

Schemes of public works proposed by local bodies should be carefully graded so that they may be undertaken according to the degree of their relative urgency and afford the maximum of employment in the areas concerned at the most appropriate time. As regards works of a capital nature generally, it is desired to emphasise what has already been laid down by the Department in numerous particular cases that provision made in the estimate for loan repayments in respect of new works should be based on a carefully planned programme of loan expenditure for the year. Such a programme should not be upset by the introduction of new proposals once the rates are made. Local authorities which have lists of capital works pending should adhere to a strictly selective process based entirely on necessity and urgency which should not be departed from without the fullest justification and without corresponding modifications of the programme as a whole, designed to ensure that the total of capital expenditure originally planned will not be exceeded. A local authority's

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officers and technical advisers should see that all proposals submitted to the Department are on the most economical design possible.

There has been a steady improvement in the financial position of local bodies in recent years, but there are a few Councils which have failed to participate in the general improvement without any adequate reason. In these cases unless the closest attention is given to the collection of revenue the maintenance of essential services may become difficult in the coming year. It is necessary to impress on all local bodies that it will not be possible to avoid the consequences of inadequate estimates by resorting to temporary borrowing to meet expenditure in excess of the provision made. Applications for overdrafts to make good deficits which could have been foreseen when making the annual estimates will not be entertained.

The Minister trusts that the executive officers of local bodies will co-operate to the fullest extent in the adoption of the best means of securing economies along the lines suggested so that the local services may be continued without undue strain on the ratepayers.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON.

Runaidhe,

To the Chief Executive Officer
of every Local Authority.

Signed:—DAVID H. HASKINS,
Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1940.

The following letter was submitted:—

Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance,
Secretary's Office,

County Home,

Rathdrum,

15th March, 1940.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The Board at their Meeting on Monday last, made the following Order:—

"That the amount of £300 included in the Estimates for No. 10 and 11 Districts (Greystones E.D.) for the purpose of providing a ladies' Lavatory at Greystones Beach, be struck out, and that the Estimate and Demand furnished the County Council be amended accordingly."

Yours faithfully,

T. Byrne,

Acting Secretary.

ORDER—The Council hereby authorises and directs that the appropriate Separate Charge for 1940/1941 over Greystones Electoral Division be reduced by the above mentioned sum of £300.

The following letter was considered:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,

Dublin,

2nd March, 1940.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the repayments to the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts of Arrears of Annuities in Wicklow County exceeded the draws upon the Fund in respect of fresh arrears of annuities that accrued due at the May/June, 1939, and November/December, 1939 gales and accordingly there will be no deduction from the balance of local taxation grants payable for the present financial year.

The balance of the Agricultural Grant (£17,300) for the current year, and the County share in the payment on account of the Estate Duty Grant, 1939/40, amounting to £1745 13 4 will be issued at an early date. In addition there will be paid to the Council a sum of £1154 10 3 being the amount by which repayments to the Guarantee Fund in respect of arrears of annuities recovered between 1st February, 1939, and 31st January, 1940, exceeded draws upon the fund in respect of the May/June and November/December, 1939, gales.

Mise, le meas,

J. Hurson,

Runaidhe.

The Secretary

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCrea;

Seconded by " P. Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 2nd March, 1940, we hereby direct that the Rate for the year 1940/41 be reduced by taking as Credits in our Estimates the £1745 13 4 and £1154 10 3 referred to in above letter

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence from the Irish Tourist Association, 14, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.S. including letters dated the 28th December, 1939, and 14th March, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to restore to the Estimates for the year 1940/41 the contribution for that year from this Council to the Irish Tourist Association, i.e., £50.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy);

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates for the service of the financial year 1940/41, submitted by our Finance Committee, be hereby approved and adopted as amended at to-day's Meeting of this Council, and that the Rate in the £ on Other Hereditaments for the ensuing year be fixed at 12/5d.

Passed.

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Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan ;
 Seconded by " P. Doyle (Coolboy) ;
 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, 1941, as follows :—

GENERAL CHARGES.

	s.	d.
Construction and Maintenance of Roads	8	7½
County Services	3	3
Poor Relief	3	6
Board of Health Charges	2	0½
Total Rate on Other Hereditaments	12	5

SEPARATE CHARGES.

	d.
Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.—Water Supplies	21½
Rathdown No. 2 R.D.—Water Supplies	9½
Delgany Dispensary District—Water and Sewerage	3
Delgany Parish—Sewerage	7
Powerscourt Dispensary District—Sewerage	3
Greystones E.D.—Lighting	14½
Rathdrum R.D.—Water Supplies, etc.	4
Newcastle Dispensary District—Water and Sewerage	14
Shilleigh R.D.—Water Supplies and Sewerage	11½
Enniskerry E.D. (Part of)—Lighting	2
Blessington E.D.—Lighting	2
Carnew E.D.—Lighting	2
Newcastle Upper E.D.—Lighting	1
Wicklow Rural E.D.—Lighting	1
Delgany E.D.—Lighting	3½
Wicklow Harbour	3½
Tramway Employees—Commutation of Pensions	1
Rathdrum Union Loans	1
Wicklow and Rathdrum Joint Burial Board	1
Baltinglass Union Loans	1
Baltinglass No. 1 District Pensions	1

Passed.
 Proposed by Councillor M. J. Brennan ;
 Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;
 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 of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, as follows :—

	Arklow.	Bray.	Wicklow.
Roads	£643 12 0	£3,050 19 0	£598 13 0
County Services	1038 12 2	4,108 9 0	915 10 8
Poor Relief	1795 14 0	8,810 8 0	1,633 15 0
Board of Health Charges	104 5 0	513 8 0	95 4 0
Separate Charges	153 2 0	Nil	930 9 6
Totals	£3,735 5 2	£16,483 4 0	£4,218 12 2

Passed.
 The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued to each Member of the County Council on the 14th February, 1940, under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with the Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne ;
 Seconded by " J. Everett, T.D. ;
 Resolved—That the approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the borrowing by the Board of Health and Public Assistance from the National Bank, Ltd., of the sum of £2,500, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under Irish Bank Rate (varying) for the purpose of providing an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Arklow.

The Council proceeded to appoint an Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939 for service in the District comprising the Garda sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy from which District Mr. William Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood, resigned his position as Inspector consequent upon his obtaining more remunerative employment. The Secretary read the subjoined advertisement which had appeared in the local weekly papers :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS, 1936 & 1939

Applications are invited for the appointment of a Temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939 for service in the district comprising the Garda sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy. The appointment, which is temporary and whole-time, will be for a period of approximately 3½ months, at £2 per week (inclusive), and subject to termination at a week's notice. The selected candidate will be required to have a practical knowledge of cattle, to possess a bicycle or other means of locomotion to assist him in carrying out his duties, and to reside in the district above mentioned. Candidates must be over 21 years of age.

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This appointment will be made by the County Council at their meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20th March, 1940. Applications should be submitted not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1940, to the " Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Court House, Wicklow."

Signed : P. T. Healy,
 Secretary to the County Council.

6th March, 1940.

Eleven applications were received for the position from the following :—Robert Salley, Knockraheen, Roundwood ; John Doyle, Ballinacorbeg, Roundwood ; Christopher Byrne, Tittoor, Newtownmountkennedy ; John Kavanagh, Dunbur, Wicklow ; John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford ; John Kennedy, Shramore, Roundwood ; Peter Dowling, Newfarm, Ashford ; Thomas Bennett, Knockraheen, Roundwood ; Joseph Doyle, Moneycarroll, Newtownmountkennedy ; M. O'Malley, Touriland, Roundwood ; Thomas Kavanagh, Glendarragh, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Council, after some discussion, decided to conduct the election by means of ballot.

The following was the result of the vote in the first round in which round each Councillor present had the power to vote for three candidates :—

Robert Salley	received 9 votes.
John Doyle	" 3 votes.
Christopher Byrne	" 2 votes.
John Kavanagh	" 2 votes.
John Pearse	" 4 votes.
John Kennedy	" 6 votes.
Thomas Bennett	" 1 vote.
Joseph Doyle	" 8 votes.
Thomas Kavanagh	" 5 votes.

One Councillor voted for one candidate only in the 1st Round. The candidates who received no vote or who only received two votes were eliminated after the First Round.

The voting in the 2nd Round in which each Councillor was entitled to vote for two candidates was as follows :—

Robert Salley	received 4 votes.
John Doyle	" 1 vote.
John Pearse	" 5 votes.
John Kennedy	" 3 votes.
Joseph Doyle	" 7 votes.
Thomas Kavanagh	" 5 votes.

Two Councillors voted in the 2nd Round for a candidate already eliminated, and one Councillor voted for one candidate only.

All candidates who received 4 votes or less than 4 were eliminated at the end of the 2nd Round, and the Council proceeded to take votes on the 3rd Round, each Councillor having the right to vote for one candidate only. The following was the result of the 3rd Round :—

John Pearse	received 5 votes.
Joseph Doyle	" 6 votes.
Thos. Kavanagh	" 3 votes.

After the result of the 3rd Round had become known the candidate Thomas Kavanagh was eliminated and the Council proceeded to take a vote in the final Round, each Councillor present having the right to vote for one candidate only. The following was the result of the 4th Round

John Pearse	received 8 votes.
Joseph Doyle	" 6 votes.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ;
 Seconded by " M. J. Brennan ;
 Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint Mr. John Pearse, Bolinass, Ashford, to the position of temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939 for the area comprising the Garda sub-District of Newtownmountkennedy in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, that is to say this appointment is temporary and whole-time terminable with a week's notice, and the remuneration attaching to the position is to be Two Pounds (£2) per week inclusive.

Passed.
 In connection with Item No. 10 on the Agenda, the Secretary submitted the following letter :—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,
 Custom House, Dublin.
 1st March, 1940.

G.5689/2/40.
 A Chara,
 I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 13th ultimo regarding holdings in the County affected by the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, and I am to state that he has been advised that as Section 13 of the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, expressly exempts the works therein referred to from assessment to poor rate or any other rate made by a local authority the County Council could not lawfully make a rate in respect of these works.

The works should not, therefore, be assessed to the Poor Rate.
 Mise, le meas,
 J. Collins,
 T.e. an Runaidhe.

Secretary,
 Wicklow County Council.
 ORDER—Noted.

The Secretary again submitted to the County Council the draft scheme under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, as prepared by himself and the Accountant.

As the Council had already struck out of their Estimates as approved and adopted for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1941, the monies set aside therein for the operation of this Scheme the Council decided that they would not operate an Air Raid Precaution Scheme and accordingly marked the Draft Scheme with the word " Rejected."

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence received from Messrs. Shanley & Walsh, Solicitors, 4, Grafton Street, Dublin, C.3., threatening legal proceedings against the County Council and another for damage to the lands of his client, Mr. Michael Kelly, consequent upon being flooded by road surface water between Baltinglass and Kiltegan.

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ORDER—Referred to the Council's Solicitor to take such action as he deemed advisable to protect the Ratepayers' interests.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

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 31/12/1939.

Table with columns: Articles submitted for Analysis, Date Received, No., From, Result of Analysis. Lists various food items like Port Wine, Whiskey, Milk, etc., and their sources and analysis results.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 113; Drugs, 45; Waters, 3. Total—161. Number Adulterated—1 Butter; 1 Whiskey; 1 Drug; 1 Water condemned. Dated 15th January, 1939. Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

20th March 1940

The Secretary read the following advertisement which had been published in the local weekly papers:—

Wicklow County Council

Local Government Act, 1925, Section 25.

Notice is hereby given that Wicklow County Council will, at a Special Meeting of that Body to be held on Wednesday, the 20th March, 1940, consider and pass a Resolution declaring the following to be public roads on and from the 1st April, 1940:—

- A. Kinlen Road, Greystones. Quarry (connected with Portland Road), Greystones. Bellevue Avenue, Greystones. Pavilion Road, Greystones. Kimberley Road, Greystones.
B. The new roads at Ballybeg through Rathnew new Village.
C. The road from junction with County Road No. 205 to a point 100 lineal yards North of the Post Office.

Signed:— P. T. Healy. County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow. 9th March, 1940. County Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by M. J. Brennan; Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, having published the Statutory Notice required by Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925, hereby declare the following to be Public Roads in County Wicklow on and from the 1st April, 1940:

- A. Kinlen Road, Greystones. Quarry (connected with Portland Road), Greystones. Bellevue Avenue, Greystones. Pavilion Road, Greystones. Kimberley Road, Greystones.
B. The new roads at Ballybeg through Rathnew new Village.
C. The road from junction with County Road No. 205 to a point 100 lineal yards North of the Post Office.

Passed unanimously. The following letter from ex-Poor Rate Collector John J. Doyle (No. 19 District), Carnew, was considered:—

Carnew, Co. Wicklow. 28th. 2. 40.

Sir, I will deem it as a special favour if you will please place before your Council this my application for Poundage due to me on rates collected and lodged to the credit of your Council when employed as Rate Collector; also the fees due to me as compiling the Jurors' and Voters' Lists, and I desire that both sums be paid on my behalf to my Solicitor, Mr. John V. Lombard, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

Thanking you for favourable consideration. I am, Yours, etc., P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, Co. Council, Wicklow. John J. Doyle.

In this connection the Secretary submitted the following Report:— Wicklow County Council.

Secretary's Office, Court House, Wicklow, 12th February, 1940.

To: The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Re: Poor Rate Collection in No. 19 District for the financial year ended 31st March, 1939, for which Poor Rate Collector John J. Doyle, The Bakey, Carnew, since resigned, and his substitutes are responsible.

Gentlemen, I beg to report that the sum of £82 0 11, was lodged with me on the 6th November, 1939, by Mrs. Anne Doyle, Carnew, one of Mr. John J. Doyle's Sureties, and this sum was duly lodged to credit of the above collection with the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow.

I desire to report, further, that on the 5th February, 1940, Mr. J. V. Lombard, Solicitor, Charlotte Row, Gorey, lodged with me the sum of £64 7 9, on behalf of his client, Mr. John J. Doyle, which sum of £64 7 9 has also been lodged to credit of the above collection with the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow.

I have only to add that the total amount of Wicklow County Council's Claim against Mr. Doyle and his substitutes was £146 8 8, and the two sums received and since lodged total £146 8 8.

I have been requested by the Garda Síochána to prepare and hand to them a detailed statement concerning all matters relating to Mr. John J. Doyle and his collections. This statement is in course of preparation. Yours faithfully, P. T. Healy.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrean; Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That inasmuch as the £146 8 8 claimed by this Council from ex-Collector John J. Doyle and his four Sureties in respect of the collection for the year 1938/39 has now been lodged to credit of this Council we hereby consent to the payment of the sum of £64 7 9 applied for by Mr. Doyle in his letter before us this day to be paid to Mr. John V. Lombard, Solicitor, Gorey, subject to sanction having been received before hand to these payments to Mr. Lombard from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed. Owing to the late hour in the evening the Council found it impossible to transact any further business, and accordingly deemed all the unconsidered items on the Agenda as adjourned to a future meeting.

Handwritten signature 'C. M. Byrne' and date '14/5/40'.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, 14th May, 1940.

The following Members attended:—

Serator C. M. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle (Cooltoy), P. P. O'Reilly, J. Everett, T.D.; J. McCreagh, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern), Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, Michael Timmins, J. J. Bourne, Major R. Smith, Miss Margaret Kelly, David H. Haskins, Daniel J. Kehoe.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To confirm and sign Minutes of previous meetings.
- 2 To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
- 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 sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 7 To consider proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 8 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 9 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10 To consider applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875.
- 11 To consider applications for Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.
- 12 To consider and approve the lists, prepared by the Secretary, of houses in respect of which certain abatements in rates are allowable.
- 13 To pass a Resolution approving of the Secretary's decision in connection with all the claims for abatement of Rates in respect of Agricultural Grant for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1941.
- 14 To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.
- 15 To fix dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and of the Proposals and Finance Committees for the coming year.
- 16 To fix a suitable date for the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the County Council.
- 17 To execute a transfer Certificate regarding certain Land Bonds which have been passed over to the County Council by the Irish Land Commission for the purpose of discharging rate liabilities on certain holdings at Castle-sallagh acquired by the Land Commission.
- 18 To appoint from the recent Special Examination Results List a Shorthand-Writer Typist in room of Miss Elizabeth Molloy, who has resigned her position on appointment as Shorthand-Writer Typist by the Civil Service Commission.
- 19 To again consider the question of discharging the Claim of the Great Southern Railway Company, amounting to £6610 19 6, for a refund of Rates over a period of three years consequent upon a legal decision reducing the Poor Law Valuation of the Company's holdings in the County.

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20 To consider a supplemental Demand for the sum of £725 in respect of the financial year 1940/1941 received from the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

21 To appoint an Arbitrator to assess the compensation payable to any aggrieved owner of land required in connection with the new roads between Dunbur and Magherymore and Ardinary and Sallymount.

22 To consider Acting County Surveyor's Report.

23 To take such action as may be deemed advisable in connection with increasing the wages payable to carters and to men employed on works of road maintenance and improvement consequent upon the increased cost of living, which matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and has been referred back by that Body to the County Council (Vide Finance Committee's Report No. 2).

24 To consider a Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance pointing out the necessity and urgency of evolving a system under which road workers in the employment of the County Council shall be paid weekly.

25 To take such action as may be deemed proper to secure that Road Fund Licences shall be obtained in Wicklow County by the Owners of the Buses that operate so extensively over the roads in the County.

26 To take such action as the Council may deem advisable regarding damage caused by extraordinary lorry traffic to roads Nos. 360 and 361.

27 To consider correspondence from the Office of Public Works regarding the necessity for preserving the Cross-carved Pillar-stone at present standing in the bank at the junction between the Wicklow Gap and Glendalough Roads the position of which stone is affected by road works at present in progress.

28 To consider a communication from the Arklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in which application is made for Urban Rate of Wages for men residing in Arklow and working at the new road between Ardinary and Sallymount, outside the Urban area.

29 To again consider a Report from the Acting County Surveyor following his inquiries for a suitable position in which to establish a Pound in the town of Wicklow.

30 To receive a Petition from farmers and householders residing at Rockbig, Arklow, calling attention to the condition of the road leading from Rockbig to the sea.

31 To receive correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which the Council is asked to again consider and finally decide what action it is proposed to take against defaulters on whom Hedge Cutting Notices have been served.

32 To execute (in duplicate) the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association for the service of the financial year 1940/1941 required under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.

33 To consider a communication from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, enquiring on behalf of a client, if the old Gaol premises in Wicklow are for sale.

34 To fill two vacancies on Balinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the death of the Very Rev. T. Monahan, P.P., and the resignation of Mr. George Fisher.

35 To declare a vacancy on Wicklow County Council consequent upon the death of Councillor Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

36 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 23rd November, 1939:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay Mr. Henry Alexander, Knockenree, Avoca, the sum of £15 in respect of the erection of new swim bath."

37 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940:—

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts (totalling £5 19 9) to 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors in respect of their postage accounts for the year 1939."

38 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940:—

"That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the sum of £1 each in respect of maintenance and repairs of their Public Sheep Dipping Baths for the year 1939." (Here follows list of 25 persons).

39 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on the 30th January, 1940.

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the amounts set out in respect of the use of their Private Swim Baths during the 1939 Dipping Period—at the rate of 6/ per 100 sheep double-dipped." Here follows list of 89 persons and amounts totalling £129 17 11).

40 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H. Haskins:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council—That we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief."

41 To consider a communication from the Irish Red Cross Society in which co-operation is asked for in setting up a Branch of that Society in County Wicklow.

42 To consider County Analyst's Report.

43 To fill two vacancies on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Mr. M. M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney, and the disqualification of Mr. D. Somers, Thomastown, Arklow.

44 To consider a communication from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) stating that the Department is not aware of the power by which the Council proposes to waive the terms of the Scheme under which Scholarships were awarded to Julia Black and Patrick J. Kavanagh and that the Department can take no responsibility for the renewal of those Scholarships for the scholastic year, 1939/40.

45 To consider the claims for rates stated to be irrecoverable as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors.

46 To formally approve of the appointment of a locum tenens to act in the area formerly known as Rathdrum and Naas No. 2 Rural Districts during the absence through illness of Mr. Stephen Conway, V.S., "Salem," Wicklow.

47 To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.

48 To sign and seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.

49 To sign and Seal the Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1940/41.

50 To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

51 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. P. O'Donnell:—

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at our next Quarterly Meeting that a Scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be put in force in this County forthwith under the same arrangements as exists in other counties."

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52 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture :-

"Resolved—That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in Co. Wicklow in 1939, be put into force for the year 1940, and that we recommend the Co. Council to re-appoint the 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping for 1940, who acted in a similar capacity during the 1939 season, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each to cover all work in connection with the 1940 Scheme."

53 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend that the sum of £50 per annum be paid to Mr. G. P. Byrne, Secretary, for extra work in respect of the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1940."

54 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture :-

"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work of supervision under the 1940 Sheep Dipping Scheme :-

S. Conway	£80
A. F. Walshe	65
W. J. Richardson	30."

55 To fill a vacancy on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Mr. M. M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

56 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

57 To receive Reports from County Officers.

58 To consider official correspondence.

59 To consider general correspondence.

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne, the Chair was taken at the opening of the Meeting by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne. A few minutes afterwards the Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne, entered the Council Chamber and took the Chair.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 12th April, 1940.

The following Members were present :

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman ;
Councillors J. P. Kehoe, Major R. Smith and J. Everett, T.D.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payments by the Proposals Committee, recommend them for payment to the County Council as follows :

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£11,612 4 1.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand for the service of the financial year 1940/41, received from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same :

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1940.

County Board of Public Assistance—£13,520 10 0.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector following his checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts since the Committee's last Meeting, and also the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 31st March, 1940.

District No.	Collectors' Warrants	Amount collected to date	Amount not collected
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
1	6219 3 5	5763 16 8	1044 16 6
2	4126 10 0	3027 8 4	1088 5 2
3	3433 14 8	2507 8 2	915 3 5
4	4003 14 7	3465 7 11	1122 7 10
5	2386 3 4	1284 9 5	1098 19 4
6	806 14 6	3645 9 2	4949 14 6
7	16342 15 11	11943 16 5	1358 13 10
8	4332 1 10	4132 5 7	188 12 9
9	15438 17 10	11523 4 8	3877 11 5
10	5049 18 3	4005 8 11	1043 17 5
11	7635 18 7	6706 7 1	899 8 0
12	8635 17 11	6086 18 0	2537 16 2
13,14,15	11442 14 2	9676 4 1	1741 9 11
16	8484 1 1	5749 19 4	2696 4 3
17	6172 19 7	4022 17 8	2129 18 5
18	6166 1 0	4511 14 2	1622 17 9
19	4501 6 7	2979 10 6	1513 10 5
Totals	£121199 13 3	£94083 6 1	£29819 7 1

The Secretary submitted the following advertisement which had appeared in the local weekly press :

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

SEEDS AND FERTILISERS

The Wicklow County Council having, at their Meeting of the 20th March, 1940, adopted a Scheme under the Act now being passed by the Oireachtas, are prepared to consider applications, addressed to the Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council, County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow, and received by him up to but not later than Monday, the 15th April, 1940, for a supply on loan terms, of seed potatoes, oat seeds, barley seeds, and fertilisers, to occupiers or cultivators of land who cannot procure supplies out of their own resources.

The conditions and terms under which loans will be entered into are as follow :

1. The maximum amount of loan to any one applicant will be £15.
2. This amount will be varied according to the amount of land in the possession of each person down to five acres.
3. Persons having under five acres or cottiers may, however, procure seeds up to the value of £1.
4. All persons, including those referred to in paragraph three, will be required to give the names and addresses of two guarantors undertaking responsibility for the re-payment of the loan, who are ratepayers in County Wicklow.
5. The loan is to be re-paid in full with interest at the rate of 4% per annum after the crop is harvested.
6. The amount of the loan (if any) advanced will not be paid to the applicant, but will be paid to the Merchant or the neighbouring Farmer from whom the applicant has purchased the seeds or fertilisers, on properly vouched accounts submitted to the Secretary of the County Council.

In order to procure a loan under this Scheme, the applicant must comply with the following conditions :-

1. Write an application to the Secretary of the County Council as directed above.
2. Give his full name, postal address and the Electoral Division in which he resides.
3. Attach to his application the rate receipt or rate receipts, showing that he has paid his rates in full up to the 30th September, 1939. In the case of cottiers the rent receipt must be attached instead of the rate receipt.
4. He is to give the acreage to be planted, the quantity of seeds of each class required, and (or) the amount and class of fertilisers required.
5. He is to give the name and address of the Merchant or neighbouring Farmer who is prepared to supply the seeds, and the name and address of the Merchant who is prepared to supply the fertilisers.
6. He is also to give the names and addresses of the ratepayers guaranteeing re-payment of the loan, as well as their rate numbers.

It is to be clearly understood that any person who still owes money to the County Council under a loan obtained for seeds on any previous occasion must pay that amount, including interest, to the County Council before he can obtain a loan under this new Scheme.

The County Council, acting through the Members of their Finance Committee, reserve the right to reject any application.

If it is decided to give a loan to an applicant a form of official application and bond will be immediately sent to him or her, and this document must be signed by the applicant and the guarantors in the presence of the Merchant or person from whom the seeds are to be obtained and stamped with a 6d. stamp.

This document must then be returned to the Secretary of the County Council, and if it is found to be in order the Secretary of the County Council will then send an order to the Merchant or person from whom the applicant is to arrange to take delivery of the seeds or fertilisers, and following receipt of this Order the said Merchant or Farmer may notify the applicant to take delivery.

By Order,
Signed : P. T. HEALY, Secretary.
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
21st day of March, 1940,

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The Committee proceeded to consider a large number of applications which had been received in reply to this advertisement. Such applications as were found to be in order were dealt with and the quantities of seeds marked therein authorised to be purchased pursuant to the terms of this Scheme. The Secretary pointed out that owing to the advanced date in the planting season it would be advisable for the Committee to make suitable arrangement for the immediate review of applications and for the issue of authorisations to the various applicants for the purchase of seeds required in such cases as the applications were in order.

The Committee authorised and directed their Chairman, Councillor D. H. Haskins, to review daily the applications received and to direct the issue of authorisations to such applicants as have in his opinion complied with the Scheme.

The Secretary submitted a Resolution, passed by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 20th March, 1940, requesting the Finance Committee to consider and report on the advisability of increasing the wages of road workers and carters in the Council's employment in view of the present high cost of living.

ORDER—Consideration postponed to the Meeting of this Committee on the 26th April, 1940.

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

Dated this 12th April, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith ;
Seconded by " J. J. Bourne ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The usual fortnightly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 26th April, 1940.

The following Members attended :—
Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman ;
Councillors Major R. Smith, J. P. Kehoe, and J. Everett, T.D.

SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SUPPLY ACT, 1940.
The Committee had under consideration a large number of applications for seeds in accordance with the provision of the Scheme adopted by the Council under above Act, and directed the issue of authorisations to the various applicants who had complied with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

The Committee also examined and ratified the Chairman's decisions on the applications submitted to him from time to time since the Committee's Meeting held on the 12th April, 1940.

The Committee proceeded to consider the advisability of increasing the wages of men employed on road improvement and maintenance, and also of increasing the wages payable to carters, owing to the increase in the cost of living. After a protracted discussion during which it was found that a recommendation having the support of the majority of the Committee present could not be reached, the Committee referred the whole matter back for consideration by the County Council, and directed the Secretary to make it an item on the Agenda for the Quarterly Meeting of the Council which is fixed to take place on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1940.

Signed : — DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 26th April, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith ;
Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated to each Member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, 10th May, 1940.

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The following Members were present :—
Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman ;
Councillors J. P. Kehoe, J. Everett, T.D. ; Joseph Jacob,
Major R. Smith, and J. P. O'Donnell.

The following additional proposals were considered and recommended to the County Council for payment :—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£888 3 6.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspector following his checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts since the Committee's last Meeting, and also the following Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County as it stood on the 30th April, 1940 :—

District No.	Arrears from 1938/39 Warrant carried into 1939/40		Total of Collectors' 1939/40 Warrants		Amount collected to date		Amount not collected	
	£	s d	£	s d	£	s d	£	s d
1	127	9 5	6840	3 5	6568	19 3	239	13 11
2	164	11 3	426	10 0	3858	14 1	256	19 5
3	409	12 5	3433	14 8	2902	2 9	520	8 10
4	251	5 1	4603	14 7	3986	19 9	601	16 0
5	567	8 4	2385	3 4	1646	6 6	737	2 3
6	2693	8 3	8695	14 6	4424	16 5	4170	7 3
7	137	4 11	16312	15 11	15669	14 10	632	15 5
8	73	17 5	4332	1 10	4132	11 10	188	6 6
9	2247	12 1	15438	17 10	12541	1 3	2859	14 10
10	314	9 10	5019	13 3	4481	0 3	558	6 1
11	251	15 7	7635	18 7	7331	18 5	273	16 8
12	1646	15 3	8635	17 11	6498	9 10	2126	4 4
13, 14, 15	689	8 6	11442	14 2	10399	15 1	1017	18 11
16	930	8 0	8481	1 1	6320	8 11	1625	14 8
17	747	10 4	6172	19 7	5144	5 10	1008	10 3
18	295	9 2	6165	1 0	5361	15 6	569	16 5
19	455	16 8	4591	6 7	3846	11 5	636	9 6
Totals	12001	5 6	124197	13 3	105798	11 11	18054	1 3

The following application was submitted from the County Printer :—

County Printing Works,
Wicklow,
9th May, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,

The Printing Contract, as you are aware, lapses on the 30th September next. In the ordinary way a new Printing Contract would be entered into for the 3 years which commence on the 1st October, 1940. I respectfully submit that owing to conditions now prevailing consequent upon the European War it is clearly an impossibility for would-be Contractors to quote prices over such a long period in existing circumstances. Because of this fact I hereby offer to supply during the year ending 30th September, 1941, all Printing set forth in the present existing Contract at the fixed prices now appearing in that Contract, for which I am at present Contractor, plus 20%. I would be quite unable to do this but for the fact that I have at present in stock the paper, etc., that may be required.

Having regard to the many years that I have been the Council's Printing Contractor, during which I believe I have given entire satisfaction, I venture to hope that the County Council may see their way to meet me, and to agree to this suggestion, which must go a considerable distance in conserving the Funds of the Council.

Yours faithfully,
(Miss) A. M. Gaskin,
Manager.

County Printing Works, Wicklow.

ORDER—Recommended to the County Council for approval subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SUPPLY ACT, 1940.

The Committee had under consideration a large number of applications for seeds in accordance with the provisions of

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the Scheme adopted by the County Council under above Act, and directed the issue of authorisations to the various applicants who had complied with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Signed:— DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 10th May, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by J. Everett, T.D.;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated to each member of the County Council, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Miss M. Kelly;
Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.
Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by D. H. Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £11,612 4 1 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.
ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment, chargeable to the various areas, amounting to the sum of £888 3 6 (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Winetavern);
Seconded by J. McCrea;
Resolved—That applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Winetavern);
Seconded by James McCrea;
Resolved—That applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
There were no Proposals for Contracts submitted from the Proposals Committee, and consequently no Contracts to be Sealed.
Proposed by Councillor Major R. Smith;
Seconded by J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby instructed to issue a new Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to Mr. James F. E. Somers (Trading as M. J. Somers & Son), of the Corner House, Carnew, subject to the usual conditions.

Passed.
There were no applications for Licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, to be submitted.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by P. Doyle (Winetavern);

Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. John Cunningham, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow, for the premises situate at Stephen Street, Dunlavin, under the usual conditions.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;
Seconded by J. McCrea;
Resolved—That we hereby empower our Secretary to renew the Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to Mr. George Bradley, Cinema, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, for a Portable Booth, under the usual conditions.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by M. Mooney;
Resolved—That the New Building Lists prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the Provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, be hereby approved as submitted, and the appropriate reduction in rates allowed for the said financial year in each case, as specified in said lists.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Edward Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the decisions made by our Secretary on the information at his disposal in connection with all the claims for abatement of Rates lodged in our offices in respect of the Agricultural Grant for the service of the financial year 1940/1941, more extensively dealt with in circulars from the Department of Local Government and Public Health which have been under consideration at meetings of this Council from time to time, and we hereby direct that the assessment of Rates be proceeded with with all practicable speed on the basis of such decisions.

Passed.

Passed.

14th May, 1940.

Proposed by Councillor W. Hammond;
Seconded by M. Timmins;
Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations deemed to be necessary in the General Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and we request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the Valuation Lists revised accordingly.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by C. M. Byrne;
Resolved—That subject to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offering no objection, we hereby fix the following dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the Proposals Committee and of the County Council to be held during the year 1940/1941.

Place of Meeting:	Hour	Summer Qr.	Autumn Qr.	Winter Qr.	Spring Qr.
		1940	1940	1941	1941
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE					
Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Fri, July 19	Fri, Oct. 18	Fri, Jan. 17	Fri, Apr. 18
COUNTY COUNCIL					
Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Mon, Aug. 19	Mon, Nov. 18	Mon, Feb. 17	Mon, May 19

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by E. Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby decide and appoint Monday, the 24th June, 1940, as the date on which Wicklow County Council shall hold its Annual Meeting.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by E. Byrne;
Resolved—That we hereby execute the Transfer Certificate regarding certain Land Bonds which have been passed over to the County Council by the Irish Land Commission for the purpose of discharging rate liabilities on certain holdings at Castlesallagh acquired by the Land Commission.

Passed.
Ballinastow,
Kilpedder,
Co. Wicklow,
4th April, 1940.

To: The Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council,
Gentlemen,
In November of 1939, I sat for an examination conducted by the Civil Service Commission for the position of Government Shorthand Typist. I was informed recently that I had taken fourth place, and have now been called up to begin my duties on Thursday, the 18th instant.

It is with regret I tender my resignation as shorthand writer-typist in your offices, I beg to express the hope that I may be allowed to leave your service on the evening of April 17th.

I have been very happy in the discharge of my duties in the Secretary's Offices since I took up duty there, and I leave with great regret,
I am,
Yours faithfully,
(Miss) Elizabeth Molloy,

14, Brennan's Parade,
Bray,
3rd May, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,
I understand that Miss L. Molloy who secured 1st Place in the Examination for Shorthand Typist under the Wicklow County Council, has now vacated the position owing to her securing a similar post in the Civil Service.

I obtained 4th Place in the County Council Examination and according to the "Wicklow People" report of a few weeks ago I am next in order of merit to fill the above position. I should be glad to know if and when I may expect to be called.

Thanking you,
I remain, dear sir,
Yours faithfully,
(Miss) Veronica C. Byrne,

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Kelly;
Seconded by D. H. Haskins;
Resolved—That as Miss Elizabeth Molloy has resigned her position in our offices as Shorthand Writer-Typist on securing an appointment as Shorthand Writer-Typist in the Civil Service Commission we hereby select and appoint Miss Veronica Carmel Byrne, of 14, Brennan's Parade, Bray, who was next in order of merit at the recent Special Examination conducted by the Local Appointments Commission, to fill the vacancy, on the same terms and conditions, and with the same Salary as was enjoyed by Miss Molloy, namely, £90 per annum, rising in accordance with the conditions of appointment.

Passed.
As an amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
Seconded by P. Doyle (Coolboy);
Resolved—That the position of Shorthand Writer-Typist rendered vacant in our Secretary's Office by the resignation of Miss E. Molloy—who has taken up a Civil Service Appointment—be filled following an

Passed.

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other competitive examination instead of appointing the person who obtained fourth place at the examination held last July by the Local Apointments Commission.

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

For the Amendment: Councillors James McCrea, P. Doyle (Coolboy); P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. Kehoe, M. Mooney, M. Timmins, J. Everett, T.D.—7.

Against the Amendment: Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, P. Doyle (Winetavern); E. Byrne, Major R. Smith, Miss M. Kelly, D. H. Haskins, C. M. Byrne—8.

The Chairman thereupon declared the original Motion to have been passed as a Resolution, and Miss Veronica Carmel Byrne appointed to fill the vacant position.

Following consideration of two letters from the Great Southern Railways, dated the 8th April, 1940, and 4th May, 1940, and a protracted discussion thereon which took place on the question of discharging the Claim of the Great Southern Railway Company, amounting to £6610 19 6, for a legal refund of Rates over a period of three years consequent upon a recent decision reducing the Poor Law Valuations of the Company's holdings in the County, it was

Proposed by Senator C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, having learned that the Commissioner of Valuation is appealing against the recent legal decision under which very drastic reductions have been made in the Poor Law Valuations of the property of the Great Southern Railways, as a consequence of which that Company has demanded from us as refund of no less a sum than £6,610 19 6 rates paid in excess during the three years 1937/38, 1938/39 and 1939/40, we hereby decide to await the result of this appeal, and consequently we offer the Company a token payment of £100 meantime in acknowledgment of such debt to the Company as may be legally ascertained later.

Passed. The Secretary submitted the following correspondence in connection with the supplemental Demand in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, for the sum of £725, which represented County Wicklow's proportion of a supplemental demand for a total sum of £8,190.

GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL, Dublin, N.W.5, 28th March, 1940.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Joint Committee to transmit the enclosed supplemental demand on the County Council of Wicklow for the service of the ensuing financial year 1940/41, amounting to £725, in pursuance of the following resolutions adopted at a special meeting of the Joint Committee held this day:—

Proposed by Councillor James Larkin; Seconded by Councillor John McCabe; That as from 1st April, 1940, all attendants and nurses be given an increase of one shilling per week for each five points increase in the cost of living index figure since 16th September, 1939.

Resolution adopted on a division by 15 votes for to 12 against. Proposed by Councillor Senator Christopher C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor Deputy Dr. Joseph Hannigan:

"That the increase agreed upon shall be payable from 1st April, 1940, but that actual payment of the increase shall not be made until the supplementary estimate therefor be accepted by the contributing bodies."

Resolution adopted on a division by 7 votes for to 6 against.

Yours faithfully, James J. Doyle, Chief Clerk.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Court House, Wicklow, 29th March, 1940.

James J. Doyle, Esq., Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, N.W.5,

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 28th instant, with which you enclosed a Supplemental Demand in respect of the year 1940/41 for £725. I regret to have to point out that this demand is too late to be considered by Wicklow County Council and to be included in the estimates for the coming year 1940-1941. At their meeting of the 20th instant Wicklow County Council struck the rate after due consideration of the figures placed before them in the annual estimates and Demands.

It will not be possible for the County Council to include this sum in the contributions payable to your Committee in the coming year.

Yours faithfully, P. T. Healy, DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH, Custom House, Dublin, 14th April, 1940.

A Chara, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received from the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital a certified copy of a supplemental estimate adopted at a special Meeting on the 28th ultimo. The Minister desires to inform the Wicklow County Council that no application

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was received from the Joint Committee prior to the meeting for his assent to any departure from the provision of the Public Bodies Order governing the adoption of the annual estimate and demand of the Joint Committee, which should be made by the Joint Committee on or before the 15th January of each year.

Mise, le meas. J. Hurson, Rnnai.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Having approved and confirmed the terms of their Secretary's letter to the Chief Clerk of Grangegorman Mental Hospital the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

In connection with item No. 21 on the Agenda a file of correspondence was submitted from Messrs. J. Maher, Sawyerswood, Athy, Co. Kildare, and M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, including the following letter from the Council's Law Agent, Mr. J. Brazil, Wicklow:

4 Church Street, Wicklow, 8th May, 1940.

Wicklow County Council, [re New Link Road] Lewis P. Byrne, Sallymount.

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter to you dated the 30th ultimo enclosing copy of letter received by me from Messrs M J O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, agreeing to the appointment of Mr. W J Haskins as Arbitrator.

I have since had an opportunity of mentioning the matter to Mr Haskins and he intimated to me that he would not wish to act alone in the matter. He suggested that both Mr Byrne and the Council should appoint an Arbitrator and he was prepared to act for either of the parties.

Yours faithfully, J Brazil.

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

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, Seconded by J J Bourne.

Resolved: That we hereby appoint Mr Edwin Hammond, Auctioneer and Valuer, Shillelagh, to act as Arbitrator on behalf of this County Council to assess the compensation payable to any aggrieved owner of land required in connection with the new roads between Dunbur and Magherymore, and Ordinary and Sallymount.

Passed. Court House, Wicklow, 14th May, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,

Mr P J Foley has asked me about leave of absence from the 3rd of June to the 10th inclusive, and I see no objection to this.

Yours faithfully, Seosamh T UaBroin, Acting County Surveyor.

ORDER: Granted. Court House, Wicklow, 14th May, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,

Mr J P Caffrey, B.E., has asked permission to take his annual holidays for four weeks from the 2nd July next, and I see no objection to this.

Yours faithfully, J. T. O'Byrne, Acting County Surveyor.

ORDER—Granted. The Secretary submitted a letter, dated the 8th instant, from the Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. Brazil, requesting the Council to execute and seal a petition to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to acquiring compulsorily the lands required by the Council to enable them to proceed with the making of the new link road from Dunbur to Magherymore.

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

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby execute the petition to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to favourably consider this Council's Proposal to acquire compulsorily certain lands required in connection with the making of the new road from Dunbur to Magherymore, Passed.

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Oifig an tSuirbheir,
Tig na Cuirte,
10adh Bealtaine, 1940.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

Owing to War restrictions it appeared probable at the beginning of the present Financial Year, that it would not be possible to obtain adequate supplies of Tar and Bitumen in order to carry on the necessary Road Repairs and Re-Construction. However, I am glad to say that this situation has now improved and fairly reasonable quantities of this material are now becoming available so that the Programme of Work which I have made out will begin to proceed normally.

2 I propose to purchase a new Watering Cart and this can be procured from the Official Contractors, Messrs. Gilbert Bros., Navan, in accordance with the Trade Department's List, at the cost of £60 16 0.

3. An allowance of £200 has been set aside in the present Road Work Scheme for the purchase of a Tar Machine, and I ask the authority of the Council to purchase this machine from Fleming & Co., 10, Burgh Quay, Dublin, at a cost of £185 (Customs Duty, included), the type being a Municipal Tar Machine, which is similar to those at present the property of the County Council. The parts will be interchangeable, and it is, therefore, more economical in this instance to purchase a similar machine, particularly as they have always given satisfaction.

4. It has been the Council's practice for very many years to refund to the County Surveyor annually the amount of Road Tax paid by him. Accordingly I respectfully ask to be refunded proportion of the Road Tax paid by me in respect of the year 1938, for the period in that year I acted as County Surveyor, amounting to £9 7 7, and also for a Refund of £16 being tax paid by me in respect of the year 1939.

Mise,

Le meas mor oraibh,

Seoradh T. O'Donoh.

A/s Suirbheir an gConndae.

ORDERS :

- Paragraph 1—Noted.
- Paragraph 2—Authority Granted.
- Paragraph 3—Authority Granted.
- Paragraph 4—Granted.

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

Resolved—That we hereby execute (in duplicate) and attach the Council's Seal to the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association for the service of the financial year 1940/1941 required under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.

Passed

The Council having unanimously decided earlier in the day to adjourn the consideration of all business not completed by five o'clock, p.m. and it being now past that hour the undischarged items of business on the Agenda were at this stage left over to a Special Meeting to be held at a later date

C.M. Byrne
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Minutes of Annual Meeting, 24th June, 1940

24th June, 1940.

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, 24th June, 1940.

The following Members were present :—

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman ;

Councillors Liam O'Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; Daniel J. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D. ; James McCrea, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Denis Condren, P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Michael Timmins, Major R. Smith, Joseph Jacob, Miss Margaret Kelly, J. P. O'Donnell.

BUSINESS :

1. The 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 select, appoint and continue in office such Representatives as have been elected to any Committee or Public Body nominated wholly or partly by Wicklow County Council.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Senator C. M. Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor Liam O'Cleirigh ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ;

Resolved—That Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, of Ballykillavane, Glenealy, be re-elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " W. Hammond ;

Resolved—That Councillor Edward Byrne, of 9,

24th June 1940.

Florence Terrace, Bray, be re-elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Danne ;

Seconded by J. J. Bourne ;

Resolved :—Having regard to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1937, we hereby select, appoint and continue in office, until their successors shall have been appointed, each and every representative who has been elected by this County Council on any Committee or Public Body nominated wholly or partly by this County Council.

Passed.

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Minutes of Special Meeting, 24th June, 1940

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m., on Monday, 24th June, 1940.

The following Members were present :—

Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne, Chairman ;
Councillors Liam O'Cleirigh, Patrick Doyle (Winetavern) ; D. J. Kehoe, E. Byrne, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D. ; James McCreagh, Patrick Doyle (Coolboy) ; Denis Condren, P. D. Kinsella, Michael Mooney, W. Hammond, J. J. Bourne, Michael Timmins, Major R. Smith, Joseph Jacob, Miss M. Kelly, J. P. O'Donnell.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To take such action as may be deemed advisable in connection with increasing the wages payable to carters and to men employed on works of road maintenance and improvement consequent upon the increased cost of living, which matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and has been referred back by that Body to the County Council (Vide Finance Committee's Report No. 2).
- 2 To adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, and to allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books.
- 3 To sign and seal the Warrants of the several Poor Rate Collectors.
- 4 To sign and Seal the Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow for the year 1940/41.
- 5 To consider and act upon a communication from the Local Appointments Commission recommending Mr. Joseph T. O'Byrne, B.E., Carrigbawn, Wicklow, for appointment as County Surveyor/Engineer for the County of Wicklow.
- 6 To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable to have the work of Assistant County Surveyor carried out in the area vacated by Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., on his appointment as County Surveyor/Engineer.
- 7 To consider a proposal from Miss E. A. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, to pay over to the County Council the proceeds of all lands set by her for six or for eleven months to reduce the amount of rates remaining unpaid on her holding subject to the Council giving a guarantee that the stock placed on her lands will be safe from seizure for rates.
- 8 To appoint from the recent Special Examination Result List a Shorthand Writer-Typist in room of Miss Elizabeth Hagan who is taking up duty as Shorthand Writer-Typist in the Civil Service Commission.
- 9 To consider a Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance pointing out the necessity and urgency of evolving a system under which road workers in the employment of the County Council shall be paid weekly.
- 10 To take such action as may be deemed proper to secure that Road Fund Licences shall be obtained in Wicklow County by the Owners of the Buses that operate so extensively over the roads in the County.
- 11 To take such action as the Council may deem advisable regarding damage caused by extraordinary lorry traffic to roads Nos. 360 and 361.
- 12 To consider correspondence from the Office of Public Works regarding the necessity for preserving the Cross-carved Pillar-stone at present standing in the bank at the junction between the Wicklow Gap and Glendalough Roads the position of which stone is affected by road works at present in progress.

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13 To consider a communication from the Arklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in which application is made for Urban Rate of Wages for men residing in Arklow and working at the new road between Ordinary and Sallemount, outside the Urban area.

14 To again consider a Report from the Acting County Surveyor following his inquiries for a suitable position in which to establish a Pound in the town of Wicklow.

15 To receive a Petition from farmers and householders residing at Rockbig, Arklow, calling attention to the condition of the road leading from Rockbig to the sea.

16 To receive correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which the Council is asked to again consider and finally decide what action it is proposed to take against defaulters on whom Hedge Cutting Notices have been served.

17 To consider a communication from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, enquiring on behalf of a client, if the old Gaol premises in Wicklow are for sale.

18 To fill two vacancies on Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the death of the Very Rev. T. Monahan, P.P., and the resignation of Mr. George Fisher.

19 To declare a vacancy on Wicklow County Council consequent upon the death of Councillor Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

20 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 28th November, 1939:—
"Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay Mr. Henry Alexander, Knockenree, Avoca, the sum of £15 in respect of the erection of new swim bath."

21 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940:—
"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts (totalling £5 19 9) to 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors in respect of their postage accounts for the year 1939."

22 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held 30th January, 1940:—
"That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the sum of £1 each in respect of maintenance and repairs of their Public Sheep Dipping Baths for the year 1939." (Here follows list of 25 persons).

23 To consider the following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the meeting of that Body, held on the 30th January, 1940.
"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the amounts set out in respect of the use of their Private Swim Baths during the 1939 Dipping Period—(at the rate of 6/- per 100 sheep double-dipped). Here follows list of 89 persons and amounts totalling £129 17 11).

24 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H. Haskins:—
"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council—That we protest strongly against the increase of taxes imposed upon the community during the past fourteen days and we ask the Government to meet a deputation for each County to explain how heavily these taxes will press upon all classes and that the farming classes above all require immediate relief."

25 To consider a communication from the Irish Red Cross Society in which co-operation is asked for in setting up a Branch of that Society in County Wicklow.

26 To consider County Analyst's Report.

27 To fill two vacancies on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Mr. M. M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney, and the disqualification of Mr. D. Somers, Thomastown, Arklow.

28 To consider a communication from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) stating that the Department is not aware of the power by which the Council proposes to waive the terms of the Scheme under which Scholarships were awarded to Julia Black and Patrick J. Kavanagh and that the Department can take no responsibility for the renewal of those Scholarships for the scholastic year, 1939/40.

29 To consider the claims for rates stated to be irrecoverable as received from the several Poor Rate Collectors.

30 To formally approve of the appointment of a locum tenens to act in the area formerly known as Rathdrum and Naas No. 2 Rural Districts during the absence through illness of Mr. Stephen Conway, V.S., "Salem," Wicklow.

31 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. P. O'Donnell:—
"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at our next Quarterly Meeting that a Scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be put in force in this County forthwith under the same arrangements as exists in other counties."

32 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"Resolved—That a similar Sheep Dipping Scheme to that in operation in Co. Wicklow in 1939, be put into force for the year 1940, and that we recommend the Co. Council to re-appoint the 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors to supervise the operation of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping for 1940, who acted in a similar capacity during the 1939 season, and that the remuneration be fixed at £25 each to cover all work in connection with the 1940 Scheme."

33 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"Resolved—That we hereby recommend that the sum of £50 per annum be paid to Mr. G. P. Byrne, Secretary, for extra work in respect of the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1940."

34 To consider the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—
"Resolved—That we hereby recommend the following amounts to be paid to the Local Veterinary Inspectors for work of supervision under the 1940 Sheep Dipping Scheme:—
S. Conway £80
A. F. Walshe 65
W. J. Richardson 30"

35 To consider and approve of the Regulations under the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, to be operated in County Wicklow during the Dipping Period from the 1st August to the 31st October, 1940.

36 To fill a vacancy on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Mr. M. M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.

37 To consider a letter from Messrs. O'Connor & Coonan, Solicitors, Naas, Co. Kildare, on behalf of certain Ratepayers in the Townlands of Corragh, Lugglass, Hollywood, Toor, Johnstown, Humphreystown and Lockstown to appeal to the Courts for a Mandamus to compel the County Council to improve the appalling condition of the roads in the districts of Hollywood, Valleymount and Blessington.

38 To pass a Resolution authorising the Council's Treasurer to sell a

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Land Bond Certificate value £29 received from the Irish Land Commission for the purpose of discharging Rate Liabilities on certain holdings at Castlesalgh acquired by that Department.

39 To consider a communication from Mr. John Murphy, 2 Wolfe Tone Square, West, Bray, regarding an accident suffered by his wife in front of the Meath Estate Office, Putland Hill, Bray, due, as alleged, to a hole in the pavement there.

40 To consider the question of submitting the Council's views regarding the area of charge imposed by the circuit Court Judge at Baltinglass Circuit Court following the hearing of the Malicious Injury Claim submitted by the Marquis of Waterford and Doctor White.

41 To consider a further communication from the Great Southern Railway Company following receipt of the token payment of £100 made by the County Council on foot of the claim for a refund of £5,610 19s. 6d., representing rates paid in excess following the Court decision regarding the Poor Law Valuations of the Company's holdings in County Wicklow.

42 To receive Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

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

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.

Proposed by Councillor Liam O'Cleirigh;
Seconded by J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Seamus Moore, who for the past 13 years has been one of the representatives of this County in Dail Eireann, and we tender to his relatives the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in their great bereavement.

Passed.

After a protracted discussion following the reading of a communication from Road Workers' Delegates at a Public Meeting held in Tinahely, representing Road Workers from the following areas: Coolboy, Tinahely, Shillelagh, Bullingate, Kiquiggan, Killinure, Annacurra and, Knockananna, and a Petition from the Carters working on the new Coastal Road at Ardinary, and a letter, dated the 12th June, 1940, from Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy Branch of the Labour Party, it was
Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor Liam O'Cleirigh;

Resolved—That all Carters paid at present 10/- per day, or £3 per week, be paid in future 12/- per day or £3 12 0 per week; and that each workman on roads in the Council's employment be paid 37/6 per week instead of 32/6 in all Rural Areas of this County other than the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District in which latter area we fix the wage at 42/6 per week instead of the present wage of 37/6 per week.

A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—
FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J. McCrea, Liam O'Cleirigh, P. Doyle (Coolboy); D. J. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, Miss M. Kelly, J. Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob—9.
AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors J. J. Bourne, W. Hammond, P. Doyle (Winetavern); M. Mooney, M. Timmins, Major R. Smith, P. D. Kinsella, Senator C. M. Byrne—8.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion carried as a Resolution by nine votes to eight.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, and that the Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the sum of £3,735 5 2 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the sum of £16,483 4 0 determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Major R. Smith;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the sum of £4,218 12 2, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Local Appointments Commission:—
COIMISIUN UM CHEAPACHAIN AITIULA,
45, Sraid Uach. O'Connell,
E.A.17/8/39. Baile Atha Cliath.
Meitheam 9, 1940.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
County Surveyor,
A. Chara,
In compliance with the Statutory Request received on the 20th

24th June 1940

October, 1939, from the Wicklow County Council, I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to state that they recommend Mr. Joseph Thomas O'Byrne, Carrigbawn, Wicklow, for appointment as County Surveyor.

A brief statement of the recommended candidate's qualifications and experience is given hereunder, and a copy of the Regulations and Terms of Appointment is attached for your information. The enclosed form (L.A.40) should be filled in, in your presence, by the candidate immediately on taking up duty and the form then returned to this office.

Mise, le meas,
M. O' Cathain,
Runaidhe.

Date and Place of Birth : 13th March, 1899, Wicklow,

Qualifications and experience : B.E. 1921. Certified as qualified to act as County Surveyor, 1927 ; M.I.C.E.L., 1st July, 1925, to date Assistant County Surveyor, Wicklow and since June, 1938, has been acting as County Surveyor. Since 1928 is also Engineer, Wicklow Board of Health and since 1933 is also Town Surveyor, Wicklow Urban District.

Proposed by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;
Seconded by Councillor J. McCrea ;

Resolved—Having considered the letter from the Local Appointments Commission dated the 3rd June, 1940, Ref. No. L.A.17/8/39, we hereby appoint Mr. Joseph Thomas O'Byrne, B.E., Carrigbawn, Wicklow, to the whole-time, permanent and pensionable position of County Surveyor/Engineer at a salary of £750 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20 to £900 per annum with an allowance for travelling expenses in accordance with such regulations as may be made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health from time to time, subject to a maximum of £200 per annum, and we ask the Minister to extend his formal sanction to this appointment.

Passed,
Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by Councillor Senator C. M. Byrne ;

Resolved—Following the promotion of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., to the position of County Surveyor, that a Joint Committee representing the County Council and the County Wicklow Board of Health be set up to meet and report on a complete scheme which shall deal with the areas, etc., etc., of the work being done on roads for the Council and the Engineering being done for the Board of Health, and that the following represent this Council on that Committee :

Councillor J. McCrea ;
" M. Mooney ;
" J. P. Kinsella ;

with the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to appoint a Representative to attend Meetings of the Committee and give such help as may be required.

Passed.
The Council considered the following letter :—

Anghrim,
June 24th, 1940,

Dear Sir,
On the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne to the position of County Surveyor I beg to apply to the Council to transfer me from the Southern Area to the North Eastern Area on promotion.

This transfer would, of course, depend on a similar transfer being made by the County Board of Health and would not affect the security of my present position.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. Caffrey.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle (Coolboy) ;
Seconded by " Major R. Smith ;

Resolved—That Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., who is at present Assistant County Surveyor in the Southern Area of this County be transferred to the North Eastern Area of this County (vacated by the appointment of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., to-day as County Surveyor/Engineer) on promotion, at the same salary and with the same allowance for travelling expenses as enjoyed by Mr. O'Byrne whilst he was Assistant County Surveyor in the North Eastern Area.

Passed.
The Council considered the following letter :—

Shillelagh,
Co. Wicklow,
June 19th, 1940,

To: Mr. P. T. Healy, Sec., Co. C.,
Courthouse,
Wicklow,

A Chara,
I understand that as a consequence of Mr. O'Byrne's appointment as County Surveyor there will be a vacancy as Temporary Assistant Surveyor in the County.

I beg to apply for the opportunity of serving the Council in this capacity. I have been a scholarship holder of the County until the completion of my course last year.

Mise, le meas,
Michael McDonagh Fleming.

24th June 1940

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;
Seconded by " John Dunne ;
Resolved—That inasmuch as we, the Wicklow County Council, have this day appointed Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., to the position of County Surveyor/Engineer we hereby select and appoint in a temporary capacity Mr. Michael McDonagh Fleming, B.E., of Shillelagh, as Assistant County Surveyor to discharge the duties in the area vacated by Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., who has been transferred to the area vacated by Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., and we fix as his remuneration for this temporary appointment, a salary of £250 per annum, together with an allowance of £100 per annum for travelling expenses, this appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.
Miss Elizabeth F. Bobbett, of Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, appeared before the Council and asked permission to be heard. She read the following letter :—

Springfield,
Kilbride,
Wicklow,
22nd May, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Healy,
I enclose you £5 off my Rates which make up the £15 I promised to pay in May, which promise I gave to your Finance Committee at the interview they granted me last October.

Now I will ask you to please bring the following matter before your Finance Committee or the County Council, or both Bodies ; it is that I have given your members my word that all the land I can set for six or eleven months I am giving the rents off Rates and Annuities. In order to be able to set land it is necessary to guarantee the tenants that their stock will be safe from seizure, and I understood from the interview I had with your Finance Committee last October that they were granting me that security for the tenants.

Now within the past three weeks I have been endeavouring to set land for eleven months and can set 6 acres for £18 and another field almost 6 acres for £17, both for eleven months, but one of the tenants was stopped on the road by the Rate Collector and questioned as to where he had land taken, what he was giving for it, and how much he had, and then when he told the Collector that he was taking my land the Collector told him he was going to seize.

This leaves me in the position that these tenants will not now take the land, and no one else will either. This is intimidation by the Rate Collector which makes it impossible for me to set my land and thereby get in some money to pay off rates.

I would be glad of the opportunity to explain my case to the Rates Inspector or whoever is the head authority when next he is in the district.

I would also like to remind your Members that when I was granted the interview with the Finance Committee I was not in the position to know that the compulsory tillage would be enforced or that wages was to be compulsorily increased.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth F. Bobbett.

Proposed by Councillor J. Dunne ;
Seconded by " W. Hammond ;

Resolved—That having heard Miss Elizabeth F. Bobbett, of Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow, who has informed this Council that she has opportunities of setting her lands provided this County Council guarantees that the stock of the persons taking her land will not be seized by any person for Poor Rates, we hereby give to Miss Bobbett the guarantee that she seeks to-day, and we direct that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Poor Rate Collector, W. C. Byrne, with whom Miss Bobbett shall conduct Rate Matters in accordance with this Resolution.

Passed.
The Secretary submitted the following letter :—
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,
Court House,
Wicklow,
19th June, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,
I write to inform you, and through you the Wicklow County Council, that prior to entering the Council's service, I had sat for an examination conducted by the Civil Service Commission for a Government Shorthand Writer Typist.

As a successful candidate I have now been called upon to take a position in the Civil Service, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to tender my resignation. In doing so I desire to thank you and the other members of the staff very sincerely for their kindness to me.

For personal reasons it would be of great convenience to me if I could leave on Wednesday evening, the 19th instant, and I trust it may be possible for you to consent to my doing so.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) E. Hagan.

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

Resolved—That as Miss Elizabeth Hagan has resigned her position in our offices as Shorthand Writer-Typist in securing an appointment as Shorthand Writer-Typist in the Civil Service we hereby select and appoint Miss Helena Mary Meagher, St. Anthony's, Castle View, Wicklow, who was next in order of merit at the recent special Examination conducted by the Local Appointments Commission, to fill the vacancy on the same terms and conditions, and with the same salary as was enjoyed by Miss Hagan, namely, £90 per annum, rising in accord-

ance with the conditions of appointment.

Passed.
The Council decided unanimously that as from the date of this Meeting, i.e., 24th June, 1940, no further vacancies in the Clerical Officers and Shorthand Writer-Typists in the Council's services be filled from the Results submitted by the Local Appointments Commission following the Special Examination held by that Body for the County Council in July, 1939.

The Council proceeded to consider communications dated the 14th March and 26th April, 1940, from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and a letter dated the 22nd June, 1940, from Arklow Urban District Council urging the necessity of evolving a system under which Road Workers in the employment of Wicklow County Council shall be paid weekly.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;
Seconded by " J. Dunne ;

Resolved—That the Overseers prepare and send in weekly Pay Sheets and that the men be paid weekly in future—each Pay Week to expire on Wednesday.

Passed.
The Council decided that no action they could take would be able to secure that Road Fund Licences shall in future be obtained in County Wicklow by the owners of all buses that operate so extensively over the roads in this county.

The Council decided to refer to the County Surveyor the question of taking such action as he may deem advisable regarding the damage caused by extraordinary lorry traffic on Roads Nos. 860 and 861.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action, the correspondence from the Office of Public Works regarding the necessity for preserving the Cross-carved Pillar-stone at present standing in the bank at the junction between the Wicklow Gap and Glendalough Roads the position of which stone is affected by road works at present in progress.

The following letter was submitted :—

THE IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION,
43, Rory O'Connor Place,
Arklow,
28th June, 1940.

The Secretary,
County Council.

Re : New Road.

Dear Sir,
I write on behalf of the Workers of Arklow in connection with New Road in course of construction at Ardnary. It seems necessary to apply to Arklow for men for this work. This job is over six miles from Arklow. It is impossible to expect men to go there for four days per week at Rural Rate of pay. It is unnecessary for me to point out to the Members of your Council the hardships inflicted on any man faced with such a task. I am instructed to ask your Council to consider paying the Urban Rate of pay to men sent to this work from Arklow. If this could be done it would considerably reduce the hardships referred to. Trusting the Council will give this matter their kind attention.

Yours faithfully,
P. McCarthy,
Branch Secretary.

ORDER : Notice of Motion to be served.

The Council considered the following communication :
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,
Court House,
Wicklow,

17th November, 1939.

Dear Sir,
With reference to the matter of the provision of a premises in the Town of Wicklow to be used as a Pound, I desire to say that after exhaustive inquiries I cannot find any more suitable premises for recommendation as such, than the existing area and yard in the Ballalley at the rear of the Courthouse, which was previously and always used as a Pound in Wicklow.

It would be necessary to expend approximately £75 in the restoration of the boundary walls and the building of suitable shelters and sheds therein. The Wicklow Urban District Council appear to have some controlling influence in these premises.

Yours faithfully
J. T. O'Byrne,
Acting County Surveyor.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

ORDER : No Action.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor, for his information and suitable action, a Petition dated the 16th March, 1940 from Farmers and Householders residing at Rockbig, Arklow, in which they called attention to the condition of the road leading from Rockbig to the sea.

The Council decided that it was too late now to take action in connection with the file of correspondence which the Secretary submitted from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (including letters dated the 10th August, 1939, 22nd February, 1940, and 6th March, 1940), in which the Council was asked to again consider and finally decide what action it is proposed to take against defaulters on whom Hedge-cutting Notices have been served.

The Council adjourned consideration of a communication, dated 17th January, 1940, from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, inquiring on behalf of a client if the Old Jail premises in Wicklow are for sale.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Timmins ;
Seconded by " J. J. Bourne ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the two vacancies at present existing on the Baltinglass Old Age Pensions Sub-committee caused by the death of the Very Rev. T. Monaghan, P.P., and the resignation of Mr. George Fisher :—Rev. A. G. Byrne, C.C., Baltinglass ; Rev Mr. Empey, The Rectory, Donaghmore, Donard.
Passed.

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by

MARTIN M. GLEESON,
STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY

to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and we direct that this vacancy be notified by a circular issued to each Member of this Council, and to the Secretary of the County Board of Health, and that it be filled at the Quarterly Meeting of this Council to be held on the 19th August, 1940.

A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 24th June, 1940.

Signed : E. Byrne } Three Members
M. Timmins } of
J. J. Bourne } Wicklow Council
Council.

Signed : P. T. Healy,
Secretary to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins ;
Seconded by " W. Hammond ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 28th November, 1939 :—

Resolved—That we hereby recommend Wicklow County Council to pay Mr. Henry Alexander, Knockree, Avoca, the sum of £15 in respect of the erection of a new swim bath.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins ;
Seconded by " W. Hammond ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body held on the 30th January, 1940 :—

Resolved—That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following amounts (totalling £5 19 9) to 20 Sheep Dipping Inspectors in respect of their Postage accounts for the year 1939 :—

Matthew Devitt, Monameen, Greenane	£0 8 5
Andrew Fleming, Aughavannagh, Auhgrim	0 4 3
John Byrne, Blackrock, Rathdangan	0 4 8
Martin Fitzpatrick, Coollatin, Carnew	0 11 9
Thomas Kinsella, Muskeagh, Tinahely	0 19 2
Albert Fox, Bohilla, Kilmacanogue	0 2 3
James Kavanagh, Cloanshannon, Knockenarrigan	0 5 1
P. J. Toole, Munroe, Donard	0 9 8
William Healy, Clara, Rathdrum	0 1 8
Bernard Malone, Bakinanima, Roundwood	0 3 0
Joseph Clancy, Ballygreen, Auhgrim	0 5 7
Andrew Kavanagh, Knockfodda, Roundwood	0 4 0
John Roche, Carrigower, Kilpedder	0 7 9
William A. Carr, Knockraheen, Roundwood	0 2 1
Robert Johnson, Kilpool, Wicklow	0 5 0
Patrick Murphy, Glenree, Vallemount	0 2 6
George Miley, Kooekadruce, Vallemount	0 6 11
Patrick Toomey, Lockstown, Vallemount	0 5 0
Peter Whelan, Killamoate, Rathdangan	0 8 0
Hugh O'Keefe, Rathbawn, Hacketstown	0 3 5
Total	£5 19 9

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor M. Timmins ;
Seconded by " W. Hammond ;

Resolved that we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at the Meeting of that Body, held on the 30th January, 1940 :—

That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to pay the following persons the sum of £1 each in respect of maintenance and repairs of their Public Dipping Baths for the year 1939.

John Doyle, Ballymoney, Donard	£1 0 0
John Byrne, Moneystown, Roundwood	1 0 0
Joseph Fisher, Ballinahinch, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy	1 0 0
Patrick Bracken, Johnstown, Arklow	1 0 0
James Harmon, Ballingule, Rathdangan	1 0 0
John Jones, Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass	1 0 0
Lawrence Cullen, Ballyknockan, Blessington	1 0 0
James Leigh, Ballynure, Grangecon	1 0 0
William Toomey, Annacreevy, Enniskerry	1 0 0
St. Kevin's School, Loughbray	1 0 0
D. J. Cogan, Laragh, Rathdrum	1 0 0
John Byrne (sen.), Three Wells, Auhgrim	1 0 0
Joseph Keenan, Roundwood	1 0 0
John Foley, Coolbawn, Auhgrim	1 0 0
Mrs. M. Loughlin, Ballykillageer, Woodenbridge	1 0 0
P. Toomey, Carriglineen, Rathdrum	1 0 0
Dr. Somerville-Large, Laragh House, Glendalough	1 0 0
Mrs. J. Walsh, Ballysmutton, Manor-Kilbride	1 0 0
George Driver, Mungoduff, Rathdangan, Baltinglass	1 0 0
Edward O'Loughlin, Munny, Coolkenno, Tallow	1 0 0