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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st January, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman due to illness Councillor J. Miley on the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Council's Architect, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, K. C. O'Donnell, S. F. Coffey and N. D. Farrell attended.

The Members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and to Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, for their speedy recovery to good health.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, submitted in names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, J. Bourke, F. Hynes and James Everett:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to allow William Heatley of Bollarney, Wicklow, to erect six dwellinghouses on his lands at Bollarney North in accordance with the layout plans submitted."
2. Planning Appeal of Mr. Joseph Carter, Glendalough — Proposed alternative site for house at Glendalough.
3. County Development Plan — Proposed amendments to Draft Plan.
4. Site for mobile Tourist Information Office at Laragh — Request from Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.
5. Application for Supplementary Grant for new house.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That John Murphy, Holyvalley, Blessington, be paid Supplementary Grant for new house."
7. Application for consent to assignment of interest in Vested Cottage No. 96/6 at Ballinacor Beg, Roundwood.
8. Proposal to provide house for Mr. Brian O'Keefe, Coolboy—Report of County Engineer.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:- "That the Council build a house for William Moore, Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney."
10. Payment for site for cottage at Tomacork, Carnew.
11. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:-
 - (1) (a) "That Ashford be provided with a main sewerage (b) and that the Council proceed with the building of Council houses in Fitzpatrick's field."

- (2) "That the flooding of William McGuire's cottage, Main Street, Newtown, be attended to."
 - (3) "That the Council carry out repairs to Mrs. Mary Doyle's Council cottage, Nun's Cross, Ashford."
 - (4) "That the Council carry out repairs to Coffey's Cottage No. 30 and Holt's Cottage at Killadreenan, Newtown."
12. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:-
- (1) "That the Council acquire lands at Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew for the purpose of providing a playing field for the children of both villages."
 - (2) "That the Council build six cottages in or near Rathdrum."
 - (3) "That the Council lay a main sewer and lay a watermain to the Council cottages at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy."
13. Cottages repaired in December, 1967, and Cottages to be repaired in January, 1968.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, submitted in names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, J. Bourke, F. Hynes and James Everett:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to allow William Heatley of Bollarney, Wicklow, to erect Six Dwellinghouses on his lands at Bollarney North in accordance with the Layout Plans submitted."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been adjourned from a previous Meeting at which the Members of the Council had asked that the applicant be informed that it was not the intention of the Council to provide a water supply, public lighting or domestic scavenging service for this site and that he be asked to indicate the type and standard of the dwellings which he proposed to erect if permission were granted. The County Secretary stated that two letters had been addressed to the applicant as requested by the Council but no reply had been received. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council decided not to proceed with the proposed Resolution and agreed that outline permission be refused. The Members of the Council noted that the applicant could submit a new application if he wished to do so.

Item No. 2 — Planning Appeal of Mr. Joseph Carter, Glendalough — Proposed alternative site for House at Glendalough.

The County Secretary submitted a letter from Mr. Joseph Carter, Glendalough, asking if the Council would make representations to the Department of Lands for a site for a house for him at Glendalough on the opposite side of the road to the site which had been acquired by him and in respect of which a decision to grant permission for the erection of a house thereon was the subject of an appeal to the Minister. He stated that he would be prepared to hand over the site owned by him to the Department of Lands in return for the site he requested. The matter had been examined by the Council's Architect and the County Engineer who had advised that the alternative site suggested by Mr. Carter would not be acceptable and the Council's Architect had suggested as an alternative that a site for a house for Mr. Carter be made available at Laragh on lands which the Council was seeking to

acquire and a Loan be made available to enable him to have a house built on this site. The Council agreed that Mr. Carter be informed of the alternative suggestion in regard to the making available of a site at Laragh.

Item No. 3 — County Development Plan — Proposed Amendments to Draft Plan.

The County Secretary stated that having regard to the recent decision by the High Court it appeared that if the Council made amendments to the original Draft Plan it would be necessary to give public notice again of the revised draft and, consequently, it would be necessary to determine as soon as possible the amendments proposed to the original Plan. The Council agreed that a special Meeting would be necessary to consider the amendments proposed. Councillor J. Whelan pointed out that while Meetings of the Members of the Council for the other three Electoral Areas had been held to consider the amendments to the Draft Plan no Meeting had been held in the Arklow Area and he asked that a local meeting be arranged prior to the Council Meeting at which the amendments would be considered. It was agreed that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area be arranged for an early date. Councillor J. Temple asked if a reply had been received from the Department of Local Government on the issue as to the date of operation of a Resolution passed under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to a Planning application. The County Secretary stated that a reply had been received and would be submitted to the Council at the next Meeting.

The following letter from M. Yann Renard-Goulet was submitted to the Council:-

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Co. Secretary,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

Koatkeo,
Herbert Road,
Bray,
Co. Wicklow.
24th November, 1967.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

Some years ago I had painted a landscape at Annamoe and it never came to my mind then that the peace and the extraordinary beauty of that spot could some day be destroyed. Coming back to the same area after a period of time I was amazed to discover that the loveliness of Annamoe did not exist anymore. Houses had been built on the very spot where the landscape was at its best and the tourists had no more chance to enjoy what was one of Ireland's greatest jewels.

Reading in last week's Wicklow People the report of the Council's discussion concerning the building of eight dwelling houses at Laragh and Annamoe, it brought me back memories of the past. I do not doubt the goodwill of the Councillors, but I wonder if, in such an occasion they could not avail of the knowledge of the members of the Monuments and Sites Sub Committee, I for one would be glad to put myself at the disposal of the Councillors who have not to forget that the preservation of the landscapes is essential to the development of the tourist industry in Ireland.

Yours very sincerely,

Yann Renard-Goulet.

The Council decided to thank M. Renard-Goulet for his letter and indicated that if Members of the Council felt his advice would be helpful in any instance they would request it.

Item No. 4 — Site for Mobile Tourist Information Office at Laragh — Request from Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.

The County Secretary stated that the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. had requested permission for the use of a site adjoining the Council's Housing Scheme at Laragh on the Glendalough Road for the placing of a mobile Tourist Information Centre thereon. The County Engineer considered that the site proposed would not be suitable from the point of view of traffic hazard and suggested an alternative site on the car park adjoining the Housing Scheme at Laragh. The Council agreed that the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. be informed that the site at the car park could be made available.

Item No. 5 — Application for Supplementary Grant for New House.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to William Clancy, Ballyrogan, Arklow, in respect of the erection of a new house at Ballyrogan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley: "That John Murphy, Holyvalley, Blessington, be paid Supplementary Grant for New House."

The Co. Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council at a previous Meeting and it had been indicated that the maximum Grant which could be paid in respect of the new house erected by Mr. Murphy was £150, being half the State Grant paid in respect of the house. The Council had asked for the advice of the Council's Solicitor as to whether the Council would be in order in paying a Grant of £300. The Council's Solicitor had advised that since Mr. Murphy's house had been commenced in 1961 the Council could pay a Grant not exceeding one half the amount of the State Grant. The Council asked that details of the matter be conveyed to the Department of Local Government with an inquiry as to whether the Council would be in order in paying a Grant equivalent to the State Grant.

Item No. 7 — Application for consent to assignment of interest in Vested Cottage No. 96/6 at Ballinacor Beg, Roundwood.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the assignment by Mrs. Margaret Malone of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 96/6 at Ballinacor Beg, Roundwood, to her nephew, Sean Malone, Baltinanima, the statutory conditions to still attach to the Vested Cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable thereon.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Proposal to provide House for Mr. Brian O'Keeffe, Coolboy — Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had at a previous Meeting decided that a new house be provided for Mr. Brian O'Keeffe, Coolboy, on the grounds that his present house could not be rendered suitable. The County Engineer had reported that while the dampness

in the house could not be satisfactorily remedied it could be alleviated by internal and external plastering and that this situation was not unusual in an old house. In his opinion the house was structurally sound and could be repaired and rendered habitable at a reasonable cost and the work could be carried out while the tenant was in occupation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That house be provided for Mr. Brian O'Keeffe.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That the Council build a House for William Moore, Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney."

The County Secretary having stated that an application had not yet been received from Mr. William Moore for the provision of a house Councillor Timmins asked that the matter be adjourned.

Item No. 10 — Payment for Site for Cottage at Tomacork, Carnew.

In relation to a discussion at a previous Meeting of the Council regarding the payment by the Council for the site acquired in 1952 at Carnew for housing the County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Council's Solicitor stating that he had now received the Land Certificate but that the Council could not make any payment until the consent of persons in whose favour Charges were registered had been obtained. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 11—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:-(1) (a) "That Ashford be provided with a Main Sewerage (b) and that the Council proceed with the building of Council Houses in Fitzpatrick's field."

The County Secretary stated that the matter of the provision of a sewerage scheme had been considered at the previous Meeting of the Council and that the Council had agreed that a sewerage scheme be prepared which would serve the field owned by Mr. Fitzpatrick and as much of the village of Ashford as could be suitably arranged. The County Engineer had recommended the engagement of a Consultant to prepare the scheme. Councillor Phelan urged that the Council proceed with the acquisition of the site owned by Mr. Fitzpatrick without awaiting the report of the Consultant in regard to the provision of sewerage services.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke:

Resolved—That the site owned by Mr. Fitzpatrick at Ashford be purchased now.

Passed unanimously.

(2) "That the Flooding of William McGuire's Cottage, Main Street, Newtown, be attended to."

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter was not yet available.

(3) "That the Council carry out repairs to Mrs. Mary Doyle's Council Cottage, Nun's Cross, Ashford."

Councillor Bourke having pointed out that repairs carried out to a

cottage of Mr. Doyle, Killiskey, Ashford, was not the one referred to in his Notice of Motion the County Engineer stated that he would have the matter further examined.

- (4) "That the Council carry out repairs to Coffey's Cottage No. 30 and Holt's Cottage at Killadreenan, Newtown."

The County Secretary stated that an estimate of the cost of repairs to Mr. Holt's cottage in the sum of £17 16s. 6d. had been submitted by the County Engineer. A report in regard to Coffey's cottage was not yet available.

- Item No. 12—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That the Council acquire lands in Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew for the purpose of providing a playing field for the children of both villages."

The Council's Architect stated that he had not had an opportunity as yet of preparing a report in regard to the proposal that lands at Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew be acquired for the purpose of providing a playing field for the children of both villages. The County Manager pointed out that priority would have to be given to the acquisition of sites and the erection of houses and that the County Engineer and Architect had been concentrating on this aspect.

- (2) "That the Council build Six Cottages in or near Rathdrum."

The County Secretary stated that only four applications had been received for the last vacant cottage in the Rathdrum area but that a number of applications had recently been submitted and that these were being examined by the County Medical Officer. Councillor Hynes stated that the Council had a site at Ballygannon and asked that a report as to the provision of houses on this site be submitted.

- (3) "That the Council lay a Main Sewer and lay a watermain to the Council Cottages at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in January, 1967, had submitted an estimate of the cost of providing a public sewer to serve Council cottages at Ballinahinch and Monaline in the sum of £2,350. The estimate included for the connecting up to each house and fitting W.C.'s in each outhouse. For extending the watermain permission would have to be obtained from Dublin Corporation and the estimated cost of this was £700. The permission of the Dublin Corporation for a connection to the main had been sought but had not yet been received. The Council asked that the matter be expedited.

Carnew/Tinahely Water Supply Scheme.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Miss Walsh the County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed on priorities for the major Water Supply Scheme and that first priority was to be given to the Scheme for the North-Eastern area.

Provision of House for Mr. Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow.

Councillor Cleary again asked as to the position regarding the provision of a house for Mr. Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow. In regard to the matter of sewerage services he suggested that the cottages could be connected to the Arklow Urban District Sewerage Scheme. The County Secretary stated that the matter of provision of a water supply and sewerage services for these cottages and for the site for a house for Mr. Dillon was being examined and a report would be submitted at the next Meeting.

Sewerage Scheme for Kilcoole, and Water Supply Extensions at Bellevue, Delgany, and Redford.

In reply to Councillor J. Temple the County Engineer stated that reports on these matters would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Bray Traffic Lights.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Temple the County Engineer stated that tenders for the erection of traffic lights at the junction of Main Street and Quinsboro Road, Bray, would be invited by public advertisement within the next couple of weeks.

Aughrim Water Supply.

Councillor Keenan again inquired as to when the extension of the watermain at Aughrim to the Annacurra Road could be carried out. The County Engineer stated that he had not had an opportunity of looking into this matter as yet.

Houses at Greystones.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill complained of defects in the Scheme for the nine new houses at Grattan Park, Greystones, and asked for a report as to the progress on the Scheme for the erection of the eleven houses at Grattan Park. The Council's Architect stated that plastering and plumbing were in progress and that it was expected that the houses could be completed in about three months. In regard to defects referred to by Councillor O'Neill the Council's Architect stated that the final payment had not yet been made in respect of the nine houses and that the Contractor had promised to make good the defects during the present month.

Development Plan — Blessington.

Councillor Timmins inquired regarding a letter submitted by Mr. Richard M. Chambers, Blessington, requesting confirmation that the scheme proposed in the Development Plan for Blessington for development of lands at the back of the Main Street still applied. Mr. Chambers wished to use portion of his land as a Market Garden and to avail of Government Grants but he could not obtain a Grant on account of the provision in the draft scheme. Councillor Timmins stated that the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area had agreed that this provision No. 4 in the objectives under the Blessington section of the Plan be omitted. The County Secretary confirmed that the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area had recommended that this objective be omitted from the Draft Plan. The Council approved of the recommendation of the local Members for the omission of this provision.

Item No. 13—Cottages Repaired in December, 1967, and Cottages to be Repaired in January, 1968.

The Council noted the repairs carried out to cottages during December and the list of those to be repaired during January, 1968. In reply to inquiry by Councillor Hynes the County Manager stated that it had been the policy of the Council for many years to give priority as regards repairs to cottages in respect of which applications to purchase had been made by the tenants. Councillor Miss Walsh complained of the delay in carrying out cottage repairs in the Southern area of the County and asked that the matter be investigated by the

County Engineer. The County Engineer stated that difficulty had been experienced in getting Contractors to do repairs in the area.

Staff Difficulties and Accommodation.

In reply to inquiries by Members the County Manager stated that in view of the number of matters being raised by Members regarding housing and water supplies and sewerage services the Council might wish to consider whether priority should be given to these services rather than to the improvement of roads. The County Engineer stated that shortage of staff was partly due to conditions under which Engineers had to work and that improved accommodation for staff was necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That a sub-committee consisting of one member from each electoral area be appointed to examine staffing difficulties and accommodation and to submit a report to the Council.

The Resolution was passed and the following Members of the Council were appointed as Members of the sub-committee:-

Councillor G. Timmins
Councillor Miss N. O'Neill
Councillor F. Hynes
Councillor J. Whelan

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan: "That water be supplied to George Byrne and Joseph Dowling of Ballylusk by means of an extension from Ballyknockan Cross Roads."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That the Council provide mains water for the people in Killnamanagh, Glenealy."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That the Council pay Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow, the Reconstruction Loan she applied for 18 months ago."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That the Council widen and surface the footpath from Rathnew to Ashford."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That the Council provide mains water for the Council tenants in Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, and the water charge is not to exceed 1s. 9d. per week."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th January, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whean, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, and Basil S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, due to illness, Councillor E. E. Byrne, on the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, took the chair.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and Co. Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors John Temple, E. E. Byrne and S. Costello as follows:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow as per plans submitted at Killarney Road, Bray, to Mr. Sean McMorrow, The Scalp, Kiltiernan, Co. Dublin."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th October, 23rd October and 6th November, 1967.
3. Letter from Department of Local Government re effect of Resolutions under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act in relation to planning applications.
4. Application for Wage increase for Road Workers — Letters from Employees' Unions.
5. Tenth Round increase in remuneration—Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers for removal of ceiling.
6. Proposed creation of offices of (a) Psychiatric Social Worker and (b) Occupational Therapist at Newcastle Hospital.
7. Medical Care and Infant Welfare Services—Revision of scale of fees for Doctors.
8. Increase in cost of maintenance of Psychiatric patients in Hospitals of Dublin Health Authority—To authorise expenditure in excess of amount provided in current year's Estimates.
9. Rate Apportionment 1967/68—To authorise expenditure in excess of estimate.
10. Site for office for Committee of Agriculture — Letter from Chief Agricultural Officer.
11. Repairs to Courthouses—Reports of County Engineer.
12. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:-
(a) "That all future deputations agreed on to be received by the Council consist of not more than four members of such deputations."

- (b) "Will the Chairman direct whether correspondence as between duly authorised officials and the Council undertaking to carry out certain works for the elected representatives on behalf of the people for the representatives' area be acted upon and be binding upon the County Council."
13. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-
- (a) "That some of the large trees on Church Road, Greystones, be removed—they are completely covering the E.S.B. lamps."
- (b) "That the water supply scheme for Lott Lane, Kilcoole, be provided forthwith."
14. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:-
- (a) "That a report be furnished at our next meeting regarding the responsibility or otherwise of Wicklow County Council regarding Kilbride Old Cemetery."
- (b) "That the dangerous bend at Mr. Neville Hopkins', The Mill, Stratnakelly, be removed."
- (c) "That the turn at Keating's, Knocknaboley, be taken off."
- (d) "That the old graveyard at Kilquiggan be cleaned up to make access to graves possible."
- (e) "That the grass margin on the main Aughrim road near the entrance to Mr. Murphy's farm at Cronessallagh be filled in and levelled off to prevent further accidents there."
- (f) "That a satisfactory water supply be provided immediately for Tinahely."
15. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:-
- (a) "That a footpath be extended from Tutty's corner at Dunlavin to the National School."
- (b) "That the Council bring into effect a speed limit approaching the town at National School."
- (c) "That this Council give report on dump at Dunlavin — the Development Committee request the urgent need that dump be provided."
16. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:-
- (a) "That repairs be carried out to Barndarrig Dispensary and Doctor's dwelling house."
- (b) "That a telephone kiosk be provided at Kilpedder."
- (c) "That a telephone kiosk be provided at Newcastle."
- (d) "Kilpedder — That the fountain at McDyer's Car Park be removed."
- (e) "Five-mile-point Road—that the Council repair and surface Five-mile-point Road, Newcastle."
17. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:-
- (a) "That the Council provide accommodation for a Dispensary, Eye Specialist, Mental Treatment — accommodation can be found underneath the Co. Council Offices at Kilmantin Hill."
- (b) "That the Council take over Charvey Lane road as far as Mrs. Doyle's—also the road that joins the Merrymeeting road with the road to Wicklow at Fr. Dunlea's bungalow."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. Keenan:- "That John Murphy, Ballykillageer, be appointed caretaker of Ballycoogue Cemetery and that he keep the register of interments therein."

19. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor T. Keenan:-

- (a) "That dangerous drains outside Annacurra Church be piped to prevent cars from dropping into them."
- (b) "That something be done to make the Cross Roads at Annacurra safe as there have been numerous accidents of a minor nature there."

20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in Names of Councillors John Temple, E. E. Byrne and S. Costello as follows:- "That by virtue of the Powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow as per plans submitted at Killarney Road, Bray, to Mr. Sean McMorro, The Scalp, Kiltiernan, Co. Dublin."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow as per plans submitted at Killarney Rd., Bray, to Mr. Sean McMorro, The Scalp, Kiltiernan, Co. Dublin.

Councillor Temple in proposing the Resolution stated that Mr. McMorro, who is a young man, had acquired this site for the purpose of building a dwellinghouse. He had obtained some extra land in order to increase the size of the site and he felt that permission should be granted for the erection of the dwellinghouse. The County Secretary stated that the Council had refused Planning permission for the erection of a bungalow on this site on the 3rd May, 1966, for another applicant because the site was considered too small for a septic tank. Mr. McMorro applied for permission, which was refused by the Council, on 5th October, 1967, for the reasons that the site was too small for satisfactory provision of a septic tank and evidence of a satisfactory water supply had not been furnished. Mr. McMorro re-applied for permission for this site which had been slightly increased in area but the County Medical Officer was still of the opinion that the area of the site was not adequate for drainage by way of a septic tank and that the impervious nature of the soil would increase the likelihood of a public health problem. He had been informed that if the area were increased to half an acre and percolation tests proved satisfactory the objection to the septic tank would not apply. The County Medical Officer was of opinion that if a dwelling were erected on the site it was probable that it would give rise to a nuisance in the future. The Co. Engineer had also recommended that the application be refused for the reasons given by the County Medical Officer. Councillor Temple stated that there was a water supply already to the site which had served a previous house on the site. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th October, 23rd October and 6th November, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Housing in Tinahely.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Miss Walsh inquired as to what progress had been made regarding the acquisition of housing sites at Tinahely. The County Engineer stated that he had been in touch with Mr. Pierce, the owner of a field proposed to be acquired for housing site, but had not yet reached an agreement in regard to the price. He had also been in touch with Mr. Taylor, who is the owner of the site which it had been proposed to acquire under the Derelict Sites Act, but that the price he was seeking was altogether excessive. Councillor Miss Walsh urged that offers be made to both Mr. Pierce and Mr. Taylor with a view to reaching agreement on terms for the acquisition of both sites.

House for Mr. Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Sweeney the County Engineer stated that a Group Water Supply Scheme was being arranged to supply water from the Arklow Urban District Council mains to the existing cottages and to the site proposed for Mr. Dillon's house. In regard to the provision of sewerage services it would be uneconomic to arrange for the laying of a main to connect to the Urban District Council's sewerage system and furthermore this sewer was overloaded and a connection could not be recommended. It would seem that if the cottages were to be provided with sewerage facilities this would have to be by means of a communal septic tank and this matter was being examined.

Item No. 3—Letter from Department of Local Government re Effect of Resolutions under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act in relation to Planning Applications.

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

Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.	Department of Local Government, Custom House, Dublin 1, 14adh Samhain, 1967.
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Appeal Re: Proposed 11 houses at Monastery, Enniskerry for Miss S. D. Salley, Irish Ramblers' Club, Aggrieved.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 27th ultimo in connection with the above and to state that the making of a decision on a planning application is a managerial function, whether it is based on a section 4 resolution or not. The date of the decision in this case is therefore the 29th May, 1967, i.e. the date of the Manager's Order and the appeal, which was received on the 16th June, 1967, is a valid one.

I am to add that any observations which the Council wish to offer on the appeal would need to be submitted immediately so that they

may be taken into account by the Minister when determining the appeal.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'NEILL.

The Council noted the Department's decision on the matter.

Item No. 4—Application for Wage Increase for Road Workers—Letters from Employees' Unions.

The County Secretary stated that applications had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers and from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union for an increase in the rate of wages for Road Workers, for service pay and for an increase in annual leave. The minimum wage sought, excluding overtime or short time, was £12 or £12 10s. per week. Service pay on the basis of 1/- per week for each year of service payable in increments rising to 20/- after twenty years was requested and a minimum of 24 working days holidays with pay per year inclusive of Bank Holidays and Church Holydays. In reply to Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that at present the Council Road Workers had 22 working days holidays inclusive of Bank Holidays and Church Holydays and that the present rate of remuneration was £9 1s. 6d. per week. The Council noted the applications for revised rates of wages received.

Item No. 5—Tenth Round Increase in Remuneration—Recommendation Under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers for Removal of Ceiling.

The County Secretary stated that the Tenth Round increase of £1 per week as previously approved had been limited to Officers in receipt of not more than £1,200 per annum. The Irish Local Government Officials' Union had applied under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for the removal of the ceiling consequent on increases in remuneration granted in other employments and as agreement had not been reached the matter had been determined by the Arbitrator, who had recommended the removal of the ceiling, with effect from 1st May, 1966. The estimated cost of the recommendation was £4,750.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—Having considered Recommendation under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve of the removal of the ceiling in connection with the "10th Round" adjustment of remuneration in its application to Officers of the Council, such removal to operate as from 1st May, 1966, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost involved.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Proposed Creation of Offices of (a) Psychiatric Social Worker and (b) Occupational Therapist at Newcastle Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of the following wholetime,

permanent and pensionable posts under this Council:-

One office of Psychiatric Social Worker

One office of Occupational Therapist.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Medical Care and Infant Welfare Services—Revision of Scale of Fees for Doctors.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of the revised scale of fees for Doctors affording Medical Care and Infant Welfare Services under the Maternity and Child Health Services (Amendment) Regulations 1964 as notified by the Department of Health in letter of 19th December, 1967, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised scale of fees.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Increase in Cost of Maintenance of Psychiatric Patients in Hospitals of Dublin Health Authority — To authorise Expenditure in Excess of Amount Provided in Current Year's Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £10,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services to defray the cost of the revised rates of payment for maintaining County Wicklow Psychiatric Patients in the Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority for the current financial year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Rate Applotment 1967/'68—To Authorise Expenditure in Excess of Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £450 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the additional cost of rate applotment for the year 1967/'68.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Site for Office for Committee of Agriculture—Letter from Chief Agricultural Officer.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Kilmantin Hill,

Wicklow.

Market Square,

Wicklow.

29th December, 1967.

A chara,

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee of Agriculture to inquire into and examine the possibilities of making suitable provision for office accommodation in Wicklow have made lengthy investigations into all known prospects, including the inspection of likely sites for the erection of a suitable office building.

These investigations have shown that, having due regard to the important aspects of centrality, the acquisition of an acceptable site is particularly difficult. The yard to the rear of the Courthouse, with sizable frontage adjoining Kilmantin Hill, appears to the Sub-Committee to be a location which would provide all the necessary requirements by way of desired space, as well as meeting with the important features of centrality already referred to, and they would, accordingly, greatly appreciate the Council's approval of the provision of an adequate portion of this site for the purposes indicated, on terms which would, it is hoped, be mutually acceptable to the Committee of Agriculture and County Council.

Mise, le meas,

J. CARNEY.

Príomh Oifigeach Talmhaíochta.

The Council decided that joint discussions be arranged between the Sub-Committee appointed by the Council for the purpose of examining staff accommodation and requirements and the Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee of Agriculture to investigate the matter of providing new offices for the Committee and that a report then be submitted to the Council.

Item No. 11—Repairs to Courthouses—Reports of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the carrying out of works of repair to Courthouses as follows:-

Blessington	£200
Dunlavin	£46
Bray	£124
Former Courthouse at Tinahely	£300

As only £600 had been provided in the current year's Estimates for repairs to Courthouses additional expenditure would require to be authorised if all these works were to be carried out. Members of the Council having referred to the views expressed by the Council by way of Resolution regarding the maintenance of Courthouses by the Department of Justice rather than by the Council, the County Manager referred to a letter he had received from the Department of Justice from the address at 72/76 Stephen's Green, Dublin, regarding complaints made by the District Justice concerning the condition of the Courthouse in Blessington and asking that adequate heating be provided on sitting days for Solicitors and the general public and seating for Litigants and the general public as a matter of urgency. The Co. Manager agreed with the views which had been expressed by the Council that the responsibility for the maintenance of Courthouses should be one for the Department of Justice rather than Local Authorities and that monies available to the Department it was thought could be better expended on Courthouses throughout the country rather than on new office buildings in the city. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Deering, it was agreed that a protest be made to the Department of Justice in regard to the attitude to the maintenance of Courthouses and that it be requested that legislation be amended so as to make the maintenance of Courthouses the responsibility of the Department of Justice. The Council noted that the former Courthouse building at Tinahely was now the property of the Council and used as offices and as an amenity for the district and

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £300 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of necessary repairs to the office and hall at Tinahely as recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
(a) "That all future deputations agreed on to be received by the Council consist of not more than four members of such deputations."

Councillor O'Neill having proposed the Resolution in his name, Councillor S. Costello asked if he would agree that the Resolution be amended to read that no more than five persons in any deputation be allowed to address the Council. Councillor Costello pointed out that the Meetings of the Council were held in public and stated that there should be no restriction on the number of members of the public who might wish to attend at Meetings.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That no more than five persons in any deputation be allowed to address the Council.

Passed unanimously.

(b) "Will the Chairman direct whether correspondence as between duly authorised Officials of the Council undertaking to carry out certain works for the elected representatives on behalf of the people for the representatives' area be acted upon and be binding upon the County Council."

Councillor O'Neill having moved the Resolution in his name, which was seconded by Councillor S. Costello, stated that some years ago the Council had acquired land for road improvement near Ballyglass and in the course of the work had removed some pipes but had left an open culvert. The Assistant County Engineer at the time (Mr. Maher) had agreed in writing that the pipes be replaced and certain other works carried out. Mr. S. O'Fearghaill, who succeeded Mr. Maher as Assistant County Engineer, had also made a similar recommendation and Mr. Power, who succeeded Mr. O'Fearghaill, had also agreed that the pipes be replaced. An Action had been taken against the Council as a result of a horse being killed by falling into the open trench and an award of £24 had been made which Councillor O'Neill stated was to meet the cost of replacing the pipes. Councillor O'Neill stated that the cost of the pipes and the work of replacing them would exceed the amount of the award and asked if the Council would return the pipes which they had originally removed. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the County Engineer for consideration.

Item No. 13—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:—
(a) "That some of the large trees on Church Road, Greystones, be removed—they are completely covering the E.S.B. Lamps."

Councillor Miss O'Neill stated that a tree located near the junction of Church Road outside the premises of Mr. Stanley was particularly dangerous in its location and should be removed. She referred also to the steep camber on the road and in particular to the position at the corner at the entrance to Bellevue Avenue. The County Secretary stated that it had been agreed by the Council previously that certain of the trees would be removed and replanting carried out but so far

these arrangements had not been put into effect. The Council asked that the County Engineer re-examine the matter and submit his recommendations regarding the removal of the trees.

(b) "That the Water Supply Scheme for Lott Lane, Kilcoole, be provided forthwith."

The County Secretary stated that a Group Scheme was being organised for the supply of water to houses on Lott Lane and that at the request of the Department of Local Government an inquiry had been sent to Dublin Corporation as to whether a supply would be made available for the purposes of the Scheme. The agreement of the Corporation had not yet been received. Councillor Miss O'Neill noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 14—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—

(a) "That a Report be furnished at our next Meeting regarding the responsibility or otherwise of Wicklow County Council regarding Kilbride Old Cemetery."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had no responsibility for the maintenance of Kilbride Old Cemetery. Councillor Miss Walsh expressed some doubt in the matter and stated that she understood that the Council previously employed a Registrar and Caretaker.

(b) "That the dangerous bend at Mr. Neville Hopkins, The Mill, Stranakeilly, be removed."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that whilst visibility at Hopkins' road junction, The Mill, Stranakeilly, was unsatisfactory, there were a number of other road junctions in the area where the lack of visibility was more acute. The County Engineer recommended that improvement at the road junction be given priority in the 1968/69 Road Works Scheme.

(c) "That the turn at Keating's, Knocknaboley, be taken off."

The Council noted the County Engineer's Report indicating that although visibility at the road junction referred to on County Road 210 at Knocknaboley was unsatisfactory there were a number of other more dangerous road junctions in the area where the lack of visibility was more acute. He recommended, however, that the dangerous road junctions be given priority in the 1968/69 Road Works Scheme.

(d) "That the Old Graveyard at Kilquigan be cleaned up to make access to graves possible."

The County Secretary stated that this graveyard was not the responsibility of the County Council but was maintained by the Catholic Church Authorities.

(e) "That the grass margin on the main Aughrim Road near the entrance to Mr. Murphy's Farm at Cronasalagh be filled in and levelled off to prevent further accidents there."

The County Engineer reported that there were a couple of stretches along the road approximately 460 yards in length which were soft. In some cases there was no hard shoulder and in other cases there was either a drain or a boggy patch. To cut off and refill would cost about £500. The Council noted the County Engineer's Report that improvement work would be included in next year's Estimates and that if possible some work would be done in the present year if maintenance

monies permitted. The Council urged that if possible some work be carried out in the present year.

- (f) "That a satisfactory Water Supply be provided immediately for Tinahely."

The County Engineer stated that while it would be possible to improve the quality of the water supply at Tinahely it would not be possible to increase the supply. He stated that it had been intended to replace the sand in the filters but that the son-in-law of the previous Caretaker had prevented access to the water supply and contended that the right-of-way applied only while a member of the family was Caretaker for the water supply. Members of the Council having urged that the son-in-law of the previous Caretaker be employed as Caretaker, the County Manager pointed out that the County Engineer must be free to select the most suitable person for such a position. The Council agreed that action be taken to compel entry to the water supply for the purpose of the replacement of the sand in the filters.

- Item No. 15—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:- (a) "That a Footpath be extended from Tutty's Corner at Dunlavin to the National School."

Councillor Deering stated that he understood that there were some difficulties in regard to the extension of this footpath and that negotiations were in progress.

- (b) "That the Council bring into effect a Speed Limit approaching the town at National School."

The Report of the County Engineer that this matter would be considered by the Technical Committee in relation to speed limits was noted.

- (c) "That this Council give Report on Dump at Dunlavin—the Development Committee request the urgent need that Dump be provided."

Councillor Deering agreed that all efforts to find an agreed site for a dumping ground at Dunlavin had failed. The Council suggested that the Assistant County Engineer examine the matter further and suggest possible sites for a dumping ground.

- Item No. 16—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Bourke:- (a) "That repairs be carried out to Barnadarrig Dispensary and Doctor's Dwelling House."

The Council agreed that the Assistant County Engineer be asked to inspect and report on any repairs needed to the dispensary and dwelling house.

- (b) "That a Telephone Kiosk be provided at Kilpedder."

- (c) "That a Telephone Kiosk be provided at Newcastle."

The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of telephone kiosks at these places.

- (d) "Kilpedder—that the Fountain at McDyer's Car Park be removed."

Councillor Bourke stated that this had already been done.

- (e) "Five-Mile-Point Road—that the Council repair and surface Five-Mile-Point Road, Newcastle."

The County Secretary stated that portion of this road had been taken over by the Council as a public road in 1966 but no specific funds had been allocated for carrying out works on the road or for its maintenance. The Council asked that provision be included in the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year for works on this road.

- Item No. 17—Notices of Motions in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (a) "That the Council provide accommodation for a Dispensary, Eye Specialist, Mental treatment—accommodation can be found underneath the Co. Council Offices at Kilmantin Hill."

The following Report of the County Medical Officer was submitted:

Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Secretary. Public Health Department, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow 13th November, 1967.

Re: Utilisation of Basement—County Council Offices

A Chara,

As you are aware two rooms have been provided for the Senior Dental Officer and the larger room is being fitted out for Registration. This leaves a medium sized room in which semi-current files are stored. These files, while not in daily use, have to be consulted frequently. There are then two smaller rooms in one of which old Minute Books—many very valuable and dating back for more than 100 years—are stored and the other is used as a store, principally for Health Inspector's equipment. There is another fair sized room which, at present, contains lumber but which is needed urgently as a Health Inspector's office. The provision of this is overdue. Unfortunately, there is no room for clinics or dispensaries and in any event it is envisaged that dispensaries will, in a year or two, be a thing of the past.

Mise, le meas,

Denis F. McCarthy,

Chief Medical Officer.

Councillor Hynes stated that the accommodation in the present dispensary was inadequate and that the premises needed repair and expressed the view that better accommodation be provided. The Council agreed that this matter be considered by the Sub-Committee appointed by the Council to consider the matter of staff accommodation and requirements.

- (b) "That the Council take over Charvey Lane Road as far as Mrs. Doyle's—Also the Road that joins the Merrymeting Road with the Road to Wicklow at Fr. Dunlea's Bungalow."

Councillor Hynes pointed out that Charvey Lane also served the Council's Industrial Site and that the road referred to at Rathnew carried traffic going to funerals at Merrymeting and that both roads should be taken over as public roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That the Council take over Charvey Lane road as far as Mrs. Doyle's—also the road that joins the Merrymeting road with the road to Wicklow at Fr. Dunlea's bungalow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. Keenan: "That John Murphy, Ballykillageer, be appointed Caretaker of Ballycoogue Cemetery and that he keep the Register of Interments therein."

Councillor Keenan stated that Mr. Murphy had in fact been attending to the Cemetery at Ballycoogue voluntarily and that it was desirable that a Caretaker and Registrar be appointed for the Cemetery.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;
Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved:—That we recommend that John Murphy, Ballykillageer, be appointed caretaker of Ballycoogue Cemetery and that he keep the register of interments therein.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor T. Keenan: (a) "That dangerous drains outside Annacurra Church be piped to prevent cars from dropping into them."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on this matter to the Meeting of the Council held on the 19th June, 1967, and had stated that the cost of the widening and piping of the drain in front of the Church at Annacurra to enable cars to park near the Church was estimated at £250 approximately. There were no monies included in the current year's Estimates for the work. The Council agreed that provision be made in the Estimates to be submitted for the coming financial year for this work.

(b) "That something be done to make the Cross Roads at Annacurra safe as there have been numerous accidents of a minor nature there."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported to the Meeting of the Council on the 19th June, 1967, that a sum of £1,000 was included in the current year's Estimates for the removal of the corner at Annacurra and that land acquisition maps were being prepared with a view to taking up the matter of acquisition with the landowner concerned. The Council urged that arrangements for acquiring the land be completed as soon as possible and the work put in hands.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;
Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved:—That something be done to make the Cross Roads at Annacurra safe as there have been numerous accidents of a minor nature there.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council at the Meeting in June had agreed that if it was not possible to acquire these lands by agreement that they be acquired compulsorily.

Item No. 20—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

Provision of Swimming Pool at Blessington.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley the Co. Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer estimated the cost of providing a swimming pool complete

with space heating insulation, dressing rooms and other facilities at £22,000. He expressed the view that the running costs could probably be defrayed by a per capita charge for the use of the pool. Councillor J. Miley asked that provision be made in the Estimates for submission to the Council for the coming financial year in respect of the provision of the swimming pool.

Windgates Water Supply.

Councillor Costello asked that a report on this matter be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Sites for Private Housing at Kilgarron.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge the County Secretary stated that a number of applications had been received for private sites for housing at Kilgarron, Enniskerry. It was agreed that a meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area be held at the Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th January, 1968, to consider this matter.

Filling of Vacancy on Council.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the death of Councillor James Everett, T.D., there was a vacancy on the County Council and in accordance with the Local Elections Regulations of 1965 it would be necessary that the vacancy be filled at the next Meeting. The Council agreed that the vacancy on the Council be filled at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 12th February, 1968. The County Secretary informed the Members that the Regulations provided that the choice of a person to fill a casual vacancy in the membership of a Local Authority shall not be proposed at a Meeting of the Local Authority without the prior consent of that person indicated to the Local Authority in writing signed by him.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor S. Costello.

Resolved:—That we hereby declare the office of Councillor vacant consequent on the death of Councillor James Everett, T.D., and decide that the vacancy be filled at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 12th February, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Planning Appeal—Mr. Joseph Carter, Glendalough, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the Appeal against the Grant of Permission by the Council to Mr. Joseph Carter for the erection of a house at Glendalough would be heard at the Town Hall, Bray, at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 16th January, 1968. Mr. Carter had informed the Council that the alternative proposal suggested by the Council's Architect in regard to arranging for the erection of a house for him at Laragh was not acceptable to him.

District Medical Officer for Rathdrum.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Hynes as to the position regarding the appointment of a permanent District Medical Officer in Rathdrum the County Secretary stated that a recommendation had been made by the Local Appointments Commission but the person recommended was not prepared to accept the appointment. It was understood that since both the post of District Medical Officer and the cost

of Medical Officer at St. Colman's Hospital were now vacant the Department of Health were considering the Council's suggestion that these two posts be combined and it was expected that the views of the Department on this suggestion would be available within the next few weeks.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Wm. Cleary:- "That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that the Council revert back to the Courthouse for the purpose of holding their Meetings."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:-

- "That the Council pay for the conveyance of mentally handicapped children from Wicklow town to Bray and back to Wicklow."
- "That the Council build a cottage for Mr. Joseph Beale, Ballyhenry, Ashford, on his mother-in-law's plot at Ballyhenry."
- "That the Council build a cottage for Mr. Michael John Dempsey, Ballydowling, Glenealy, on his father's plot at the same address."

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:-

- "That road from Tinnakilly Upper to Byrne's cottage, a distance of a half mile approximately, and serving four families, be taken over by the County Council and maintained."
- "That the road from Whitebridge, Avoca, to Ballymurtagh, serving 7 houses be taken over by County Council and maintained."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:- "That the Council erect lights at the cottages, Kindlestown, Delgany, locally known as Crow Abbey."

In the name of Councillor James Miley:- "That the Medical Officer report on the conditions under which James Maguire, Kylebeg, lives and that we build him a house urgently."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That the Council have removed the dangerous tree at the road junction at Parkmore, Balinglass."

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That the dangerous bend at Rathmore be put in hand immediately."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:-

- "That the Council extend the water supply to three Council houses at Raheenglass, Coolboy."
- "That the Council surface dress the open space at the front of the National School at Knockananna."

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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The following Members attended:-
Councillors Wm. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, John Swenson, Mrs. Mary Welsh, James Whelan, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Trammell, H. J. Brady, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Mrs. Nancy O'Neill, J. A. Temple, S. P. Hynes, E. J. O'Donoghue, and Roger Miley.

In the absence of Councillor M. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, the Chairman acted in his stead.

The Chairman, Mr. John Swenson, County Engineer, County Council, and Assistant County Engineer, R. L. Farrell, and 14 other persons, including S. P. Hynes and R. L. Farrell, attended.

AGENDA:

- At date for Estimates Meeting of Council.
- County Development Plan—To fix date for Meeting to consider amendments to Draft Plan.
- Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages at (1) Three-Quarters, (2) Ballymurrigh, Shillelagh, (3) Leasay, Newrath.
- Application for transfer of interest in Vested Cottage at Bally-Tanney, Fingert.
- Application for consent to sub-division of Cottage plot at Rathdangan, Newtownmountkennedy.
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(c) "That the Council acquire land at Newtownmountkennedy and Rathdangan for the purpose of providing a play area for the children of both villages."—Report of Council's Architect.
- Applications for Supplementary Grants for new houses.
- Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of dwellings houses.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillors F. Hynes and R. Miley:- "That the Council pay Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Ballyhenry, Wicklow, the reconstruction loan she applied for eighteen months ago."
- System of Priorities for letting of Council houses. Report of County Medical Officer re proposed "points" system.
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "That the Council erect lights at the cottages at Kindlestown, Delgany, known as Crow Abbey."
- Letter from Bray and District Trading Council re quality of work on (a) public and private building contracts in North County Wicklow and (b) public and private building contracts in South County Wicklow and (c) public and private building contracts in Wicklow town.

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In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:— "That the Council have removed the dangerous rise at the road junction at Rathmore, Ballyhenry."

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That the dangerous bend at Rathmore be removed immediately."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:

- (a) "That the Council supply the water supply to three Council houses at Ballyhenry."
- (b) "That the Council surface drive the open space at the front of the National School at Knockanure."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th February, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors Wm. Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Basil S. C. Phelan, and Roger Miley.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Council's Architect, Chief Assistant County Engineer, R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers, S. Coffey and N. D. Farrell, attended.

AGENDA:

1. To fix date for Estimates Meeting of Council.
2. County Development Plan—To fix date for Meeting to consider amendments to Draft Plan.
3. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages at (1) Three-Mile-Water; (2) Ballynultagh, Shillelagh; (3) Leabeg, Newcastle.
4. Application for transfer of interest in Vested Cottage at Ballyraheen, Tinahely.
5. Application for consent to sub-division of Cottage plot at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That the Medical Officer report on the conditions under which James Maguire, Kylebeg lives and that we build him a house urgently."
7. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
 - (a) "That the Council build a cottage for Mr. Michael John Dempsey, Ballydowling, Glenealy, on his father's plot at the same address."
 - (b) "That the Council build a cottage for Mr. Joseph Beale, Ballyhenry, Ashford, on his mother-in-law's plot at Ballyhenry."
 - (c) "That the Council acquire lands in Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew for the purpose of providing a playing field for the children of both villages"—Reports of Council's Architect.
8. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new houses.
9. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of dwellinghouses.
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and R. Miley:— "That the Council pay Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow, the reconstruction loan she applied for eighteen months ago."
11. Scheme of Priorities for letting of Council houses: Report of County Medical Officer re proposed "points" system.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "That the Council erect lights at the cottages at Kindlestown Delgany, known as Crow Abbey."
13. Letter from Bray and District Trades Council re quality of work on local authority and private building schemes in North County Wicklow and Bray district.

14. Application from Sinn Fein organisation in Co. Wicklow for permission to park a caravan at (1) open square at Baltinglass; (2) open square at Blessington and (3) Parade Ground, Arklow, for use as party election headquarters for the duration of the forthcoming by-election campaign.
15. University Scholarship Scheme: Determination of Scheme for 1968/69.
16. Cottage repairs—Authorisation of excess expenditure and arrangements for mapping of plots for vesting.
17. Cottages repaired during January, 1968, and to be repaired in Feb. 1968.

Item No. 1—Date for Estimates Meeting of Council.

The Council determined that the Estimates Meeting of the Council to consider the Estimates for the year 1968/69 be held on Monday, 26th February, 1968.

Item No. 2—County Development Plan — Date for Meeting to consider amendments to Draft Plan.

The Council decided that a Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering the Draft Development Plan and the amendments thereto be held on Monday, 25th March, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

Item No. 3—Applications for consent to Sales of Vested Cottages:

(1) Three-Mile-Water.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the sale by Mr. James Lott, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 63/7 at Three-Mile-Water, Cuilen, Wicklow, of his interest in the cottage to Mrs. Mary Agnes Delaney, subject to a payment to the Council of the sum of £116 13s 4d., the annuity to continue to be payable and the statutory conditions to continue to apply.

Passed unanimously.

(2) Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

The County Secretary stated that the application for consent to the sale of this cottage to Mrs. Mason, 10 Abbey Park, Abbey Road, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, had been considered by the Council at a previous Meeting and the Council did not consider that Mrs. Mason was in need of housing and asked that purchase of this cottage by the Council with a view to letting the cottage to an eligible applicant be considered. The County Secretary stated that there did not appear to be any demand for housing in this particular district which would justify the Council purchasing the cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the sale by John V. Hayes, Legal Personal Representative of the late Kathleen Hayes, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 198/9 at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh of his interest in the cottage to Mrs. Mason, 10, Abbey Park, Abbey Road, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, subject to a payment to the Council of the sum of £116 13s. 4d., the annuity to continue to be payable and the statutory conditions to continue to apply.

Passed unanimously.

(3) Cottage at Leabeg, Newcastle.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Area had been consulted regarding an application by Mr. Healy, tenant-purchaser of the cottage at Leabeg, to sell his interest in the cottage to a Mr. Kirwan on an arrangement under which Mr. Healy would have the continued right of residence in the cottage for his lifetime. The Members of the Council for the Wicklow Area had agreed that the application for consent to the sale be refused as Mr. Kirwan was not a qualified person and it was not considered in the interests of Mr. Healy that the cottage be sold. Mr. Kirwan and his wife were now residing in the cottage and it is understood that they were there with the agreement of Mr. Healy for the purpose of looking after him. The front wall of the cottage was down and it appeared to have been taken down though it was claimed that the wall had collapsed in a storm. The School Bus which it was understood was driven by Mr. Kirwan was parked on the roadside and a van was parked in the front of the cottage. The Council agreed that no objection be raised to Mr. Kirwan and his wife residing in the cottage with Mr. Healy but that the wall should be restored and if an additional entrance were required that application for permission be made in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Item No. 4—Application for transfer of interest in Vested Cottage at Ballyraheen, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the transfer by Mr. Martin Byrne, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 12/10 at Ballyraheen, Tinahely, of his interest in the cottage to his son, Mr. Laurence Byrne, annuity to continue to be payable on the cottage and the statutory conditions to continue to apply.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Application for consent to Sub-division of Cottage Plot at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke:

Resolved—That we approve of the sub-division of the plot attached to the Vested Cottage No. 266/6 at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for the purpose of providing a site for a dwellinghouse for Mr. James O'Toole, son of the tenant-purchaser, Mr. Owen O'Toole.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That the Medical Officer report on the conditions under which James Maguire, Kylebeg, lives and that we build him a house urgently."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported and had agreed that Mr. Maguire was in need of housing. A report as to whether the site proposed for the erection of a house was suitable was being obtained.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a new dwellinghouse for Mr. James Maguire, Kylebeg.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a)
"That the Council build a cottage for Mr. Michael John Dempsey, Ballydowling, Glenealy, on his father's plot at the same address."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Dempsey was residing in a caravan, which was placed on his father's plot, and was in need of housing. The Co. Medical Officer was not prepared to approve of the erection of a second dwelling on the Council plot as the area would not be adequate to accommodate a second septic tank. The Council asked that the matter of the suitability of the site for housing be reconsidered.

(b) "That the Council build a Cottage for Mr. Joseph Beale, Ballyhenry, Ashford, on his mother-in-law's plot at Ballyhenry."

The County Secretary stated that the same position as in the case of Mr. Dempsey applied in regard to this application. The entire plot, which already had Mrs. Beale's cottage on it, is less than a half an acre in area and would not be suitable for the building of a second serviced cottage as it was proposed to treat the drainage by septic tank. Councillor Hynes asked that in this case also the suitability of the site be reconsidered.

(c) "That the Council acquire Lands in Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew for the purpose of providing a Playing Field for the children of both villages"—Reports of Council's Architect.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had submitted a Report in which he suggested sites which might be suitable for playing fields at Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew. The site at Newtownmountkennedy was immediately South of the Council's Housing Scheme at O'Neill Park and it was understood was on lands owned by Mr. Shortt. The site at Rathnew adjoined a field owned by Mr. Dowling, which it was proposed to acquire for housing. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Members of the Council expressed the view that it was desirable that recreation space be provided in all Housing Schemes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—Having considered Reports of Council's Architect we approve of negotiations being entered into for the purpose of acquiring lands at Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew, as recommended, for the purpose of providing playing fields for the children of both villages, and that provision be made in future housing schemes for recreation areas.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of the acquisition of the two sites mentioned could be in excess of £2,000.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh referred to the area in front of the Council houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, and urged that this be used for the purpose of a playground for the children in the cottages. The Council agreed that there was no objection to the lands being so used. Councillor Phelan suggested that the G.A.A. be asked if they would agree that additional use might be made of their grounds as playgrounds for children at times when not otherwise required.

Item No. 8—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grants in respect of the provision of new houses to the following applicants:—

Ronald McKeown, Seskin, Knockenarrigan	£450
James O'Toole, 4A, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy	£274
Frank Ellison, Bahana, Whaley, Rathdrum	£400

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of dwelling-houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,900 to Matthew White, 3, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at 3, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Ml. G. Fitzpatrick, 72, Lr. Main St., Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Coolboy, Arklow, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,300 to Donal G. McGillicuddy, Shramore, Roundwood, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Monastery, Enniskerry, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and R. Miley:— "That the Council pay Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow, the Reconstruction Loan she applied for eighteen months ago."

The Council having agreed that this matter be discussed in committee the Co. Secretary stated that the application in this case was for a Loan of £720 and the Loan had not been approved as the necessary assurances of ability to repay the Loan were not available. Following discussion the Council decided to defer consideration of the matter.

Item No. 11—Scheme of Priorities for Letting of Council Houses.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported in regard to the matter of preparing a "Points" system of priorities for letting of Council houses and was of the opinion that the outline suggestions which had been received in regard to Points systems were unhelpful and were, in his opinion, loosely drafted. He felt that the adoption of a Points System would lead to many arguments and difficulties in that it was not possible to reduce the matter of housing priorities to a mathematical formula. The County Medical Officer stated that he had consulted with colleagues who were in agreement with his views and indicated that the scheme which he had put forward and which had been adopted by the Council was the result of much discussion and consideration and that he felt he could not improve on it.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor L. Cleary;

Resolved—That we do not regard a "Points System" for letting priorities as acceptable.

The Resolution was passed with Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—
"That the Council erect Lights at the Cottages at Kindlestown, Delgany, known as Crow Abbey.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
 Courthouse, Wicklow
 5th February, 1968.

County Secretary.

Re Public Lighting at Crow Abbey

A Chara,

Public lighting extends northwards from Killincarrig and there are four public lights serving these cottages. It is considered this is sufficient. There is no public lighting or E.S.B. poles between Crow Abbey and Grattan Park where there are other Council Cottages, known as Kindlestown Cottages, Greystones. If it is the intention of the Notice of Motion to provide public lighting at these cottages an estimate will be got for the work from the E.S.B.

Mise le meas,
 T. J. Donovan,
 County Engineer

The Council agreed that an estimate be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of public lighting at Kindlestown Cottages.

Item No. 13—Letter from Bray and District Trades Council re quality of work on Local Authority and Private Building Schemes in North County Wicklow and Bray District.

The following letter from Bray and District Trades Council was submitted:—

27, Oldcourt Park,
 Bray, Co. Wicklow
 13th January, 1968

Secretary,
 Wicklow County Council,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Recently the Building Trade Group of this Council had occasion to visit a number of building sites in North Co. Wicklow and Bray district in connection with matters of organisation. In the course of their report to this Council attention was called to the poor quality of the work which is evident on both local authority and private building schemes in the area. Particular attention was directed at the O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, and Ballywaltrim schemes. The Bentley Park scheme, Bray, which is privately developed, but for which the Local Authority has a certain amount of responsibility, was heavily criticised for the very poor finish, especially the external finish, and it was felt that these houses would be a liability in a few years time.

In view of the widespread concern at falling standards in

house-building, both in the public and private sector, this Trades Council wishes to recommend:

- (1) Greater care by local authority contractors in the recruitment of labour and examination of credentials of so-called "tradesmen" who are not in fact qualified in their claimed trades.
- (2) Banning of sub-contracting or 'lumping' on these schemes.
- (3) Stringent control by the Council's architect over all phases of the schemes.
- (4) Insistence on the employment of qualified clerks of work to enforce day-to-day control of specified standards and materials.
- (5) In so far as private building schemes are dependent on Local Government grants and loans, payment of these should be made strictly contingent on the observance of proper standards of workmanship and use of specified materials. All grants and loans should be withheld until the housing conforms to these conditions.

In view of the public importance of these issues, which involve the abuse of public funds, this Council requests that these matters be considered by the members of Wicklow Co. Council at their next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

R. M. Connolly,
 Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the letter had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and at the request of the Members the following letter had been sent to the Trades Union Council:—

R. M. Connolly, Esq., A.C.I.S.,
 Secretary,
 Bray and District Trades Union Council,
 27, Oldcourt Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

18th January, 1968.

A Chara,

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. regarding the quality of work on local authority and private building schemes in North County Wicklow and Bray district and to say that your letter will be brought to the notice of the County Council at their next Meeting.

The Members of the County Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their recent Meeting noted the recommendations made by the Trades Union Council and in regard to the recommendations relating to the recruitment of qualified tradesmen I am to inquire as to what steps are taken by the Trade Unions to ensure that Union Cards are issued only to qualified tradesmen. In reference to the recommendation for the banning of sub-contracting or lumping on Housing Schemes this would appear to be a matter for the Craft Unions concerned to take up with Contractors and I am to enquire whether the Unions and the Trades Council are contemplating taking any steps in relation to the practice to which you refer.

As regards the Council's Housing Schemes I am to say that the Council's Architect exercises control over these Schemes and the Council has a qualified Clerk of Works employed also to enforce control of specified standards of materials.

Payments of Housing Grants by the Department of Local Government are made directly by the Department following inspection and certification by Officers of the Department. Where a Supplementary

Grant is approved by the Council payment of the Supplementary Grant is made only after the State Grant has been paid. Where Loans are advanced by the Council to applicants providing dwellinghouses for their occupation payments are made only following certification by the Council's Engineer of the value of work carried out and final payment on foot of a Loan is made following certification that the house has been satisfactorily completed.

As already indicated your letter will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council on the 5th February, 1968.

Mise le meas,

County Secretary.

The Bray and District Trades Union Council has acknowledged receipt of the Council's letter and has stated that its contents were being referred to the Members of that Council's Building Group and that when their observations were available a further communication would be addressed to the Council. The Council decided to await the further letter from the Trades Union Council.

Item No. 14—Application from Sinn Fein organisation in Co. Wicklow for permission to park a Caravan at (1) open square at Baltinglass, (2) open square at Blessington, and (3) Parade Ground, Arklow, for use as party election headquarters for the duration of the forthcoming by-election campaign.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received on behalf of the Sinn Fein organisation for the parking of one caravan on (1) the open square at Baltinglass, and (2) the open square at Blessington. It was stated that the purpose of the caravans was for party election headquarters and that permission was sought to have the caravans parked for the duration of the forthcoming By-Election campaign. The County Engineer had indicated that he saw no objection to the proposal and the Garda Authorities had also stated that there were no objections to the proposals subject to the following conditions:-

Blessington: The caravan to be parked at the square off the public road between the Courthouse and Powers licensed premises so as not to cause obstruction to traffic or ingress or egress to or from any building or premises and that the lighting of vehicles regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1961, are complied with.

Baltinglass: The caravan to be parked at the back of the Courthouse, i.e., on the south side at the entrance to the Pound so as not to cause obstruction to traffic or ingress or egress to or from any building or premises and that the lighting of vehicles regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1961, are complied with.

The County Secretary stated that an application had also been received by Arklow Urban District Council from the Sinn Fein organisation for permission to park a caravan on the Parade Ground at the Main Street, Arklow, as Election headquarters for the duration of the By-Election campaign and the application had been referred to the Co. Council as being the authority responsible for the Main Road. It was understood that the Garda Authorities did not favour the parking of the Caravan at the Parade Ground as this area was required for car parking. It was understood, however, that there would be no objection

to the parking of the caravan on the car park off the Main Street at Arklow.

The following letter received from Mrs. Jean Pratt, Liberal Party Organiser, Wicklow, was submitted:

Wicklow Liberal Campaign,
Main Street, Bray,
25th January, 1968.

The County Manager,
c/o Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

It has come to the attention of the Wicklow Liberal Campaign that the Sinn Fein Party has applied for permission to site caravans in the public squares of certain towns during the coming by-election campaign. If such permission is granted by the Wicklow Co. Council may we assume that the Irish Liberal Party, and all others contesting the election will be granted equal privilege in the positioning of caravans in public places? As a party which has secured for itself a headquarters office in Bray, the Liberal Party believes that other political groups should be willing to make a similar arrangement which would not infringe on public property. If, however, one organisation is allowed to make use of public property, we feel strongly that all should be given equal rights.

We await your reply, and thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Pratt,

Liberal Party Organiser,
Wicklow.

Councillor S. Costello stated that the alternative site at the car park off the Main St. in Arklow would be quite acceptable to the Sinn Fein organisation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we grant the application of the Sinn Fein organisation in County Wicklow for permission to park a caravan for the duration of the forthcoming By-Election campaign at the following places:-

1. Open Square at Baltinglass.
 2. Open Square at Blessington.
 3. Car Park off Main Street, Arklow,
- subject to compliance with requirements of Garda authorities re siting and conformity to Lighting of Vehicles Regulations.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—University Scholarship Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt a Scheme for the award of University Scholarships for the year 1968/'69 in accordance with the draft Scheme submitted, being in similar terms to the Scheme adopted by the Coun-

cil for the year 1967/68, the amount being allocated for Scholarships having been increased to £2,700.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Cottage Repairs—Authorisation of excess expenditure and arrangements for Mapping of Plots for Vesting.

The County Secretary stated that the expenditure on cottage repairs up to 31st December amounted to £9,030 as compared with a provision of £10,000 in the Estimates. Approval was requested to expenditure of an additional £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of repairs to Council houses.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the mapping of plots for vesting of cottages, the Co. Secretary stated that it had not been possible to obtain any temporary engineer or student engineers to deal with this matter.

Housing Sites at Laragh.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had recommended that an additional site containing approximately 2.2 acres at Laragh and which adjoined the site on which two houses were at present being erected by the Council be acquired for future housing at Laragh. Agreement had been reached with the landowner, Mr. Byrne, in the sum of £1,000 and approval to the acquisition of the site on these terms was requested. The Council's Architect had also recommended that two small sites, one containing a dwelling and the other containing a sheep dipping bath, both of which adjoined the previous site, also be acquired.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition of the following sites for housing from Mr. J. Byrne at Laragh:-

- (a) 2.2 acres at Laragh for £1,000.
- (b) Site and dwelling adjoining above site (a).
- (c) Site containing sheep dipping bath also adjoining above site (a), subject to agreement on price for sites (b) and (c).

Passed unanimously.

House for Mr. Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Cleary the County Secretary stated that a group sewerage scheme was being arranged as well as a group water supply scheme for the purpose of serving the group of houses at Monument Lane and these schemes would also serve the site of the house proposed to be erected for Mr. Dillon. As soon as these schemes were approved it would be possible to arrange to proceed with the erection of a house for Mr. Dillon.

Retirement of Ambulance Driver.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that the congratulations of the Members be extended to Mr. Joseph O'Rourke, 1, Castle Street, Wicklow, who had retired from his post as Ambulance Driver after 42 years' service.

Sites for Housing and Dump at Tinahelly.

Councillor J. Whelan inquired as to the position regarding the acquisition of housing sites at Tinahelly and of the site for a dump and Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she understood that agreement had been reached between the County Engineer and the owner of the lands, Mr. Pierce, on suitable terms for the acquisition of the housing site and of the site for the dump. Councillor Whelan and Councillor Miss Walsh urged that maps and plans for the housing scheme be put in hands as soon as possible.

Item No. 17—Cottages repaired during January, 1968, and to be repaired in February, 1968.

Councillor Miss Walsh complained of the delay in arranging for repairs to two cottages at Ballinacash and also made representations regarding the urgency of the need for repairs to the cottage of Mr. Kavanagh, Ballyknockan. Councillor Keenan asked if the boundaries of the gardens of the new houses in Aughrim could be marked and the tenants allowed to erect some form of fencing. He stated also that it was desirable that a concrete path be provided at the house of Mrs. Catherine O'Sullivan.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:- "I or someone for me move that scheme for swimming pool at Blessington be submitted to the Department of Local Government."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide a waiting room in the Co. Hospital, Wicklow, to accommodate the Psychiatric Patients who attend the clinic there."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council provide the people of Ballygannon with a sufficient supply of water."

In the name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "That water be provided for two houses at Bulford—Whelan's and McCormick's."

In the name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "That a light be provided at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."

In the name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "That a Dental Service be provided for Newtownmountkennedy."

In the name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:-

- James Synnott, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
- John Waters, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
- Martin Hamilton, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
- James Fagan, Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy.
- Dan Kehoe, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy.
- Mrs. Burke, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy.
- Liam Odum, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
- Mrs. Synnott, 16, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

In the name of Councillor T. Keenan:- "That I or someone for me will move that flooding in front of cottage of Mrs. Murphy, Killacloran Aughrim, be examined and relieved."

In the name of Councillor T. Keenan:- "Also that Kilpipe Lane from Mrs. O'Neill's cottage to Coolbawn be taken over by the Wicklow County Council and maintained."

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That garbage disposal be provided for Kilquade."

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That the works agreed as compensatory for Mr. J. O'Toole, Kiltimon, be proceeded with immediately."

In the names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:- "That the Council supply their two cottages at Milland, Tinahely, with mains water."

In the names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:- "That the Council lay a water main and connect their cottages to same at the Terrace, School Height, Carnew."

In the names of Councillor J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a main sewer for the people living in Shillelagh Village." In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council implement immediately the decision taken some months ago to provide sewerage facilities for Churchlands, Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- (a) "That in view of the seriousness of the lack of housing accommodation that at least 10 new houses be provided in Avoca without any further delay."

(b) "That a flooding problem which exists on the lands of Alan Daly, Killinure, Tullow, be examined and rectified immediately."

(c) "That flooding of land leading to holdings of (i) James Keogh, Knockeen, Tullow, and (ii) Denis Keogh, Knockeen, Tul'ow, which it is alleged is caused by continuous road surfacing, be examined and eliminated."

In the name of Councillor Miss Nancy O'Neill:- "That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting that the Council take over the roadway, Manor Avenue, Greystones, and instal some public lighting on same."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th February, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors Wm. Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, and Basil S. C. Phelan.

In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer also attended.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th November, 4th December, 11th December, 18th December, 1967, and 1st January, 1968.
2. Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967: (a) To consider making determination under Section 7 to waive condition attaching to making of allowances. (b) To consider waiving separate charges in respect of Criminal Injuries on valuation of £20 or less, subject to a maximum of £1 in respect of any one holding.
3. Vocational Schools:- Letters from Vocational Education Committee re (1) requesting agreement to erection of permanent classrooms in lieu of pre-fabricated classrooms as previously approved and (2) requesting grant of £10,000 for erecting and equipping new Science Room at Dunlavin Vocational School.
4. Proposed acquisition of derelict sites at Baltinglass.
5. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme—to consider making of scheme.
6. Coast Protection Scheme—Bray Promenade.
7. Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government approving of contract documents.
8. To fill vacancy on County Council in accordance with notice.
9. Authorisation of excess expenditure in year to 31st March, 1968.
10. Creation of 1 additional post of Clerical Officer and 1 additional post of Clerk/Typist.
11. Implementation of 42½ hour week for non-nursing personnel employed in Council's institutions.
12. Renewed application for introduction of 42½ hour week for Road workers.
13. Boilermen at Newcastle Hospital — recommendation of Labour Court for increase in remuneration.
14. Revision of salary of Senior Dental Officer.
15. Newcastle Hospital—Provision of ward kitchenette in Admission Unit.
16. Blind Welfare Scheme:- Increase in capitation grant for persons maintained in approved Institutions.

17. N.E. Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval in principle to Scheme
18. Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray and adjoining area—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to drawings and specification in respect of certain works.
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council widen and surface the footpath from Rathnew to Ashford."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "That the Council remove the bank at Armstrong's entrance, Courtfoyle."
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24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the Council surface dress the open space at the front of the National School at Knockananna."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That the Council have removed the dangerous tree at the road junction at Parkmore, Baltinglass."
26. Report of meeting of Committee of Council and sub-committee of Committee of Agriculture regarding office accommodation.
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Wm. Cleary:- "That the Council revert back to the Courthouse for the purpose of holding their meetings."
28. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- (a) "That the Council provide Mains Water for Council tenants in Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, and that the water charge not exceed 1s. 9d. per week." (b) "That the Council provide Mains Water for the people of Kilnamanagh, Glenealy."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That water be supplied to George Byrne and Joseph Dowling of Ballylusk by means of an extension from Ballyknockan Crossroads."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the Council extend the water supply to 3 Council houses at Raheen-glass, Coolboy."
31. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th November, 4th December, 11th December, 18th December, 1967, and 1st January, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, (a) To consider making determination under section 7 to waive condition attaching to making of allowances. (b) To consider waiving separate charges in respect of Criminal Injuries on Valuation of £20 or less, subject to a maximum of £1 in respect of any one holding.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister we hereby determine that the making of any allowance under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1939 to 1967, in respect of a tenement of agricultural land shall not be regarded as having been made subject to any condition requiring payment of the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1968, within such financial year.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, and being satisfied that the expenses of levying and collecting the Rate for Criminal Injuries on holdings consisting of land only with a Valuation of £20 or less would exceed the amount leviable, we waive the levying and collection of such Rate.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that in respect of the rate for the financial year 1967/'68 the Council had agreed that the levying of the rate for the separate charge in relation to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board on holdings of land only under £20 be waived since the expenses of levying and collecting the rate would exceed the amount leviable. The Council passed the following Resolution.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That being satisfied that the expenses of levying and collecting the Rate for the separate charge relating to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board on holdings of land only under £20 would exceed the amount leviable, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of waiving the levying and collection of such Rate.

Passed unanimously.

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Item No. 3—Vocational Schools—Letters from Vocational Education Committee re (1) Requesting agreement to erection of permanent Classrooms in lieu of pre-fabricated classrooms as previously approved, and (2) Requesting Grant of £10,000 for erecting and equipping new Science Room at Dunlavin Vocational School.

The County Secretary stated that the Council in 1966 had approved of the making of a Grant of £20,000 to finance the provision by the Vocational Education Committee of extra classrooms at various centres throughout the County. It had been proposed that these classrooms would be pre-fabricated wooden structures. The Vocational Education Committee now wishes to utilise portion of the balance of the Grant for providing and equipping classrooms of a permanent nature built of concrete blocks, etc., instead of pre-fabricated classrooms and asked the agreement of the Council to this proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 29th January, 1968, from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee we approve of the grant of £20,000 made by the Council in respect of provision of extra classrooms at Vocational Schools in the County being used in part for the provision of permanent classrooms built of concrete blocks instead of pre-fabricated classrooms.

Passed unanimously.

The Vocational Education Committee had requested the making available of a grant of a sum of £10,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping a new Science Room at Dunlavin Vocational School. It was stated that the project had already been sanctioned by the Department of Education and it was hoped that the new room would be ready for use by the Autumn of 1968.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 25th January, 1968, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee we hereby approve, subject to the consent of the Minister for Education, to the making of a Grant to the Committee of the sum of £10,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping a new Science Room at Dunlavin Vocational School and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of twenty years for the purpose of making such Grant, subject to the recoupment to the Council of one half of such Loan Charges by Minister for Education.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Proposed acquisition of derelict sites at Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that two years previously the Vocational Education Committee had acquired a site for a new Vocational School at Baltinglass. The amalgamation of the Secondary top attached to the Presentation Convent School and Baltinglass Vocational

School had now been effected and the Committee was about to undertake preliminary planning for a new Post-Primary School at Baltinglass. It would materially effect the planning and siting of the proposed new school if ownership of a number of derelict houses on the site boundary could be acquired by the Committee. As there was difficulty in tracing ownership of some of these derelict sites the Committee asked if the County Council would assist by acquiring the sites under the Derelict Sites Act. The County Engineer had reported that the sites had been inspected and that they could be classified as derelict sites under the provisions of the Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered application of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee we approve of the acquisition by the Council of derelict sites at Baltinglass required for the purposes of a site for a new Post-Primary School at Baltinglass subject to the costs of acquisition being recouped to the Council by the Vocational Education Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme—To consider making of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that in the current financial year only one application for a Loan under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme had been received. In both the previous years only one application had been received and it seemed that there would be little point in continuing to operate a Scheme under the Act. Councillor J. Temple stated that it would not seem to be any harm in retaining the Scheme for a further year and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of the operation of a Scheme under Section 2 of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, in respect of the year 1968 on similar terms to the Scheme operated for the year 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Coast Protection Scheme—Bray Promenade.

The County Secretary stated that Reports of the County Engineer and of the Town Engineer, Bray, in regard to the need for a Coast Protection Scheme at the Promenade in Bray had been considered by the Council at a previous Meeting and had been referred to the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area for examination. The Members of the Council for the Area had considered the proposal and agreed that a Coast Protection Scheme was urgently required to protect the Esplanade and valuable property in Bray and had asked that the Engineers' Reports and Plans be forwarded to the Commissioners of Public Works and the matter submitted for approval by the Council at the next Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—Having considered Report of County Engineer dated 24th November, 1967, and being satisfied that the Promenade in the Urban District of Bray within the County of Wicklow is being progressively damaged by the continuing encroachment of the Sea and that the encroachment is liable to endanger the buildings and amenities of a residential area and other valuable property we hereby declare that the promotion of a Coast Protection Scheme is expedient and that the Commissioners be asked to carry out a Preliminary Examination.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to this undertaking by the Council as Promoting Authority for the Coast Protection Scheme at Bray Promenade in Bray Urban District as indicated in the Report of the County Engineer of 24th November, 1967, that if, after the carrying out by the Commissioners of Public Works of a Preliminary Examination of the encroachment of the sea, the Commissioners make a determination under Paragraph (a) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 4 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, or the Council as Promoting Authority makes a declaration under Paragraph (a) of Sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the Act, the Council, as Promoting Authority, will pay the amount which will become appropriate to be paid by them when a notice under Sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, has been served.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government approving of contract documents.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government indicating that Tenders might be invited on the basis of the Contract Documents submitted for the urgent works approved in respect of the Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme. It was stated by the Department that favourable consideration would be given to a Loan application to defray the Council's share of the capital cost of the works but that no financial assistance from the Department was payable in respect of that share. The cost of the urgent works was estimated at £40,000, of which £8,000 would relate to the County Health District. It was expected that Tenders would be invited within the next few weeks. The Council noted that the Scheme would be put in hands and was expected to be completed within current year.

Item No. 8—To fill vacancy on Co. Council in accordance with Notice.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of the

late Councillor James Everett, T.D., be filled by Mr. James Gregory, Kilpedder.

Passed unanimously.

In proposing the Resolution Councillor Bourke stated that he felt that the practical tribute that could be paid to the late Deputy Everett would be to fill his seat by co-opting a member from his own party. Councillor Phelan, seconding the proposal, stated on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party that they were in full agreement that Mr. Gregory was fully capable of filling the position. Councillor F. Hynes thanked the Fine Gael and Fianna Fail representatives for proposing and seconding the co-option. Members of the Council expressed agreement with the policy being followed in regard to the filling of the vacancy. The County Secretary stated that prior consent of Mr. Gregory to his being proposed had been received.

Item No. 9—Authorisation of Excess Expenditure in Year to 31st March, 1968.

The Co. Secretary submitted details of expenditure incurred in excess of the amounts provided in the Estimates in the current financial year and pointed out that it would be necessary to authorise expenditure under any specific headings in the Estimates which were likely to be exceeded. At the suggestion of Councillor Costello it was agreed that details of the over-expenditure be circulated to the Members of the Council and the item included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 10—Creation of 1 Additional Post of Clerical Officer and 1 Additional Post of Clerk/Typist.

The County Secretary stated that a Clerical Officer was required for the office of the County Secretary. The present staff consisted of 1 Staff Officer and 2 Clerk/Typists and there had been a considerable increase in the work to be discharged in the office particularly having regard to the number of Meetings of the Council and of Committees of the Council. During the year to 31st December, 1967, there had been 32 Meetings of the Council and 21 Committee Meetings. A Clerk/Typist was required for the office of the Senior Dental Surgeon to deal with the arranging of daily Clinics for two full-time and two part-time Dental Surgeons, checking patients' charts following Clinics and School Medical Examinations and typing and filing work. Councillor E. Byrne pointed out that the Council had agreed some time previously as to the need for a Clerical Officer for the Secretary's Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of 1 additional post of Clerk/Typist and of the creation of 1 additional post of Clerical Officer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Implementation of 42½ hour week for non-nursing personnel employed in Council's institutions.

The County Secretary stated that following a Conciliation Confer-

ence at the Labour Court it had been agreed with the Unions concerned, subject to the approval of the Council, that a 42½ hour working week be applied to non-nursing personnel in the Council's Institutions at Wicklow, Baltinglass and Rathdrum, with effect as from 1st Feb., 1968.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we approve of the implementation of a 42½ hour working week for non-nursing personnel in the District Hospital, Wicklow, District Hospital, Baltinglass, and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, with effect as from 1st February, 1968, as agreed following Conciliation Conference under auspices of Labour Court.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Renewed application for introduction of 42½ hour week for Road Workers.

The County Secretary stated that the Labour Court had recommended that the daily working hours of Road Workers be reduced to 9 as from the Spring of 1968 and that the hours of work be discussed further in September, 1968. The effect of the recommendation was to reduce the average working hours per week to less than 45. The recommendation had not, however, been accepted by the Unions and further representations had been received from the Unions concerned asking that the Council agree to the introduction of the 42½ hour week. It had been pointed out on behalf of the Unions that nine Co. Councils had already agreed to this proposal. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the cost of applying an average 42½ hour week for Road Workers was approximately £11,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That having considered further Recommendation No. 2208 of the Labour Court and further applications received from employees' Unions we approve of the operation of an average 42½ hour week for Council Road Workers with effect from 1st April, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Boilermen at Newcastle Hospital — Recommendation of Labour Court for increase in remuneration.

The County Secretary stated that the Labour Court in Recommendation No. 2238 had recommended that the wage rate for Boilermen at Newcastle Hospital be increased to £11 7s. 6d. per week. The present rate of remuneration was £10 7s. 6d. per week. The revised rate would apply from 1st October, 1967, if approved.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation No. 2238 of the Labour Court we approve of the payment of revised weekly wage of

£11 7s. 6d. per week to the Boilermen employed at Newcastle Hospital with effect from 1st October, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Revision of Salary of Senior Dental Officer.

The County Secretary stated that a recommendation had been received from the Arbitration Board under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers for the application of a revised salary scale for the grade of Senior Dental Surgeon of £2,300, increasing by six equal annual increments of £67 to a maximum of £2,702 operative from the 1st day of June, 1966, and exclusive of the Tenth Round increase. The revised salary scale would involve an extra cost of £405 in a full year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation of Arbitration Board under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve of the application of a Salary Scale of £2,300 x £67—£2,702 to the post of Senior Dental Officer with effect from 1st June, 1966, exclusive of Tenth Round increase, and hereby authorise expenditure of £405 to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Newcastle Hospital—Provision of Ward Kitchenette in Admission Unit.

The County Secretary stated that it was necessary to provide a kitchenette in the Admission Unit at Newcastle Hospital. Prior to the opening of the Hospital it had been decided to convert the existing kitchen in the Admission Ward into a patients' diningroom since it was too large in view of the fact that meals were prepared in the main kitchen and no diningroom was available. The space saved by this reconstruction enabled the Hospital to provide for an additional six to eight patients. It had been found necessary, however, to provide a kitchenette for the service of light meals to patients in the Admission Unit. The matter had been recommended by the Visiting Committee to the Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a ward kitchenette in the Admission Unit at Newcastle Hospital at an estimated cost of £600

Item No. 16—Blind Welfare Scheme—Increase in Capitation Grant for Persons Maintained in Approved Institutions.

The following letter from Department of Social Welfare was submitted:—

A.D. 8/67.
Circular No. H.A. 2/68

Department of Social Welfare,
Aras Mhic Dhiarmada,
Dublin.
9 Eanáir, 1968.

A chara,

With reference to the Scheme for the Welfare of the Blind, I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to state that applications

have been received from the authorities of approved institutions for the blind for increased grants from the Department and from Local Authorities.

Having given full consideration to the matter, the Minister considers that a general increase in the existing figure of £100, the rate of annual capitation grants paid by the local authorities to institutions for the blind, is warranted. His approval may, therefore, be assumed for an increase of £25 in the capitation grant with effect from 1st April, 1967, in respect of each blind person maintained in an approved School, Home or Hostel at the request of a local authority. Consideration is being given to increasing the State capitation grants to these institutions.

I am to request that any action taken in the matter by the local authority will be notified, as soon as possible, to this Department.

Mise, le meas

1. Runai, Udaras Slainte.
2. Runai, Comhairle Chontae.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved — That having considered letter of 9th January, 1968, from the Department of Social Welfare, we approve of an increase of £25 in the capitation Grant in respect of each blind person maintained in an approved School, Home or Hospital, with effect from 1st April, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—North-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government Conveying Approval In Principle To Scheme.

The Council noted letter received from the Department of Local Government indicating that no objection in principle was seen to the proposal to take a water supply from the River Dargle in the vicinity of Tinnahinch Bridge for the environs of Bray and the area southwards to Greystones and Delgany. It was stated that the obligations of Dublin Corporation to supply water should be clarified with particular reference to Greystones and Delgany. Existing Schemes should be shown on the drawings and the location and number of existing houses not already supplied should also be indicated. Information had been supplied to the Department in regard to the obligations of Dublin Corporation to supply water in the area. Arrangements were being made to have existing Schemes indicated on the drawings and location and number of existing houses not already supplied also shown. The Council agreed that the Scheme was very necessary and should be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Item No. 18—Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray and Adjoining Area — Letter from Department of Local Government Conveying Approval to Drawings and Specifications in Respect of Certain Works.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had approved of drawings and specifications submitted in

respect of the following works, being part of the Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray and the adjoining area:—

1. Rural Spine Sewer.
2. Little Bray Flood Relief Sewer.
3. Putland Road Culvert.
4. Old Connaught Culvert.
5. Herbert Road Culvert.

A number of amendments to the Scheme had also been suggested. It was indicated by the Department that the proposed Pump House and Esplanade Sewer should be deferred for the present and that a more detailed investigation of infiltration to existing sewers under various conditions could proceed so that a scheme which will not involve excessive pumping can be designed as a second stage. The County Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer did not agree with the Department's recommendation for the deferring of the Pump House and that a further discussion was being arranged with the County Engineer and the Department's Inspector. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes—"That the Council Widen and Surface the footpath from Rathnew to Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was a footpath in existence along this road but that it was in need of shaping and improvement and that provision was being made in the coming year's Estimates for a sum of £1,750 under the heading of Main Road Improvements for shaping and providing a tarmac surface. The Council noted that provision for the work was being made in the Estimates for the coming financial year.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Bourke—"That the Council Remove the Bank at Armstrong's Entrance, Courtfoyle."

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter was not yet available and the Council agreed to defer the matter.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan—"That the Dangerous Bend at Rathmore be put in Hands Immediately."

Councillor Phelan stated that a number of accidents had occurred at this dangerous bend and urged that work be carried out to remove the corner as soon as possible. He expressed surprise that money should be expended on such works as widening the road at Kilmurray where there had been no accident whereas nothing had been done regarding the dangerous bend at Rathmore. Councillor Miley inquired as to the amount of unexpended Grants which had been made available by the Department to the Council. The County Engineer stated that Grants were allocated to specific Arterial Roads but the Council had difficulty in acquiring the necessary lands to carry out the Schemes. He also referred to lack of staff in the past and pointed out that such Schemes had to be planned well in advance. Councillor J. Miley stated that a Grant had been secured for work on a road at Blessington Lake but the Scheme had not been carried out yet. The

County Manager stated that it was correct that sums of money had been allocated to improve the Arterial Road from Bray to Arklow and a large part of these monies had been allocated to the section immediately South of Bray. Negotiations for acquisition of the necessary land had been proceeding for three or four years but it had been found impossible to acquire all the lands necessary by agreement and in consequence a Compulsory Purchase Order had been made by the Council and the decision of the Minister in regard to the Order was now awaited. The monies allocated would be made available to the Council and would be absorbed on this particular scheme as soon as the lands were available. Progress on the road at Blessington Lake had also been held up due to difficulty in acquiring land. The County Engineer pointed out that the works at Bray would cost in the region of a quarter of a million pounds and that monies allocated could be expended immediately the land was available and the work would absorb several further allocations of funds. In reply to Councillor Timmins the County Secretary stated that the Council had been receiving Grants for Tourist Roads over a period of years but these Grants had ceased some years ago and the Council had been informed that no further Grants for Tourist Roads would be available. The Council had made special representations for a further Grant for the completion of the road around the Lake at Blessington and eventually one additional Grant had been made available.

In regard to the bend at Rathmore the County Engineer stated that no monies had been allocated for this work as yet and that before any work could be carried out a survey would require to be done.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That the Council Remove the Dangerous Bend on the Arklow Road in the Village of Rathnew."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that a Scheme had been prepared for its improvement and negotiations were in hand for the acquisition of the necessary land.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That the Council remove the dangerous bend on the Arklow Road in the village of Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—

(a) "That the Road from Tinnakilly Upper to Byrne's Cottage, a Distance of a half-mile Approximately and Serving 4 Families Be Taken Over and Maintained." (b) "That the Road from Whitebridge, Avoca, to Ballymurtagh, serving 7 Houses, be Taken Over by the Council and Maintained."

The County Engineer reported that the road from Tinnakilly Upper to Byrne's cottage was a half mile in length and 16 to 20 feet in width and that the cost of putting it in repair would be £600. There were four houses on the road and the annual maintenance would be

about £60. In regard to the road from Whitebridge, Avoca, to Ballymurtagh, the following Report was submitted by the County Engineer:—

12th February, 1968.

County Secretary.

Re: Proposed Taking Over of Road.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 9th ultimo in regard to Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor T. J. Keenan—

"That the Road from Whitebridge, Avoca, to Ballymurtagh serving 7 Houses be Taken Over by the County Council and Maintained."

The first part of this road which is 483 lin. yds. serves six houses. It is very windy and steep and is built into the side of a mountain. It is very narrow, only 9 feet wide and a considerable amount of work would have to be carried out to widen and fence it. Extensive drainage would also have to be carried out. The estimate cost for repairing this portion of the road is as follows:—

Widening, improving and surfacing of road	...	£1,800	0	0
Fence	...	£350	0	0
Drainage	...	£350	0	0
TOTAL:		£2,500	0	0

The remaining portion of the road which is over 900 yards long, serves only two houses. This portion of the road is in fairly good condition, but there are certain sections in which protective barriers will have to be put up, as due to the slipping of the excavations on either side there is a considerable drop. The two houses on this road previously used another road which was obliterated by the working of the Mines. It is possible that these two householders got compensation for the loss of the road. The estimate cost of repairing the road leading to these two houses is £500. The total, therefore, for repairing the entire length of the two portions of the road referred to is £3,000 0 0.

I would like to point out if this road is Taken Over and repaired by the Council due to its steepness, and the terrain over which it has been constructed, it will be expensive to maintain.

Mise, le meas,

County Engineer.

The Council agreed to refer both these matters to the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Whelan:—
"That The Council Surface Dress the Open Space at the Front of the National School at Knockananna."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he had been unable to ascertain if this area was in fact Council property but that the estimated cost for surface dressing the open space was £15. He stated that there would be no objection to carrying out the work once it had been established that the space was Council property.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That the Council surface dress the open space at the front of the National School at Knockananna.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
"That the Council Have Removed the Dangerous Tree at the Road Junction at Parkmore, Baltinglass."

Councillor O'Neill stated that this tree was very close to some houses at Parkmore and the local Forestry Inspector had indicated that it was dangerous. Councillor O'Neill stated he had made arrangements with the local sawyer who was prepared to give an estimate for the removal of the tree and also with the local landowner on whose land the tree would fall. It was necessary, however, for the Council to arrange with the E.S.B. and with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the removal of electricity supply lines and telephone lines.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That the Council have removed the dangerous tree at the road junction at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman pointed out that it would be necessary to have an estimate of the cost submitted and approved.

Sewerage Scheme at Churchlands, Tinahely.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that a Scheme for provision of sewerage at Churchlands, Tinahely, had been initiated in 1963 but had not yet been carried out and asked that this matter be examined immediately.

Numbers of Roadworkers Employed.

Arising out of the County Engineer's estimate of the cost for the reduction in working hours for Road Workers Councillor Temple asked that particulars be supplied of the numbers of Road Workers employed by the Council indicating the number in each category.

Dental Services.

Councillor Hynes referred to the difficulty of Medical Card holders in obtaining dentures and Councillor Miss Walsh to the delay in getting dentures and it was asked if this service could be improved. Councillor J. Bourke asked that a report be submitted in regard to the Dental Clinic at Newtownmountkennedy.

Parking of Caravan at Arklow for Purposes of Elections.

Councillor Costello referred to the approval given by the Council at the previous Meeting for the placing of a caravan on the Council's

Car Park off the Main Street, Arklow, for the period of the Election campaign by the Sinn Féin organisation and stated that the site had been inspected and it was felt that it would not be satisfactory. He asked if the Council would reconsider their decision in the matter and agree to the placing of the caravan at the Parade Ground, Arklow. The Council agreed that the caravan be placed on the Parade Ground, Arklow, provided that it could be so sited as not to interfere with the use of the Parade Ground for the parking of cars. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to consult the Garda Authorities on the matter.

The Council decided to adjourn the remaining matters on the Agenda to the next Meeting.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That this Council either agree to the sale of the vested cottage owned by Patrick Kavanagh, Carrignamuck, Knockananna, to S. O'Connor, 10, Ballsbridge Avenue, Dublin, or that the Council purchase the cottage."

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, and W. Cleary:— "That this Council give a report on the progress made in acquiring proper access to Clogga Beach."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That the Gregory family, Newcastle, be allowed to purchase their cottage outright." In the names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:— (a) "That the Council lay a watermain and connect their cottages to same at Hillbrook, Coolbeg, Arklow." (b) "That the Council build four cottages for the following families:— (1) Mr. Richard Doyle, Fairwood, Coolbeg, Arklow; (2) Mr. Michael Barnes, Coolboy Street; (3) Mrs. Doran, Rosnastraw, Tinahely; (4) Mrs. O'Rourke, Coolbeg."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That the Council terminate all water and sewerage charges paid by County Council tenants in this County once the Loan is paid back." (b) "That this Council provide two public lights at Ballygannon, Rathdrum."

In the names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:— (1) "That this Council remove the old bank facing the houses at Ballywaltrim." (2) "That the Council remove the dangerous tree at the rear of 18 and 19 Cottages at Ballywaltrim." (3) "That the roadway facing Kennedy Park be put in a proper state of repair."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— (a) "That the Council take over Coolahullen Lane and put it in proper repair." (b) "That the County Engineer will submit a report on flooding on the road from Clone to Ballycoogue." (c) "That Road No. 245 from Mr. Cassidy's holding to Mullinacuffe be put into proper repair." (d) "That a survey be carried out and plans be prepared immediately to implement the

decision of this Council to instal a Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands area."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That the Council be supplied with Road Grants 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967, under all headings and the amount of money not spent to date under all headings." In the name of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and James Miley:— (a) "That the Council provide an additional street light between the village and the Church of Ireland at Donard." (b) "That direction signs be provided in Donard village."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:— (a) "That we protest strongly against any attempt to abolish the proportional representation system of election." (b) "That we request the Government to give Local Authorities the power to acquire land through compulsory purchase within six months of negotiations opening and that they have the power to regulate the price of such land at a figure based on its agricultural value."



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 26th February, 1968.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. J. Forristal, Chief Assistant County Engineer, attended.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

Deputation from Wicklow Executive of National Farmers' Association.

The Council received a Deputation from the Wicklow Executive of the National Farmers' Association. Mr. J. J. Nolan, Hon. Secretary, addressed the Council. Having thanked the Chairman and Members for receiving the Deputation, Mr. Nolan referred to the burden of Rates on the farming community and pointed out that the farmer was the only person who paid Rates on the basic materials used for his livelihood, namely the land. He accepted that a reasonable increase in the Rate could be expected having regard to increasing costs of remuneration and the extension of Social Services but the income of the agricultural community had not increased in line with increases in income of other sections. In regard to the Estimates submitted to the Council he expressed concern at the increase in the costs of the Health Services and referred to the understanding that the Rate for Health Services would be stabilised at the 1965/66 level. In regard to the Estimate for Road Services, Road Grants had reduced from 51 per cent. to 43 per cent. and he expressed the view that certain of the works carried out by the Council on Main Roads were unnecessary and wasteful of money. He urged that only necessary repair and maintenance work and Winter emergency work be carried out and savings effected under this heading. He referred also to the increase in the cost of Rate Collection and suggested that it was a costly and obsolete system of collection. He objected also to the contribution to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and urged that this be withheld entirely. The Civil Defence Control Centre proposed was described as audacious and it was considered that the Civil Defence Service should be scrapped as had happened in Britain. He described the proposal to build new offices for the Committee of Agriculture and for the Engineering Staff at a cost of £60,000 as being monstrous. In regard to the charge for Bank Interest and Loan Charges he urged that the Council not permit expenditure to exceed income at any time with a view to effecting savings in Overdraft Interest. In summing up Mr. Nolan stated (1) that the N.F.A. were opposed to any increase in Rates whatsoever for the year 1968/69, (2) that since Marts had not been operating freely for a long time an extension of the time for payment of the second moiety of Rates to May 15th for the year 1967/68 be allowed, (3) that the rating system be revised, (4) that no further Debit Balances be incurred to be carried forward to the following year, (5) that Council expenditure be directed in such a way that all Interest charges of any kind be eliminated within a reasonable period of time, (6) that in pruning expenditure no economies be

effected at the expense of the very poor and downtrodden save in the matter of efficiency.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, pointed out that it was not proposed to have any discussion on the statements submitted but assured the members of the Deputation that the Council would do the best that they could in regard to the Rate for the coming financial year as the Council had done in the past. He paid tribute to the County Manager for his industry and integrity and went on to point out the difficulties faced by the Council in dealing with the Estimates. Councillor Whelan, on a point of correction, referred to the statement in the White Paper on the Health Services in which it was indicated that further extensions of the Health Services would not be met in any proportion by the local Rates. Councillor Costello, congratulating the farmers' representative on the case presented to the Council, proposed that the Council protest against the present system of rating and ask the Government to provide a Rates Deficiency Grant from the Exchequer so that Rates in all Counties would be stabilised at their present figure. Councillor Deering, having seconded the proposal, the Chairman ruled that the Motion was not in order but indicated that he was prepared to accept a Notice of Motion on the matter. Councillor Costello handed in a Notice of Motion requesting the introduction of a Rates Deficiency Grant and demanding the introduction of an alternative system of financing Local Government based on incomes.

The Council then proceeded to examine the Estimates in detail.

Roads Services.

The County Manager gave the details of the provisions made in the Estimates in respect of Road Services. In reply to inquiry from Members the County Engineer stated that there had been an accumulation of Arterial Road Grants over some years due to the difficulty of acquiring land in the area adjoining Bray but pointed out that these monies would be absorbed very rapidly once the Scheme for the Arterial Road Improvement South of Bray commenced. The accumulation of Grants amounted to £205,000 but the Scheme for the Arterial Road Improvement South of Bray would cost £260,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That provision of £10,000 for Special Programme for County Roads be reduced by £7,584, and balance of £2,416 be expended on roads serving Council Housing Schemes.

Passed, Councillor Temple dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we ask the Minister for Local Government to increase the County Road Grant to £33,757 for the financial year 1968/69.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillor Whelan, the County Engineer stated that the Staff was deficient in two members of the Planning Staff, viz. the Chief Planning Assistant and Planning Assistant, and by one permanent Assistant County Engineer, together with an additional Engineer for the mapping of cottage plots for vesting. In reply to the Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that the reduction of £7,584 made in the Estimates represented a reduction of 7s. 4d. in the £.

The Council adjourned further consideration of the Estimates to

a Meeting to be held on Monday, 4th March, 1968.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That we ask the Government to introduce a Rates Deficiency Grant so that local authorities can be enabled to stabilise Rates at present figures and that we demand the introduction of an alternative system of financing local government based on incomes."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney, Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley and Thomas J. Keenan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, to Thomas Staunton, Esq., Brittas Bay, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Whelan:- "That we acquire land adjacent to the sea on the East Coast for parking facilities for the general public."

In the name of Councillor John J. Bourke:-

- (a) "That a scavenging service be provided for Kilquade."
- (b) "That the Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to speed up the provision of an automatic exchange for Newtownmountkennedy."
- (c) "That the Council appoint an additional Engineer for the Wicklow Area."
- (d) "That the piece of land at Newtownmountkennedy rendered waste by re-routing of road be used for building houses."
- (e) "That the fountain at 'Reaper's Row,' Newtownmountkennedy, be moved nearer to Council cottages."
- (f) "That repairs be carried out to Jerry Shannon's house, paths and gate piers, at 13, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was resumed at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th March, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, Seamus Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, Councillor James Miley took the chair on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and County Accountant attended.

Councillor J. Miley, Chairman, informed the Members that a Deputation was present from the Blessington Development Association in connection with the provision of a swimming pool at Blessington and requested the agreement of the Council to receive the Deputation. The Members of the Council having agreed, Rev. S. Cassidy, C.C., Blessington, addressed the Members. On behalf of the Blessington Development Association Rev. S. Cassidy, C.C., asked the Council to approve of proceeding with the provision of a swimming pool for Blessington. He stated that in the past few years nine lives had been lost in the Blessington Lakes, which were treacherous and dangerous for swimming. The Dublin Corporation also had forbidden swimming in the Lakes and in view of the increasing numbers of tourists visiting Blessington as well as the local need a swimming pool was a necessary amenity. He pointed out that the Development Association was prepared to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the swimming pool. Councillor J. Miley, Chairman, stated that the matter would be considered by the Council in the course of dealing with the Estimates.

The Council then proceeded with the examination of the Estimates for Health Services.

The County Manager stated that the Estimates as submitted included a sum of £23,403 to cover possible increases in remuneration for staff employed on Health Services during the coming financial year. As the Council had already been informed a number of applications for increases in remuneration had been received but no decisions had yet been made on the claims submitted. As the amount of any increases in remuneration had not been determined the County Manager suggested that the Council might wish to defer making a provision for any increase in remuneration until the amounts had been determined. The County Manager confirmed that the Council would not lose any part of the Health Grant by omitting the proposed provision for increases in remuneration. The Council on the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill agreed to omit the provision in the Estimates for Health Services for increases in remuneration. The County Manager stated that the effect of this reduction was approximately 1/4d. in the £.

In regard to the cost of Medicines Councillor Costello claimed that there was profiteering in regard to the charges made for Medicines and proposed that the Council protest against any profiteering in relation to Medicines and also urged that the cost of Health Services be defrayed in full from central funds.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That the cost of Health Services be defrayed from Central Funds.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello:

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That arrangements be made for the manufacture of medicines by the State to eliminate any profiteering in medicines.

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

In Favour: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, Miss M. Walsh. — Seven.

Against: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan and J. Whelan. — Nine.

The Motion was declared defeated by nine votes against to seven votes in favour.

At 5 p.m. the Council adjourned further discussion of the Estimates to a Meeting to be held on Monday, 11th March, 1968.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was resumed at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th March, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Seamus Costello, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory. In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Accountant and Staff Officer, Health Services, attended.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the Government and the relatives of the late Mr. Donogh O'Malley, Minister for Education. Having spoken in support of the Resolution, Councillor S. Costello suggested that in future only one Member from each Political Party represented on the Council should speak to a Resolution of Sympathy.

The Councillor proceeded to consider the Estimates for Health Services.

The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received by telephone of an increase of £3,000 in the amount of the Health Grant allocated to the Council for the year 1968/69. The additional Grant would effect a reduction in the proposed Rate of approximately 2d. in the £.

Supply of Medicines.

Councillor J. Temple referred to complaints he had received that patients who had been recommended particular drugs by Specialists in Dublin Hospitals found difficulty in being supplied with these drugs on returning home and asked that the matter be investigated.

The County Manager referred to the letter which had been addressed to the Members of the Council on the 16th February, 1968, in regard to the increase of £20,000 in the Health Grant for the year 1967/68. The effect of this increase in Grant in the present financial year was that the Debit Balance of £8,173 shown in the Estimates as submitted to the Council would be eliminated and replaced by a Credit Balance of £6,970. This increase in the Receipts in the present year resulted in the reduction of 1/2d. in the Rate for Health Services. In consequence the total reductions made by the Council in respect of Health Services amounted to approximately 2/9d. in the £.

The Council completed the examination of the Health Services without any further amendments in the amounts provided.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Phelan regarding the cost of administration of Assistance, the County Manager pointed out that a greater part of the time of Assistance Officers was occupied in duties relating to the Health Services, i.e. examination of circumstances of applicants for medical cards or for hospital services, disabled persons allowances, etc. The Council agreed that the Department of Health be again approached with a view to obtaining recoupment from the Health Services Grant of proportion of the cost of remuneration of Assistance Officers.

Sanitary Services.

Councillor Phelan suggested that the provision made for Domestic Scavenging in the Estimates be increased to allow for the extension of this service to other areas. He urged the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for Kilquade. The County Manager pointed out that housing development at Kilquade was of a very low density and it would be unduly costly to provide a service for a rural type area such as Kilquade. Councillor Phelan stated that persons at Kilquade were prepared to bring the rubbish to a central collecting place if the service were introduced. The County Secretary stated that the Council had made several efforts to obtain a suitable site for a dumping ground in Kilquade but objections had been received to all sites suggested. The County Manager stated that difficulties were being experienced by the Council in all parts of the County in endeavouring to find suitable sites for dumping grounds. Councillor Whelan suggested that the Council consider the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for Tinahely by direct labour.

Swimming Pool.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we provide a sum of £1,000 for Loan Charges for a swimming pool for Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

Having completed the examination of the Estimates for Sanitary Services the Council adjourned further consideration of the Estimates to a Special Meeting to be held on Saturday, 16th March, 1968, at 10 a.m. The Members of the Council noted that in accordance with the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Estimates Meeting must be completed within 21 days from the first Meeting at which the Estimates were considered.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was resumed at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Saturday, 16th March, 1968, at 10 a.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and County Accountant attended.

The Council proceeded to consider the Estimates for Housing, General Purposes and Separate Charges.

Housing.

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that in view of the number of cottages which had been vested in the tenants the provision for Housing Repairs might be reduced to £10,000. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the provision made in the Estimates for 1967/'68 for Cottage Repairs was £10,000 but it had been necessary to vote a further £2,000 as excess expenditure in the present year. The Council decided to reduce the provision for Cottage Repairs from £15,000 to £10,000. The Council approved of the remaining items under the heading of Housing.

Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a Consultant be engaged to prepare a Sewerage Scheme for Kilcoole as a matter of urgency. The County Engineer pointed out that the houses to be built by the National Building Agency at Kilcoole would have to be served temporarily by a sewerage disposal unit pending the provision of a new Sewerage Scheme into which the sewerage for these houses would be connected. It was considered essential that the Scheme be planned and put in hands as soon as possible as the present system was overloaded. The Council approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the appointment of a Consultant to prepare the Scheme.

General Purposes.

Councillor J. Miley proposed that an additional sum equivalent to 2d. in the £ on the County Health District be provided in the Estimates to cover Loan Charges for the new Offices for the Committee of Agriculture or alternatively essential improvements to the existing Offices. He stated that the accommodation in the present offices was altogether inadequate.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That 2d. in the £ be provided towards cost of new offices or repairs to present buildings.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the proposed provision of new Offices for the Council's Staff it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor M. Deering and agreed by the Council that a Consultant be engaged to prepare plans for new Offices.

Sheep Dipping.

Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, asked that a report be submitted on the matter of providing a new sheep dipping bath at Lacken.

"Meals on Wheels."

Members of the Council inquired whether a contribution was being made by the Council towards the cost of the "Meals on Wheels" scheme being operated in Bray. The County Manager stated that application for a contribution had been received and that the Department of Health had been requested to approve of the scheme as an approved health service towards which a Health Services Grant would be payable but the Department had indicated that the scheme could not be accepted as an approved health service. The Council recommended that a contribution of £100 be made in respect of the "Meals on Wheels" scheme and that the Department of Health be requested to contribute a similar sum.

Machinery Expenses and Materials Expenses.

The County Secretary asked if the Council would agree to increase the provision for Materials Expenses by £10,000 and the provision for Machinery Expenses by £5,000 and increase the Receipts under General Purposes by corresponding amounts. These provisions would have no effect on the Rate but it was necessary to provide for sufficient expenditure to cover the costs of increases in remuneration granted to Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants during the past year and for increases in costs of materials. The Council approved of increasing the provision for Materials Expenses from £30,000 to £40,000 and increasing the provision for Machinery Expenses from £85,000 to £90,000 with corresponding increases in the Receipts under these headings.

Separate Charges.

The County Secretary stated that since the Estimates had been prepared and circulated a further Decree involving a payment of an additional £13 had been received. The Council agreed to increase the provision for Criminal Injuries from £1,972 to £1,985.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates of Expenses (as amended) the Rates set forth in Column 13 of Table 'C' and Column 15 of Table 'D' to be Rates in the £ levied for the several Services specified in the said Estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1969:-

ROADS	...	...	15/10.09
HEALTH	...	...	23/4.85
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	...	...	1/7.93
SANITARY	...	...	4/10.36
HOUSING	...	...	6/1.55
GENERAL PURPOSES	...	...	10/5.22
		TOTAL	62/4.00

SEPARATE CHARGES:

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	...	...	2/7.89
RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW	...	...
JOINT BURIAL BOARD	...	...	0/0.63
CRIMINAL INJURIES	...	...	0/1.41

Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:
Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1969, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
ROADS	2,992	12,186	2,428
HEALTH	16,643	67,775	13,506
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ...	1,154	4,699	936
GENERAL PURPOSES ...	1,447	5,892	1,174

SEPARATE CHARGES:

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	1,847		1,499
CRIMINAL INJURIES ...	82	334	66

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Miley complimented the Council's Staff on the manner in which the Estimates had been prepared and submitted to the Council and was supported by other Members. Councillor J. Temple asked that the members of the staff who had been required to attend on that day for the Estimates Meeting, this being not a normal working day, be allowed a day's leave in lieu. Councillor J. Miley suggested that the Officers who had attended that day instead be paid overtime in respect of their attendance.

The following Statement of the County Manager on the Estimates had been circulated to the Members together with the attached Table giving details of the Estimates:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.
16th February, 1968.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1968/'69.

A Dhuine Uasail,

In the attached Tables details are given, under the principal Service headings, of the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1969.

For the coming year the total Expenditure is estimated at £1,803,592. (It must be pointed out that this figure does not include the outlay under the headings of Materials Expenses and Machinery Expenses shown at the end of the Table for General Purposes as the principal Outlay for these Estimates is offset by corresponding Receipts. As explained in submitting Estimates previously the items under the heading of Materials Expenses and Machinery Expenses are merely a pro forma accounting detail necessary in order to conform to statutory requirements. In fact the charges for Plant and for Road Materials appear, in the ordinary way, in the Outlay of Roads). The total Receipts are shown at £852,558 so that the net Outlay which would have to be met from Rates would be £951,034.

The net Expenditure as now shown would require a Rate in the coming year of 65/10d. in the £. The separate Rates for the various Services and the variations from last year are shown below:—

ROADS: ...	16/5.22d.	Increase of 3/3.96d.
HEALTH: ...	26/1.93d.	Increase of 3/10.65d.
ASSISTANCE: ...	1/7.93d.	Increase of 1.41d.
SANITARY SERVICES: ...	4/9.42d.	Increase of 8.16d.
HOUSING: ...	6/6.26d.	Increase of 10.28d.
GENERAL PURPOSES: ...	10/3.24d.	Increase of 1/0.54d.

In addition to the provision for the normal requirements of the coming year it is necessary to allow for Debit Balances against three of the Services, the amount involved being £25,373, chargeable as follows: Roads £10,500; Health £8,173; and General Purposes £6,700. The debit against Roads is due to the revision of wages of Machinery Staff and additional expenditure on Winter Employment Schemes, Anti-Frost measures, and Social Insurance charges. In the case of Health there was additional outlay due to Hospital treatment costs together with the revision of remuneration of some of the hospital staffs and ambulance personnel, and the revision of disability allowances. Under the heading of General Purposes the principal items responsible are Overdraft Interest which will be up by £3,000 in the present year, and the revision of remuneration of members of the Fire Brigade.

The Estimate for Roads for the coming year shows a sharp rise, the rate required being 16/5d. as compared with 13/1d. Health is up by 3/10d. from 22/3d. to 26/2d. (approx.). Public Assistance will require about 1½d. due mainly to the revision of allowances. For Sanitary Services the rise is 8d. and there is about 10d. extra for Housing due to the additional provision being made for Repairs and for Loan Charges. In the case of General Purposes about 1/0½d. will be required and here the items mainly accountable are Overdraft Interest, Fire Brigades, Pensions and the Public Library.

ROADS

The expenditure on Roads, as shown in the Estimates, shows a sharp rise and, consequently, the Rate required would be 16/5.22d. as compared with 13/1.26d., a rise of 3/3.96d. The total expenditure on Roads is estimated at £411,623 of which it is taken that £178,000 would come from the Road Fund. It will be seen consequently that the proportion of the total outlay on Roads which will be met from Motor Taxation is 43 per cent.

Main Roads:

The Estimate submitted by the County Engineer for the Reconstruction and Maintenance of Main Roads is £120,714 which is £12,533 more than was allowed for 1967/'68. If account be taken of recoupment from the Road Fund the net increase for Main Roads is £6,172 (of the expenditure on the Reconstruction and Maintenance of Main Roads 50 per cent. is recouped from the Road Fund).

Due to recent increases in wages (10th round applicable from 1st May, 1966), and the additional provision to be made for Social Insurance (occupational injuries and redundancy) together with rise in the costs of materials it is considered that £10,733 extra will be required in respect of Main Roads in the coming year. £500 extra (£3,000 in all) is being provided for Winter Employment Schemes; £2,500 was included in the Estimates for 1967/'68 but the Council later voted an additional £500. The amount (£1,000) provided for Snow Clearance and anti-frost measures on main roads was also found inadequate and the County Engineer estimates the requirement for the coming year at £2,000. Loan Charges are up by £300 as some provision must be included for the initial charges on a new bridge at St. Valerie, Bray

(Arterial Route, T.7). The outlay for Reconstruction and Maintenance also includes £2,840 to meet the cost of special improvement works regarded as essential by Members of the Council. Of the additional outlay on Main Roads £6,117 will be met from the Road Fund so that the net amount to be met from Rates would be £6,172 or about 4.3d. in the £ expressed as a Rate.

County Roads:

The Estimate for County Roads provides for a much greater outlay in the coming year. To meet rises in wages, materials and insurance costs £8,200 will be required according to the County Engineer, while additional surface dressings will require £8,648—if the road surfaces (especially those reconstructed in recent years) are not to deteriorate this surfacing must be carried out. During the present year the Council took over a number of new roads and the County Engineer estimates the cost of reconstructing them at £3,732. The total of these three items comes to £20,580 and, consequently, the estimate for maintenance and reconstruction of County Roads is £106,293 as compared with £85,713 for the present year.

For Winter Relief Work an additional £900 is included, and £500 extra is being provided for Snow Clearance and anti-frost measures on County Roads.

During the present financial year the Council discussed the taking over for improvement and public maintenance of many lengths of roadway. The County Engineer estimates that if these roads be classified as public roads the cost of improving and maintaining them would be £20,747. Complaints have been made of the condition of some roads serving Council housing areas and it is estimated that £2,416 would be necessary to improve them.

It has frequently been asked that some County Roads be reconstructed and improved and the County Engineer estimates that the cost of all these proposals which have been raised from time to time by Members of the Council would come to £47,230.

The additional expenditure which might have to be met on County Roads can in consequence be seen to fall under three headings:

Roads to be taken over and improved	£20,747
Existing County Roads to be reconstructed	£47,230
Improvement of Housing Schemes Roads	£2,416
TOTAL:	£70,393

It will be quite clear that to endeavour to meet such a programme in a year or two would require a much higher rate — about 5/6d. in the £. As it would not be reasonable to expect that the Council would incur the expenditure of £70,393 in one year it may be, however, that the Council would wish to undertake such a programme over a period of seven years and accordingly £10,000 for this purpose is specially included in the Estimates under the heading of "County Roads — Special Programme of Improvements."

In all the requirements for increased costs (wages, insurance and materials), surface dressing, reconstruction of roads taken over, Winter Employment Schemes, anti-frost measures, and the new special programme of improvements would entail additional outlay of £31,980 on County Roads, which is equivalent to about 2/7d. as a Rate.

The Loan Charges for County Roads show an increase of £885 (£1,826 as compared with £941). The additional provision is required to meet Loan Charges for new bridge at Davidstown.

Road Fund Grants:

Works to be undertaken with special grants from the Road Fund do not affect the county rate. Last year (1967) £85,400 was notified for Main Roads. Of this £40,000 was to be spent on the Arterial Route

T.7 (Dublin-Bray-Arklow road). At present works are in progress on T.7 South of Barndarrig and also between Kilmacanogue and Glen of the Downs. A similar Grant of £85,400 is again shown in the Estimates.

The Grant for County Roads from the Road Fund has been much reduced in recent years. Whereas it was over £50,000 about five or six years ago, in the past year (1967/8) it was £21,250. The Department of Local Government had pointed out, however, that as a large part of the mileage of county roads in Wicklow had been improved and brought up to a high standard there would be a greater allocation of Grants towards the improvement of Main Roads which lacked the capacity to take the heavier traffic which was coming on to them each year. Up to 1965 about 85 per cent. of the mileage of County Roads had been provided with tarred surfaces, but since 1965 any Grants received for County Roads have been absorbed in making good the damage caused by the severe flooding in December of that year. The difficulties arising out of the damage to roads and bridges in 1965 were met with commendable skill and speed by the County Engineer and his Staff at that time but the heavy cost involved has meant that the County Roads Grants received in recent years had to be applied towards meeting it.

Much difficulty has been experienced in acquiring land required for road improvements. Lengthy and time-absorbing negotiations may in the end prove fruitless. But the Council before resorting to compulsory powers must pursue the efforts to acquire by agreement. In the case of the proposed large-scale improvements to Road T.7 South of Bray it was necessary owing to failure to reach agreement with landowners to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in the end. The scheme prepared and approved for the section of T.7 between Bray and Kilmacanogue will be a costly one and will absorb not only any special grant allocated for next year but also any balances that may remain from grants allocated in the past few years, as in addition to road works it includes the building of a new bridge across the River Dargle at St. Valerie.

Additional provision to the extent of £4,667 has to be made for the superannuation of officers and servants in the coming year, due to the retirement of a number of officers and the increase in pension allowances approved some months ago.

HEALTH SERVICES

In the coming year it will be necessary to provide for a rise in outlay in the Health Services and also to make provision for a debit balance arising in the present year, mainly due to an increase in Hospital Costs. The rate required to meet health expenditure in the coming year will be 25/6.24d. but to this must be added 7.69d. in respect of debit balance from 1967/68, making a total Rate for Health of 26/1.93d.

The total expenditure on the Health Services (including Mental Hospitals) is estimated at £937,681, this being an increase of £119,277 over the present year. The recoupment from the Health Grant is estimated at £474,000 and other Receipts will come to £34,050. In all Receipts will reach £508,050 so that the net expenditure to be borne by Rates would be £429,631. Last year the net outlay to be met from Rates was £382,824. In addition to this expenditure of £429,631 provision has to be made for a debit balance of £8,173 which has arisen in the present year.

Health Grant:

Whilst a final notification in writing as to the amount of the Health Grant for the present year has not yet been received it is understood that a Block Grant of £472,000 will be forthcoming and in addition special recoupment will be afforded towards the cost of medicines for diabetics £500 and of a Radio-Telephone installation for the Council's Ambulances £1,500. In all the amount being provided from

State funds towards the costs of the Health Services is expected to be £474,000.

As mentioned earlier the total outlay on the Health Services for 1968/'69 will be £937,681 and if Miscellaneous Receipts of £34,050 be deducted there remains £903,631 to be met between Health Grant and Rates. Of this latter sum the contribution from the Health Grant represents 52.5 per cent. and from Rates 47.5 per cent. In recent years the outlay on Health has risen steeply — for example the estimate for the year 1960/'61 was not quite £400,000. It will be seen, consequently, that in the intervening period the gross expenditure has more than doubled. The Rate struck for that year for Health was 12/1d., whereas for the coming year the Rate required is estimated at 26/193d.

General Medical Services:

The cost for the coming year under this heading is estimated at £82,875 and shows a rise of £12,095 over the estimate for 1967/'68. The two items which mainly account for the rise are remuneration of District Medical Officers, District Nurses and Medicines. The outlay here includes provision for the Dispensary and Domiciliary Services which are given through the District Medical Officers for patients included in the General Medical Register, i.e. for those patients who are eligible for all health services free of charge.

In the estimate for salaries (£45,800 — which shows an increase of £7,120) provision is included for meeting the cost of increases in remuneration which may result from claims which were lodged some time ago with all Health Authorities. The cost of Medicines at £29,050 continues to rise — it is up by £4,300. Part of this rise is due to the fact that "hardship cases," i.e. persons who would have difficulty in meeting the costs of Medicines from their own resources, are now being provided for even though they may not be included in the General Medical Register kept by the Council. There are about 70 such cases at present. In addition, it seems, however, that there may be a tendency to prescribe new and more expensive drugs for patients and in fact the Supervising Pharmacist in one of the Health Authorities stressed this trend some time ago. The cost of Dispensary Residences and Clinics at £4,700 is up by £500 and this is due to the necessity to carry out major repairs and renovations to the residences at Barn-darrig and Blessington.

The proportion of the population at present registered for free Health Services in County Wicklow is 34.4 per cent. and this continues to be somewhat higher than the average for the country as a whole.

County Institutions:

At £120,790 the cost of the Council's own Institutions (apart from Mental Hospital) is up by £13,840. In the case of the District Hospital, Wicklow, there is an increase of £3,285; District Hospital, Baltinglass, is up by £3,805 and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum (Home for aged and infirm) is up by £6,750. The increase in all these cases is due almost completely to provision being made for a possible wage and salary rise for Medical, Nursing and Domestic Staff. Health Authorities have been under continuous pressure in the past twelve months to accede to payments of this type.

The average number of patients in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, has remained fairly steady throughout the present year at 180. Notwithstanding the rise in the number of older persons in the population it is of interest to note that the number of patients in St. Colman's Hospital has remained rather constant over the past three years or so. It may be too early yet to draw conclusions but nevertheless it is felt that the wider spread of District Nursing Services throughout the County has helped in this matter.

Extern Institutions:

In each year the cost of treatment in General Hospitals and other Institutions outside the County has shown a steep rise and for the coming year at £310,550 it will be up by £38,550. General Hospitals are up by £35,800. The capitation grant in General Hospitals in the Dublin area nowadays runs at 54/6d. per day and this will be increased by 15 per cent. as from 1st April next. The present charge for Maternity Hospitals is 60/- per day (i.e. £21 per week) and it will be subject to a similar rise of 15 per cent. The number of admissions to General Hospitals continues to rise and there has been a similar movement in the number of in-patient days. The provision to be made for Maternity Hospitals at £32,500 (an increase of £1,000) would be greater but for the fact there has been a reduction in the number of admissions and in-patient days. The cost of treatment in Tuberculosis Hospitals at £11,500 shows a reduction of £2,000 and there is no change in respect of Fever Hospitals — the cost remaining at £12,000. There is again, however, a marked rise in the cost of treatment in Homes for mental defectives, etc. The amount required would be £27,750, a rise of £3,750. At present there are 60 patients being maintained in Homes for mental defectives and 16 in Institutions for the deaf and dumb. The former type of Institution is costly nowadays and charges run from £6 to £8 and £10 per week. Details of admissions to General Hospitals and the number of in-patient days for the four years up to 31st March, 1967, are shown below:-

Year	No. of Admissions	No. of In-Patient Days
1963/'64	2,919	64,190
1964/'65	3,379	66,805
1965/'66	3,489	70,713
1966/'67	3,896	76,245

Mental Hospitals:

In the Estimates the cost of treatment in Mental Hospitals is shown separately in respect of the Council's own Psychiatric Hospital at Newcastle and the Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. The total cost is estimated at £227,749 and there are Receipts of £8,625 so that the net cost is £219,124. Last year the provision made in the Estimates was £201,035.

The gross cost for Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital is shown in the Estimates as £109,960 but of this amount the salaries and wages are shown gross and deductions from them in respect of Emoluments are shown as a Receipt. Consequently, though the outlay shows a rise of £19,945 (the provision for 1967/'68 was £90,015) there must be set against this the deductions for Emoluments which come to £27,395. The net rise in cost, consequently, is £12,550. In the present year, moreover, there will be a reduction of £9,000 approximately in the cost of Newcastle Hospital compared with the original estimate.

For maintenance in the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority £117,789 is included and this shows a rise of £5,539 over the estimate adopted for the year 1967/'68. The estimate for the present year for the Dublin Mental Hospitals was not adequate and £19,000 extra had to be authorised by the Council because of a rise in the cost of maintenance. The cost for the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals would have been higher but for the continuous reduction in the number of patients from County Wicklow being treated in them.

It is of interest to note that in 1964 when the R.M.S. took up duty at Newcastle Hospital the number of patients from County Wicklow being treated in the Dublin Mental Hospitals was 340. The R.M.S. immediately set up Clinics throughout the County and from then on the

number of patients undergoing treatment began to show a decline. At present some of the staff in Newcastle Hospital are devoting a great part of their time to treatment at these Out-Patient Clinics whilst the Hospital itself is being much used as a type of day-Hospital where short-term treatment can be afforded. The effects of this type of approach to mental treatment can be seen from the following figures. The number being treated in Mental Hospitals in Dublin somewhere about three years ago was 340 but at present the total number for whom institutional treatment is being provided is 242 — 180 in Dublin Health Authority Hospitals; and 62 in Newcastle Hospital. It, consequently, will be seen that there has been a reduction in the number of patients being afforded intern treatment of 98 in the past three years or so. It scarcely can be expected that a decline at this rate would continue but there is no doubt but that the availability to the Council of specialist staff and the establishment of Out-Patient Clinics has produced quite satisfactory results in a rather short time. If it had not been for this reduction in the number of mental patients in Hospitals the costs to-day would have been much higher. Whereas some years ago the number of mental patients from County Wicklow being maintained in Institutions represented a rate of about 6 per 1,000 of population at the present time it is roughly about 4 per 1,000.

Maternity and Child Health Services:

Here the cost at £40,475 is up by £8,975 — the estimate for 1967/68 was £31,500. The provision for fees to Medical Practitioners who provide medical care for mothers and infants shows an increase of £2,500, consequent on a recent revision by way of a 25 per cent. increase in the scale of fees to Doctors. The provision for Midwifery and Nursing Services at £10,400 is up by £3,650. There is here included the cost of three additional Public Health (District) Nurses.

Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases:

The total required under this heading is £12,037 and does not show much change from last year when it was £11,470.

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:

For these Services £10,000 will be required, being an increase of £1,100 over provision made in the present year. The salaries of the Council's Dental Staff were recently revised and in consequence additional provision is required for this purpose. In addition the outlay on Appliances also shows a rise.

Specialist Services:

There is an increase of £4,000 because of revised scales of charges for the analysis of specimens. There is evidence of a greater use of Out-Patient Clinics and in addition it is necessary to make provision for a new Virology Service — this new Service is intended to assist in determining types of infection with a view to recommending suitable treatment. The total cost of Specialist Services comes to £14,000.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:

The cost of Disability Allowances in the coming year is estimated at £41,000 which is £7,235 more than the estimate for this year. These allowances were revised as from 1st August, 1967, and in fact will involve an additional expenditure of £3,200 in the present year.

Boarding-Out, etc., of Children and Approved Schools:

The total cost is estimated at £10,275 which is £1,575 more than the estimate for this year.

Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients:

For 1968/69 the total cost is estimated at £22,100, a rise of £2,200. It is necessary to make provision here for revised wages for Ambulance Drivers and revision in the mileage rate for Ambulances which are hired by the Council. In addition the cost of a Radio-Telephone installation for the Ambulances must also be defrayed. This latter service is at present being installed and it is hoped when it becomes available that in the Eastern part of the County, where, due to heavy traffic, road accidents are most likely to happen, a more speedy service can be provided.

Supervision of Food and Drink:

Here there is an increase of £750. It is proposed to employ an additional Health Inspector during the coming year and the cost for part of 1968/69 is estimated at £750.

Fluoridation of Water Supplies:

There is additional expenditure of £300 (£1,000 in all) to meet the cost of fluoridation for some additional water supplies.

Contributions to Societies:

Only one District Nursing Association (Greystones) now remains. Consequently, whereas last year £3,500 was required for subsidies to District Nursing Associations, the amount for next year is £750. However, the services provided by the Nursing Associations are being replaced by the Council's own District Nurses, and their remuneration appears under other headings.

Retiring Allowances:

The total amount required under this heading would be £17,000, an increase of £4,250. During the coming year two Medical Officers will retire and also two members of the Staff of St. Colman's Hospital.

Loan Charges:

The total expenditure under this heading is £1,150 and in it provision is included of £650 for the Charges on a Loan of £3,000 recently raised for the construction of a static water tank to serve St. Colman's Hospital.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

This year the amount required for Public Assistance is greater by £22,275. The total required from Rates will be £27,955 and the additional money is necessary because of the revision of Home Assistance Allowances some months ago. This action, it will be recollected, was taken at the same time as Social Welfare Allowances were revised.

SANITARY SERVICES

There is a substantial rise in the gross cost of Sanitary Services and the estimate is £75,491 as compared with £64,448 for the present year. After deducting Receipts of £14,500 the net requirement would be £60,991. The rise in cost occurs under a number of headings but is mainly due to Loan Charges on new Water Supplies, additional Scavenging Services and rate of outlay on the maintenance of Water Supplies and Sewerage Disposal Plants.

Water Supplies and Sewerage:

In the coming year the estimate for maintenance of Sewerage Schemes will be up from £5,800 to £8,000 and the repairs and maintenance of Water Supplies will cost £15,000 as compared with £11,500

in the present year. A special inspection of the Water Supplies and Sewerage Disposal Works by one of the Council's Engineers who was specially assigned to the Sanitary Services showed that many of them were in need of urgent repairs and overhaul. It was estimated by the County Engineer that a total sum of £13,900 would be required for this purpose and the Council proposed to borrow it. However, approval to such a Loan was not forthcoming and the Council were advised to carry out the work from revenue. In the present year some urgent works are to be undertaken and again in the coming year additional expenditure will have to be made on maintenance.

The Loan Charges for Sewerage in the coming year will be £2,960 as compared with £2,210 for 1967/68. For Water Supplies £22,500 will have to be met in Loan Charges for the coming year as compared with £19,960 in the present year. These additional charges arise in part from extensions of Water Supplies and Sewerage carried out recently but principally are due to the Loan Charges for the Laragh/Annamore Water Supply and the new water supply to Blessington. The Blessington Water Supply will cost in all over £42,000 whilst that for Laragh/Annamore will exceed £57,000. Recently the following Water Supply Schemes were undertaken and have either been completed or are nearing completion:

SCHEME	CAPITAL COST
Extension of Water Supply, etc., at Milltown Lane, Rathnew (to serve Council houses).	£3,250
Extension of Main from Enniskerry to Tinnahinch so as to afford a new supply to Carrigoona.	£3,770
Laying Watermain from Killadreenan to Newcastle Village.	£3,000
Extension of Watermain from Baltinglass to Shraughaun (mainly to serve Council cottages).	£2,188
In addition work already is in progress on:	
Re-Laying of Main at Whitshed Road, etc., Greystones —	£4,400.

The cost of some of these items was defrayed by a special short term Loan raised from an Insurance Company. The cost of the main from Baltinglass to Shraughaun has been met for the present from revenue as the Council up to the present have been unable to include it in a Loan for capital works.

In addition some time ago the new Sewerage Outfall at Killincarrig, Greystones, was completed at a cost of £8,519. As this work entailed construction of an outfall in tidal waters much difficulty was found in arranging for it.

For the coming year the following capital works have been approved by the Council:

SCHEME	COST
Watermain Extension to serve Cottages at Ennis Lane and Redford, Greystones.	£3,000
Watermain Extension to serve Cottages at Merry-meeting and Knockrobin, Wicklow.	£1,147
Watermain Extension from Glenealy to Bahana (to serve Council cottages).	£2,560
Watermain Extension from Glenealy to Ballymanus (to serve Council cottages).	£1,520
Watermain Extension from Rathnew to Cronakeary.	£4,276
Watermain Extension at Coolmoney.	£2,620

These works will entail additional Loan Charges.

Apart from the additional expenditure on maintenance the Council also in the present year undertook some minor extensions of existing supplies almost altogether to serve Council cottages and defrayed

the cost from revenue, such as an extension of Sewerage at Ballynerrin, Wicklow, at a cost of over £500.

The Council recently has received the approval of the Department to the Scheme for a new Water Supply to serve the North-East Wicklow area in the vicinity of Bray. As it was not possible to obtain a new supply for this area from Dublin Corporation's Vartry System the Council has had to undertake a special Scheme, the source for the water being the River Dargle near Tinnahinch. The cost of this major capital work is estimated at £260,000. The Scheme is necessary because of new development in North-East Wicklow, in particular housing.

It has been arranged that a Joint Sewerage Scheme would be undertaken by Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council. This Scheme would augment and improve existing sewerage disposal arrangements within Bray Urban District and in addition would make sewerage available for part of the County immediately outside Bray Urban District. There has been some delay in having the details of the Scheme settled but it is expected that it will be finally determined within the next few months. The Scheme is essential if housing and other development in North-East Wicklow is to proceed.

Flood Protection Works at Bray:

As a result of severe flooding in Bray in December, 1965, it was decided by the County Council and Bray Urban District Council to have the position specially investigated with a view to determining what remedial measures might be undertaken. The Consultant engaged by the Council reported that a comprehensive Scheme to afford protection from flooding in the area would cost £160,000. The Scheme, however, is intended to be undertaken in stages and the agreement of the Department of Local Government to the Loan for the first stage of the Scheme, which is expected to cost £40,000, has been received. The cost will be apportioned between the County Council and Bray Urban District Council. It has been agreed that for the first stage the capital cost to be met by Wicklow County Council would be about £8,000. The Estimates include a Loan Charge of £500 in respect of this project.

Domestic Scavenging:

A Refuse Collection in recent years has been provided for many towns and villages in the County. Some of those now being served are Greystones, Delgany, Rathnew, Built-up area adjacent to Bray, Enniskerry, Carnew, Tinahely, Baltinglass, Newtownmountkennedy, Rathdrum, Blessington. The cost of the Services in the coming year is estimated at £4,600 — £500 more than in 1967/68.

Much difficulty has been found in obtaining sites for refuse dumps. Whilst people clamour for their provision yet everybody objects to having a refuse dump even rather remotely situated near their area. The expenditure on the provision and maintenance of dumping grounds in the coming year is estimated at £1,500.

Burial Grounds:

Under this heading the estimate is £4,900 as compared with £4,750 for the present year.

Public Lighting:

During the present year there were many extensions to public lighting throughout the County and the cost for the coming year at £4,550 shows an increase of £150.

Open Spaces:

For the maintenance of open spaces the estimate for the year is

£1,000 but it could happen that this sum might not be adequate as higher standards are nowadays being sought. The outlay mainly covers expenditure on the public park at Glendalough, The Meetings, Avoca, and the Sea Front at Greystones.

The Rate for Sanitary Services for the coming year is estimated at 4/9.42d. In the present year it was 4/1.26d.

HOUSING

The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £172,953 which is about £11,500 more than in the present year. After taking into account Receipts of £89,825 the net cost to Rates is £83,128; last year the net outlay approved by the Council was £71,689. The Rate required for Housing would be 6/6.26d which is 10.28d more than that struck in present year.

Repairs:

Last year £14,000 was included in the Estimates for Repairs to Council houses but eventually the amount determined was £10,000. In the event this amount has not been found to be adequate and the Council had recently to vote an extra £2,000.

Of late the allocation for Repairs is being devoted almost completely to putting in satisfactory condition houses in respect of which the tenants have sought to avail of purchase arrangements which confer ownership on them. For the coming year the amount included for Repairs is £15,000—an increase of £5,000 over the sum allowed for 1967/68. Here it must be pointed out that the cost of repair work has risen each year consequent on increases in wages and the price of materials. In addition the Council has not been able to keep the preparation of maps up to date. Before a cottage can be vested in a tenant as owner it is necessary that a map of the cottage and site be prepared and submitted to the Land Registry. Recently the latter Department decided that a larger scale map would be required for Registration purposes and, consequently, some of those which had already been prepared were not acceptable. At present the number of cottage sites for which maps are still to be prepared is about 500 and if this work is to be done it seems that a Temporary Engineer will specially have to be engaged. Consequently, the estimate for the coming year provides both for some increased outlay on Repairs and also for the cost associated with preparation of maps. Up to the present the total number of cottages which have been purchased by tenants is 2,420. The total number of houses provided by the Council comes to 3,361 so that it will be seen that about 72 per cent. of all cottages are now vested in tenants as owners. The progress made with vesting generally can be regarded as quite satisfactory seeing that it is only about 16 years ago that applications under the Cottage Purchase Scheme were first received. There is no doubt but that if the Council had nowadays to maintain over 3,000 cottages the outlay on Repairs would be very much greater. However, it must also be borne in mind that when vesting is arranged annuities are usually fixed at half of current rents so that there has been in consequence a falling off in the receipts from the rents of existing Council houses.

Provision of New Houses:

In the past twelve months or so fair progress has been made with the erection of new houses and 25 were quite recently completed, these being:

Kindlestown, Greystones	9 Houses
Kilcoole	10 "
Aughrim	6 "

At present the building of 58 houses is in progress at the following

places:

Kilgarron, Enniskerry	10 Houses
Kindlestown, Greystones	11 "
Newtownmountkennedy	12 "
Baltinglass	5 "
Dunlavin	4 "
Ballywaltrim, Bray	3 "
Laragh	2 "
Blessington	6 "
Rural Cottages on Separate Sites	6 "

In addition it is expected that contracts will be arranged and work started shortly on the erection of 16 further houses as follows:

Kilcoole	5 Houses
Rathnew	9 "
Rural Cottages on Separate Sites	2 "

The preparation of Schemes for the erection of 38 houses is at present being pursued, these being:

Ashford	6 Houses
Baltinglass	4 "
Rathdrum	6 "
Avoca	6 "
Kindlestown, Greystones	10 "
Tinahely	6 "
Rural Cottages on Separate Sites	6 "

In some of these instances the arrangements for the land have not yet been concluded but it is hoped to do so at an early date. Negotiations for the acquisition of land for housing at the following places is at present being pursued:

Ashford, Bray Area, Rathnew, Newtownmountkennedy, Dunlavin, Blessington, Greystones, Tinahely, Avoca, Laragh.

It will be seen from the details which are here given that the Council at present is much occupied in the endeavour to meet housing needs. The progress so far made can be attributed in much measure to the application and competence of the Council's Architect. Not only has he prepared lay-outs and detailed house plans of varying types for houses and sites all over the County but also he has negotiated for the purchase of lands and supervised the erection of the new buildings. Recently, owing to the widely separated number of sites involved, it was agreed by the Council that a Clerk of Works be specially engaged to assist in supervision of construction. In addition the Council's Architect has prepared special plans for houses which will be built on Purchase Scheme basis.

Provision of Sites and Erection of Houses under Purchase Schemes:

At present the development of 18 sites on which private persons with the aid of Loans from the Council can arrange for their own houses is being proceeded with at Kilgarron, Enniskerry. It is intended also that 9 sites of this type will be made available at Kindlestown, Greystones, and a further similar Scheme is contemplated for other sites at Killinacraig, Greystones. A site which could accommodate a number of houses of this type is also being arranged for at Blessington. Furthermore, the Council's Architect has been arranging the details of a Scheme at Kilcoole on which the National Building Agency could arrange for the erection of about 10 houses, the cost of which would be met with Loans provided by the Council.

Housing Grants for Private Dwellings:

The outlay on Housing Grants of various types continues to rise steeply. In the present year the following Grants have been paid:

	Number	Amount
Grants for New Houses	30	£9,125
Grants for Reconstruction and Improvement of Dwellings	147	£16,673
Grants for Installation of Water and Sewerage Facilities	129	£7,729

The figures just given will, it is felt, serve to show the scale of activities for which Supplementary Grants are being given. So far £227,000 has been borrowed by the Council in order to meet the cost of these Grants and in the coming year an additional Loan Charge of £2,004 will have to be met. The total Loan Charges arising out of these Grants for 1968/69 will come to £20,100 which compares with £18,096 in the present year.

House Purchase Loans:

The Council continues to make available Loans to persons building their own houses. In the coming year the Loan Charges to be met by the Council are estimated at £15,700. This Scheme, however, involves no cost to the Rates as the outlay is met in full by the borrowers.

Loan Charges—Erection of Council Houses:

It is inevitable that the increased activities of the Council in the building of new houses will involve not only heavy capital outlay but also an increase in Loan Charges. In the coming year the Loan Charges will reach £79,191, which is an increase of about £5,310 over the outlay for 1967/68. However, the Loan Charges are offset to the extent of £600 by an increase in the income from rents and about £2,000 from additional State subsidy.

The Rates on Council Houses are estimated at £21,980 and whilst these are greater by about £1,400 than the provision in the present year, such increase, however, is offset by a similar rise in the income from rents as the rents are shown in the Estimates inclusive of current Rates.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Under the heading of General Urban Purposes a large number of items appear, such as Scholarships, Public Library, the Demand of the Committee of Agriculture, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare, Electoral Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatories and Industrial Schools, Weigh's and Measures, Conveyance of Prisoners, Diseases of Animals and Court-houses. The net charge, after deducting Receipts are: Chargeable to County-at-large (i.e., including Urban Districts)—£35,057; Chargeable to County Health District—£97,666. The corresponding charges for the present year are £36,876 and £88,701.

The Estimates shown for General Purposes would require a Rate of 10/3.24d which would be 1/0.54d higher than in the present year for which it is 9/2.70d. Additional moneys have to be found for Overdraft Interest, the Fire Brigades, Public Library, and also for Superannuation, whilst provision must also be made for a Debit Balance of £6,700 which is mainly due to Overdraft Interest.

Public Libraries:

There is an increase here of £935 due to some additional provision made for books and revision of the remuneration of Branch Librarians.

Salaries, Cost of Rate Collection and Pensions:

In the case of Salaries chargeable to the County Health District there is an increase of £1,345, and the Cost of Rate Collection shows a rise of £447 due to the arrangements which have had to be made for the allocation of the Agricultural Grant on a revised basis by the staff which carries out the Rate Apportionment.

Pensions will cost £2,312 extra in the coming year due to the retirement of three Officers of the Council.

Scholarships:

The provision made for Scholarships is: Secondary Schools £6,960; University £4,785. In total this is almost the same as last year, and of the expenditure £7,129 will be recouped from State Funds.

Tourist Development:

The amount included is £1,000—the same as last year. This amount is now paid over to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation which engages in a special publicity programme which has been very helpful in attracting visitors to County Wicklow. The Council is represented by a Director on the Board of this body.

Fire Brigades:

Due mainly to a revision in the rates of remuneration for members of the Fire Brigade which was agreed to some time ago the cost of this service will be greater by £1,770, part of which will fall to be met by the Urban Council's. Work will start shortly on new Fire Stations at Balinglass and Dunlavin, designs for which were prepared by the Council's Architect.

Sheep Dipping Arrangements:

In the coming year the amount required for this purpose will be £5,300, an increase of £400 over 1967/68. The programme of repairs to Sheep Dipping Baths will be continued.

Civil Defence:

The total cost of Civil Defence is estimated at £8,512, an increase of £624. The State Grant, however, will amount to £5,384 so that the amount to be met from Rates will be £3,128. The Civil Defence organisation, as members are aware, is one which has been relied on to provide special assistance in times of emergency. Their help, when severe flooding occurred in 1965, was notable.

Overdraft Interest:

The Estimate for 1968/69 includes £12,000 for Interest on Overdraft. As all credit balances available to the Council, and which had enabled them for a good part of the year to meet expenditure without resort to accommodation from their bankers, were applied some years ago in the efforts to keep the rate down the Council now scarcely ever has anything to credit on current account. At times credit to the extent of £250,000 to £300,000 has to be arranged. In the present year the charge for Overdraft Interest will reach over £11,000.

SEPARATE CHARGES**Vocational Education Committee:**

The cost of Vocational Education is met through a Separate Charge on the County, exclusive of Bray Urban District as Bray Urban Council operates its own service. In the coming year the gross cost of Vocational Education will be £47,992, as compared with £44,894 in the past year.

The Receipts are estimated at £9,856 (£8,297 in the present year), and deducting them leaves the net charge at £38,136. Due to the effect of a credit balance the rate will be 2/7.89d which is slightly above that for the present year.

Malicious Injuries:

The amount required is £1,972 which is £1,332 above that for the present year. The rate required is 1.41d. in the £. It should be mentioned that there is at present a large number of claims awaiting hearing in the Courts.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

Rathdrum Rural District bears part of the cost of maintaining the Cemetery at Merrymount near Wick'ow; the remainder is borne by Wicklow Urban District Council. For the coming year the Demand is £359; last year it was £328.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

At present the Council has in hands and in prospect a fairly large programme of capital works and in addition is providing special aid for private housing with borrowed moneys. The loans for these purposes are being obtained mainly from the Local Loans Fund and only a very small proportion is being raised from other sources.

Housing:

It was mentioned earlier in this Report that the Council has recently completed the building of 25 houses and that 59 houses are at present being erected in various parts of the County. So far in the present year the Council has drawn £66,000 from the Local Loans Fund for this building programme.

In the coming financial year it is expected that £60,000 will be required to finance the scheme at present in progress. In the near future work is expected to start on a further 16 houses and the capital requirements for these in the coming year is estimated at £40,000. During the coming year it is also expected that work will commence on a further 38 houses for which sites are already available or will be acquired shortly. The immediate outlay on these latter will be the cost of land and to finance this and meet some other part of the costs it is estimated that £10,000 will have to be found in 1968/69.

The Council is arranging to provide sites and to assist in other ways the building of houses by persons for their own occupation. It is expected that about 37 such cases will be assisted in the coming year by the making of loans and other help and that for this purpose about £50,000 will be required.

In addition, to meet the requirements for loans to persons building dwellings on their own sites it is expected that about £15,000 would be required in 1968/69.

In the present year 30 Special Grants were made by the Council to persons with limited incomes who were building their own houses and the average Grant worked out at about £300. In 1968/69 it is expected that about the same number of grants will be made by the Council and that £10,000 would be required for this purpose.

A large number of grants continue to be made to persons reconstructing and improving their dwellings. In 1967-68 the expenditure under this heading will come to about £30,000 but there was a backlog from previous year. It is expected that about 80 of these grants might be made in 1968-69 and taking into account the additional grant given where private water and sewerage is installed, the average might be taken at £150 and the requirement would be £12,000.

In all the capital outlay for Housing next year as shown above would come to £197,000, and the Council would be hoping to obtain the loans from the Local Loans Fund. It should be stressed, however, that this is only the outlay in one year and that the entire capital cost of the new dwellings would be much greater. On average houses are now costing £2,600 and in order to build and assist a building programme of 138 new houses £358,800 would be required, whilst to make house construction loans, if 50 houses with an average loan of £2,000 be involved, it would be necessary to find £100,000. For new House Grants and Improvement Grants in the present year and in 1966-67 £51,246 had to be found. This will serve to give an idea of the scale of public capital outlay in one County for a housing programme.

Sanitary Services:

Details of the works recently completed, nearing completion and in progress have already been given, these being:

	Cost
Blessington Water Supply	£42,000
Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply	£57,000
Milltown Lane, Rathnew, Water Supply	£6,520
Killincarrig Sewerage Outfall	£3,250
Extension, Enniskerry to Tinnahinch	£3,770
Extension, Killadreenan to Newcastle	£3,000
Extension, Baltinglass to Shraughnaun	£2,200
New Main at Burnaby Estate (Whitshed Road), Greystones	£4,400
Total Cost	£122,140

In the coming financial year it is expected that the following works will be commenced and completed:

	Cost
Watermain—Rathnew to Merrymount and Knockrobin	£1,150
" —Rathnew to Cronakeary	£4,300
" —Coolmoney and Knockenarrigan	£2,620
" —Glenealy to Bahana	£2,560
" —Glenealy to Ballymanus	£1,520
" —Ennis Lane and Redford, Greystones	£3,000
Flood Prevention Scheme at Bray	£8,000
	£23,150

A few large scale schemes may be started in the coming year, these being:

	Estimated Cost
New Water Supply from River Dargle to serve part of N. E. Wicklow near Bray	£260,000
New Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray U.D. and adjoining County area	
Total Estimated Cost	£240,000
Proportion to be met by County Council	£120,000
	£120,000

It should be mentioned that the final estimate for the Joint Sewerage Scheme has not yet been determined, but it may be that the total capital outlay on it together with the new water supply may reach £500,000.

Hospitals and Clinics:

Work at present is in progress on repairs to the roof of the Nurses' Home at Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital. The cost will be about £12,500. The Council also approved recently of a new Kitchen in the Front Block which will cost about £600. The cost of these is being defrayed by temporary borrowing, and it is proposed that it will later be recovered from the capital sum payable to the County Council by the Dublin Health Authority. A decision has not yet been taken by the Department of Health on the proposal to erect new buildings to accommodate an additional 120 patients. The cost would probably be over £200,000.

Improvements to the Clinic at Bray will entail an expenditure of £1,500 which is being met from revenue.

At St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, it has been decided to erect a new Static Water Tank and a loan to meet the cost of £3,000 has to be arranged.

Outline plans for new buildings to accommodate 80 persons were submitted some time ago to the Department of Health but a decision on them has not yet been taken. Number of persons at present being maintained in this institution is 180. For over 10 years the former Sanatorium built in the 1930's has been used for old and infirm persons, and it was intended that the proposed new buildings would provide further improved accommodation. It is understood one-half of the capital cost which would be considerable—possibly £100,000 or more—would be met from State Funds.

Civil Defence:

The Council has been asked by the Department of Defence to provide a small reinforced structure on a site in the former Gaol Yard at Wicklow which would be used as a Control Centre in the event of an emergency. The cost is estimated at £6,000 of which 70% (£4,200) would be recouped by the State.

Amenity Schemes:

There has been demand for a Swimming Pool at Blessington, which could cost up to £20,000 of which one-half would be met from a State Grant. No decision on this project, however, has been taken by the Council; the loan charges on it would reach about £1,700 a year.

Negotiations have been in progress with Bord Failte in relation to a project for further improvements at the Seaford in Greystones. This project would include new sanitary conveniences, a shelter, provision for car parking and a new approach to the South Beach. The cost probably would be £15,000 to £20,000 and it is hoped that a large part of the cost would be borne by Bord Failte.

At a recent meeting it was agreed that playing fields be provided at Rathnew and Newtownmountkennedy. An estimate of cost has not yet been submitted but if shelters or dressing accommodation with sanitary facilities be included the cost might be £4,000 to £5,000 or more.

It is intended to reconstruct the Courthouse at Dunlavin and use it partly as a Branch Library, but difficulty has been found in settling the details of the reconstruction scheme as this is a building over 2 centuries old with special architectural features on a prominent central site.

Fire Stations:

It is hoped that work on the building of new Fire Stations at Dunlavin and Baltinglass will start shortly. The cost is estimated at £7,956.

Offices for Committee of Agriculture and Council

The Committee of Agriculture has asked that new accommodation be provided for them and has suggested that new buildings be erected on a site near the Courthouse on which stood the former County Gaol

demolished about twenty years ago. When the matter came before the Council the County Engineer asked that new offices for the Council's Engineering staff be included in such a building. A special Committee composed of members of the Committee of Agriculture and of the Council has discussed the matter. A schedule of accommodation has not yet been prepared but the County Engineer estimates the cost at over £60,000, which could involve an annual loan charge of about £5,000.

Roads and Bridges:

The building of a new bridge at Davidstown, Donard, to replace one destroyed by the flood of December, 1965, will probably be started in the coming year. The cost is estimated at £10,000.

The Council's Consultant has been engaged for some time past on the plans for a new bridge to carry the proposed dual road over the River Dargle at St. Valerie. This will be a costly project and whilst a preliminary estimate has not yet been received, it is thought that it may cost over £10,000. It is unlikely, however, that any heavy expenditure will have to be met on this project in the coming year.

Improvements to Roads, as distinct from ordinary maintenance, can be regarded as part of the capital programme, even though the cost be met from the Road Fund. In the present year about £40,000 is being spent on the Arterial Route T.7 (near Barndarrig and Kilmacanogue) but when the major scheme for the Kilcorney-Kilmacanogue section of this road (including St. Valerie Bridge) starts the expenditure will rise rapidly and any allocation from the Road Fund for the work made in the past two or three years will be quickly absorbed.

On the basis of the Estimates submitted the rate required for the coming year at 65/10d. would show a sharp rise, being 9/11d. over that in the present year.

In the case of Roads the level of costs is affected by increases in wages and social welfare contributions and the prices of materials used in road construction. The costs of treatment in hospitals has been rising every year because of shorter working hours, higher rates of remuneration for all staffs, and improved working conditions. The Health Services are each year being extended in various ways and this entails a greater outlay on additional staff, medicines, and new types of treatment. The services provided for health, moreover, are very much of a personal type where higher outlay for staff cannot be expected to be accompanied by "higher productivity." It is pleasant to be able to record, as also mentioned earlier, quite an appreciable fall in the number of patients in institutions and our average of about 4 per 1,000 of population is now well below that for many other Counties. Once again it must be said that the R.M.S. of Newcastle Hospital and his Staff deserve credit for their achievement notwithstanding the inadequacies of the buildings they inherited.

The costs of housing reflect the Council's commitments on a large new building programme. The houses are designed to a much higher standard than obtained, say in the 1930's, and notwithstanding some criticism of the general level of rents, it must be obvious that the income from this source would be altogether inadequate to meet the annual capital debt repayment and other charges with the result subsidies from the State and from Rates are required. The Council, in addition to the State, also has been assisting private housing by giving special grants for new houses where they are built by persons with incomes below a specified limit, and above all by giving grants to persons making improvements to their dwellings and installing water and sewerage. In the past 8 years the number of improvement grants came to 2,004 and their capital cost to £173,000.

Even though it is often contended that not enough is being done in this way the Council year by year has been providing new water and

sewerage services.

Roads generally reach a high standard in this County even though there still is criticism of the condition of a small number of remote rural roads. Indeed people from other countries generally are quite surprised at the type of surface and general condition of almost all our rural roads, some of which carry very limited traffic. But if a policy of taking over more rural roads for public maintenance be followed the cost of roads generally may show a sharp rise in the coming years.

Domestic Refuse Collection is a service which has been rapidly extended in the past five years or so. New public lighting continuously is being installed.

It is unfortunate that Bank Interest nowadays is proving so costly—it is now almost 1/- in the £. As the level of expenditure rises so will the cost of Overdraft Interest also rise. It was stressed that this was bound to ensue when credits were completely absorbed some years ago in an endeavour to keep down the rate.

From the details which have been given it is felt that evidence will not be lacking of the improvements in living standards which have been achieved through the policy of the Council. But these improvements involve costs and a rising flow of expenditure to be met through Rates. All services, furthermore, whether existing, new or extended, are very much affected by increases in rates of remuneration. The latter are accompanied by what are nowadays known as "fringe benefits"—shorter working hours, longer leave, and other alterations in working conditions. One may ask having regard to the changes which have occurred in the past few years as to whether there is not a tendency at present for costs and social amenities and benefits to move a bit too far in advance of productivity rates and of what might reasonably be expected having regard to general economic trends. It is doubtful if advances in wages and rates of remuneration and marked changes in working conditions to the extent now being demanded can be achieved at the same time as so many social improvements such as improved housing, more water supplies and sewerage, extended health services, and better amenities are being sought. At the same time it should be stressed that rates of remuneration in the local services nowadays follow, and never precede, what obtains elsewhere.

There are some who may be affected more than others by rising rates. But here it may be instructive—even if not as helpful as he might wish—for the householder who has a valuation of say £20 to £30 and lives in a town or village to compare his rates payment with other household charges such as those for say electricity or a telephone. Rates after all are intended to meet a great part of the cost of what is to-day a very wide range of public services, such as roads, water, sewerage, health, lighting, scavenging, burial grounds, fire brigades and libraries. As often mentioned previously the rising rate has not the same impact for all ratepayers and the effect of yearly additional allocations to the Agricultural Grant must be taken into account. The amount received by the Council in the present year was £301,076 15s. 0d. and it was allocated so as to give the largest measure of relief to the small farmer. In fact the farmer with a valuation under £20 pays no rates whatever. The rates payable in the present year in a number of actual instances are found, as compared with twelve years ago, to be:

Valuation of Holding	Year	Gross Rates	Agricultural Grant	Net Rates
£20 0 0	1955-56	£31 19 3	£19 3 3	£12 16 0
	1967-68	£58 11 2	£58 11 2	NIL

Valuation of Holding	Year	Gross Rates	Agricultural Grant	Net Rates
£25 0 0	1955-56	£39 19 1	£27 3 1	£12 16 0
(with one employee)	1967-68	£73 3 11	£73 3 11	NIL
£33 0 0	1955-56	£52 14 9	£36 3 3	£16 11 6
(with one employee)	1967-68	£96 12 4	£75 11 2	£21 1 2
£53 10 0	1955-56	£85 10 0	£36 3 3	£49 6 9
(with one employee)	1967-68	£156 12 9	£93 4 5	£63 8 4

It will be noted that on the farm with a valuation just under £20 no rates were payable and that the percentage increase in the remaining cases is very far below the general upward movement in price levels.

All the data required for these Estimates has been carefully compiled by the Council's Staff such as the County Accountant and the Staff Officers with duties relating to Health and Housing. Mention in particular must be made of the County Secretary whose application and attention to administration is of an unusual standard. The Estimates Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 26th February, 1968, and any further information in relation to them will then be supplied.

Once again in presenting the Estimates the opportunity is taken of conveying to the Chairman and Members of the Council sincere appreciation and thanks for their assistance throughout the year in settling general policy and affording advice and assistance in administering the Council's many services.

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M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1969.

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works:	£	£	£	£
Maintenance and Reconstruction	112,186	112,186	106,293	106,293
do. Winter Employment Schemes	3,000	3,000	3,400	3,400
Snow Clearance	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
County Roads—Special Programme for Improvements			10,000	2,416
Loan Charges	3,028	3,028	1,826	1,826
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	85,400	85,400	33,757	33,757
Other Purposes:				
Local Improvement Schemes			3,500	3,500
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	5,587	5,587	7,368	7,368
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	1,125	1,125	2,300	2,300
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			4,920	4,920
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	1,568	1,568	4,719	4,719
do. Servants	6,993	6,993	7,203	7,203
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	150	150	700	700
Postage and Telephone	300	300	300	200
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatements	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£222,137	£222,137	£189,486	£181,902

ROADS:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£	£	£
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	57,843	57,843		
do. Snow Clearance	1,000	1,000		
do. Special Grant	85,400	85,400	33,757	33,757
Other Receipts:				
Local Improvement Schemes			3,500	3,500
Road Openings and other refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,000	1,000
Proportion of salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	3,355	3,355	4,722	4,722
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Superannuation Contributions	1,500	1,500	2,100	2,100
	£149,638	£149,638	£45,379	£45,379

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending the 31st of March, 1969.****HEALTH**

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:		
Salaries—District Medical Officers, District Nurses and Compounder	£ 45,800	£ 39,220
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Medicines	29,050	29,050
Medical and surgical appliances	2,175	2,175
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	4,700	4,700
Insurances, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	600 (£82,875)	600 (£76,295)
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
District Hospital, Wicklow	24,685	22,865
District Hospital, Baltinglass	38,755	36,291
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's Rathdrum	57,350 (£120,790)	53,736 (£112,892)
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	220,800	220,800
Maternity Hospitals	32,500	32,500
Tuberculosis	11,500	11,500
Fever Hospitals	12,000	12,000
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	27,750	27,750
Homes for other persons	6,000 (£310,550)	6,000 (£310,550)
MENTAL HOSPITALS:		
Mental Hospital, Newcastle	109,960	102,760
Dublin Health Authority Hospitals (Mental)	117,789 (£227,749)	117,789 (£220,549)
MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	11,500	11,500
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Midwifery and nursing services	10,400	9,900
Obstetrical requisites	1,600	1,600
Milk for Mothers and children	3,700	3,700
Maternity Cash Grants	2,650	2,650
Child Welfare Service	5,400	4,900
School Health Service	5,125 (£40,475)	4,700 (£39,050)
C/fwd.	£782,439	£759,336

To which Urban Areas Contribute**HEALTH—Contd.****Purpose of Expenditure:****TUBERCULOSIS & OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:****Tuberculosis:**

Salaries 4,300
 Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses 1,000

Domiciliary Welfare Service:
 Food, clothing, bedding 300
 Mass Radiography Service 1,737
 B.C.G. Service 1,500

Other Expenses:

Fees to District Medical Officers 50

Other Infectious Diseases:
 Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease 300

Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of clothing & bedding (inc. Polio-myelitis Vaccination) 1,000

Notification and prevention of disease 100

Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases 1,750 (£12,037)

DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC & AURAL SERVICES:

Salaries and travelling expenses 5,700

Fees for professional services 1,800

Dental, optical and aural appliances 1,600

Extern Institutions—Out-Patients' Services 300

Furniture and equipment 500

Clinic or Health Centre expenses 100 (£10,000)

SPECIALIST SERVICES:

Out-Patient Clinics, X-Rays & Analysis of Specimens 14,000 (£14,000)

REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS:

Cash Grants and other expenses 41,000 (£41,000)

BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN:

Maintenance, clothing and education 6,700

Approved Schools 3,575 (£10,275)

AMBULANCE SERVICES & TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS

22,100 (£22,100)

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£ 782,439	£ 759,336
4,300	4,000
1,000	1,000
300	300
1,737	1,737
1,500	1,500
50	50
300	300
1,000	1,000
100	100
1,750 (£12,037)	1,750 (£11,737)
5,700	5,700
1,800	1,800
1,600	1,600
300	300
500	500
100 (£10,000)	100 (£10,000)
14,000 (£14,000)	14,000 (£14,000)
41,000 (£41,000)	41,000 (£41,000)
6,700	6,700
3,575 (£10,275)	3,575 (£10,275)
22,100 (£22,100)	22,100 (£22,100)
C/fwd. £891,851	£868,448

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
B/fwd.	£891,851	£868,448
SUPERVISION OF FOOD & DRINK	4,200 (£4,200)	4,200 (£4,200)
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES	1,000 (£1,000)	1,000 (£1,000)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETIES: (Dist. Nursing Associations)	750 (£750)	750 (£750)
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	7,100	7,100
do. General Office Staff	6,450	6,450
Travelling Expenses	850	850
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage & Telephone Charges	2,350	2,350
Other Expenses—Heating, Lighting, etc.	950	950
Insurances	100 (£19,250)	100 (£19,250)
ASSESSMENT—NURSES ACT 1950	30 (£30)	30 (£30)
RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES	17,000 (£17,000)	17,000 (£17,000)
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Fees and travelling expenses: Mental Treatment Act		
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	2,450	2,450
LOAN CHARGES	1,150 (£3,600)	1,150 (£3,600)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£937,681	£914,278

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grants—Health Grant	472,000	475,000
Recoupment—Diabetes Scheme	500	500
„ Cost of Radio Telephones Scheme	1,500	1,500
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services, etc.		
Council Institutions	11,600	11,600
Extern Institutions	1,650	1,650
Mental Hospital	3,625	3,625
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	650	650
Sale of Farm Produce	1,200	1,200
Sale of offal and old stores	50	50
Rents & Ins. refunds, etc.	350	350
Officers' emoluments	5,750	5,750
Contribs. to Superannuation	3,675	3,675
Miscellaneous	500	500
	£508,050	£511,050

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	15,000	15,000
Footwear Scheme	1,500	1,500
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	675	675
Salaries	9,150	9,150
Retiring Allowances	900	900
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,750	1,750
TOTAL:	£29,425	£29,425

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	700	700
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	300	300
Repayments of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	160	160
TOTAL:	£1,470	£1,470

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SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Sewerage Schemes & Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	8,000	8,000
Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance	15,000	15,000
Domestic Scavenging	4,600	4,600
Dumping Grounds	1,500	1,500
Burial Grounds	4,900	4,900
Public Lighting	4,550	4,550
Maintenance of Open Spaces	1,000	1,000
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	450	450
Salaries—Office Staff	2,144	2,144
Engineering Staff—Proportion of salaries & travelling expenses	5,804	5,804
Analyst—Proportion of salary	125	125
Superannuation	808	808
Loan Charges:		
Sewerage & Public Sanitary Conveniences	2,960	2,960
Water Supplies	22,500	22,500
Swimming Pool, Blessington	—	1,000
Flood Prevention at Bray	500	500
TOTAL:	£75,491	£76,491

SANITARY:

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	9,400	9,400
do. Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	3,400	3,400
Burial Fees	800	800
Miscellaneous	400	400
Contributions to Superannuation	200	200
TOTAL:	£14,500	£14,500

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HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries	3,872	3,872
Retiring Allowances	993	993
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	6,785	6,785
Rent Collectors' Poundage	6,332	6,332
Repairs to Council Houses	15,000	10,000
Construction of Council Houses—Loan Charges	79,191	79,191
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Council Houses	21,980	21,980
Other Council Housing Expenses	1,000	1,000
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc.	500	500
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts—Erection of Private Dwellings	15,700	15,700
Housing Grants for Improvement and Erection of Private Dwellings	20,100	20,100
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES:	£172,953	£167,953

HOUSING:

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Council Houses	41,000	41,000
Housing Subsidy—State	32,900	32,900
Other Receipts	75	75
Housing (Loans & Grants) Acts—Loan Repayments	15,700	15,700
Contributions under L.G. (Superannuation) Act	150	150
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£89,825	£89,825

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GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Committee of Agriculture			16,238	18,362
Public Libraries			10,251	10,251
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963			7,500	7,500
Tourist Development	1,000	1,000		
Scholarships: Secondary	6,960	6,960		
University	4,785	4,785		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	6,689	6,689	15,340	15,340
Cost of Rate Collection—Commission and Assessment			16,820	16,820
Cost of Rate Collection—Superannuation			1,698	1,698
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,500	1,500
Tramway Employees' Pensions			290	290
Pensions: Late Union Officers	220	220		
Co. Officers and Servants	987	987	5,517	5,517
Franchise and Jurors Lists	3,195	3,195		
Valuation	175	175	200	200
Legal Expenses			750	750
Coroners and Inquests	750	750	1,250	1,250
Postage and Telephones	750	750	1,150	1,150
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	100	100		
Elections				
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	675	675		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	580	580		
O/fwd.	£26,866	£26,866	£77,754	£79,878

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GENERAL PURPOSES— Contd.	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£	£	£
B/fwd.	26,866	26,866	77,754	79,878
Fire Brigades			20,364	£20,364
Drainage of Land	650	650		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,784	1,784		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights and Measures	635	635		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme	50	50		
Milk & Dairies & Slaughter of Animals Acts			850	850
Road Fund Expenses	6,550	6,550		
Blind Persons Acts	1,250	1,250		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	300	300		
Civil Defence	8,512	8,512		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	1,085	1,085		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	5,300	5,300		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	600	600	900	900
Rents and Expenses	600	600	1,200	1,200
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	257	257	1,015	1,015
Loan Charges	554	554	1,196	1,196
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			800	800
Travelling Expenses:				
County Councillors	1,920	1,920		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft:				
General Account			12,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	650	650	850	850
	£59,415	£59,415	£117,004	£119,128
Materials Expenses	30,000	40,000		
Machinery Expenses	85,000	90,000		
TOTAL:	£174,415	£189,415	£117,004	£119,128

GENERAL PURPOSES— Contd.	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Nature of Income:				
State Grant—Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) (Amendment) Act, 1961	7,129	7,129		
Contributions to Retiring Allowances	15	15	379	379
Licence Fees: Poison Cinematograph	6	6		
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	10	10	7	7
Public Libraries			240	240
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Repayments	50	50		
Recoupments: Franchise & Jurors' Expenses	1,830	1,830		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	300	300		
Civil Defence—State Grant	5,384	5,384		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban Dist. Councils			5,700	5,700
Do. Other Receipts			200	200
Diseases of Animals: Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts—Contributions from Urban District Councils			97	97
Motor Registration Recoupment	6,550	6,550		
Valuation Certificates			5	5
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Health and Sanitary Services	250	250		
Contribution from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			10,440	10,440
Rents from County Property	140	140	120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous	100	100	600	600
	£24,358	£24,358	£19,338	£19,338
Materials Expenses	30,000	40,000		
Machinery Expenses	85,000	90,000		
TOTAL:	£139,358	£154,358	£19,338	£19,338

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SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Vocational Education Committee:				
Demand	29,916	29,916		
Repayment of Loans	12,162	12,162		
Retiring Allowances	5,914	5,914		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			359	359
Criminal Injuries: County-at-Large	1,972	1,985		
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£49,964	£49,977	£359	£359

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Recoupment from Dept. of Education — One-half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	6,081	6,081		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	2,957	2,957		
Superannuation contributions	818	818		
TOTAL:	£9,856	£9,856		

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL WICKLOW CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICES	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5		NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND IN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
	Charge-able to the WHOLE COUNTY	Charge-able to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Charge-able to the WHOLE COUNTY	Charge-able to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	URBAN AREAS				Estimated BALANCE (if any) IN FAVOUR OF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of Financial Year	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of current Financial Year	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE OFF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	
							Urban District of ARKLOW	Urban District of BRAY	Urban District of WICKLOW					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ROADS ..	222,137	181,902	149,638	45,379	72,499	136,523	2,992	12,186	2,423	191,416		10,500	201,916	15/10-09
HEALTH ..	914,278		511,050		403,228		16,643	67,775	13,506	305,304	6,970		298,334	23/4-85
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	29,425		1,470		27,955		1,154	4,699	936	21,166			21,166	1/7-93
Sanitary ..		76,491		14,500		61,991				61,991			61,991	4/10-36
HOUSING ..		167,953		89,825		78,128				78,128			78,128	6/1-55
GENERAL PURPOSES ..	189,415	119,128	154,358	19,338	35,057	99,790	1,447	5,892	1,174	126,334		6,686	133,020	10/5-22
	£1,355,255	£545,474	£816,516	£169,042	£538,739	£376,432	£22,236	£90,552	£18,044	£784,339	£6,970	£17,186	£794,555	62/4

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the Rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £254,937 13. 6.

The total relative value of hereditaments be raised on the County Health Districts

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:
 - (1) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney, Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley, Thomas J. Keenan:—

“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, to Thomas Staunton, Esq., Brittas Bay, Wicklow.”
 - (2) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, John J. Bourke:—

“That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of 4 dwellings at Kilquade to S. A. Schofield, Esq., Hunter's Moon, Kilquade.”
 - (3) In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Mark Deerings:—

“That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the building of a house to Michael Phibbs on plot 'A' at Tinode, Blessington, and outline permission to build 5 houses on plot 'B' according to the plans herewith submitted.”
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th January and 5th February, 1968.
3. Overdraft Accommodation on General Account for Quarter to 30th June, 1968.
4. Declaration of Roads as Public Roads:— (a) Church Street, Stratford-On-Slaney, and Chapel Street, Stratford-On-Slaney; (b) Berryfield Lane, Fassaroe.
5. Application from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for the closing of Road at Enniskerry on 29th April, 1968, for purposes of Annual Motor Hill Climb.

6. Authorisation of Expenditure in excess of amounts provided in current year's Estimates—Details circulated to Members.
7. Renewal of University Scholarship.
8. Assessment of Housing needs for period to 31st March, 1971, and Building Programme for period ending 31st March, 1971.
9. Acquisition of Housing Site at Avoca—To make Compulsory Purchase Order.
10. Applications for Grants for new dwellinghouses.
11. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of dwellinghouses.
12. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages.
13. To receive Deputation from residents at Ballygannon in connection with water supply for Ballygannon and provision of public lighting.
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor William Cleary:—"That the Council revert back to the Courthouse for the purpose of holding their Meetings."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council provide mains water for the Council tenants in Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, and that the water charge not exceed 1/9d. per week."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council provide mains water for the people in Kilnamanagh, Glenealy."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That water be supplied to George Byrne and Joseph Dowling of Ballylusk by means of an extension from Ballyknockan Crossroads."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the Council extend the water supply to three cottages at Raheenglass, Coolboy."
19. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Thomas Keenan:—
 - (a) "That flooding in front of cottage of Mrs. Murphy, Killacoran, Aughrim, be examined and relieved."
 - (b) "That Kilpipe Lane from Mrs. O'Neill's cottage to Coolbawn be taken over by the Wicklow County Council and maintained."
20. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
 - (a) "That the Council take over Coolahullen Lane and put it in proper repair."
 - (b) "That the County Engineer submit a report on flooding on the road from Clone to Ballycoogue."
 - (c) "That Road No. 245 from Mr. Cassidy's holding to Mullinacuffe be put into proper repair."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the works agreed as compensatory for Mr. J. O'Toole, Kiltimon, be proceeded with immediately"
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"That the roadway facing Kennedy Park be put in a proper state of repair."
23. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
 - (a) "That the flooding problem which exists on the lands of Alan Daly, Killinure, Tullow, be examined and rectified immediately."

- (b) "That flooding on lane leading to holdings of James Keogh, Knockeen, Tullow, and Denis Keogh, Knockeen, Tullow, which it is alleged, is caused by continuous road surfacing, be examined and eliminated."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:—"That the Council take over the roadway Manor Avenue, Greystones, and instal some public lighting on same."
25. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
 - (a) "That this Council provide a waiting room in the County Hospital, Wicklow, to accommodate the Psychiatric Patients who attend the clinic there."
 - (b) "That the Council provide the people of Ballygannon with a sufficient supply of water."
26. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—
 - (a) "That water be provided for two houses at Bulford—Whelan's and McCormick's."
 - (b) "That a light be provided at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (c) "That a Dental Service be provided for Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (d) "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:—
James Synnott, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
John Waters, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
Martin Hamilton, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy
James Fagan, Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy.
Dan Kehoe, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy.
Mrs. Burke, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy.
Liam Odlum, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
Mrs. Synnott, 16, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy."
27. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:—
 - (a) "That the Council supply their two cottages at Milland, Tina-hely, with mains water."
 - (b) "That the Council lay a water main and connect their cottages to same at the Terrace, School Height, Carnew."
 - (c) "That this Council lay a main sewer for the people living in Shillelagh Village."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That in view of the seriousness of the lack of housing accommodation that at least ten new houses be provided in Avoca without any further delay."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That this Council either agree to the sale of the vested cottage owned by Patrick Kavanagh, Carrignamuck, Knockananna, to S. O'Connor, 10, Ballsbridge Avenue, Dublin, or that the Council purchase the cottage."
30. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, and W. Cleary:—"That this Council give a report on the progress made in acquiring proper access to Clogga Beach."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the Gregory family, Newcastle, be allowed to purchase their cottage outright."

32. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:—

- (a) "That the Council lay a watermain and connect their cottages to same at Hillbrook, Coolbeg, Arklow."
- (b) "That the Council build four cottages for the following families:— (1) Mr. Richard Doyle, Fairwood, Coolbeg, Arklow; (2) Mr. Michael Barnes, Coolboy Street; (3) Mrs. Doran, Rosnastraw, Tinahely; (4) Mrs. O'Rourke, Coolbeg."

33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That the Council terminate all water and sewerage charges paid by County Council tenants in this County once the Loan is paid back." (b) "That this Council provide five public lights at Ballygannon, Rathdrum."

34. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:—

- (a) "That this Council remove the old bank facing the houses at Ballywaltrim."
- (b) "That the Council remove the dangerous tree at the rear of 18 and 19 Cottages at Ballywaltrim."

35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a survey be carried out and plans be prepared immediately to implement the decision of this Council to instal a Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands area."

36. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and James Miley:— (a) "That the Council provide an additional street light between the village and the Church of Ireland at Donard." (b) "That direction signs be provided in Donard Village."

37. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—

- (a) "That we protest strongly against any attempt to abolish the proportional representation system of election."
- (b) "That we request the Government to give Local Authorities the power to acquire land through compulsory purchase within six months of negotiations opening and that they have the power to regulate the price of such land at a figure based on its agricultural value."
- (c) "That we ask the Government to introduce a Rates Deficiency Grant so that local authorities can be enabled to stabilise Rates at present figures and that we demand the introduction of an alternative system of financing local government based on incomes."

38. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Whelan:— "That we acquire land adjacent to the sea on the East Coast for parking facilities for the general public."

39. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor John J. Bourke:—

- (a) "That a scavenging service be provided for Kilquade."
- (b) "That the Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to speed up the provision of an automatic exchange for Newtownmountkennedy."
- (c) "That the Council appoint an additional Engineer for the 'Wicklow Area'."
- (d) "That the piece of land at Newtownmountkennedy rendered waste by re-routing of road be used for building houses."

- (e) "That the fountain at 'Reaper's Row', Newtownmountkennedy, be moved nearer to Council cottages."
- (f) "That repairs be carried out to Jerry Shannon's house, paths and gate piers, at 13, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."

Resolution of Sympathy.

Councillor H. J. Byrne proposed that the Council pass a Resolution expressing regret at the tragedy which had overtaken Aer Lingus in the accident to the plane on the Cork/London flight, which had crashed in the sea without any survivors. The Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the Company and with the relatives of those who died in the accident.

Congratulations to New Deputy.

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, offered congratulations to Councillor G. Timmins on his success in the Bye-Election and on taking his seat in the Dail and also expressed their appreciation of the gallant effort made by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill in contesting the Election.

Item No. 1.—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (1) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney, Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley, Thomas J. Keenan:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission, under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the Building of a Bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, to Thomas Staunton, Esq., Brittas Bay, Wicklow." (2) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, John J. Bourke:— "That by Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the Erection of 4 Dwellinghouses at Kilquade to S. A. Schofield, Esq., Hunter's Moon, Kilquade." (3) In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Mark Deering:— "That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, Hereby Instruct the County Manager to Issue Town Planning Approval for the Building of a House to Michael Phibbs on Plot 'A' at Tinode, Blessington, and Outline Permission to Build 5 Houses on Plot 'B' According to the Plans Herewith Submitted."

The County Secretary stated that no new plan or new application had been submitted either by Mr. Thomas Staunton in respect of the proposed bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, or by Mr. S. A. Schofield, Hunter's Moon, Kilquade, in respect of the four dwellinghouses at Kilquade. In consequence, if a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, were passed it could not be operated as there was no proposal at present before the County Manager awaiting decision. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that new applications would be submitted and the Council agreed that these two proposals be deferred.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley:

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council

hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the building of a house to Michael Phibbs on plot 'A' at Tinode, Blessington, and outline permission to build five houses on plot 'B', according to the plans herewith submitted.

The County Secretary stated that this proposal related to an application for permission for the erection of one house and an application for outline permission for the use of five sites at Tinode, Blessington, for housing. The house and the five sites adjoined the main Dublin/Blessington Road some distance south of the point where major improvement works had been carried out by the Council to remove a corner. While the five sites for which outline permission was sought were proposed to be served in respect of access by an access road running parallel to the Main Road the County Engineer considered that a traffic hazard would be created and the capacity of the Main Road reduced as a result of the additional volume of traffic which would be entering on the road at this place if the proposal were approved. The County Medical Officer also objected to the proposal on the grounds that the individual sites were proposed to be served by separate septic tanks. The Co. Medical Officer had pointed out also that the siting of the septic tanks on certain of the plots was unsatisfactory. A previous application for permission for these developments had been refused and the County Secretary submitted the recommendations given by the Council's technical officers on the previous application. The Resolution was declared passed, subject to compliance with public health requirements regarding the siting of the septic tanks.

Article in Magazine "Build."

Councillor F. Hynes referred to an Article which had appeared in the magazine "Build" which criticised the Members of the County Council regarding the manner in which certain Planning applications had been dealt with by the Council by way of Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Councillor Hynes proposed that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained regarding the terms of the Article in the magazine. It was decided that Councillor Hynes submit a Notice of Motion on the matter for inclusion on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th January and 5th February, 1968.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th January and 5th February, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Costello inquired as to whether there was any difficulty in patients obtaining accommodation in Newcastle Mental Hospital or in the Dublin Mental Hospital. The County Secretary stated that he was not aware of any difficulty arising in regard to patients requiring mental treatment being accommodated at either Newcastle Hospital or the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals. Councillor Costello and Councillor O'Neill, having inquired regarding the provision of accommodation for mentally-handicapped children, the County Secretary agreed that there was a general shortage of beds in the country for accommodation of the mentally-handicapped. Following a discussion on the matter the Council asked that

the County Medical Officer submit a full report in regard to the position in relation to the treatment of the mentally-handicapped.

Purchase of Housing Site at Tinahely.

Councillor Whelan and Councillor Miss Walsh stated that there appeared to be a difference of only £50 between the price being sought by the landowner for the site at Tinahely and the Council's offer and urged that the Council accept the figure proposed by the landowner.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That the Council complete the acquisition of the lands required for housing at Tinahely from Mr. Pierce and accept figure offered; and also accept offer of site for dump.

Passed unanimously.

Tinahely Water Supply.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Whelan the County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor was taking the necessary action to enable the Council to obtain access to Tinahely water supply. In reply to a suggestion from Councillor Whelan that the owner of the land be engaged as Caretaker the County Secretary stated that this matter had been discussed at a previous Meeting and it had been explained that the Council could not accept that the owner of the land had any entitlement to appointment as Caretaker.

Item No. 3—Overdraft Accommodation on General Account for Quarter to 30th June, 1968.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum for the Quarter to 30th June, 1968, shall not exceed £300,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Declaration of Roads as Public Roads:— (a) Church Street, Stratford-On-Slaney, and Chapel Street, Stratford-On-Slaney; (b) Berryfield Lane, Fassaroe.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby declare the following roads to be public roads:— Roads known as Church Street, Stratford-on-Slaney, leading to St. John's Church of Ireland, and Chapel Street, Stratford-on-Slaney, leading to the Village Hall, the total length of roadway being 420 lineal yards, and road known as Berryfield Lane leading from Fassaroe Crossroads for a distance of 800 lineal yards North-West towards Berryfield in the Townland of Fassaroe.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Application from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for the Closing of Road at Enniskerry on 29th April, 1968, for Purposes of Annual Motor Hill Climb.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 20th April, 1968, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Authorisation of Expenditure in Excess of Amounts Provided in Current Year's Estimates—Details Circulated to Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—We hereby authorise the incurring of expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purposes and to the amounts set out hereunder:—

Services	Purpose of Expenditure	Excess over Estimate	Total
Roads	Ordinary Road Works (Increases in Social Welfare and Redundancy Contributions, Wage Increase, etc.)	£3,200	£3,200
Health Services	General Medical Services (Medicines)	£1,250	
	Institutional Services (Repairs, etc., St. Colman's Hospital)	£1,000	
	Extern Institutions (Increase in numbers receiving treatment)	£9,700	
	Specialist Services (Increase in Charges re Out-Patient Clinics)	£3,600	
	Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons	£450	
	Ambulance Service and Transport of Patients (Increase in costs of transport, etc.)	£2,400	
	Dublin Health Authority Mental Hospitals (Increase in charges)	£9,000	£27,400
Sanitary Services	Sewerage and Public Conveniences (Extra Works)	£1,051	
	Water Supplies (Extra Works)	£1,206	£2,257
Housing Services	Other Purposes (Retiring Allowances, Fees on Loans, etc.)	£2,200	£2,200
General Purposes	Fire Brigades (Increases in Remuneration)	£1,800	
	Other Purposes (Overdraft Interest)	£3,000	£4,800

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Renewal of University Scholarship.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by Mr. Maurice T. Crean, who is a University Scholarship Holder, and who had pursued a Course in Dentistry. The Course covered a period of five years and three months from October, 1962. Five years' full Scholarships had been paid and he asked that a payment also be made in respect of the balance of the period. The final examination was taken in December, 1967. The County Secretary stated that it would seem reasonable that a proportion of the Scholarship for a further year be paid to Mr. Crean and recommended that the Council might agree to a payment of a sum of £50.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a sum of £75 to Mr. Maurice T. Crean in respect of University Scholarship covering the period from 1st April, 1967, to 31st December, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Assessment of Housing Needs for Period to 31st March, 1971, and Building Programme for Period Ending 31st March, 1971.

The County Secretary stated that it was required under the Housing Act, 1966, that a return be made to the Department of Local Government indicating the housing needs for the period to 31st March, 1971, and also the Building programme for this period. An estimate of the needs had been prepared and it would appear that 126 new houses to be built directly by the Council would be required. The return also made provision for the number of Loans likely to be made by the Council to persons erecting their own houses. Members of the Council, having indicated that the number proposed seemed very much under-estimated, the Council decided that Meetings of the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas be held to examine the matter and to determine the appropriate number of houses required for each Electoral Area. It was decided that Meetings be held as follows:— Arklow Electoral Area on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1968, at 4 p.m. at Shillelagh; Baltinglass Electoral Area on Friday, 29th March, 1968, at 8 p.m. at Blessington; Bray Electoral Area on Friday, 5th April, 1968, at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall, Bray; and Wicklow on Monday, 1st April, 1968, at 8 p.m. at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

Item No. 9 — Acquisition of Housing Site at Avoca — To make Compulsory Purchase Order.

The County Secretary asked that the making of the Compulsory Purchase Order be deferred to the Meeting to be held on the 1st April and the Council agreed that the matter be deferred to that date.

Councillor Miss Walsh asked that a report as to the suitability of the site at Kilmagig for the purpose of erection of houses thereon be available for the Meeting on Monday, 1st April, 1968.

Item No. 10—Applications for Grants for new Dwellinghouses.

It was.

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of Supplementary

Grants in respect of the erection of new houses as follows:—

Mrs. Margaret Byrne, Ballyknockanmore, Glenealy	£235.
Mrs. Alice E. Williams, Kilmolin, Enniskerry	£250.
Mrs. Vera Simmons, Knockloe, Tullow	£450.
Mr. Matthew J. Whyte, 3, Ballynerrin, Wicklow	£350.
Mr. John Rapple, 2, Sidmonton Square, Bray	£275.
Mr. Patrick H. Mulligan, Newcastle Hospital, Newcastle	£300.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that in the case of Mr. John Rapple the applicant had not been resident in the County for three years but agreed that since it appeared that he would now be permanently based in Dublin that he be accepted as qualified for the purposes of a Supplementary Grant. The Council noted also that Mr. P. H. Mulligan was a Psychiatric Nurse in Newcastle Hospital and had not the three years' qualification but agreed that in such instances the Council would waive the residence qualification.

Item No. 11—Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Erection of Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Garda Sean Lally, Garda Station, Ashford, in respect of erection of new houses at Milltown North, Ashford, subject to compliance with terms of Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that there was also an application for Loan towards the cost of repairs and improvements to a vested cottage at Boherboy, Dunlavin, by Mr. Edward Searson.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a loan of £730 to Mr. Edward Searson, Boherboy, Dunlavin, towards the cost of repairs and improvements to his vested cottage at Boherboy, Dunlavin, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. James Byrne of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 149/11 at 18, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to Mr. Patrick Ryan of 18, Ballybeg, Rathnew, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £200, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to remain payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Joseph Nolan of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 204/8 at Knockanree, Avoca, to Mr. John Moore, Knockanree, Avoca, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £233 6s. 8d., the statu-

tory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to be continued to be payable.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—To Receive Deputation from Residents at Ballygannon in Connection with Water Supply for Ballygannon and Provision of Public Lighting.

The Council received a Deputation of residents from Ballygannon, Rathdrum, concerning the water supply and the matter of public lighting in the area. Mrs. Earls, a member of the Deputation, stated that Council houses at Ballygannon had been without water on many occasions and that since Christmas no water had been available. The residents there asked that effective steps be taken to ensure that this area was not left without water. Mr. R. L. Farrell, Deputy County Engineer, stated that a considerable volume of water was going to waste in Rathdrum at night time and the lack of water in Ballygannon was caused by this major leak but he hoped to have the position remedied within the next few weeks. He explained that during the day time, when there was a big draw off of water in the town, Ballygannon, which was at a higher level, was left without water. He stressed that there was an ample supply of water at the source. Mr. Farrell stated that it had been confirmed that the leak was in the Main Street area and it was expected that it could be identified and the leak stopped within the next week or two. In reply to a complaint by Mr. Jackson, another member of the Deputation, regarding the colour of the water, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Deputy County Engineer, stated that the discolouration was due to the supply being shut off for a period and the pipes being flushed when the water was again turned on. The discolouration of the water was not due to rust but due to a peat deposit. Councillor Keenan suggested that a small filter bed might be provided to improve the quality of the water and Councillor Costello asked that a report on the quality of the water be supplied by the County Medical Officer.

In regard to the matter of public lighting, Mr. Doolan, another member of the Deputation, stated that extra lights were needed at Ballygannon and suggested that four additional lights were necessary. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended a light at the upper end of the Ballinderry Road and at the upper end of the Greenane Road. Councillor Hynes asked that the matter of providing extra lights in the town also be examined and in addition the necessity for a light on the road from Ballygannon to the town. The Deputation thanked the Members of the Council for receiving them.

Loan Towards Cost of Reconstruction of House.

Councillor Hynes inquired why the matter of the making of a Loan towards the cost of reconstruction of a house at Bollarney near Wicklow was not included on the Agenda and on the County Secretary's replying that the matter had already been considered by the Council at the previous Meeting and that the Council had merely indicated that it be deferred Councillor Hynes asked that it be included again on the Agenda for the Meeting on Monday, 1st April, 1968.

Purchase of Vested Cottages.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., asked that an item be included on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on the 1st April, 1968, to

enable the Council to consider the matter of making Loans available to persons wishing to purchase vested cottages. The Council agreed that this item also be included on the Agenda.

Supply of Drugs for Holder of Medical Card.

Councillor Hynes inquired why drugs would not be issued by the Council to a private Doctor for a patient who was the holder of a Medical Card and pointed out that where a person not the holder of a Medical Card was unable to meet the cost of providing special drugs arrangements could be made for such drugs to be supplied through their Doctor. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be examined.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Miley:— "That this Council seek legal advice on the Article written in the Magazine "Build".

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That a light be provided on each of the access roads to the Council's Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass."

In the names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "That a site of two acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is offered for sale and is very suitable for building, be bought by the Council and houses, which are badly need, be built there."

In the names of Councillors William Cleary, Roger Miley and James Whelan:— "Requesting a report at the next Meeting of the Council as to the position with regard to the application of Mr. John Dillon for a house to be built for him in Monument Lane, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council provide a scavenging service for Ashford, Glenealy, Kilpedder, Kilquade and Willow Grove."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley and J. Gregory:— "That this Council build a Doctor's residence in Rathdrum to enable Dispensary Doctor to live in the town."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the three ½ acre cottages plots at Glen Road, Aughrim, be divided to provide sites for three new houses there."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That full compensation be paid forthwith to Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for loss incurred as a result of an accident to his cow at Wicklow Co. Council quarry, which is on his land."

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That Polling Booths with under 150 on the Register for the area be done away with having regard to the modern transport available."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st April, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, Roger Miley, F. Hynes, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mark Deering, as follows:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow at Blessington. Mr. Hickey's plan is lodged with this Council."
2. To fix date for Meeting to consider Draft Development Plan.
3. Application for closing of roads for Circuit of Ireland International Rally, 1968.
4. Application for permit for use of public address system.
5. To open Tenders for Repairs to Council houses.
6. Acquisition of Housing Site at Avoca — (a) To make Compulsory Purchase Order; (b) Report on site at Kilmagig.
7. Reports re proposed provision of house for Mr. John Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow (Notice of Motion in names of Councillors W. Cleary, R. Miley and J. Whelan).
8. Application for Loan for reconstruction of house at Bolarney, Wicklow.
9. Purchase of Vested Cottages—to consider making Loans available for such purchases.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor William Cleary:— "That the Council revert back to the Courthouse for the purpose of holding their Meetings."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council provide mains water for the Council tenants in Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, and that the water charge not exceed 1/9d. per week.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council provide mains water for the people in Kilnarnagh, Glenealy."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That water be supplied to George Byrne and Joseph Dowling of Ballylusk by means of an extension from Ballyknockan Crossroads."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:— "That the Council extend the water supply to three cottages at Raheenglass, Coolboy."
15. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Thomas Keenan:—
(a) "That flooding in front of cottage of Mrs. Murphy, Killacoran, Aughrim, be examined and relieved."
(b) "That Kilpipe Lane from Mrs. O'Neill's cottage to Coolbawn be taken over by the Wicklow County Council and maintained."

16. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:-
 - (a) "That the Council take over Coolahullen Lane and put it in proper repair."
 - (b) "That the County Engineer submit a report on flooding on the road from Clone to Ballycoogue."
 - (c) "That road No. 245 from Mr. Cassidy's holding to Mullinacuffe be put into proper repair."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the works agreed as compensatory for Mr. J. O'Toole, Kiltimon, be preceded with immediately."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:- "That the roadway facing Kennedy Park be put in a proper state of repair."
19. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:-
 - (a) "That the flooding problem which exists on the lands of Alan Daly, Killinure, Tullow, be examined and rectified immediately."
 - (b) "That flooding on lane leading to holdings of James Keogh, Knockeen, Tullow, and Denis Keogh, Knockeen, Tullow, which it is alleged is caused by continuous road surfacing, be examined and eliminated."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That the Council take over the roadway, Manor Avenue, Greystones, and instal some public lighting on same."
21. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:-
 - (a) "That this Council provide a waiting room in the Co. Hospital, Wicklow, to accommodate the Psychiatric Patients who attend the clinic there."
 - (b) "That the Council provide the people of Ballygannon with a sufficient supply of water."
22. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:-
 - (a) "That water be provided for two houses at Bulford—Whelan's and McCormick's."
 - (b) "That a light be provided at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (c) "That a Dental service be provided for Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (d) "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:- James Synnott, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy. John Waters, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy. Martin Hamilton, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy. James Fagan, Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy. Dan Kehoe, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy. Mrs. Burke, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy. Liam Odum, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy. Mrs. Synnott, 16 O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy."
23. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:-
 - (a) "That the Council supply their two cottages at Milland, Tinahely, with mains water."
 - (b) "That the Council lay a water main and connect their cottages to same at The Terrace, School Height, Carnew."
 - (c) "That this Council lay a main sewer for the people living in Shillelagh Village."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That in view of the seriousness of the lack of housing accommodation that at least ten new houses be provided in Avoca without any further delay."

25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:- "That this Council either agree to the sale of the vested cottage owned by Patk. Kavanagh, Carignamuck, Knockananna, to S. O'Connor, 10, Ballsbridge Avenue, Dublin, or that Council purchase the cottage."
26. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:- "That this Council give a report on the progress made in acquiring proper access to Clogga Beach."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the Gregory family, Newcastle, be allowed to purchase their cottage outright."
28. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes.
 - (a) "That the Council lay a watermain and connect their cottage to same at Hillbrook, Coolbeg, Arklow."
 - (b) "That the Council build four cottages for the following families: (1) Mr. Richard Doyle, Fairwood, Coolbeg, Arklow; (2) Mr. M. Barnes, Coolboy Street; (3) Mrs. Doran, Rosnastraw, Tinahely; (4) Mrs. O'Rourke, Coolbeg."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council terminate all water and sewerage charges paid by Co. Council tenants in this County once the Loan is paid back."
30. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:-
 - (a) "That this Council remove the old bank facing the houses at Ballywaltrim."
 - (b) "That the Council remove the dangerous tree at the rear of 18 and 19 cottages at Ballywaltrim."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That a survey be carried out and plans be prepared immediately to implement the decision of this Council to instal a Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands area."
32. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and James Mile:-
 - (a) "That the Council provide an additional street light between the village and the Church of Ireland at Donard."
 - (b) "That direction signs be provided in Donard Village."
33. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:-
 - (a) "That we protest strongly against any attempt to abolish the proportional representation system of election."
 - (b) "That we request the Government to give Local Authorities the power to acquire land through compulsory purchase within six months of negotiations opening and that they have the power to regulate the price of such land at a figure based on its agricultural value."
 - (c) "That we ask the Government to introduce a Rates Deficiency Grant so that local authorities can be enabled to stabilise Rates at present figures and that we demand the introduction of an alternative system of financing local government based on incomes."
34. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Whelan:- "That we acquire land adjacent to the sea on the East Coast for parking facilities for the general public."
35. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor John J. Bourke:-
 - (a) "That a scavenging service be provided for Kilquade."
 - (b) "That the Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to speed up the provision of an automatic exchange for Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (c) "That the Council appoint an additional Engineer for the

Wicklow Area."

- (d) "That the piece of land at Newtownmountkennedy rendered waste by re-routing of road be used for building houses." and gate piers at 13 Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy." be moved nearer to Council cottages."
- (f) "That repairs be carried out to Jerry Shannon's house, paths and gate piers at 13 Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."
36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That Desmond Kinsella be sold his vested cottage at Glenealy."
37. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Jas. Miley:- "That this Council seek legal advice on the Article written in the Magazine, "Build". "
38. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:- "That a light be provided on each of the access roads to the Council's Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass."
39. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That a site of 2 acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is offered for sale and is very suitable for building, be bought by the Council and houses, which are badly needed, be built here."
40. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council provide a scavenging service for Ashford, Glenealy, Kilpedder, Kilquade and Willow Grove."
41. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley and J. Gregory:- "That this Council build a Doctor's residence in Rathdrum to enable Dispensary Doctor to live in the town."
42. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the three 1-acre cottage plots at Glen Road Aughrim, be divided to provide sites for three new houses there."
43. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That full compensation be paid forthwith to Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for loss incurred as a result of an accident to his cow at Wicklow County Council quarry, which is on his land."
44. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That Polling Booths with under 150 on the Register for the area be done away with having regard to the modern transport available."
45. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mark Deering, as follows:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow at Blessington. Mr. Hickey's plan is lodged with this Council."

The County Secretary submitted to the Council the Reports of the County Medical Officer and County Engineer in regard to the application of Mr. Dominic Hickey for permission for the building of a bungalow at Blessington and pointed out that the Council's technical staff recommended that permission be refused as the site was unsuitable for servicing by way of a septic tank in view of its proximity to the Reservoir at Blessington which was used for the Dublin water supply. The site was within the catchment area and there was a risk of the Reservoir becoming polluted. Councillor J. Miley in moving the Resolution which was seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, contended that there could not be any risk of pollution to the Reservoir in view of the

distance of the site from the Reservoir and the fact that a public road also ran between the site and the Reservoir. He stated that a refuse dump for Blessington was nearer to the Reservoir and also pointed out that in the Draft Development Plan for Blessington this area was approved for housing. The County Secretary pointed out that it had been provided in the Draft Development Plan that the area in which this site formed a part be acquired by the Council with a view to development for housing because of the fact that the site could be used for housing only if a sewerage pumping plant was provided and, consequently, it was felt that the area would not and could not be developed by private individuals. The Council had since agreed to omit this particular objective from the Draft Development Plan. The County Manager drew attention to the particular risk which was involved by the locating of septic tanks in the vicinity of a Reservoir from the point of view of certain water borne diseases such as Typhoid. The County Secretary also submitted to the Council a letter received from the Corporation of Dublin conveying the Corporation's objections to the proposed building of a bungalow on this site and indicating that in the event of the Council passing a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, directing that permission be granted the Corporation would appeal to the Minister against such a grant of permission.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow at Blessington to Mr. Dominic Hickey, E.S.B. Staff House, Poulaphouca, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Passed. Councillor Costello dissented.

Item No. 2—To fix date for Meeting to consider Draft Development Plan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That a special Meeting for the purpose of considering the Draft Development Plan and proposed amendments there to be held on 22nd April, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for closing of roads for Circuit of Ireland International Rally, 1968.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received. The Organisers had submitted the necessary guarantees to the Council as suggested by the County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday 13th April, 1968, for the periods specified after each of the roads and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Rally on these roads while so closed to public traffic:-

County Roads Nos. 58 and 57 and Main Road L. 94 (Old Military Road) from Waterfall at Glenmacness to road junction at Aurora; County Roads Nos. 13, 16, 17, 15 and 11 from junction at Aurora via Bahana and

Annacrivey to Glencree—from 4.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
County Roads 367, 378 and 377 from Lacken to Oldcourt via Ballylow (Sorrel Hill)—from 7.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.
County Road 129 from junction at Moneymeen via Aughavannagh to Farbreaga—from 8.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Application for permit for use of public address system.

The Council approved of the granting of a licence to the Baltinglass Tennis Club for the use of a public address system to advertise a Gala Week being organised by the Club. The Council refused an application for the use of a loudspeaker by J. Lyons and Co. (Ireland) Ltd. (Lyons Tea).

Item No. 5—To open Tenders for Repairs to Council Houses.

The following Tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and referred to the County Engineer for examination. The Council agreed that repairs to cottages in the West Wicklow area should continue to be carried out by direct labour.

Name & Address of Tenderer	Area	Amount of Tender
T. J. Keenan, 1, Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim.	South/Eastern	Standard Rate plus 25%
James Byrne, Coo'kenno, Tullow.	No. 5, 6 Districts	Standard Rate plus 30%
Peter O'Leary, The Range Dunadea, Co. Kildare.	Western and Souther districts	Standard Rate plus 25%

Item No. 6—Acquisition of Housing Site at Avoca—(a) To make Compulsory Purchase Order; (b) Report on Site at Kilmagig.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Compulsory Purchase Order entitled "Tinnahinch Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1" in respect of the acquisition of lands at Tinnahinch, Avoca, required for housing purposes.

Passed unanimously

The County Engineer informed the Council that a detailed survey of the site at Kilmagig would be required in order to determine whether any houses could be satisfactorily sited thereon. He was arranging to have this done. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 7—Report re proposed provision of house for Mr. John Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow. (Notice of Motion in names of Councillors W. Cleary, R. Miley and J. Whehan).

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had indicated that he did not favour the proposal that a joint sewerage scheme to be served by one septic tank be provided to serve both the proposed cottage for Mr. John Dillon and the five existing houses at Monument Lane. He pointed out that the desludging of the septic tank would have to be carried out by the Council and that this would create a precedent which would result in the Council being required to provide similar services throughout the County. He considered that the introduction of a service of this nature by the Council would involve considerable cost. He expressed the view that Mr. Dillon should be provided with a cottage on an alternative site. The County Engineer agreed with

the advice of the County Medical Officer that it would be an undesirable practice which might lead to proliferation of septic tanks for which nobody would have responsibility and pointed out that the Council had no organisation or service to see that tanks were emptied and kept in proper working condition. The Department of Local Government in letter of 28th February, 1968, had indicated that having regard to the Chief Medical Officer's objection to the size of the site in relation to a septic tank; the possible effect of the sinking of a further well on the water supply available to the existing cottages and the fact that the Council were negotiating with Arklow Urban District Council regarding services to all the cottages, a potentially serviced cottage should be provided on the site. It was stated that the Council should, however, press ahead with the provision of full services for all the cottages. The Co. Engineer in a further Report stated that he considered that the only solution, if it were insisted that a serviced cottage be built on the site, was to extend the Arklow Urban Council's services to the site and that the alternative would be to provide another site for Mr. Dillon. He pointed out that the extension of the sewer from Arklow Urban District would probably be expensive and might prove uneconomic. The permission of the Arklow U.D.C. would have to be sought. The extension would also encourage undesirable ribbon development along this route.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That Council proceed with provision of unserviced cottage for Mr. Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Application for Loan for reconstruction of house at Bollarney, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been discussed in committee at the Meeting of the Council on the 5th February, 1968, and the County Manager indicated that a loan of £720 was sought and that the County Manager was not prepared to approve of the loan as the necessary assurance of ability to repay the loan were not available. The Council had decided to defer consideration on the matter. Councillor Hynes had asked that the item be included again on the Agenda for this Meeting. Councillor Hynes stated that he saw no reason why the loan of £720 should not be made available as the value of the security offered by the cottage which had been reconstructed and improved very much exceeded the amount of the loan sought.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That loan of £720 be made to Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollarney, towards cost of reconstruction of cottage.

The County Manager informed the Council that he was not prepared to approve of the making of the loan in this case for reasons already indicated but pointed out that the Council could if they so desired direct that the loan be made by means of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Councillor Hynes stated that he would hand in a Notice of Intention to move a Resolution under Section 4 of the 1955 Act.

Item No. 9—Purchase of Vested Cottages — to consider making Loans available for such purchases.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., suggested that it would be in the interests of the Council to make a loan available to a person who wished to purchase a vested cottage if the person concerned was one who would

normally be rehoused by the Council. He pointed out that the making of a loan available in such an instance would effect a saving to the Council and to the State if otherwise the Council had to provide a house for the applicant, the rent of which would be subsidised by both the Council and the State. The County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to consider any such applications individually as the Council should ensure that loans were not being made available for the purpose of speculation in the purchase of vested cottages. Councillor Temple suggested that the proposal might cut across the arrangement which had been operated under which the Council had bought directly a vested cottage which was up for sale and for which no eligible person had applied in order that the cottage could be made available to a person in need of housing in the district.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That the Council agree to make loans available to any persons wishing to purchase a vested cottage subject to the Council being satisfied that any such person is in need of re-housing by Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor William Cleary:—
"That the Council revert back to the Courthouse for the purpose of holding their Meetings."

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved — That the Council revert back to the Courthouse for the purpose of holding their Meetings.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Cleary stated that he considered the former Council Chamber in the Courthouse as more suitable for Council Meetings and stated that the ventilation was better and there was much greater room both for the Members and for any members of the public who might wish to attend the Meetings. He stated also that he found no difficulty in negotiating the stairs to the Council Chamber in the Courthouse but found the hill from the Market Square to the Council's Offices at Kilmartin Hill a considerable strain. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the room in the Courthouse was structurally sound for the holding of Meetings; that the ceiling was very high but from the acoustics point of view it would be no better than the existing Council Meeting room. He considered, however, that the ventilation would be better. The Co. Secretary submitted a letter which had been received from Mr. Lawlor, Chief Reporter, "Wicklow People," which read as follows:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council.

Wicklow People Office,
The Mall, Wicklow.
12th February, 1968.

Re: Motion to Change Venue for Council Meetings.

Dear Sir,

In connection with a motion tabled by Councillor W. Cleary for your meeting on Monday, 12th February, to the effect that the Council should revert back to the Courthouse for the purpose of holding their meetings, I wish to state that from my own point of view the Chamber in the Courthouse is most unsatisfactory. I have, in the past, been unable to follow debates clearly due to the poor acoustics and the

fact that the Courthouse Chamber-room is so big. In addition, several members sit with their backs towards the press box and it is impossible to hear their remarks. My predecessor, the late Mr. P. J. Noonan, made similar complaints during his attendance at meetings in the Old Council Room.

I trust you will bring this matter to the notice of the Members when dealing with this particular motion.

Yours faithfully,

Nicholas J. Lawlor,

Chief Reporter.

Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to hold the next three Meetings of the Council in the Council Chamber at the Courthouse, Wicklow, following which the Council would consider again the more suitable location for their Meetings.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council provide mains water for the Council tenants in Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, and that the water charge not exceed 1/9d. per week."

The County Secretary stated that the plans for providing an extension of the watermain to serve Council houses at Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval. The estimated cost of the Scheme was £1,520 and the loan charges, having allowed for a subsidy of 50% would require a contribution of 3/1d. per week for each house and an equivalent sum from the Council. The County Secretary stated that a charge of 1/9d. per week for providing water supply and a similar sum of 1/9d. per week in respect of provision of sewerage services had been determined by the Council as being an average contribution to be sought from tenants about ten or twelve years earlier but costs had increased substantially since that time and suggested that the Council might consider fixing a revised average rate of charge. The County Secretary pointed out that where a contribution was made by tenants towards the cost of water supply extensions no water rate was levied. Councillor Hynes stated that one of the five houses included in the scheme involved a greater length of main extension than the other four and that if the house was omitted it might be possible to effect a substantial reduction in the total cost and in the contribution to be required from tenants. It was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of providing a scheme to serve four cottages only omitting the cottage furthest from the existing water supply. The Council noted that approval to the scheme by the Department of Local Government was awaited.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council provide mains water for the people in Kilnamanagh, Glenealy."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted an estimate of the cost of extending the water supply to cottages at Kilnamanagh and Kilcandra. The total cost of the work, which included 1,700 lineal yards of 2" main part of which would be through rock, a pump and pumphouse, a 6,000 gallon prefabricated tank and bringing the water to the five cottages and supplying and fitting sinks and constructing soakpits, amounted to £3,410. This worked out at an average of over £680 per cottage which was more than double the figure normally regarded as the economic cost per house. Councillor Hynes suggested that a revised type of scheme be prepared to eliminate the necessity for pumping and it was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to

examine the possibility of providing a scheme at a lesser cost and eliminating pumping.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—
“That water be supplied to George Byrne and Joseph Dowling of Ballylusk by means of an extension from Ballyknockan Crossroads.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that to extend the Glenealy Water Supply from Ballyknockan Crossroads to supply the two farms of Mr. George Byrne and Mr. Joseph Dowling, both at Ballylusk, would cost £640 for laying 800 lineal yards of class ‘B’ P.V.C. pipes. The County Secretary stated that both these persons were farmers and it would seem that the appropriate way of obtaining a water supply would be for them to arrange a group scheme. Councillor Phelan stated that he would convey the suggestion of arranging a group scheme to Messrs. Byrne and Dowling.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—
“That the Council extend the water supply to three cottages at Raheen-glass, Coolboy.”

The County Secretary stated that the cost of providing an extension in 2” diameter main for a distance of 260 lineal yards, including a stop-cock and installation of fittings in each of three cottages, was estimated at £445. This would involve a contribution from tenants of 3/8d. per week each. There were three cottages involved, two of which were vested in the tenants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That the Council extend the water supply to three Council houses at Raheenglass, Coolboy.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Thomas Keenan:—
 (a) “That flooding in front of cottage of Mrs. Murphy, Killacoran, Aughrim, be examined and relieved.” (b) “That Kilpipe Lane from Mrs. O’Neill’s cottage to Coolbawn be taken over by the Wicklow County Council and maintained.”

In regard to flooding in front of the cottage of Mrs. Murphy, Killacoran, Aughrim, the County Engineer reported that this was on the Killacoran Road No. 98 and the cottage was in the townland of Clone. It had been built under the 1946 scheme and there was a stream running in the gripe in front of the cottage. This stream is piped across the gateway with a 2 foot diameter pipe. The gate was 8 feet wide and the pipe was 12 feet in length which should be sufficient for anybody entering or leaving the cottage and he saw no necessity to extend it. Councillor Keenan stated that the stream was causing erosion of the road surface and asked that the matter be further examined.

In regard to the proposal that Coolbawn Lane be taken over by the Council the County Secretary pointed out that an estimate of the cost of putting the lane in condition for taking over by the Council had been submitted at the Estimates Meeting but the Council had not found it possible to provide monies for the taking over of additional roads.

Item No. 16—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
 (a) “That the Council take over Coolahullen Lane and put it in proper repair.” (b) “That the County Engineer submit a Report on flooding on the Road from Clone to Ballycoogue.” (c) “That Road

No. 245 from Mr. Cassidy’s holding in Mullinacuffe be put into proper repair.”

In regard to Coolahullen Lane the County Secretary stated that this had been included in the lists submitted by the County Engineer at the Estimates Meeting but the Council had not found it possible to provide monies to meet the cost of putting the lane in order and taking it over.

In regard to the road from Clone to Ballycoogue Councillor Miss Walsh stated that what was required on this road was principally the cutting of briars and cleaning of drains. It was agreed that the County Engineer would look into the matter.

In regard to Road No. 245 from Mr. Cassidy’s holding in Mullinacuffe to Mullinacuffe the County Engineer stated that this was a gravel road approximately 2 miles in length and had been graded and widened last year and its condition was fair. Provision had been made in the 1968/69 Roads Estimates under County Roads for rolling and surface dressing one mile of the road from Tallon’s Crossroads to Mullinacuffe. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Whelan, the Council agreed that this work be carried out.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—
“That the works agreed as compensatory for Mr. J. O’Toole, Kiltimon, be proceeded with immediately.”

Councillor Phelan stated that he understood from the Co. Engineer that the original map which indicated the extent of the wall to be provided for Mr. O’Toole had been lodged in the Land Registry and that the Council’s Solicitor was obtaining a copy so that the works agreed by the Council could proceed. He asked that the matter be expedited.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:—
“That the Roadway facing Kennedy Park be put in a proper state of repair.”

The County Secretary submitted the following Report from the Co. Engineer which was noted by the Council:—

5th March, 1968

County Secretary.

Re: Notice of Motion handed in by Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne: “That the Roadway facing Kennedy Park be put in a proper state of repair.”

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 16th ultimo.

The houses known as “Kennedy Park” were constructed by Bray Urban District Council and the fenceline set back from the existing roadside fence approximately 12 feet. The area between the new footpath and the edge of the road was left with a clay surface which is gradually falling into disrepair. Enquiries have been made and the Bray Urban District Council state they are no longer interested in the area and do not accept responsibility. Arrangements will be made to have the clay removed and the area stabilised with gravel at the earliest opportunity. It is proposed to carry out surface dressing on Boghall Road during the coming year and this area may be surface dressed at the same time.

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T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Item No. 19—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

- (a) "That the flooding problem which exists on the lands of Alan Daly, Killinure, Tullow, be examined and rectified immediately." (b) "That flooding on Lane leading to holding of Jas. Keogh, Knockeen, Tullow, and Denis Keogh, Knockeen, Tullow, which it is alleged is caused by continuous road surfacing, be examined and eliminated."

In regard to the flooding problem stated to exist on the lands of Mr. Alan Daly, Killinure, Tullow, the County Engineer stated that this road (County Road 238) at Killinure had not been excessively raised by surface dressing. No flooding of Mr. Daly's lands occurred by any run off of water from the road. Water from the road, however, apparently entered Mr. Daly's private lane. This lane led directly off tarred road and was below road level. Any flooding of the land could be alleviated by the provision by Mr. Daly of a shore across the entrance to his lane. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that particulars of the County Engineer's Report be conveyed to Councillor J. J. McCrea who was interested in this matter.

In regard to the claim that flooding occurred on the lane leading to the holdings of James Keogh and Denis Keogh, Knockeen, Tullow, the County Engineer reported that no flooding of the lands of Messrs. James and Denis Keogh occurred by water running off the road which was County Road 253 at Knockeen, Tullow. Apparently water from the County Road entered a private lane leading to their premises. The lane led directly and very steeply off the County Road. No remedial works which could prevent water from the County Road entering the lane were practicable and in any case it was very doubtful if the Council had any responsibility in the matter. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that the views of the Council's Solicitor be obtained as to whether the Council had a responsibility in regard to the alleged flooding.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th April, 1968.

Notices of Motion:

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant a Reconstruction Loan to Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Willieam Cleary and James Whelan:- That we or someone for us will move at a subsequent Meeting of this Council that we purchase or acquire land on both sides of Monument Lane, Arklow, for use as building sites, either private or otherwise, and that the Engineer examine this possibility."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th April, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney, Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley and Thomas J. Keenan:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, to Thomas Staunton, Esq., Brittas Bay, Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant a Reconstruction Loan to Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 12th February, 1968.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That the Council take over the roadway, Manor Avenue, Greystones, and instal some public lighting on same."
4. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:-
 - (a) "That this Council provide a waiting room in the Co. Hospital, Wicklow, to accommodate the Psychiatric Patients who attend the clinic there."
 - (b) "That the Council provide the people of Ballygannon with a sufficient supply of water."
5. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:-
 - (a) "That water be provided for two houses at Bulford—Whelan's and McCormick's."
 - (b) "That a light be provided at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (c) "That a Dental service be provided for Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (d) "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:- James Synnott, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy. John Waters, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy. Martin Hamilton, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."

James Fagan, Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy.
 Dan Kehoe, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy.
 Mrs. Burke, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy.
 Liam Odium, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy.
 Mrs. Synnott, 16, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

6. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:—
 - (a) "That the Council supply their two cottages at Milland, Tina-hely, with mains water."
 - (b) "That the Council lay a water main and connect their cottages to same at The Terrace, School Height, Carnew."
 - (c) "That this Council lay a main sewer for the people living in Shillelagh Village."
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That this Council either agree to the sale of the vested cottage owned by Patrick Kavanagh, Carrignamuck, Knockananna, to S. O'Connor, 10, Ballsbridge Avenue, Dublin, or that the Council purchase the cottage."
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:— "That this Council give a report on the progress made in acquiring proper access to Clogga Beach."
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That the Gregory family, Newcastle, be allowed to purchase their cottage outright."
10. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:—
 - (a) "That the Council lay a watermain and connect their cottages to same at Hillbrook, Coolbeg, Arklow."
 - (b) "That the Council build four cottages for following families:— (1) Mr. Richard Doyle, Fairwood, Coolbeg, Arklow; (2) Mr. Michael Barnes, Coolboy Street; (3) Mrs. Doran, Rosnastraw, Tinahely; (4) Mrs. O'Rourke, Coolbeg."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council terminate all water and sewerage charges paid by County Council tenants in this County once the Loan is paid back."
12. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:—
 - (a) "That this Council remove the old bank facing the houses at Ballywaltrim."
 - (b) "That the Council remove the dangerous tree at the rear of 18 and 19 cottages at Ballywaltrim."
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 - (b) "That the Council appoint an additional Engineer for the Wicklow Area."
 - (c) "That the piece of land at Newtownmountkennedy rendered waste by re-routing of road be used for building houses."
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 - (e) "That repairs be carried out to Jerry Shannon's house, paths and gate piers, at 13, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."
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 24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That full compensation be paid forthwith to Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for loss incurred as a result of an accident to his cow at Wicklow County Council quarry, which is on his land."
 25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That Polling Booths with under 150 on the Register for the area be done away with having regard to the modern transport available."

26. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mark Deering:- "That the Council declare William Tighe, Blessington, to whom a Council cottage is let under Section 24 of the Housing Amendment Act, 1950, to be a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers Act, 1936, and that the cottage he now occupies be vested in him."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and James Whelan:- "That we or someone for us will move at a subsequent Meeting of this Council that we purchase or acquire land on both sides of Monument Lane, Arklow, for use as building sites, either private or otherwise, and that the Engineer examine this possibility."
28. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:- (a) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney, Mary Ledwidge, Roger Miley and Thomas J. Keenan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a Bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, to Thomas Staunton, Esq., Brittas Bay, Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the building of a bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, to Thomas Staunton, Esq., Brittas Bay, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that a previous application by Mr. Thomas Staunton for permission for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay, had been refused on the recommendation of the County Engineer on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and would result in injury to amenity as it lies between the Coast Road and the sea.
2. It is an objective of the Draft Development Plan to preserve or improve views to the sea from the Coast Road between Wicklow and Arklow and for that reason development between the road and the sea would be undesirable.

The County Secretary stated that the plans now submitted were similar to those which had been the subject of the refusal and the same objections applied. Councillor Phelan in proposing the Resolution stated that the proposed bungalow would be located on a site between the road and the Potter's River and the site was a considerable distance from the sea. The erection of the building would not interfere with any access to the sea. He pointed out also that it was quite impossible to obtain a view of the sea from any point on the road adjoining the site of the proposed building. In the circumstances he failed to see

any justification for refusing permission for the proposed building on this site. The Resolution was passed, Councillor S. Costello abstaining.

- (b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant a Reconstruction Loan to Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollorney, Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant a Reconstruction Loan to Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollorney, Wicklow.

Councillor Hynes stated this matter had been discussed by the Council at the previous Meeting and he considered that there was ample security in this case to allow of the making of a Loan to Mrs. Sheila Ryan. Councillor Phelan spoke in support of the proposal. The County Manager stated that he had indicated to the Council at the previous Meeting the reasons why he was not prepared to make a Loan available to Mrs. Sheila Ryan towards the cost of reconstruction of the house at Bollorney, Wicklow. The house was a vested cottage, which was vested in Mrs. Sheila Ryan, who in her application had indicated that she had no separate income. He had not received satisfactory assurance from the previous employer of her husband as to his suitability for the repayment of the Loan if made. The County Manager informed the Council that he was obliged under Section 16 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to object to the proposed Resolution which he considered was likely to result in a deficiency or loss to the funds of the local authority and to say that if a decision were taken on the proposal it would be necessary to record the names of the Members present and voting for and against the decision and abstaining from voting in the Minutes. Should a deficiency or loss occur to the Council's funds as a result of the decision Members voting for the decision render themselves liable to a charge or surcharge.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That the advice of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on the security available in respect of the proposed loan to Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollorney, Wicklow, and on the liability of the Members of the Council in the event of the loan not being repaid.

The Resolution was declared passed, Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th February, 1968, had not been circulated and the Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 3 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That the Council take over the Roadway, Manor Avenue, Greystones, and instal some public lighting on same."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Lendrum had applied to the Council to take over a further part of Manor Avenue, Greystones.

and the County Engineer had been asked for his recommendation. The County Engineer stated that he was examining the matter and would submit his report. Councillor Miss O'Neill urged that a reply be sent to Mr. Lendrum as soon as possible.

Item No. 4—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a)
"That this Council provide a Waiting Room in the County Hospital, Wicklow, to accommodate the Psychiatric Patients who attend the Clinic there."

The County Manager stated that the matter of providing a prefabricated building in the grounds of the District Hospital, Wicklow, to provide accommodation for Psychiatric Clinics and possibly also for other Clinics was being examined and a report and recommendation on the matter would be submitted to the Council as soon as available. Councillor Hynes expressed satisfaction at the County Manager's suggestion.

(b) "That the Council provide the people of Ballygannon with a sufficient supply of water."

Councillor Hynes agreed that this matter had been discussed at the previous Meeting and that the matter was receiving attention.

Item No. 5—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:— (a)
"That water be provided for two houses at Bulford — Whelan's and McCormick's."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the two houses which were situated on the road between Kilcoole and Newtownmountkennedy were 660 lineal yards from the main at Kilcoole and the cost of laying a 2" diameter main to provide water to the houses was estimated at £530. The County Secretary suggested that the provision of an extension to serve these houses by means of a group scheme be considered.

(b) "That a light be provided at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."

Councillor Bourke stated that a light was needed at the end of the houses on Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy. It was agreed that the County Engineer examine and report on the proposal.

(c) "That a Dental Service be provided for Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that Dental Clinics were at present held in the Kilcoole Dispensary but the arranging of Clinics at Newcastle Hospital for Newtownmountkennedy was under examination by the County Medical Officer and the Council's Senior Dental Surgeon. Councillor Bourke stated that Clinics at Newcastle Hospital would be much more convenient for people in Newtownmountkennedy.

(d) "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:— James Synnott, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy; John Waters, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy; Martin Hamilton, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy; James Fagan, Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy; Dan Kehoe, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy; Mrs. Burke, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy; Liam Odum, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy; Mrs. Synnott, 16, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that Mr. James Synnott, Church Road, and Mr. Dan Kehoe, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, had refused to allow the Council's

workmen to carry out repairs to their cottages. Repairs had been carried out to the cottages of John Waters, Martin Hamilton and Mrs. Burke. Estimates for repairs to the cottages of Liam Odum and James Fagan had been submitted for approval. Members of the Council suggested that matters of this type could more suitably be considered at local meetings.

Item No. 6—Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. McCreagh and F. Hynes:— (a) "That the Council supply their two cottages at Milland, Tinahely, with mains water."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer estimated the cost of laying 700 lineal yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ " P.V.C. to serve both cottages including connection to watermain, provision of stop cocks, at £150. The two persons concerned Mr. Daniel Byrne and Mr. Andrew O'Neill had been asked if they would consider arranging for this extension as a group scheme and they had been informed of the Grants which were available. One of the houses concerned was a vested cottage and the other was a private house. The Council noted the position in the matter.

(b) "That the Council lay a Water Main and connect their cottages to same at The Terrace, School Height, Carnew."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that owing to levels it would be necessary to pump the water to serve these cottages. Apart from this fact there was insufficient water available to serve the existing connections and in the Summer time water had to be cut off at night. For these reasons the proposed extension was not recommended. The County Engineer stated that the proposed Carnew/Tinahely Regional Scheme would provide a supply to the houses. The Council noted the position.

(c) "That this Council lay a main sewer for the people living in Shillelagh Village."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the engagement of a Consulting Engineer to prepare a Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh and the sanction of the Department of Local Government to the appointment of the Consultant was awaited.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—
"That this Council either agree to the sale of the Vested Cottage owned by Patrick Kavanagh, Carrignamuck, Knockananna, to S. O'Connor, 10, Ballsbridge Avenue, Dublin, or that the Council purchase the Cottage."

The County Secretary stated that the proposed purchaser was a single man living in Dublin and would not appear to be eligible to purchase the cottage. An application for the tenancy of the cottage if it were available had been received from a person in the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the Council making an offer for the purchase of vested cottage at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, from Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, tenant-purchaser.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—“That this Council give a Report on the progress made in acquiring proper access to Clogga Beach.”

The County Secretary stated that Council's Solicitor had now obtained Counsel's Opinion in regard to the proposed action to establish a public right-of-way at Clogga Beach. Counsel had advised that it would be necessary to take the action in the High Court rather than the Circuit Court.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That we ask the Minister for Local Government to indemnify the Council against any costs arising in respect of the establishment of public rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Temple in proposing the Resolution pointed out that the Council in taking these actions would be setting a headline for other local authorities who had been experiencing similar difficulties in preserving access to beaches and that in consequence it was reasonable that any costs arising be met by the State.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we ask the Minister to introduce legislation to make access to beaches available to the public at all times.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that this Resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils as well as to the Minister for Local Government. The Council agreed that it was desirable to proceed as quickly as possible with the actions to establish these rights-of-way.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—“That the Gregory family, Newcastle, be allowed to purchase their cottage outright.”

Councillor Phelan stated that this cottage, which was vested in Mr. James Gregory, had been improved by him and that it had been used as a shop for many years with the agreement of the former Board of Health. Subsequently, a Petrol Filling Station had been provided on the plot and this had been in operation for a number of years. Mr. Gregory wished to erect a proper garage at this place and thereby very much improve its present appearance. He felt that since the cottage and plot had been used for business purposes for many years it should be accepted as a fait accompli and that Mr. Gregory should be allowed to redeem the annuity and erect the new buildings. The County Manager pointed out that a vested cottage could be used only for the accommodation of the tenant-purchaser and his family and could not be used for business purposes. He agreed that it appeared that the former Board of Health had not objected to the shop having been provided at the cottage but some years ago an application for the erection of petrol pumps at this place had been received and permission had been given on the recommendation of the then County Engineer. Subsequent to the granting of permission it had been found

that the site was a vested cottage plot and the former County Engineer had explained that since there had been no objection raised to the provision of the house he felt that he was not required to draw attention to the Petrol Filling Station being located on the plot attached to the cottage. The County Manager pointed out that if the Council were to allow vested cottages to be used for business purposes it would be equivalent to subsidising such persons in competition with other people. The County Secretary pointed out that this matter had been before the Council in August, 1967, and the Council had refused an application for the redemption of the annuity. The Chairman of the Council, Councillor J. J. McCrea, had expressed himself strongly on the undesirability of allowing the redemption of annuities on vested cottages. As the matter had been decided by the Council within the past twelve months a proposal to agree to the redemption of the annuity by Mr. Gregory would require the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose and the submission of an appropriate Notice of Motion. Councillor Phelan stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion to this effect to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 10—Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. J. McCrea and F. Hynes:—(a) “That the Council lay a Watermain and connect their cottages to same at Hillbrook, Coolbeg, Arklow.”

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter was not yet available.

(b) “That the Council build four cottages for the following families:—

- (1) Mr. Richard Doyle, Fairwood, Coolbeg, Arklow; (2) Mr. Michael Barnes, Coolboy Street; (3) Mrs. Doran, Rosnastraw, Tinahely; (4) Mrs. O'Rourke, Coolbeg.”

The County Secretary stated that application forms had been sent to the persons named for completion but these had not been returned in all cases. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that the correct address of Mr. Doyle and Mrs. O'Rourke was Coolboy and not Coolbeg.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That the Council terminate all water and sewerage charges paid by County Council tenants in this County once the Loan is paid back.”

Councillor Hynes quoted from circular letters issued by the Department of Local Government in 1948 and 1951 regarding the provision of water supplies to serve Council houses and contended that no part of the cost of extending a watermain should be chargeable to the tenants of Council houses. He stated that it was unreasonable that a charge made should be continued indefinitely. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had agreed that a charge of 1/9d. in respect of water supply and 1/9d. in respect of sewerage be made where extensions of mains were laid specially to serve Council's houses outside of existing villages and that this sum was not considered unreasonable having regard to the fact that no water rates were charged to the tenants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That a terminating date be inserted in all agreements with tenants in respect of provision of water supplies and sewerage facilities following which normal water rates will be payable by the tenants.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that in no case had the Loans in respect of the extension of such water supplies yet been repaid but agreed that terminating dates would be fixed in all cases as suggested by the Council.

Item No. 12—Notices of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:— (a) "That this Council remove the old bank facing the houses at Ballywaltrim."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he would not favour the removal of this bank as this might give rise to the parking of lorries, etc., at this place with the result that the area would become ploughed up by traffic and waterlogged. The Council noted the report.

(b) "That the Council remove the dangerous tree at the rear of 18 and 19 cottages at Ballywaltrim."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer was having this matter examined and would submit a report.

Item No. 13—Notices of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and James Miley:— (a) "That the Council provide an additional street light between the village and the Church of Ireland at Donard." (b) "That direction signs be provided in Donard Village."

The County Secretary stated that a tender had been received from the E.S.B. in the sum of £11 2s. 6d. for the provision of a public light at Donard. The Council approved of the acceptance of the tender. The County Engineer stated that this particular light had already been provided. In regard to the provision of direction signs the County Engineer stated that a full list was being prepared of all signs required in the County and when completed this would be forwarded to Bord Fáilte for the supply of the necessary signs.

Item No. 14—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:— (a) "That we protest strongly against any attempt to abolish the Proportional representation system of Election."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we protest strongly against any attempt to abolish the proportional representation system of election.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh — **Ten.**

Against: Councillors W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan — **Nine.**

The Resolution was declared passed by ten votes in favour to nine against.

(b) "That we request the Government to give Local Authorities the power to acquire land through Compulsory Purchase within six months of negotiations opening and that they have the power to regulate the price of such land at a figure based on its agricultural value."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we request the Government to give Local Authorities the power to acquire land through compulsory purchase within six months of negotiations opening and that they have the power to regulate the price of such land at a figure based on its agricultural value.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke:

Resolved—That the word "reasonable" be substituted for "agricultural."

A vote having been called for on the amendment it was found the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh — **Nine.**

Against: Councillors S. Costello and M. Deering — **Two.**

Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan abstained from voting.

The Motion as amended by the substitution of the word "reasonable" instead of "agricultural" was declared passed on the same voting.

(c) "That we ask the Government to introduce a Rates Deficiency Grant so that Local Authorities can be enabled to stabilise rates at present figures and that we demand the introduction of an alternative system of financing Local Government based on incomes."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved—That we ask the Government to introduce a Rates Deficiency Grant so that local authorities can be enabled to stabilise Rates at present figures and that we demand the introduction of an alternative system of financing Local Government based on incomes.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, and Miss M. Walsh — **Ten.**

Against: Councillors W. Cleary, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan — **Nine.**

The Resolution was declared passed by ten votes in favour to nine against.

The Council adjourned the remaining Items on the Agenda to the next Meeting.

Notice of Motion

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the road at Killacoran, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Aughrim, be widened, to enable two heavy lorries to pass, and road margins filled in with stones and widened."

Notice of Motion

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— (a) "That scavenging services be provided for the village of Avoca." (b) "That sewerage

facilities be provided for the scheme of Council houses at Kilmagig Road, Avoca."

Notice of Motion

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins, T.D.:—"Requesting that the cottage now occupied by Michael English, Fryanstown, Dunlavin, be transferred to his name."

Notice of Motion

In the name of Councillor Miss Walsh:—"That lighting facilities be provided at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."

Notice of Motion

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, James Gregory and Roger Miley:—"That the Council proceed with the building of the Council cottages in Rathdrum."

Notice of Motion

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"That the cottage of the late Mrs. Doyle, Seaview Cottages, Redford, which she has willed to her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Mulligan, be transferred to his name."

Notice of Motion

In the names of Councillors James Miley and F. Hynes:—"That the Council direct the County Engineer to prepare the plans to build the Engineers' Offices and Agricultural Offices approved in the Estimates."

Notice of Motion

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That the Council provide two lights at Ballynerrin, Rocky Road, Wicklow."

Notice of Motion

In the names of Councillors James Miley and M. J. O'Neill which consists of a Memorial signed by 39 persons at Donard requesting the Council to include in the Estimates for 1968/69 a sum to improve the water supply in Donard and stating that the existing supply is sometimes contaminated and the water pressure is inadequate and that effective protection of the source of supply and a pressure pumping set are requested.

Notice of Motion

In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, James Whelan and Roger Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, by direction the County Manager to grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to build a bungalow at Money Lane, Arklow, and Mr. Burke, Sheep Walk, Arklow."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider the Draft County Development Plan was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 29th April, 1968.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, on the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

The County Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government had made an Order on the 11th April, 1968, allowing the period ending on the 30th September, 1968, as the period within which the Council was required to make a Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. As the Act required that copies of the Draft Plan, when approved by the Council, be available for inspection by members of the public for a period of at least three months and that following such period any objections or representations received be considered by the Council before adopting a Developing Plan. It would be necessary for the Council to approve of a Draft Plan at the earliest possible date to allow time for the preparation of the copies of the Plan and its publication.

The Council decided to proceed with the examination of the Draft County Development Plan in detail.

The Council approved of Part 1, being descriptive of the area, documents and period, of the Plan.

Roads.

On the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. Gregory, the Council agreed that the following sentence be omitted from the paragraph relating to Roads on Page 3 of Part II:-

"Because of the restriction of the flow of traffic and the hazards arising from the density of traffic the Arterial Road will be separated from towns and villages."

In the paragraph headed "Conservation" on Page 5 the Council agreed to omit the words "or the appendices of the Plan," the County Manager having pointed out that it was not intended to have any appendices to the Draft Development Plan. In regard to the paragraph headed "Special Amenity Area" on Page 5 of the Plan and in Part III—Development Control—Section I—Areas of Special Control on Page 7 of the Plan, it was agreed by the Council, on the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor R. Miley, with Councillor S. Costello dissenting, that the boundaries as shown on the maps submitted to the Meeting be accepted as the area for consideration for a Special Area Amenity Order for the valley of Glendalough. Consequent on this decision the following amendments were made in the Plan:-

- (a) On Page 5 — Special Amenity Area — the words "area of Laragh/Glendalough" was omitted and the words "area of the valley of Glendalough" was inserted.

- (b) On Page 7 of the Plan — Areas of Special Control — Landscape Areas — Class A2 — was amended to read “Valley of Glendalough” instead of Laragh/Glendalough.
and in Class B the following addition was made—B6—Laragh/Glendalough, Lough Dan, Vale of Clara, Glenmalure — Area of High Amenity.

The County Secretary stated that the map submitted to the Meeting showed the area which had been accepted by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area as the area to which the Members were prepared to agree as being for consideration for the making of a Special Amenity Area Order and the area outlined on the map corresponded with that indicated by the National Monuments Advisory Council as being the area containing the Monastic Settlement of Glendalough.

On the suggestion of the County Manager, the Council agreed that the words "area of Special Amenity" be changed to "Area of High Amenity" in the description of Class B3—Brittas Bay—on Page 7 of the Plan.

The Council approved of Part II of the Plan subject to the amendments indicated. The Council also approved of Sections I and II of Part III of the Plan, as amended.

In regard to the provision in the Plan that certain areas would receive consideration for the making of Special Amenity Area Orders, the County Secretary explained that the making of such an Order would enable the Council to exercise special controls in areas to which such an Order applied. In such areas the Council could provide either for no development or for specified types of development being permitted in specified parts of the area and also would provide for the maximum number of structures of any specified class which might be erected in any specified part of the area. For the purposes of preparing such Orders a special study of the areas would have to be carried out to define the boundaries of the areas exactly and to determine the provisions of the Order in regard to the control of development within the area. The making of a Special Amenity Area Order was a Reserved Function of the Council and when an Order was made it was necessary to submit the Order for confirmation by the Minister in accordance with Section 43 of the Act.

Part 11—Avoidance of Injury to Amenity—Page 6.

The County Manager drew attention to the final sentence of the paragraph on page 6 of the Plan in which it was indicated that it was intended to act to have removed any feature, derelict building, used car dump, advertisement or other unsightly development, which injures amenity. He pointed out that the dumping of used cars alongside public roads and in fields adjoining roads was giving rise to considerable difficulty. The Council had no way of disposing of used cars and he felt that this was a problem which deserved the attention of the Central Authority. The County Manager expressed the view that special plants should be provided in which used cars could be broken up and rendered suitable for disposal as scrap and that the costs of providing and operating such plants should properly be met from the Road Fund. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Keenan, it was agreed that representations on this matter be made to the Department of Local Government and that the sug-

gestion also be submitted for consideration by the General Council of County Councils.

Clogga Beach and Brittas Bay.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the Council was proceeding with arrangements for endeavouring to establish public rights of way at Clogga Beach and Brittas Bay. Members of the Council asked that persons in these areas who were in a position to give evidence of the existence of the public rights of way be contacted again and informed of the position in the matter of the rights of way.

Having completed consideration of Section 2 of Part III of the Plan the Council adjourned further consideration of the Plan to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 6th May, 1968.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th May, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and John J. Bourke:-
 "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of four dwellinghouses at Kilquade to S. A. Schofield, Esq., Hunter's Moon, Kilquade."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge as follows:-
 "We the undersigned hereby give notice that it is our intention to move Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, that Planning Permission under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, be given to Sean Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain the dwellinghouse, buildings, septic tank, and development, at Oldcourt Park in accordance with the plans submitted, at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 6th May, 1968."
2. Applications for Grants towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.
3. Application for Loan towards cost of reconstruction of dwellinghouse.
4. Building Programme for period to 31st March, 1971.
5. Proposed acquisition of lands at Rathdrum for housing.
6. Proposed acquisition of lands for private housing at Killincarrig.

7. Application of Rent Collectors for alteration of Collection Districts.
8. Consideration of Draft Development Plan for County.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of granting permission to the Gregory family, Newcastle, to redeem the annuity on their vested cottage at Newcastle."
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Whelan:- "That we acquire land adjacent to the sea on the East Coast for parking facilities for the general public."
11. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor John J. Bourke:-
 - (a) "That the piece of land at Newtownmountkennedy rendered waste by re-routing of road be used for building houses."
 - (b) "That the fountain at "Reaper's Row," Newtownmountkennedy, be moved nearer to Council cottages."
 - (c) "That repairs be carried out to Jerry Shannon's house; paths and gate piers at 13, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That Desmond Kinsella be sold his vested house in Glenealy."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Miley:- "That this Council seek legal advice on the Article written in the Magazine "Build."
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:- "That a light be provided on each of the access roads to the Council's Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass."
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That a site of two acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is offered for sale and is very suitable for building, be bought by the Council and houses, which are badly needed, be built there."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the three half-acre cottage plots at Glen Road, Aughrim, be divided to provide sites for three new houses there."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mark Deering:- "That the Council declare William Tighe, Blessington, to whom a Council cottage is let under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to be a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that the cottage he now occupies be vested in him."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and James Whelan:- "That we or someone for us will move at a subsequent Meeting of this Council that we purchase or acquire land on both sides of Monument Lane, Arklow, for use as building sites, either private or otherwise, and that the Engineer examine this possibility."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "Requesting the Council to have the cottage now occupied by Michael English, Fryanstown, Dnulavin, transferred to his name."

20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, James Gregory and Roger Miley:- "That the Council proceed with the building of the Council cottages in Rathdrum."
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:- "That the cottage of the late Mrs. Doyle, Seaview Cottages, Redford, which she has willed to her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Mulligan, be transferred to his name."
22. Cottages repaired during April, 1968, and to be repaired during May, 1968.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and John J. Bourke:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of four dwellinghouses at Kilquade to S. A. Schofield, Esq., Hunter's Moon, Kilquade."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of four dwellinghouses at Kilquade to S. A. Schofield, Esq., Hunter's Moon, Kilquade.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Phelan urged that permission be granted for the proposed development of four houses, which he contended would not detract from the amenities of the area and in fact would be a desirable form of development. He stated that he was aware that a number of persons in the district had objected to the proposed development and the reasons given were similar to the reasons given in the previous refusal of permission for this proposal. Councillor S. Costello expressed the view that the Members of the Council should have an opportunity of visiting the site of this proposed development before reaching a decision on the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That consideration of the proposal be adjourned to the next Housing Meeting of the Council and that the objectors be asked to attend at the next Meeting in regard to their objections.

Councillor Costello's amendment, having been put to the Meeting, was declared passed unanimously.

- (b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge as follows:- "We the undersigned hereby give notice that it is our intention to move Section 4 of City and County Management Act, 1955, that Planning Permission under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, be given to Sean Kelly, Oldcourt

Park, Bray, to retain the Dwellinghouse, Buildings, Septic Tank, and Development at Oldcourt Park in accordance with the Plans submitted at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 6th May, 1968."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Sean Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain the dwellinghouse, buildings, septic tank and development at Oldcourt Park in accordance with the Plans submitted.

The County Secretary stated that in June, 1964, an application was submitted by Mr. Thomas Boyle for General Permission for the erection of ten houses at Oldcourt Park, Bray. The application was refused as there were no sewerage facilities in the area and the site was not acceptable for sewerage disposal by way of septic tanks. In September, 1964, Outline Permission for two houses on Sites Nos. 4 and 6 were granted by the Council by Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Approval to the erection of the houses on these sites was granted subsequently. In October, 1965, an application was submitted for permission for the erection of a house on Site No. 11 and this was refused by the Council as the soil was not suitable for sewerage disposal by way of septic tank. This application was the subject of an appeal to the Minister and the refusal of permission was upheld by the Minister by Order of the 27th July, 1966. In July, 1966, an application was submitted by Mr. Boyle for 9 houses and permission was granted by the Council by Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for two houses on Sites 8 and 10. In June, 1967, a further application by Mr. Sean Kelly for permission for the erection of a house on Site No. 11 was refused. In that application it was indicated on behalf of the applicant that the property had previously been owned by Mr. Boyle and that Planning Permission had been granted for a house on Site No. 10. It was requested that the permission for Site No. 11 be substituted for that on Site No. 10 and it was stated that the permission granted for No. 10 would be withdrawn in favour of granting the permission for Site No. 11. The application was refused because the area of the site was not adequate for septic tank drainage, the soil in the area was unsuitable for absorption of septic tank effluent, the proposed position of the septic tank was very close to the boundaries of two existing houses and proposed siting of the house was considerably less than 60 feet from existing septic tank. In a further letter of 14th August, 1967, subsequent to the issue of the decision to refuse permission Messrs. P. T. Hickey and Associates, on behalf of the applicant, wrote to state that Mr. Kelly had purchased the adjoining site, that is Site No. 10. It was stated that it was proposed to re-site the septic tank on Site No. 10 so that it would be sufficiently removed from existing houses and existing septic tanks and it was stated that the new area would be adequate for the purpose of septic tank drainage. It was also suggested that the existing deficiencies in sewerage facilities was likely to be made good within a relatively short period and it was understood that plans for the work were already complete on behalf of Bray Urban District Council. The

applicant wished it to be pointed out that in these circumstances the septic tank would be utilised only for a limited period and as soon as sewerage facilities were available it was proposed to connect to these. It was requested that the question of granting approval might be reconsidered. Messrs. P. T. Hickey and Associates were informed in letter of 6th November, 1967, that the combined areas of sites Nos. 10 and 11 would still be less than half an acre, which was the minimum area considered necessary in the interests of public health where drainage by way of septic tank was proposed. Councillor Temple contended that there had been other correspondence on the matter and on his suggestion the Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the proposal to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

The County Secretary stated that there were three other matters which were not on the Agenda but which were of some urgency and the Council agreed to consider these matters.

Closing of Road for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for the closing to public traffic of part of the Long Hill at Kilmacanogue on Saturday, 18th May, 1968, for the purposes of a Motor Car Hill Climb and that the usual public notice had been given and no objections had been received. The road had been closed to public traffic for this purpose on a number of previous years.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder on Saturday, 18th May, 1968, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic:-

Portion of Main Road T.61 on the Long Hill at Kilmacanogue for a distance of 1 mile to a point near Calary Filling Station.

Passed unanimously.

Sub-Division of Vested Cottage Plot.

The County Secretary stated that Mrs. Brigid Magee, Tenant-Purchaser of Cottage No. 75/11 at Ballinalea, Ashford, wished to sell portion of her vested cottage plot containing 1 rood and 26 perches to Mr. Anthony Gray for the purpose of erecting a new house. The County Engineer reported that the market value of the site for the house was £200 and if consent was given a payment of £125 to the Council would be required to redeem the annuity on the portion of the site being sold.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sub-division of Vested Cottage Plot No. 75/11 at Ballinalea, Ashford, of which Mrs. Brigid Magee is the tenant-purchaser and of the sale of portion of the plot containing 1 rood and 26 perches to Mr. Anthony Gray, c/o G. Corscadden, Ballinalea, Ashford, subject to the payment to the

Council of the sum of £125 in respect of the redemption of the annuity on the portion of the plot being sold.
Passed unanimously.

Higher Education Grants.

The County Secretary referred to the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Bill, 1968, which was at present under consideration by the Dail and stated that the terms of the Bill provided for the award of Grants to candidates at the Leaving Certificate Examination who obtained four Honours in University Subjects and who complied with the requirements in regard to income limits. The maximum Grants to be made available were £175 per annum to a student living in or adjacent to a University town and £300 per annum otherwise. In the case of a parent or guardian with one child the maximum Grant would be payable if the income did not exceed £1,200 and this limit was adjusted upwards by reference to the number of dependent children in the family. Partial assistance would be available for a parent with one child up to a maximum of £1,700 income. The Bill provided that Schemes would be made by each County Council. The Department of Education had asked that applications be invited as soon as possible from candidates who intended to compete at the Leaving Certificate in 1968 and that particulars of the applications be forwarded to the Department of Education at an early date. It was proposed to insert a notice in the daily and local papers inviting applications and asking that the applications be submitted by the 31st May, 1968. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that applications be invited as suggested.

Item No. 2—Applications for Grants towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of Supplementary Grant of £275 to Mr. Richard Turner, Ballynerrin Upper, Wicklow, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Friar's Hill, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £350 to Mr. Peter Kelly, Ballyduff North, Arklow, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballyduff North.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for Loan towards Cost of Reconstruction of Dwellinghouse.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a loan of £90 to Mrs.

Bridget Ellis, 5, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, towards the cost of reconstruction of her dwellinghouse subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Building Programme for Period to 31st March, 1971.

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with the decision of the Council at a previous Meeting, Meetings of Members of the Council for each of the four Local Electoral Areas had been held to determine the Building Programme for the period to 31st March, 1971. The Building Programme as now submitted provided a total of 425 houses during the period and these were divided as between the Electoral Areas as follows:-

Wicklow Area	152
Arklow Area	63
Bray Area	148
Ballinglass Area	62

The County Secretary stated that the total estimated net need for new dwellings for the period to 31st March, 1971, was calculated at 625 houses of which 200 were estimated as being met by private enterprise leaving 425 as the net needs to be met by the Local Authority. In regard to the private houses it was estimated that 120 of these would be assisted by the Council by way of either Loans or Grants or the provision of developed building sites. The cost to the Rates as a result of the Programme was estimated at an annual charge of £37,280. The total cost of the erection of the houses was estimated at £1,062,500.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the Building Programme for the period to 31st March, 1971, as submitted to this Meeting, being a total of 425 houses.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Temple expressed the view that in the Bray Electoral Area there was a considerable demand for tenant purchase schemes and the same probably applied in other parts of the County. The Council agreed that the Minister be requested to agree to the operation of Tenant Purchase Schemes.

Item No. 5—Proposed Acquisition of Lands at Rathdrum for Housing.

The County Secretary submitted a recommendation of the Council's Architect for the acquisition of two sites at Rathdrum for housing. One site (Site A) which adjoined the Catholic Church contained 3.65 acres and would be suitable for the erection of about 29 houses and it was recommended that if it were not possible to reach agreement that this site be acquired compulsorily. The other site recommended (Site B) adjoined Site A and extended at the back of existing houses and shops at the Fair Green and contained 5.70 acres. The site would be suitable for approximately 45 houses. This site was, however, in multiple ownership. The Council's Architect considered that its acquisition and eventual development would ensure that Rathdrum developed as a compact

urban centre. He recommended that Site A be acquired first and following its acquisition that Site B be acquired. The Council's Architect did not recommend the erection of further houses at Ballygannon and expressed the view that the lay-out was such that it would not be possible to improve it by providing further houses at this site. The Council agreed that negotiations be entered into to acquire Site A and that the Vocational Education Committee be consulted regarding a proposed site for a Vocational School which Members understood might be proposed for the site recommended for acquisition for housing.

Item No. 6—Proposed Acquisition of Lands for Private Housing at Killincarrig.

The County Secretary submitted a Report of the Council's Architect regarding the acquisition of a site at Killincarrig for the purpose of providing serviced sites on which persons could erect their own homes. The site recommended by the Council's Architect consisted of gardens attached to existing Council cottages, which gardens were unused. The total area of the site was 1 acre 2 roods and 23 sq. perches and would accommodate about 14 houses. The site was shared among sixteen tenants. The County Secretary suggested that compensation in the sum of £50 might be offered to each tenant. Members of the Council having expressed the view that a higher price might have to be paid

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition from tenants of Council cottages at Killincarrig of 16 gardens which are unused for the purposes of providing serviced sites for approximately 14 houses and approve of offers of up to £100 per site being made to the tenants.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Application of Rent Collectors for Alteration of Collection Districts.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Rent Collectors James Kavanagh, Edward O'Byrne and Peadar Woods to have the post of Rent Collector for Collection Districts Nos. 7 and 11 abolished and the cottages re-allocated between the three Collectors. The County Secretary gave particulars of the salaries at present payable to the Collectors concerned and of the remuneration which would be payable if the areas were re-organised. The Collector's post for Nos. 7 and 11 districts would become vacant on Mr. Donal Urell Collector for these Districts taking up duty as Rate Collector. The Council indicated that they would not be agreeable to the abolition of the post of Rent Collector for Districts Nos. 7 and 11 and directed that arrangements be made for inviting applications for the post by public advertisement.

Item No. 8—Consideration of Draft Development Plan for County.

The Council decided to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, 20th May, 1968, to resume the consideration of amendments to the Draft Development Plan.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—
"That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of granting permission to the Gregory family, Newcastle, to redeem the annuity on their Vested Cottage at Newcastle."**

In accordance with Notice of Motion

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of granting permission to the Gregory family, Newcastle, to redeem the annuity on their vested cottage at Newcastle.

Passed; Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That consent be given to the redemption by Mr. James Gregory, Killadreenan, Newcastle, of the annuity on his Vested Cottage No. 102/6 at Newcastle Upper.

Councillor Phelan in proposing the Motion stated that he had spoken at length on this matter at the previous Meeting and had given the reasons why he felt that consent should be granted to the redemption of the annuity in this instance. The County Manager pointed out to the Members that it had not been the policy of the Council to agree to the redemption of annuities on vested cottage plots and pointed out that he had informed the Members at the previous Meeting of the details applying in connection with this application.

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

In Favour: Councillors Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, and J. Whelan — **Fifteen.**

Against: Councillors S. Costello, M. J. O'Neill and Miss N. O'Neill — **Three.**

The Resolution was declared passed by fifteen votes in favour to three votes against.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, Basil S. C. Phelan and James Whelan:— "That we acquire land adjacent to the sea on the East Coast for parking facilities for the general public."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That we acquire land adjacent to the sea on the East Coast for parking facilities for the general public.

Councillor Keenan referred to the steps being taken by the Council regarding obtaining public access to beaches but pointed out that this alone would not be meeting the needs of the public and that it was necessary for the Council to acquire lands and provide parking spaces for cars. In regard to Clogga Beach, Councillor Keenan suggested that the Council should acquire portion of the plot attached to a vested cottage where a car park could be made. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

referred to parking facilities which had been available at Kilcoole Station and which had recently been fenced off and urged that the Council endeavour to obtain a suitable parking space at this point. It was agreed that inquiries be made from C.I.E. as to the possibility of acquiring lands for the purposes of a car park. Councillor Temple referred to the Resolution passed by the Council at a previous Meeting requesting the Department of Local Government to recoup the costs of the proposed action by the Council to establish rights-of-way and asked that a further letter be addressed to the Department on this point. He suggested also that the Deputies for the County might interest themselves in this matter. Members of the Council also asked that persons at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach who were in a position to support the Council in this matter of the establishment of the rights-of-way at these places be contacted again and informed as to the present position in regard to the matter. The Council agreed that the County Engineer arrange to carry out an examination and submit a report as to the places where car parking facilities should be made available near the coast.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That Desmond Kinsella be sold his Vested House in Glenealy."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That consent be given to the redemption by Mr. D. Kinsella of the annuity on his Vested House No. 155/8 at Drumdangan, Glenealy.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Phelan stated that Mr. Kinsella was a man who had by hard work established himself in business and was now providing employment for a number of persons. He felt that the Council should encourage such enterprise and consent to the redemption of the annuity on his vested cottage so as to enable him to extend his business. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Kinsella had purchased a vested cottage from a Mr. Shannon, former tenant-purchaser, and when doing so had undertaken to use the premises as a residence. The statutory conditions still applied to the vested cottage and, consequently, the premises could not be used for business purposes. Mr. Kinsella had submitted an application for Planning Permission for the erection of a showrooms/office/store on the vested cottage plot and the use of the plot for such a purpose would be a breach of the statutory conditions. The house in question was one of a group of cottages at Glenealy and it was considered that the persons residing in the other cottages could well object to the use of one of the cottages for business purposes.

A vote having been called for on the proposal it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

In Favour: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan and J. Whelan — Nine.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh — Nine.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, having given his casting vote against the proposal, the Resolution was declared defeated by the Chairman's casting vote.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Miley:- "That this Council seek Legal Advice on the article written in the Magazine 'Build'."

On the suggestion of Councillor S. Costello it was agreed that the Secretary read the paragraph in the issue of 'Build' for January, 1968, which was referred to in the Notice of Motion. The County Secretary read the paragraph which was as follows:-

"A Wicklow Scandal"

Wicklow (as well as Kerry; about which more anon) is one of the counties which has made a laugh of the Planning Act. Whenever a plan in this area of high amenity is turned down by the technical staff, the Council members instantly gang together to use Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to have the scheme pushed through. Such a case is the proposal to build "a bungalow" designed by a well-known engineer inside the monastic enclosure at Glendalough, within spitting distance of Holy Trinity Church, and only yards from the round tower. One of the Council members hopes to be the building contractor, so you can imagine what the pressure is like.

This is not the first time a doubtful proposal was pushed in this way; an inquiry into this one took place this month. It may be hard for some of them, but it is time that Wicklow Council Members grew up."

In reply to inquiry from Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that the application referred to was a proposal to erect a bungalow on a site which was adjacent to the ruins of Holy Trinity Church. The Engineer referred to was Mr. J. T. O'Byrne. Councillor R. Miley stated that no Member of the Council was a Contractor or was financially interested in the proposal. Members of the Council also stressed that in no instance in which Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, had been used had any Member of the Council any personal or financial interest in the proposals. Councillor Costello expressed the opinion that in some instances at least he felt that Members had acted irresponsibly and had not shown a proper appreciation of the scenic values of the County.

The Council had previously decided to terminate the Meeting at 5 o'clock. At 5 p.m. the Council adjourned without completing the discussion on this item. The remaining items on the Agenda were deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh, William Cleary and James Whelan:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael McGrath, "Rosary," Coomie, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Money Little, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors Frank Hynes, James Gregory, John Temple and Edward Byrne:- "That this Council request the Minister to increase substantially the amount of the State Grant (£275) and likewise the Supplementary Grant (£275) to enable people of the middle income group to build their own houses."

In the name of Councillor Godfrey Timmins, T.D.:- "That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Supplementary Grants for new houses be paid to single men if money is available."

In the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:- "That I or someone for me will propose that in view of the proposed Housing Schemes which are before the Council in the Greystones area a complete survey of the sewerage facilities be made."

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- That we the undersigned hereby give notice of their intention to move the following Motion "That immediate action be taken to put the approach road to Grattan Park in a proper state of repair."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- (a) "That dangerous bank at O'Neill's cottage, Ballymacroe, Knockananna, be removed." (b) "That the road from Ballymacroe Cross to the top of Moyne Hill be resurfaced and tarred." (c) "That the road from Moyne Hill to Askinagap Chapel be surfaced." (d) "That public lighting facilities from the Catholic Church in Aughrim to Byrne's Garage be examined and necessary additional lights be provided."

In the name of Councillor Mark Deering:- "That a light be erected at Donoughmore, Donard."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That the Council provide a public light at the water pump at Rosbawn Cottages, Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:- (1) "That this Council condemns the proposed salary increases for T.D.'s, higher Civil Servants, and members of the Judiciary and calls upon all parties to oppose the granting of such unwarranted increases." (2) "That this Council calls upon the Government to introduce legislation compelling all foreign industrial firms operating in this country to recognise the rights of Irish Trades Unions and that we strongly condemn the attitude of the E.I. Company at Shannon Airport."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th May, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors W. Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Henry J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, Mr. J. Gavin, Deputy County Secretary, and Mr. T. J. Donovan, County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh, William Cleary and James Whelan as follows:-
"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael McGrath, "Rosary," Coomle, Arklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Money Little, Arklow."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 12th February, 1968, and Minutes of Estimates Meetings.
3. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of the late Mr. James Everett.
4. Filling of vacancies on O.A.P. Sub-Committees:- Letters from Clerks to Rathdown No. 2 and Bray Sub-Committees.
5. Applications for permission for use of public address systems.
6. Road Fund Grants for 1968/'69—Letter dated 30th April, 1968, from Department of Local Government allocating Road Fund Grants for current financial year.
7. Local Improvements Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Local Government (Roads and Drainage) Act, 1968, and indicating amount of grant allocated to Council for Local Improvements Schemes in current financial year, together with Report of County Engineer in regard to operation of Scheme.
8. Dargle River Flood Protection Scheme — Report of Consultant Engineer on Tenders received.
9. Conditions of employment of members of Fire Brigade.
10. Revision of Salary Scale of Staff Officers — Recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.
11. Courthouses — Request of District Justice for cleaning and painting of room and toilet at Courthouse at Rathdrum and letter from Department of Justice re need for provision of additional office accommodation and additional provision for storage of documents at Bray Courthouse.
12. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of Council for year ended 31st March, 1967.

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13. Report of County Medical Officer in regard to Mentally Handicapped Children. (Copy circulated to Members).
14. Ambulance Service — To authorise additional expenditure for repairs to Ambulance.
15. Recommendation of County Engineer for appointment of Building Surveyor.
16. Provision of Halting Places and Camping Sites for Itinerants — Letter from Wicklow Itinerants Settlement Committee. (Copy of Report of Commission circulated).
17. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Tober Dunlavin.
18. Proposal of Bray Urban District Council for sharing of road machinery.
19. Public Lighting at Carnew and Dunlavin.
20. Proposed extension to Burial Ground at Manor Kilbride.
21. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor John J. Bourke:-
 - (a) "That the Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to speed up the provision of an automatic exchange at Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (b) "That the Council appoint an additional Engineer for the Wicklow area."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council provide a scavenging service for Ashford, Glenealy, Kilpedder, Kilquade, and Willow Grove."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley and J. Gregory:- "That this Council build a Doctor's residence in Rathdrum to enable Dispensary Doctor to live in the town."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That full compensation be paid forthwith to Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for loss incurred as a result of an accident to his cow at Wicklow County Council quarry, which is on his land."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:- "That Polling Booths with under 150 on the Register for the area be done away with having regard to the modern transport available."
26. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:-
 - (a) "That lighting facilities be provided at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."
 - (b) "That the road at Killacoran about a half mile from Aughrim be widened to enable two heavy lorries to pass and road margins filled in with stones and widened."
 - (c) "That scavenging service be provided in the village of Avoca."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley and F. Hynes:- "That this Council direct the County Engineer to prepare the plans to build the Engineers' Offices and Agricultural Offices approved in Estimates."
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley and M. J. O'Neill—Memorial signed by residents in Donard requesting the Wicklow County Council to include in the Estimates for 1968/69 a sum to improve the Water Supply in Donard and stating the existing supply is sometimes contaminated and the water pressure is inadequate and that effective protection of the source of supply and a pressure pumping set are requested.

29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "I request a report to be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council on the progress made on the water extension from Newcastle to Tiglin and the water and sewerage extension for Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy."

30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mark Deering:- "That a public light be provided at Donoughmore."

31. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Congratulations to Councillor.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh the Members of the Council asked that their congratulations and good wishes be conveyed to Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., on his escape from serious injury in a recent car accident.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor T. J. Keenan the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the Fleming family, Barndarrig, on the death of Mrs. Fleming, who had been formerly employed in the County Engineer's Office at Wicklow.

Item No. 1 — Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh, William Cleary and James Whelan as follows:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael McGrath, "Rosary," Coomie, Arklow, for the erection of a Bungalow at Money Little, Arklow."

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that Mr. Michael McGrath had since sold the land on which it was proposed to erect a bungalow at Money Little, Arklow, and that in consequence it was not proposed to move the Resolution in the names of herself, Councillor Cleary and Councillor Whelan.

The Deputy County Manager referred to the discussion at the Meeting of the Council on the 6th May, 1968, in regard to a Notice of Intention to move a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to direct the grant of Outline Permission for development at Kilquade for Schofield, Scott Ltd. and the decision of the Council to defer the matter to the Meeting to be held on the 10th June, 1968, and to request persons who had objected to the proposal to attend the Meeting. He stated that it had been ascertained that the application for Outline Permission, which was the subject of the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution, had been received on the 11th April, 1968, and that, consequently, a decision on this application would have to be issued prior to the 10th June, 1968. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution be considered at the special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 20th May, 1968. The Council also agreed that Mr. Schofield and Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor for Mr. Schofield, be informed that there was no objection to their also attending the Meeting. The Deputy County Manager stated that he would notify the persons who had objected and Mr. Cullen.

Councillor Temple referred to the Notice of Intention to move a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to a Grant of Permission for a house at Oldcourt Park, Bray, which had been deferred from the Meeting held on the 6th inst. and asked if this matter could also be considered at the Meeting on the 20th May, 1968. The Council agreed that this proposal also be considered at the Meeting on the 20th May, 1968.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Minutes of the Estimates Meetings had been received but it had been necessary to return them for corrections and, consequently, they had not yet been circulated to the Members. The Council deferred consideration of these Minutes to the Council Meeting in June.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 12th February, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Churchlands Sewerage.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Meeting Councillor Miss Walsh inquired whether the plans for the provision of sewerage for houses at Churchlands were yet ready and urged that this matter be completed as soon as possible.

Item No. 3—To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by death of the late Mr. James Everett.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby elect Councillor Francis Hynes to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of the late Mr. James Everett.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we adjourn to next meeting proposal to fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee and invite suggestions from parents' bodies to nominate persons for consideration for appointment to fill the vacancy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby elect Councillor Roger Miley to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of the late Mr. James Everett.

In proposing the Resolution in his name Councillor Costello expressed the view that parents' organisations or bodies should be represented on the Vocational Education Committee and that the Council should only appoint the minimum required number of Members of the

Council to this Committee. At the request of Members of the Council the Deputy County Manager read the provisions of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, in regard to the constitution of the Vocational Education Committee, which provided that not less than five nor more than eight Members of the Council could be appointed to the Committee and provided also for the manner of filling casual vacancies. The Deputy County Manager stated that the present number of Members of the Council who were also members of the Vocational Education Committee was seven. As Councillor Costello's amendment was to adjourn the matter to the next Meeting this proposal was submitted to the Council and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering and Miss M. Walsh — Five.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple, and J. Whelan — Thirteen.

The amendment in the name of Councillor Costello was declared defeated by Thirteen votes against to five votes in favour.

The proposal was then put to the Council as to whether Councillor Hynes or Councillor Miley would be elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

For Councillor Hynes: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple and Miss M. Walsh — Eight.

For Councillor Miley: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan and J. Whelan — Nine.

Councillor R. Miley was declared elected to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee by nine votes in his favour to eight votes in favour of Councillor Hynes.

Vacancy on Harbour Board.

Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan inquired if it was proposed to fill the vacancy on the Wicklow Harbour Board caused by the death of the late Mr. Everett at that Meeting. The Deputy County Manager stated that it would be necessary to give notice of the proposed filling of the vacancy and the matter would be included on the Agenda for the Council Meeting in June.

Item No. 4—Filling of Vacancies on O.A.P. Sub-Committees.

The Deputy County Manager submitted a letter from the Clerk to Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee submitting the names of two persons for appointment to fill the vacancies on the Sub-Committee. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 1968. The Deputy County Manager also submitted a letter received from the Clerk to the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee forwarding a letter of resignation from the membership of the Sub-Committee received by her from Councillor Seamus Costello and referring also to the absence of other Members from meetings of the Sub-Committee. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter also to the Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 1968.

Item No. 5 — Application for permission for use of Public Address Systems.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the issue of a permit to the Blessington Development Association for the use of a public address system during the period from 5th July, 1968, to 28th July, 1968, in connection with Blessington Festival.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the issue of a permit to the Irish Evangelistic Band, 39, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, for the use of public address equipment from 1st June to 31st August.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Road Fund Grants for 1968/'69 — Letter dated 30th April, 1968, from Department of Local Government allocating Road Fund Grants for current financial year.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 30th April, 1968, had indicated that the Road Fund Grants to the Council for the year 1968/'69 would be as follows:—

County Road Improvement Grant	£21,250
Main Road Improvement Grant	£45,400
Arterial Road Improvement Grant	£40,000

In addition there would be a Main Road Upkeep Grant of 50 per cent. of approved expenditure. The Deputy County Manager stated that the Grants allocated corresponded to those allocated for the year 1967/'68. He pointed out that in submitting his Estimates for Roads Services for the current financial year the County Engineer had pointed out that the greater part of the County Road Grants for the past three years had been deployed on Storm Damage repairs to County Roads and Bridges and that in consequence he had budgeted for an increase in the County Road Improvement Grant for the year 1968/'69 of £12,507 to make a total for County Road Improvement Grant of £33,757. As the Grant for County Roads now allocated was of the same amount as in the previous year the County Engineer would have to revise his allocation of funds for work on County Roads. The Council expressed disappointment that the Road Fund Grants had not been increased over those allocated for the previous financial year and Members pointed out that apart from the fact that the greater part of the County Road Improvement Grants for the past three years had had to be assigned to repair of Storm Damage there had been an increase in costs of both labour and materials over this period and that in consequence Grants to the Council for improvement of both Main and County and Arterial Roads should be substantially increased.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to increase the Road Fund Grants for the present year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Local Improvements Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Local Government (Roads and Drainage) Act, 1968, and indicating amount of grant allocated to Council for Local Improvements Schemes in current financial year, together with report of County Engineer in regard to operation of Scheme.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the letter received from the Department of Local Government indicating that a Grant of £5,000 had been allocated to Wicklow County Council towards the costs of Schemes to be carried out under the Local Government (Roads and Drainage) Act, 1968. The Council had been informed by the Department that three schemes had been approved by the Minister for Local Government, one at Rathcott towards which a grant of £170 had been allocated, one at Deerpark towards which a grant of £361 had been allocated and one at Lathaleer/Deerpark towards which a grant of £94 had been allocated. The Department had asked that these three schemes receive priority. The Council had also received applications from ten persons for the carrying out of schemes under the Act. In reply to Members of the Council the Deputy County Manager indicated the basis on which contributions were required from persons benefiting from Schemes.

The Deputy County Manager submitted particulars of Reports received from the County Engineer in which he indicated that it was not possible for him to organise, supervise and administer Schemes under this Act with the present Engineering and Clerical Staff available. The County Engineer pointed out that for every Scheme carried out it would probably be necessary to examine up to ten Schemes and that this work would involve a considerable part of an Engineer's time. He understood that when the Schemes were being administered by the Special Employments Schemes Office the cost of organising, administering and supervising the Schemes had represented up to 20 per cent. of the total cost of the Schemes and it would be noted that the Council was allowed only a margin of 10 per cent. to cover all such costs. As the total Grant allocated was only £5,000 the sum available to cover such costs was altogether inadequate. The Members of the Council agreed that the amount of the Grant allocated was extremely small and compared unfavourably with Grants allocated to other Counties. The Council asked that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for a substantial increase in the total amount of the Grant and also for an increase in the allowance to cover the cost of the necessary Engineering and Clerical Staff required by the County Engineer for the satisfactory operation of the provisions of the Act.

Item No. 8 — Dargle River Flood Protection Scheme — Report of Consultant Engineer on Tenders Received.

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that this matter was at present under consideration by Bray Urban District Council and the Council had asked that the Consultant Engineer attend at their Meeting to be held on the following night to answer certain points which had been raised by Members in regard to the Tenders submitted. The Council agreed that in the circumstances the matter would be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 1968.

Item No. 9 — Conditions of Employment of Members of Fire Brigade.

The Deputy County Manager stated that agreement had been

reached with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions on revised conditions of employment for members of part-time Fire Brigades. The Agreement covered the arrangements for the payment of retirement gratuities with effect from 28th April, 1967, on a graduated basis related to the number of years service at date of retirement, the maximum gratuity to be twice the retaining fee payable for the last year of service and to be payable after 24 years service. It had been agreed also that clothing allowance of £10 per year be paid, commencing with the current financial year, and that firemen who qualified for the retaining fee would be entitled to payment of this allowance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we note terms of agreement reached with Irish Congress of Trade Unions on conditions of employment of Part-Time Firemen and approve of payment of retirement gratuities on the terms agreed upon. We approve also of the payment of a yearly allowance for clothing at the rate of £10 per year, the first payment to be made on 30th September, 1968, to those only who qualify for payment of retaining fee. We hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of implementation of the terms of the agreement.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Revision of Salary Scale of Staff Officers — Recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation under Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers and application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union we approve of the application of the following revised salary scale to the post of Staff Officer, Superintendent Assistance Officer, and County Checker, with effect from 1st April, 1967:-

£1,200 x £50 — £1,300 x £102 — £1,402 x £56 — £1,652.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — Courthouses — Request of District Justice for Cleaning and Painting of Room and Toilet at Courthouse at Rathdrum and Letter from Department of Justice re need for provision of additional office accommodation and additional provision for storage of documents at Bray Courthouse.

The following letter from the Department of Justice was submitted to the Council:-

Roinn Dli Agus Cirt,
72/76 Faiche Stiabhna,
Baile Atha Cliath, 2.
3 Bealtaine, 1968.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to inform you that the District Court Clerk at Bray has represented that the working of his office is being seriously interfered with because of lack of accommodation in which to store court documents. The Clerk states that every press and shelf in his office has been used to full capacity but that because of the insufficiency of presses and shelving it has been neces-

sary to keep documents stored on the floor of the Justice's room.

The Clerk also reports that he asked your Council to make available two vacant rooms as a temporary measure, without success.

The Minister is concerned at the fact that the working of the District Court in Bray should be prejudiced in this manner. I am to request, therefore, that you will make arrangements, as a matter of urgency, for the provision of the necessary additional office accommodation and for the installation of such additional shelves or presses as may be required for the storage of documents etc.

Mise, le meas,

J. J. DONNELLY.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Kilmartin Hill,

Wicklow.

Co. Wicklow.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the cost of the necessary works to make two additional rooms available for the District Court Clerk at Bray had been estimated by the County Engineer at £124. In regard to the Courthouse at Rathdrum the County Engineer estimated the cost of cleaning down walls, burning off old paint and painting walls and timber work with two coats of oil paint at £46. This work had been requested by the District Justice and the Council's Solicitor had advised that the cost would properly be payable by the Council and not by the owner of the premises. Councillor Temple referred to the Resolution which had been passed by the Council and forwarded to the General Council of County Councils expressing the views of the Members of the Council that the provision and maintenance of Courthouses should be the responsibility of the Department of Justice. The Deputy County Manager stated that while the Council expressed this view strongly on previous occasions the provisions of the Court-houses (Provisions and Maintenance) Act of 1935 still applied and that the Council was legally responsible for the maintenance of Courthouses. The Members of the Council indicated that they were not agreeable to provide the necessary monies for the works sought at the Courthouses at Bray and Rathdrum.

On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Cleary, the Council agreed that the works at Bray and Rathdrum Courthouses be not carried out. Councillor James Miley asked that he be recorded as dissenting from this Resolution.

Item No. 12—Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of Council for Year Ended 31st March, 1967.

The Deputy County Manager stated that a copy of the Report of the Local Government Auditor had been circulated to the Members of the Council. In relation to the reference by the Auditor to the purchase of an Ambulance the County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had directed the County Manager's attention to a new type of Ambulance which became available during the year 1966/67 and the Ambulance had been inspected by the County Engineer and by the County Medical Officer, who considered that this type of Ambulance represented a substantial improvement on the types previously available and with the agreement of the Council this particular Ambulance had been purchased. As the Ambulance had been found to be

very satisfactory a second Ambulance of the same type was purchased at a later date. The Council noted the explanation in regard to this matter and agreed that the Council had at the time approved of the arrangements for the purchase of this type of Ambulance. The Council noted the terms of the Auditor's Report.

Item No. 13—Report of County Medical Officer in Regard to Mentally Handicapped Children.

The Deputy County Manager stated that a copy of the Report of the County Medical Officer on this subject had been circulated to the Members. Councillor Hynes pointed out that difficulties were being experienced in arranging for the assessment of mentally handicapped children, which was necessary to facilitate the making of arrangements for their attendance at special schools. Councillor Costello suggested that the County Medical Officer's Report be referred back to him and that he be asked to give exact figures of the number of mentally handicapped children in Co. Wicklow as the figures given in the Report appeared to be estimates based on the total number of such children in the country. The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer's previous Report on this subject had pointed out that efforts had been made in 1965 to obtain exact details for Co. Wicklow but it had not been possible to do so. It appeared that parents were in some cases unwilling to come forward to supply information in regard to mentally handicapped children and there had been similar experiences in other parts of the country. The major problem at present appeared to be the making of satisfactory arrangements for providing facilities for educating such children. At present a number of children from the Wicklow area were being brought by private cars to Bray from where they travelled by school bus to a special school at Glenageary but difficulties were being experienced in continuing this arrangement for the transport of the children to Bray. The Council asked that the Department of Education be requested to arrange for providing education facilities for these children in or convenient to Wicklow and at other suitable centres in the County. The Council also asked that the matter of the delay in obtaining assessments of mentally handicapped children be taken up with the Department of Health.

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley and F. Hynes:—"That this Council Direct the County Engineer to Prepare the Plans to Build the Engineers' Offices and Agricultural Offices Approved in Estimates."

At the request of Councillor J. Miley the Council agreed to take Item No. 27 on the Agenda.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley:

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That the County Engineer proceed with preparation of plans for offices for Engineering Staff and offices for Committee of Agriculture.

Councillor Costello stated that he was not in agreement with any proposal to provide an assembly or demonstration hall for the Committee of Agriculture as he understood that the farmers' Organisations in Wicklow which had been consulted on this matter did not agree that the provision of such a hall was necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That the words "excluding any Assembly or Demonstration Hall for the Committee of Agriculture" be added to the Motion.

The Council approved unanimously of the amendment and the Motion embodying the words "excluding any Assembly or Demonstration Hall for the Committee of Agriculture" was declared passed unanimously.

The County Secretary pointed out that the County Engineer was not in a position to prepare plans for this work and that it would be necessary to engage a Consultant Architect and the Council approved of the engagement of a Consultant Architect for this purpose.

Wicklow and Rathdrum Fire Brigades.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley the Council asked that their congratulations be conveyed to the members of the Wicklow and Rathdrum Fire Brigades for their efficient work in the rescue of two girls from the cliffs at Glendalough. Councillor R. Miley suggested that shorter coats and pull-ups would be more suitable equipment for the firemen than the long coats which were at present issued and which hindered the men in carrying out their duties.

Councillor Miss Walsh inquired regarding the removal of the fire engine from Tinahely some two months previously and urged that this engine be returned to Tinahely as soon as possible. The County Secretary stated that it had been necessary to transfer the engine to Greystones temporarily while the Greystones engine was undergoing repair and that he would inquire from the Chief Fire Officer as to when the Tinahely engine could be returned.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and John Temple as follows:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Garrett King for the erection of a bungalow at Carrigoona East, Kilmacanogue, County Wicklow, according to the plans submitted."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to G. Culhane, Esq., Carrickmoleen, Carrick Hill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, for the erection of a bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the County Engineer carry out an inspection of the sewerage system serving the houses Nos. 20 to 25, Bentley Avenue, Boghall Road, Bray, to ascertain if it conforms to standard specification."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That the Council repair the following cottages:- Reps. of Miss Jane Byrne, Old Village, Rathnew; Reps. of Miss Doyle, Ballyteigue, Rathdrum; Reps. of John Corcoran, 34, Ballybeg, Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- (a) "That Wicklow County Council will take action to alleviate flooding on the road between the bridge and the bus shelter in Avoca." (b) "That the Council will build a house for Patrick Mullins on a site to be provided by his Father-in-law at Tullowclay, Tullow."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That we intend to move at the next Housing Meeting that this Council build a house without undue delay for Mr. Patk. O'Rourke, Millands, Coolfancy, Tinahely, on a site which he has secured from Mr. Fred Hatton, Loggan, Gorey."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and Roger Miley:- "That the Council build a public lavatory in Rathdrum."

In the name of Councillor William Cleary:- "That I or someone for me will move at the next Meeting that the County Council should pay half the expense of the cost of providing a Warden (£400) for the protection of children on the Main Dublin/Arklow Road outside the school at Templeraíney."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 20th May, 1968.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman due to illness Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The Deputy County Manager, County Engineer and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-

(1) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and John J. Bourke:-

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses at Kilquade to S. A. Schofield, Esq., Hunter's Moon, Kilquade."

(2) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge as follows:-

"We the undersigned hereby give notice that it is our intention to move Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Planning Permission under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, be given to Sean Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain the dwellinghouse, buildings, septic tank, and development at Oldcourt Park in accordance with the plans submitted."

2. Consideration of amendments to Draft County Development Plan.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (1) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and John J. Bourke:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses at Kilquade to S. A. Schofield, Esq., Hunter's Moon, Kilquade."

The Deputy County Manager stated that Messrs. Cronin and Nicholson and Mr. Ryan representing Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell were in attendance representing persons who had submitted objections to the proposed development at Kilquade and that Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, was also in attendance representing Mr. Schofield, who was unable to attend personally. The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that an application for Outline Permission for the erection of eight dwellinghouses at Kilquade by Mr. S. A. Schofield of Schofield, Scott Ltd., had been refused in September, 1967, and that an application for Outline Permission for four houses at this place had been refused in February, 1968. The grounds of refusal of that application were submitted to the Council. The Deputy County Manager stated that the present application was similar to the application which had been refused in February, 1968, and similar objections to this proposal applied.

Letters received from Mr. Cronin, Mr. Nicholson, Mrs. Cogswell and from Messrs. A. and L. Goodbody, Solicitors on behalf of Mrs. Cogswell, were read to the Council.

Councillor John Bourke, who had signed the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to the proposal, informed the Council that when he signed the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution he had been under the impression that the proposal related to a different site in the ownership of Mr. Schofield and that if he had known that the proposal related to the particular site, which was the subject of the application, he would not have signed the Notice and that he wished to withdraw his signature. The Chairman ruled that since the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution was not made by at least three Members the proposal was not valid and could not be considered by the Council. On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Costello, the Council decided to proceed to the next business. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, thanked the persons representing the objectors and the applicant who had attended and expressed regret that in the circumstances it would not be possible to hear them. Mr. Ryan, on behalf of the persons who had objected, informed the Council that he appreciated the position and that they would be quite prepared to attend at any future Council Meeting if desired.

- (2) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge as follows:- "We the undersigned hereby give notice that it is our intention to move Section 4 of City and Co. Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Planning Permission under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, be given to Sean Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain the dwellinghouse, buildings, septic tank, and development at Oldcourt Park in accordance with the plans submitted."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Sean Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain the dwellinghouse, buildings, septic tank and development at Oldcourt Park in accordance with plans submitted.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Temple stated that Mr. Kelly had obtained permission to erect a dwellinghouse on Site No. 10 but instead had erected his dwellinghouse on Site No. 11 at Oldcourt Park, Bray. He wished to have the matter regularised and to have permission granted to Mr. Kelly for the house on its present site. He stated that Mr. Kelly had no control over Site No. 10. The Deputy County Manager pointed out that permission had been granted by the Council following the passing of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for the erection of houses on Sites No. 8 and 10. The house on Site No. 8 was at present in course of construction but no dwelling had yet been erected on Site No. 10. Mr. Kelly had applied for permission to erect the dwellinghouse on Site No. 11, having previously obtained permission for the house on Site No. 10, but was refused permission to build on Site No. 11. He had, however, proceeded and completed his house on Site No. 11. The Deputy County Manager submitted a letter received from Messrs. P. T. Hickey and Associates on behalf of Mr. Kelly in which it was stated that Mr. Kelly had purchased Site No. 10 and asked that he be granted permission for the house on Site No. 11 in lieu of the permission previously given for a

house on Site No. 10. If the Resolution, as proposed by Councillor Temple, were passed it would result in an additional house being allowed. The Chairman, having indicated that he understood that Mr. Boyle was the person who had originally received permission from the Council for the erection of houses on Sites 8 and 10, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal in order that it be ascertained from Mr. Boyle if he was prepared to consent to the withdrawal of Planning Permission for the house on Site No. 10 in consideration of permission being given for a house on Site No. 11.

Item No. 2—Consideration of amendments to Draft County Development Plan.

The Council proceeded with the consideration of amendments to the Draft County Development Plan. The Deputy County Manager stated that at the previous Meeting the Council had completed Parts I and II of the Plan and Sections 1 and 2 of Part III of the Plan. There was one further amendment proposed to Part II of the Plan, which was to insert in the third paragraph on page 2 under the heading "Town Development" following the words "in association with Industrial Development" the following sentence:—"It is considered that an improvement in living conditions for the rural population can be achieved by developing the existing larger centres of rural population and in West Wicklow, Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Donard, Stratford and Kiltegan are recognised as such centres." The amendment had been suggested by the West Wicklow Development Association. The Council agreed to the insertion of the paragraph as proposed.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the Council reconsidered Section 2 of Part III of the Plan in respect of the paragraph headed "Landscape Areas." The Council directed that the following sentence be added at the end of this paragraph:—"Special consideration will be given to an application by a native resident for permission to build a house for his own family and not as a speculation."

In Section 3 of Part III the Council directed that the following sentence be excluded from the paragraph relating to "Residential Development":—"Except in Class A Landscape Areas control will be less stringent in respect of the location of dwellings likely to be for weekend or holiday use."

In Section 5 of Part III "Extractive Industry" the Council directed that the first paragraph commencing with the words "Mineral Workings" and ending with the words "will not be permitted" be omitted from the plan. In the second paragraph of this Section the Council directed that provision be made to exclude any condition which would require the restoration of land and removal of buildings until the extraction of the minerals had been completed.

The Council approved of the provisions of Section 6—Petrol Filling Stations and Service Stations; Section 7—Advertising; and Section 8—Caravan Parks, as submitted. The Council approved of Section 9—Camping Grounds, subject to the correction of the wording in the opening sentence to read "Camping Sites in any listed landscape area shall not be permitted if the amenity of the area is seriously affected or if the site is prominent in the view from any main tourist road."

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had advised that a provision should be inserted in the Plan in the following terms:—"In the absence of any specific statement to the contrary the period for the completion of these objectives should be taken as being five years from the adoption of the Plan." The Deputy County Manager suggested that five years might be too short a period for completion of certain of the Objectives and suggested that ten years

might be provided instead of five years. The Members of the Council, however, decided to approve of the insertion of the paragraph in accordance with the recommendation of the Department of Local Government.

Part IV—Section I—Services—Page 13.

At the suggestion of Councillor Costello the Council decided to omit the words "within the limits of reasonable cost" from this paragraph.

Notices of Motion:

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

Notice of Intention to move the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan and William Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John Bourke Sheepwalk House, Avoca, for the erection of a house at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill as follows:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to pay Christopher Byrne the money due to him by this Council for the ten houses built two years ago and that the area approved be completed."

Notices of Motion in name of Councillor John Bourke:—

- (1) "That the Council erect a cross with the figure of the Crucifixion in Barndarrig Graveyard."
- (2) "Ashford—That the Council proceed immediately with the building of Council houses in Fitzpatrick's field and that the main sewerage provided for without further delay."
- (3) "That five-mile-point road be repaired and tarred immediately."
- (4) "That the Council tar Keelogue Road without further delay."
- (5) "That the Council provide building land in Rathdrum immediately to allow commencement of new houses."
- (6) "That the Council do all road works by direct labour instead of two Contractors."
- (7) "Newtown—That the Council provide a footpath at Murray's Hill."
- (8) "That the Council raise the payments for sheep dipping to private bath owners."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to resume consideration of the Draft County Development Plan was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 27th May, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, and Basil S. C. Phelan.

In the absence of the Chairman due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The Deputy County Manager, County Engineer and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

Application for Reception of Deputation.

The Council agreed to request submitted by Miss N. Phillips, Kilmurray Cottages, Kilmacanogue, Bray, that a Deputation from the residents of the five cottages at Kilmurray attend at a Meeting of the Council when their application for the provision of a water supply to the cottages was being considered. The Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the next Housing Meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th June, 1968.

Proceeding In Regard to Rights-Of-Way to Beaches at Brittas Bay and Clogga.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

J. H. McCarroll and Co.,
Solicitors.
4 Church St.,
Wicklow.
27th May, 1968.

Re: Proceedings for Right-of-Way to the Beach at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the above, the Attorney General's Office state that the fiat of the Attorney General will not be obtained until an Indemnity is given as regards the costs and expenses of the Attorney General and of any costs awarded against him, but he has now agreed to accept a resolution from the Council that the Owners of Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach are in a position to defray such costs and expenses and we would, therefore, be obliged if you would have a resolution of the Council passed to the effect that the Council are satisfied that the said owners would be in a position to defray both

the costs of the Attorney General and any costs that might be awarded against him.

The Attorney General also requires a fee of 30 guineas in respect of these proceedings and perhaps, therefore, you would let us have a Paying Order for this amount made payable to the Attorney General.

Yours faithfully,

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That it is the opinion of the Council that the owners of the lands at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach over which public rights-of-way are claimed and exist are in a position to defray such costs and expenses of the Attorney General and any costs which may be awarded against them in respect of the Proceedings in relation to rights-of-way to the beach at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillor Temple the Deputy County Manager stated that no reply had yet been received from the Department of Local Government regarding the Council's request that any costs which might be incurred by the Council in connection with the establishment of public rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga be recouped by the Department of Local Government. The Council agreed that the payment of the fee of 30 guineas to the Attorney General be made.

Draft County Development Plan.

The Deputy County Manager referred to the amendment made by the Council at the Meeting held on the 20th May in Part IV—Objectives (1)—Services on Page 13 of the Draft County Plan and pointed out that the effect of making the amendment could be interpreted as requiring the Council to provide a water supply and sewerage services to any house wherever situated in the County within the period of the

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That the words "where considered reasonable having regard to situation and demand" be substituted for "within the limits of reasonable cost," in Section 1—Services of Part IV—Objectives on Page 13 of the Draft Plan as submitted.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to Regional Water Supply Schemes—Table 2, the Members of the Council asked that dates be inserted opposite each Scheme for the expected date of completion, these dates to be

determined on the advice of the County Engineer and the Consulting Engineers responsible for preparing the Plans for the Scheme. The Deputy County Manager pointed out the difficulty in fixing any date for completion of these major Schemes as this was dependent on availability of capital to defray the cost of the Schemes, and it was doubtful if sufficient capital would be made available to the Council to enable all the Schemes to be completed within the five-year period of the Plan. Members of the Council noted that Section 11 of Part IV on Page 26 of the Plan indicated that Objectives were subject to the availability of finance and that Objectives which were put forward on the assumption that Grants from Central Funds, which were usually available, would be made were subject to Central Government sanction.

LOCAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES—TABLE 3.

The Council agreed to include as A/11 in Table 3 Windgates Water Supply. Under the heading Local Sewerage Schemes, the Council agreed that the following words be added at the foot of Page 13, "and to prepare plans for a sewerage scheme for Avoca."

WATER SUPPLIES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved—That the County Engineer proceed immediately with the preparation of plans for the provision of a water supply for Hollywood.

Passed unanimously.

SECTION 3—SITES FOR INDUSTRY AND HOUSING—PAGE 14.

The Council approved of the insertion of the following paragraph in the Plan:—"It is an objective of the Plan to acquire sites for industries at Baltinglass and Dunlavin and in the South of the County and for this purpose to investigate sites in the vicinity of Aughrim and Arklow."

SECTION 4—VIEWS AND PROSPECTS.

The Council discussed at length the desirability or otherwise of including as an objective of the Plan to preserve or improve views and prospects generally and in particular those listed in Table 6. Members of the Council expressed the opinion that the erection of a suitably designed house should not be refused by reason only of its affecting a particular view. At the request of Members of the Council the Deputy County Manager indicated that the Members of the Council would continue to have the power to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to direct the County Manager to grant Permission where there was a difference of opinion as to whether a particular development would or would not obstruct a scenic view or seriously injure amenities.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That Section 4, Table 6, as amended by the following additions be approved as part of the Draft County Development Plan:

32. Views to east from County Road 9 near Ballybrew.

33. Views to south from County Road No. 11 over Glencree Valley.

34. Views over Glendalough from County Road No. 80 (L107).

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—TEN.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, F. Hynes, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—NINE.

The Resolution was declared passed by ten votes in favour to nine votes against.

The Council approved of the transfer to Table 9 of Items Nos. 33, 37 and 38 in relation to Native Oak Woods at Glen of the Downs, Vale of Clara—Glendalough Area and Ballinacor Woods, Ballinacor, Rathdrum, and agreed also to the addition of the following entry in Table 9:—

Glencree Valley—Native Oak Wood.

The Council approved of the appropriate re-numbering of the map references.

At the suggestion of Councillor Costello, the Council asked that the County Manager, when circulating to Members of the Council each month, the summary of the principal Orders made during the month, also include notice of Planning Applications which it was proposed to refuse by reason of adverse effect on amenities or obstruction of views or prospects.

SECTION 5—BUILDINGS OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST.

The Deputy County Manager stated that it was suggested that the heading of this Section be altered to read as follows: "Buildings or Structures the preservation of which it is the intention of the Planning Authority to consider in the event of application for permission being made to alter or demolish." It was proposed also to omit the heading, "Reason for Preservation," in Table 7. The Deputy County Manager pointed out that the Council had been advised that the wording of the provisions in the Draft Plan as originally prepared could be interpreted as placing an obligation on the Council to preserve any or all of the items listed in Table 7. The proposed amendment to the section would have the effect that before any listed building or structure were altered or demolished application would have to be made to the Council for permission and this would enable the Council to consider the matter. The Council approved of the amendment as proposed.

The Deputy County Manager stated that it had been suggested in the list of proposed amendments as circulated to the Council that an appendix be added to the Plan which would contain under the heading "Additional Items of Interest" Powerscourt Gardens, Mount Usher Gardens, Kilmacurragh Gardens and other items which had been recommended by the Irish Ramblers' Club. It was considered, however, since the appendix would not form part of the Development Plan, that it would be undesirable to provide for an addition of this character. The Council agreed that no appendix be provided to the Plan.

SECTION 6—SITES OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST—PAGE 21.

The Council approved of the addition of the following items to Table 8:—

AREA	NATURE OF INTEREST
Bray Head	Geological interest, rare plant species and wild life sanctuary.
Glencree Valley	Native Oak Wood.
Dunlavin-Moraines and marshes on County Boundary	Rare Plant Species
Lough Dan—the lake and the oak woodlands south of it	Rare Plant Species
Glendalough—the area around the lower lake and the oak woodland at the waterfall	Rare plant species and oak woodland.
Laragh—oak woodlands on the north-eastern and eastern slopes of Derrybawn Mountain and east of Bookey's Bridge	Rare plant species.
Devil's Glen	Rare plant species.
Ballycore Rath, Timolin	Rare plant species.
Lugnaquilla Mountain	Rare plant species.
Cliffs in Wicklow Mountains ..	Ornithological interest (Suitable haunts for Peregrine Falcons).
Glenealy—Woodland on the eastern side of T.7	Ecological interest.
Slieveroe, Rathdrum	Geological interest.
Magherabeg, Brittas—wet marsh behind sand dunes	Rare Plant Species
Buckroneys—marsh and sand dunes	Rare Plant Species

SECTION 7—TREES AND WOODLANDS FOR PRESERVATION.

The Council approved of this section of the Plan as drafted, apart from the final paragraph indicating that it was an objective of the Plan to preserve the gardens at Powerscourt, Mount Usher and Kilmacurragh.

SECTION 8—AMENITY FACILITIES.

The Council approved of Section 8—Amenity Facilities as indicated in the Draft Plan submitted.

AUTHORISATION OF BORROWING FOR PURPOSES OF HOUSING SCHEMES.

It was

Proposed by Council F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £19,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of fifty years, with interest at 7 per cent., to defray the cost of the erection of 8 houses at Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £12,350 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of fifty years, with interest at 7 per cent., to defray the cost of erection of 5 houses at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

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

Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes, as follows: "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ambrose Murphy, Ballymacahara, Ballinalea, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses on his lands at Ballymacahara."

Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That the five Council cottages at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, be given a water supply."

Notice of Motion in names of Councillor Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney and James Whelan:—"That the County Council have the old road at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, tarred and also at Killacloran, Aughrim, in front of cottages."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with business matters was held in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 27th May, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

The following Members were present:—

Councillors William J. Keenan, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, James Sweeney, James Miley, M. J. O'Hall, G. Timmons, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neil, John Temple, John J. Burke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, and Gregory.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor B. Costello, took the chair on the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes.

County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, County Architect and Assistant County Engineer R. D. Farren, and Councillor attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:

(a) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—

"We the undersigned hereby give notice that it is our intention to move Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Planning Permission under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, be given to John Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain the dwellinghouse, buildings, septic tank and development at Oldcourt Park in accordance with the plans submitted." (Deferred from Meeting on 24th May, 1963).

(b) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and John Temple:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Kelly for the erection of a bungalow at Carrigoea Park, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, according to the plans submitted."

(c) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Kelly for the erection of a bungalow at Carrigoea Park, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, according to the plans submitted."

AUTHORISATION OF BORROWING FOR PURPOSES OF HOUSING SCHEMES.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Hynes

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 20 years, with interest of 7 per cent, to defray the cost of erection of 3 houses at Rathcree.

Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 20 years, with interest of 7 per cent, to defray the cost of erection of 3 houses at Blessington.

Passed unanimously

NOTICES OF MOTION:

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

Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. J. J. Murphy, Ballinacorney, Ballinacorney, Ashford, Co. Wick, for the erection of a dwellinghouse on his lands at Ballinacorney.

Notice of Motion by name of Councillor P. Hynes—That the Council consider the proposal of Mr. J. J. Murphy, Ballinacorney, Ashford, Co. Wick, for the erection of a dwellinghouse on his lands at Ballinacorney.

Notice of Motion in name of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, John Swannery and James Whelan—That the County Council have the old road at Tinnahilly, Ashford, Co. Wick, widened and resurfaced in front of cottages.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th June, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor B. S. C. Phelan took the chair on the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes.

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, Council's Architect, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and J. P. Caffrey attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:

(a) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—

"We the undersigned hereby give notice that it is our intention to move Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, that Planning Permission under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, be given to Seán Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain the dwellinghouse, buildings, septic tank, and development, at Oldcourt Park in accordance with the plans submitted." (Deferred from Meeting on 6th May, 1968).

(b) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and John Temple:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Garrett King for the erection of a bungalow at Carrigoona East, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, according to the plans submitted."

(c) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and

(Development) Act, 1963, to G. Culhane, Esq., Carrickmoleen, Carrick Hill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, for the erection of a bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry."

- (d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan and William Cleary:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John Bourke, Sheepwalk House, Avoca, for the erection of a house at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

- (e) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, Mark Deering, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to pay Christopher Byrne the money due to him by this Council for the ten houses built two years ago and that the area approved be completed."

- (f) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ambrose Murphy, Ballymacahara, Ballinalea, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses on his lands at Ballymacahara."

2. To fix date for next Meeting of Council for consideration of County Plan.
3. Access to Wicklow Head.
4. To receive Deputation from Residents of Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, re water supply to cottages.
5. To receive Deputation from Residents of Nos. 20 to 25, Bentley Avenue, Boghall Road, Bray, re Sewerage System.
6. To authorise borrowing of £30,000 for Supplementary Grants for New Houses and Reconstruction Grants.
7. Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.
7. Applications for Loans for erection of New Houses.
9. Applications for Loans for Reconstruction of Houses.
10. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages at Dunlavin and Carnew.
11. Dargle River Flood Protection Scheme—Approval to acceptance of Tender.
12. Recommendation of County Engineer for Appointment of Building Surveyor.
13. Disposal of former Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum (Notice circulated).
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mark Deering:—"That the Council

declare William Tighe, Blessington, to whom a Council cottage is let under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to be a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers Act, 1936, and that the cottage he now occupies be vested in him."

15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins, T.D.:—"Requesting the Council to have the cottage now occupied by Michael English, Fryanstown, Dunlavin, transferred to his name."
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"That the cottage of the late Mrs. Doyle, Seaview Cottages, Redford, which she has willed to her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Mulligan, be transferred to his name."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thos. J. Keenan:—"That this Council build a house without undue delay for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Millands, Coolfancy, Tinahely, on a site which he has secured from Mr. Fred Sutton, Laggan, Gorey."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and James Whelan:—"That the Council purchase or acquire land on both sides of Monument Lane, Arklow, for use as building sites either private or otherwise and that the Engineer examine this possibility."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That a site of 2 acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is offered for sale and is very suitable for building, be bought by the Council and houses, which are badly needed, be built there."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the three half-acre cottage plots at Glen Road, Aughrim, be divided to provide sites for three new houses there."
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. Temple and Edward Byrne:—"That this Council request the Minister to increase substantially the amount of the State Grant (£275) and likewise the Supplementary Grant (£275) to enable people of the middle income group to build their own houses."
22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Supplementary Grants for new houses be paid to single men if money is available."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will build a house for Patrick Mullins, on a site to be provided by his father-in-law, at Tullowclay, Tullow."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council repair the following cottages:—Reps. Miss Jane Byrne, Old Village, Rathnew; Reps. Mrs. Doyle, Ballyteigue, Rathdrum; Reps. John Corcoran, 34, Ballybeg, Rathnew."

25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That the five Council cottages at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, be given a water supply."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That the County Engineer carry out an inspection of the sewage system serving the houses numbered 20-25, Bentley Avenue, Boghall Road, Bray, to ascertain if it conforms to standard specifications."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"Ashford—That the Council proceed immediately with the building of Council houses in Fitzpatrick's field and that the main sewerage be provided for without further delay."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That the Council provide building land in Rathdrum immediately to allow for commencement of new houses."
29. Repairs to cottages carried out in May, 1968, and cottages to be repaired in June, 1968.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

The Council unanimously passed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—(a) In the Names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"We the Undersigned hereby Give Notice that it is Our Intention to Move Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, that Planning Permission under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, be given to Seán Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain the Dwellinghouse, Buildings, Septic Tank, and Development, at Oldcourt Park in accordance with the Plans submitted." (Deferred from Meeting on 6th May, 1968).

The County Manager informed the Meeting that permission had been given to Thomas Boyle, St. Kevin's, Killarney Road, Bray, in October, 1966, for the erection of a dwelling on Plot No. 10. It was found, however, that the dwelling had in fact been erected on a plot described as No. 11. Mr. Boyle had indicated in a letter dated June 8th, 1968, that he had no objection to the Council granting Planning Permission to Mr. Seán Kelly, Oldcourt Park, Bray, for Site No. 11, subject to the condition prohibiting the erection of a house on Site

Following a discussion

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved — That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, we hereby withdraw permission given on 28th October, 1966, for the erection of a dwelling on plot described as No. 10 at Oldcourt Park, Bray, to Mr. Thomas Boyle, "St. Kevin's," Killarney Road, Bray, on the understanding that in lieu thereof permission is given to Mr. Seán Kelly,

Oldcourt Park, Bray, to retain a dwelling on plot described as no. 11 at Oldcourt Park, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

- (b) In the names of Councillor Henry J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and John Temple:—"That by Virtue of the Powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Garrett King for the Erection of a Bungalow at Carrigoona East, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, according to the Plans submitted."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Nancy O'Neill;

Resolved — That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Garrett King for the erection of a bungalow at Carrigoona East, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, according to the plans submitted.

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the original planning application be refused because the proposed development would seriously injure the amenity of the area because it would obtrude on the view across the valley. In supporting the Resolution some Councillors stated that in their opinion the proposed development would not in any way interfere with the view. Passed unanimously.

- (c) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne:—"That by virtue of the Powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to G. Culhane, Esq., Carrickmoleen, Carrick Hill, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, for the erection of a Bungalow at Killegar, Enniskerry."

The County Manager informed the meeting that as there was no plans submitted for this proposal, the Council would have to defer a decision until plans were submitted. The position was noted.

- (d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan and William Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John Bourke, Sheepwalk House, Avoca, for the Erection of a House at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh;

Resolved — That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John

Bourke, Sheepwalk House, Avoca, for the erection of a house at Ballinaheese, Arklow.

The County Manager informed the Members that the original proposal was refused on the grounds that it was considered that the proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because an inspection of trial holes dug on the site had revealed that the sub-soil was unsuitable for the effective treatment of effluent from a septic tank. In favour of the Resolution it was stated that Mr. Bourke proposed to make an addition to the septic tank to deal with the drainage. It was also stated that Mr. Bourke required the house for his own use and it was not the intention to erect any other dwelling adjacent to this house.

Passed unanimously.

- (e) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, Mark Deering, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"By Virtue of the Power Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Pay Christopher Byrne the Money due to him by this Council for the Ten Houses Built two years ago and that the area approved by completed."

It was

Proposed by Councillor James Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved — That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to pay Christopher Byrne the money due to him by this Council for the ten houses built two years ago, and that the area approved be completed.

In support of the Resolution it was stated that the houses in question had been allocated at a Meeting on 10th March, 1966. The Consultant Architect had issued a Certificate in September, 1967, and it was proposed that the amount of the Certificate be paid.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved — That the County Engineer and Consultant Architect submit special reports within a week for the guidance of the Council in connection with the Contract of Mr. Christopher Byrne for the erection of ten houses at Blessington.

As a further amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved — That the Council pay for such work as is properly certified by the County Engineer in respect of the Contract of Mr. C. Byrne for the erection of ten houses at Blessington.

As a further amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Mark Deering:

Resolved — That the County Engineer examine the recommendations made by the consultant Architect for the payment of £1,000 to Mr. C. Byrne, Contractor, for the erection of ten houses at Blessington.

At the outset the County Manager indicated that he could not make payment unless he had a certificate from the County Engineer. The County Engineer informed the meeting that a Consultant Architect had been employed to look after the scheme and before he could pay the final certificate he had inspected the scheme. He found defects and others were brought to his notice by tenants. Details of these had been forwarded to the Consultant Architect, but they had not been rectified nor had the lay-out of the open space adjoining the houses been completed.

Councillor Miley requested the Members to hear the Contractor who was in the building. The Members agreed. The Builder said he had agreed with the Consultant Architect in September last that he be paid £1,000 on account and he would then finish all the work. In reply to a query, he said the value of the work needed to complete the contract was £200 and it would take a little over a week to do the work. The County Engineer said he could not agree with the figure of £200 which had been mentioned.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill asked that his name be withdrawn from the original Notice of Motion. The amendments were withdrawn when Councillor Miley requested that the Resolution on the Agenda be put to the Meeting.

The Manager advised the Members that in his opinion the direction contained in the Resolution could not lawfully be given effect to and that in his opinion the Resolution could not be implemented. Councillor Miley proposed that Senior Counsel's Opinion be obtained on the point and Councillor Whelan seconded this proposal, but this proposal was not pursued.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, Mark Deering, James Gregory, Thomas J. Keenan, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, James Miley, Roger Miley, Basil Phelan, Godfrey Timmins, Miss Mary Walsh and James Whelan—ELEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors John Bourke, Edward Byrne, Seamus Costello, Frank Hynes and John Temple—FIVE.

Councillors M. J. O'Neill and Miss Nancy O'Neill did not vote.

The Resolution was declared passed by 11 votes in favour to 5 votes against. It was agreed that the advice of the Council's Law Agent on the Resolution should be obtained for the next Meeting of the Council.

- (f) In the Names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—"That by Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ambrose Murphy, Ballymachara, Ballinalea, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, for the Erection of 4 Dwellinghouses on his lands at Ballymachara."

The County Manager stated that this application had been received on the Friday prior to the Meeting and the County Engineer did not have an opportunity of examining it. The original application was for 40 houses and Planning Permission was now being sought for 4 houses. It was agreed to defer the application to the next Meeting.

ITEM No. 2—To Fix Date for Next Meeting of Council for Consideration of County Plan.

It was agreed that a Special Meeting for the purpose of considering further the County Development Plan be held on 24th June, 1968.

ITEM No. 3—Access to Wicklow Head.

The County Manager outlined the position. The Law Agents to the Irish Lights had written to the effect that they had a right of passage from the public road to the lighthouse compound. Six gates on the roadway were replaced by cattle traps in 1957. The gate at the entrance was supplied on request by the Commissioners and erected with their consent by one of the adjoining landowners.

The Wicklow Urban District Council had also examined the matter and had requested the County Council to take all necessary steps to establish a public right-of-way and, if necessary, to use its power under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the creation of a right-of-way.

In the discussion that followed, reference was made to the difficulties of the landowners in regard to the protection of their property and whether the right-of-way should exist for vehicles or pedestrians only. The Members asked that the letter from the Irish Lights Commissioners' Law Agents be circulated to them.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved — That the Council receive a deputation from the Landowners and the Wicklow Urban District Council on this subject.

ITEM No. 4—To Receive Deputation from Residents of Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, Re Water Supply to Cottages.

A Deputation from the residents of Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, attended the Meeting. Miss Phillips spoke on their behalf. She told the Meeting that there were five Council cottages involved. They were occupied by 18 adults and 19 children. There was a pump from the Corporation main about 100 yards from the houses and the occupants had applied to the Corporation for a water supply two years ago, but were refused permission to make connections. In connection with the roadworks at this point, the pump had been moved back about 10 feet and it was now in a hollow and very dangerous for children going to it. The pump had been leaking for some time.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved — That the Council investigate the possibility of giving a water supply to these cottages, and County Engineer to submit a special report on the matter.

ITEM No. 5—To Receive Deputation from Residents of Nos. 20 to 25, Bentley Avenue, Boghall Road, Bray, Re Sewerage System.

A Deputation from the Residents of Nos. 20-25, Bentley Avenue, Boghall Road, Bray attended the Meeting. Mr. Colbert Martin spoke on behalf of the Deputation.

He produced a sketch plan of the houses and gardens. He stated that the sewer runs at the back of the six houses and has two man-

holes, one at each end, which are 105½ feet apart. These manholes have a concrete slab on top of them which has been permanently concreted in position. There are no Armstrong Junctions at the inlet from each house, with the result that the householders have no way of inspecting or cleaning the sewer. The sewerage has to be pumped from the sewer and there is a pumphouse nearby and there is an odour from the sewer. Mr. Martin gave details of the construction of the pumphouse. He stated that it is in a very bad condition and unlocked. The electricity wires are a hazard to young children who have easy access to the pumphouse. Mr. Martin stated that the County Engineer had informed the residents that as this was a private housing scheme the Co. Council had no function in the matter, nor did he have the staff available to deal with such complaints. The residents could get no satisfaction from the Builder and the scheme had been condemned by the Building Trades Group of Bray Trades Council.

It was agreed to have the matter examined and to have a report for the next Meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 6—To Authorise Borrowing of £30,000 for Supplementary Grants for New Houses and Reconstruction Grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £30,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of making Supplementary Grants for New Houses and for Repair and Improvement of Houses.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 7—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mark N. Kavanagh, Ashford, in respect of the erection of a new house at Ashford.

Passed unanimously.

The application of Patrick J. Fenelon, Kildea, for a Supplementary Housing Grant was deferred.

ITEM No. 8—Applications for Loans for Erection of New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £1,500 to John Stone, Monamuck, Valley Mount, towards the cost of erection of a dwellinghouse at Monamuck, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,200

to James O'Brien, Killacoran, Aughrim, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Aughrim, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—Applications for Loans for Reconstruction of Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £320 to John J. Kane, 21, Avondale Park, Bray, towards the cost of reconstruction of his dwellinghouse, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

DEPUTATIONS.

It was agreed to receive a Deputation from the Upper Windgates Residents' Association in connection with the proposed water supply to Upper Windgates and from the residents of Kindlestown Lower, Blacklion, in connection with planning permission granted for a slaughterhouse.

PLANNING—ERECTION OF WALL BESIDE PUBLIC ROAD AT ASHFORD.

Councillor B. Phelan raised the matter of a wall at Ashford beside a playing pitch. He suggested that if it is being replaced, that it be constructed so as to allow a view across the river valley and the approach to the Devil's Glen when the playing pitch was not in use for games. There was objection to the matter being raised since it was not on the Agenda and no decision was taken.

Other matters in connection with housing were raised and answered.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and Roger Miley as follows:—"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michl. Clare, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council transfer the tenancy of Cottage No. 216, Ballinahinch, from James Doyle to Mrs. Mary Doyle."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill and James Whelan:—"I or some other Member for me move that the County Council repair Ballymaconey Lane, which is in a very bad state with potholes."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(a) "That this Council sink a well at Kilcandra, Redcross"; (b) "That the Council examine the water that the people are using from the pump at Newbawn"; (c) "That the Council take down the wall at the bend near the Mill entering Rathdrum."

In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"Take notice that we or someone for us move that the pedestrian crossing be moved from the crossing known as Ledwidge Crescent."

AGENDA:

1. To receive Notice of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:

(a) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil E. O. Phelan and F. Hynes:

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ambrose Murphy, Ballymacnaha, Ballinacree, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses on his lands at Ballymacnaha."

(b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and Roger Miley:

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Clare, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Estimates Meetings held on 25th February, 4th March, 11th March and 18th March, 1968, and 3 Meetings held on 28th March and 1st April, 1968.

3. Deputation from Avoca Development Association re Domestic Refuse Collection and Sanitation.

4. To receive Deputation from Residents of Manor Kilnade and request to extend Burial Ground.

5. To arrange date for Annual Meeting of County Council.

6. Draft Accommodation on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1968.

7. Filling of vacancies on O.A.P. Sub-Committee—Letters from Clerks to Rathdown No. 2 and Bray Sub-Committees.

8. To fill vacancy on Wicklow Harbour Board arising from death of James Eyre.

9. Dargle River Flood Protection Scheme—Approval to Acquisition of Tender.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th June, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, T.D., G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman due to illness Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided.

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

AGENDA:

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 - (a) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:

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19. Public lighting at Carnew and Dunlavin.
20. Coast Protection Act, 1963—Schemes at Ballygannon, Co. Wicklow.
21. Local Improvement Scheme.
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 - (a) "That the Council request the Department of Post and Telegraphs to speed up the provision of an automatic exchange for Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (b) "That the Council appoint an additional Engineer for the Wicklow area."
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24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley and J. Gregory: "That this Council build a Doctor's residence in Rathdrum to enable Dispensary Doctor to live in the town."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That full compensation be paid forthwith to Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for loss incurred as a result of an accident to his cow at Wicklow Co. Council quarry, which is on his land."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan: "That Polling Booths with under 150 on the Register for the area be done away with having regard to the modern transport available."
27. Notices of Motion in names of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:
 - (a) "That lighting facilities be provided at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."
 - (b) "That the road at Killacoran about a half mile from Aughrim be widened to enable two heavy lorries to pass and road margins filled in with stones and widened."
 - (c) "That scavenging service be provided in the village of Avoca."
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley and M.

- J. O'Neill—Memorial signed by residents in Donard requesting the Wicklow County Council to include in the Estimates for 1968/69 a sum to improve the Water Supply in Donard and stating that the existing supply is sometimes contaminated and the water pressure is inadequate and that effective protection of the source of supply and a pressure pumping set are requested.
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory: "I request a report to be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council on the progress made on the water extension from Newcastle to Tiglin and the water and sewerage extension for Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mark Deering: "That a public light be provided at Donoughmore."
31. To arrange meeting of Local Committee re Sheep Dipping.
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Cleary: "That I or someone for me will move at the next meeting that the County Council should pay half the expense of the cost of providing a warden (£400) for the protection of children on the main Dublin/Arklow road outside the school at Templaraine."
33. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:
 - (a) "That this Council condemns the proposed salary increases for T.D.s, higher Civil Servants, and members of the Judiciary, and calls upon all parties to oppose the granting of such unwarranted increases."
 - (b) "That this Council calls upon the Government to introduce legislation compelling all foreign industrial firms operating in this country to recognise the rights of Irish Trade Unions, and that we strongly condemn the attitude of the E.I. Company at Shannon Airport."
34. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory: "That the Council build a public lavatory in Rathdrum."
35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill: "That I or someone for me will propose that in view of the proposed Housing Schemes which are before the Council in the Greystones area a complete survey of the sewage facilities be made."
36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke: "That the Council do all road works by direct labour instead of contractors."
37. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:
 - (a) "That dangerous bend at O'Neill's Cottage, Ballymacroe, Knockanna, be removed."
 - (b) "That the road from Ballymacroe Cross to the top of Moyne Hill be resurfaced and tarred."
 - (c) "That the road from Moyne Hill to Askinagap Chapel be surfaced."
 - (d) "That Wicklow County Council will take immediate action to alleviate flooding on the road between the bridge and the bus shelter in Avoca."
38. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, and James Whelan: "We will move at next meeting that the Co. Council have the old road at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, tarred and also at Killacoran, Aughrim, in front of cottages."
39. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple: "That immediate action be taken to put the approach road to Grattan Park in a proper state of repair."

40. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:
 - (a) "That the Council provide a public light at the water pump at Rosbawn Cottages, Aughrim."
 - (b) "That the Council provide two lights at Ballynerrin, Rocky Road, Wicklow."
41. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh: "That public lighting facilities from the Catholic Church in Aughrim to Byrne's Garage be examined, and necessary additional lights be provided."
42. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill: "That a light be provided on each of the access roads to the Council's Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinnglass."
43. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:
 - (a) "Newtown—That the Council provide a footpath at Murray's Hill."
 - (b) "That Five-Mile-Point Road be repaired and tarred immediately."
 - (c) "That the Council tar Keelogue Road without further delay."
 - (d) "That the Council erect a cross with the figure of the Crucifixion in Barndarrig Graveyard."
44. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

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The County Secretary stated that an application for Outline Planning Permission for the erection of 40 dwellinghouses at Ballymacahara, Ballinlea, Ashford, on behalf of Mr. Ambrose Murphy had been received on the 26th March, 1968, and permission had been refused on the 10th May, 1968, for the following reasons:—

- (1) A concentration of 40 septic tanks over an area of 20 acres would be prejudicial to public health. A proper sewage disposal works would be essential for a housing scheme of this size.
- (2) The proposed development would spoil the rural character of the area which is one of scenic importance. In order to preserve the amenity of the area, development requires to be limited.
- (3) The land south of the site is heavily wooded and the proposed development would be liable to give rise to a fire hazard.
- (4) The traffic that would be generated by the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the road adjoining the site is narrow and winding.

The present application was for 4 houses on part of the site and it was considered that the objections listed under Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were still applicable. The County Medical Officer had reported that the sites varied in size and that it was necessary that each site

contain at least a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in area if it were to be properly served by a septic tank.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ambrose Murphy, Ballymacahara, Ballinlea, Ashford Co. Wicklow, for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses on his lands at Ballymacahara, provided that area is divided so that each site is at least a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in area.

Passed unanimously.

- (b) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and R. Miley:— "That by Virtue of the Powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Clare, Rathnew, for the erection of a Bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Michael Clare, Rathnew, had applied for permission to erect a bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew, to replace his house which had been demolished by reason of a heavy vehicle crashing into it. Permission had been granted to Mr. Clare for the erection of a bungalow in accordance with the plans submitted but it had been necessary to impose two conditions: The first condition was that sanitation be by way of a chemical closet and not by means of a septic tank as the site was considered unsuitable for septic tank drainage because of its limited area and proximity to river and public road. The second condition related to the type of dwelling proposed which was a timber dwelling of unsatisfactory lay-out with bedrooms opening directly off the living room and without a ventilated lobby between the bathroom and the kitchen. It was a condition that the building be used for the occupation of the applicant only and that on his ceasing to occupy the bungalow as a residence the Grant of Permission would terminate. It was pointed out that permission had been granted because the house was to replace the former dwellinghouse on the site which had been demolished by the heavy vehicle.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Clare, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballybeg, Rathnew.

Following a discussion in which Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, pointed out that from the information given it appeared that the proposed dwellinghouse would not qualify for a State grant or Supplementary Grant the Council agreed to adjourn the matter for one month and to have an inquiry made from the applicant as to whether he would consider building a dwellinghouse which would meet the requirements for a State Grant.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Estimates Meetings held on 26th February, 4th March, 11th March and 16th March, 1968, and of the Meetings held on the 25th March and 1st April, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Deputation from Avoca Development Association re Domestic Refuse Collection and Sanitation.

Rev. Fr. Lyons, C.C., Mr. Hatton and Mrs. Holt attended and addressed the Council in regard to the need for provision of sanitation for houses at Kilmagig and in regard to the provision of a domestic scavenging service for the Avoca area. It was stated that 11 houses had been built by the Council in 1932 without sewerage and it was requested that sewerage now be provided for these houses and that if the Council provided a main sewer the tenants would make their own arrangements for connections. In regard to the refuse collection, it was stated that there were 60 houses within a half mile of Avoca which required the service and that the residents would be willing to pay a weekly rent and provide their own bins. A suitable dump was available and it was pointed out that Avoca was a leading tourist area and that a domestic refuse collection service was very necessary. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, thanked the members of the Deputation and stated that the representations would receive consideration by the Council.

Item No. 4—To Receive Deputation from Residents at Manor Kilbride re Proposal to Extend Burial Ground.

Messrs. Hanlon, Cullen and Donoghue, representing residents at Manor Kilbride, attended and Mr. James Hanlon addressed the Council. He indicated that an extension to the Burial Ground at Manor Kilbride was essential but that the land which it had originally been proposed by the Council to acquire was not suitable from the point of view of access but that land at the other side of the Burial Ground would be quite suitable. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, stated that it appeared that the price for the land which is considered suitable by the Deputation was regarded as unduly high and he asked if the members of the Deputation might look into the matter of helping with the price. The price which had been mentioned to the Council was regarded as altogether too high.

Reception of Deputations.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That relevant information be available if possible when deputations are received in regard to the subject matter to be raised.

Following a discussion on the matter in which Councillor J. Miley suggested that the relevant information be submitted to the

Meeting of the Council next following the reception of the Deputation and the Vice-Chairman pointed out that the normal procedure of the Council in relation to Deputations was that the Deputation was heard and the subject matter of the Deputation was then included on the Agenda for the following Meeting of the Council. Councillor Costello's motion was put to the Meeting and declared passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—To Arrange Date for Annual Meeting of Co. Council.

The Co. Secretary stated that under the provisions of the Local Elections Regulations, 1965, the Annual Meeting of the Council was required to be held on such day not being more than fourteen days either before or after the anniversary of the first Annual Meeting as the Council by Resolution might appoint. The first Annual Meeting of the Council had been on the 12th July, 1967. There would be Meetings of the Council on the 1st and 8th July and as it was understood that the 1st July might not be a convenient date for some Members he suggested that the Annual Meeting might be held on the 8th July, 1968. The Council determined that the Annual Meeting be held on Monday, 8th July, 1968.

Item No. 6 — Overdraft Accommodation on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1968.

It was

proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum for the Quarter to 30th September, 1968, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Filling of Vacancies on O.A.P. Sub-Committees—Letters from Clerks to Rathdown No. 2 and Bray Sub-Committees.

Having considered letter from the Clerk to the Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee submitting recommendations of the Sub-Committee for the filling of the remaining two vacancies on the Sub-Committee

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. D. L. Semple, B.A., B.A.I., "Wayside Cottage," Drummin West, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, and Mr. Frank Clark, "Faill-a-Ruin", Church Road, Greystones, to be members of the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancies on the Sub-Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Having considered the letter from the Clerk of the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee notifying the resignation of Councillor Costello from the Sub-Committee and reporting that other members had been absent from meetings and that it had been difficult to obtain a quorum

the Council, on the suggestion of Councillor S. Costello, agreed that the Bray Old Folks' Committee be asked if they could suggest a suitable person or persons to act on the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Item No. 8—To Fill Vacancy on Wicklow Harbour Board Arising From Death of James Everett, T.D.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 12th June, 1968, from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners declaring vacant the seat on the Board which had been held by the late Deputy James Everett up to the time of his death and advising that the Council had power to nominate a new Member to fill the vacancy on the Harbour Board. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor B. Phelan to be a member of Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor J. Gregory to be a member of Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Councillor S. Costello inquired whether the Council was required to appoint Members of the Council to fill the vacancy on the Wicklow Harbour Authority or whether they were free to appoint any person and at the request of the Council the County Secretary read the provisions of Section 7 (2) of the Harbours Act, 1946. The Co. Secretary stated that it appeared from the wording of the Section that the Council was not obliged to appoint Members of the Council as local authority members on the Harbour Authority but it had always been the practice to appoint Members of the Council to these positions.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;
Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That the appointment be deferred pending obtaining legal opinion as to the powers of the Council to appoint a member or other person to the Wicklow Harbour Authority.

The Motion in the name of Councillor Bourke was submitted to the Council and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors John Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—TEN.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan—TEN.

The Chairman, having given his casting vote in favour of the Motion, the Motion was declared passed.

Item No. 9—Dargle River Flood Protection Scheme—Approval to Acceptance of Tender.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had at a previous Meeting considered a Report of the Consulting Engineer on the Tenders received for the Dargle River Flood Protection Scheme but had deferred a decision pending the consideration of the Report by Bray Urban District Council. Bray Urban District Council at their Meeting held on the 24th May, 1968, had approved of the Consultant's recommendation for the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. P. J. Walls and Bros., Ltd., in the sum of £66,608 16s. 6d., and had also agreed to the raising of a Loan of £58,000 for the purpose of financing their share of the costs of the Scheme, i.e., 4/5ths.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered Report of Mr. J. B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, on the Tenders received for the first stage of the Dargle River Flood Protection Scheme we approve of his recommendation for the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. P. J. Walls and Bros., Ltd., in the sum of £66,608 16s. 6d. and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £15,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 30 years to defray the Council's share of the cost of the work, subject to the sanction of the Minister. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Disposal of Former Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that particulars relating to the proposed disposal of the ground and building at Main St., Rathdrum, formerly used as a Dispensary Residence had been circulated to the Members of the Council. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager informed the Council in committee of the price originally paid for the building and of the reports of the Council's Engineers on its condition.

It was

proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved — That the Council in pursuance of Section 83 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act, 1946, agree to the disposal of the land held by the Council at Main Street, Rathdrum, to Charles Cooney, "Avonlea", Main Street, Rathdrum, for the sum of £550.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Contract for Erection of 10 Houses at Blessington—Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown.

The following Advice of the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.
12th June, 1968.

Re: Housing Contract for the erection of 10 houses at

Blessington by Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown.

Dear Manager, I duly received yours of the 11th inst. and I note that there was a lengthy discussion at the Council Meeting yesterday in relation to a Notice of Motion directing you to pay to the Contractors the monies due to them by the Council in respect of the above Contract.

The difficulty seems to be to ascertain, what if anything is due to the Contractors, this position was brought about by a disagreement between the Consulting Architect and the County Engineer.

Clause 10 of the Contract provides that the Engineer shall alone absolutely fix and determine the quantity of the work and Clause 49 of the General Conditions of Contract deals with disputes and here again the reference is to Engineer and in neither documents is there any reference to an Architect and, therefore, in our opinion, it is the opinion of the County Engineer that determines what the Council are liable to pay and not that of the Consultant Architect and this applies to disputes other than in relation to what is due.

The Conditions of the Contract provide for arbitration at Clause 49 and we were wondering would it help if the Writer and yourself had a joint interview with the Consulting Architect and the County Engineer and see if the matters in dispute can be agreed upon between them. If the case ever went to Court the fact that the County Engineer and the Consultant Architect could not agree would not be very helpful from the Council's point of view.

I return herewith: (1) Agreement of 15th September, 1964, between Wicklow County Council and Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons. (2) Agreement of 4th February, 1965, between Wicklow County Council and Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons (This Agreement is supplemental to that of 15th September 1964, and provides for the erection of a further six houses at Blessington on same terms and conditions as in Agreement of 15th September, 1964). (3) General Conditions of Contract.

County Manager,
M. J. Flannery Esq.,
County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. MCCARROLL.

Councillor Miss Walsh, supported by Councillor R. Miley, urged that the County Engineer, Architect, and Contractor, meet on the site with a view to reaching a settlement in regard to the completion of the Scheme and payment of such monies as were due to the Contractor.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke:

Resolved—That payment be made to the Contractor for work already done as per certificate of County Engineer and County Engineer to examine and report on the matter of any balance to be paid to Contractor.

Passed unanimously.

The County Engineer indicated that he was agreeable to arrange for a meeting with the Consultant Architect and if necessary the Contractor on the matter.

Item No. 12—Housing (Private) Scheme at Bentley Park, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had submitted a Report in regard to the sewerage disposal arrange-

ments at Bentley Park, Bray, following a preliminary inspection carried out by the Health Inspector. The following Report of the Co. Medical Officer and Health Inspector was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill,
WICKLOW.
17th June, 1968.

COUNTY MANAGER.

re: Sewerage at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray.

A Chara,

I enclose Health Inspector's report on the drainage of this scheme. I consider this report gives all the information which can be ascertained at a preliminary inspection. The question arises as to whether the scheme was carried out in accordance with the plans submitted. There are no records in the files of this office that plans were ever submitted to the Chief Medical Officer for his approval. Further investigation will require perusal of the plans of the entire drainage scheme in order to determine whether or not the work was carried out as proposed when planning permission was sought.

Mise, le meas,

J. A. DUNLEVY.

Acting Chief Medical Officer.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Clinic,
Killarney Road,
Bray,
15th June, 1968.

Dr. D. F. McCarthy,

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICE.

re: Sewerage at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray.

A Chara,

I refer to copy of County Manager's letter of the 11th inst, received by me on 14th inst. and to inform you that I called on Mr. Colbert Martin of 21, Bentley Ave., on Saturday. 15th inst. I inspected with him, as far as is possible to inspect, drainage which is covered, at Nos. 20 to 25 Bentley Ave. There appears to be separate systems for storm water and foul drainage at the houses. Each house drainage (foul) is piped to a combined drain and the latter drain is piped to a pump house for pumping to the Bray Urban sewer.

There are two manholes at the rear garden of 20, Bentley Ave., both of which are covered with concrete slabs, both cemented into position, accordingly I was unable to inspect to ascertain their condition. With the exception of rainwater and waste water traps, which are adjacent to the base of the walls, and therefore, unsuitable, for rodding the drains, I was unable to locate any other access to the drains of Nos. 21 to 24, Bentley Ave., inclusive.

There are also two manholes adjacent to each other at the rear garden of No. 25, Bentley Ave. One manhole is on a higher level and that one did not appear to be self cleansing as foul drainage was lodged in it. The inside walls of the manholes were not smoothly finished to prevent the adherence of nuisance. There were loose

pieces of plaster droppings in both manholes and the channel of the manhole on higher level was not smoothly finished.

Due to difficulties with choked drains, clearing eyes have been provided at 9 and 10 Bentley Road. The inside walls of both were finished roughly. I was unable to inspect the channel at the eye of No. 9 as there were some large chunks of concrete lodged in it. The channel of the clearing eye at No. 10 was formed by cutting a piece of the earthenware pipe, which was left with jagged edges.

I noticed that the door of the pumphouse was not locked. In order to provide a detailed report on the scheme drainage system, I would require the drainage plans and the assistance of a workman to open the sealed manhole covers and to plug certain lengths of the drainage, whilst carrying out tests.

Is mise, le meas,
JOHN COMYN,
Health Inspector.

It was
Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;
Resolved—That plans of sewers at Bentley Park be supplied for purposes of inspection of drainage system and Contractor be informed of complaints and asked to arrange for opening up manholes.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Miley:—“That this Council seek Legal Advice on the Article Written in the Magazine “Build.”

At the request of Councillor Costello the County Secretary read the paragraph “A Wicklow Scandal?” in the “Building Notes and News by Michael Quinn” in the issue of “Build” of January, 1968. Councillor Hynes and Councillor R. Miley objected to the terms of the Article which reflected on Members of the Council and which was incorrect in many respects and pointed out that no Member of the Council had any interest in the building of the proposed bungalow.

It was
Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;
Resolved—That this Council seek legal advice on the Article written in the Magazine “Build”.
Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 14—To Authorise Raising of Loan in the Sum of £5,700 for Provision of Schemes for Water Supply Extensions at:—
(a) Ballymanus/Glenealy; (b) Glenealy/Bahana; (c) Ballymerrigan, Rathnew.

It was
Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;
Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £5,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of twenty-five years to defray the cost of water supply extensions at (a) Ballymanus/Glenealy; (b) Bahana/Glenealy; (c) Ballymerrigan, Rathnew.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Proposed Closing of Roads at Blessington for Annual Regatta.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.
Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road from Red Lane, Blessington, via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, on Saturday, 20th July, 1968, between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m. in connection with the holding of rowing championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake, subject to the Council being indemnified by the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council against any claims or damages which might arise from the closing of the road.
Passed unanimously.

Combined Sewerage Scheme for Bray and Adjoining Area.

The County Secretary stated that Bray Urban District Council at their Meeting held on the 12th June had considered the Report of the Consulting Engineer in regard to the Bray Sewerage Scheme and had approved of the revised estimate of £226,500 for the Scheme and resolved that the Contract Documents be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government as quickly as possible. The Urban District Council asked that the County Council also approve and endeavour to expedite the approval of the Minister to the invitation of Tenders.

It was
Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;
Resolved—That we not the Report of the Consulting Engineer of 30th May, 1968, on the Bray Sewerage Scheme and the revised estimate of £226,500 for the works approved by the Department of Local Government on 22nd January, 1968, and approve of the Contract Documents being submitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval for the invitation of Tenders for the Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

Special Access Road to Serve N.E.T. Factory at Shelton, Arklow, and Improvement of Existing Roads.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 17th May, 1968, had indicated that the Minister had been advised that Section 6 of the Industrial Grants (Amendment) Act, 1963, gave power to An Foras Tionnscoil to make grants in respect of the road works envisaged by the County Council and Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta for the provision of access to the Factory at Shelton, Arklow. The Department of Local Government recommended that a joint application for a grant be made by the Council and the Company and noted that the Company had intimated that they would be prepared to make a substantial contribution to the cost of the work.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;
Resolved—That having considered letter of 17th May, 1968, from Department of Local Government and letter of 5th June, 1968, from Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta we approve of a joint application being made to An Foras Tionnscoil for a Grant for the construction of a

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special access road to serve the factory of Nitrogin Eireann Teoranta at Shelton, Arklow, and for the improvement of existing roads to provide access to the factory from the Arklow/Dublin Road. Passed unanimously.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Basil S. C. Phelan and Miss Nancy O'Neill:— "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to M. Davis, Esq., Market Square, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow on his father's land at Tinnapark, Kilpedder."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and John Sweeney:— "That the County Council resolve to rescind Resolution No. 7 adopted at the Council Meeting held on 6th May, 1968, in connection with the filling of the vacant post of Rent Collector and that discussions be held forthwith with the Union representing Rent Collectors with a view to meeting the representations originally made by them and that the appropriate standing order be suspended for the purpose of adopting this Resolution."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That piped water be extended to the Council houses at Boleybawn, Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That the Council complete the purchase of Patrick Kavanagh's Vested Cottage at Carrignamuck, Knockanna, as already agreed."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council waive their portion of the annuity they are claiming from Miss Magee, Ballinalee, Ashford, on the sale of her plot of ground on the grounds of hardship."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to continue the consideration of the Draft County Development Plan was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wick, at 7.30 p.m. on 17th June, 1968.

The following Members attended:—
Councillors William Henry T. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, M. J. Byrne, James Miller, H. J. O'Neill, G. Thurnham, T.D., H. J. Byrne, Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Thomas, Edward Byrne, Roger-Miles, M. S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, a letter of apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor H. J. Byrne.

The County Engineer, County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. A. Hynes, Chief Planning Section attended.

RECEIPT OF DEPUTATION FROM IRISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UNION.

On proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney the Council agreed to receive a Deputation from the Irish Government Officials' Union at the Meeting of 22nd November 1968 on the 1st July, 1969. It was noted that the Union had agreed to a Deputation in regard to the matter of the filling of a vacancy for a Rent Collector. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, pointed out that the Council had already elected a Deputation on this matter and it was agreed that the Union be informed when forwarding Deputation that the Deputation would be received.

EXTENSION TO SLAUGHTERHOUSE AT BLACKHORN, GREYSTONES.

The Council agreed to receive a Deputation from the Residents of Blackhorn, Greystones, in regard to the Grant of Permission by the Council for an extension of a Slaughterhouse at Blackhorn, Greystones. It was agreed that the Deputation be received at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st July, 1969.

WATER SUPPLY, UPPER WINDGATES.

The Council agreed to receive a Deputation from the Upper Windgates Residents' Association in relation to the proposed Water supply for Upper Windgates at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 1st July, 1969.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Council continued the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Draft County Development Plan submitted at Page 7, Part IV—Collectives—Section 9. The Council agreed to the amendment of the description of this Section to read "Improvements in the interests of Agriculture". The Council agreed also to the amendment following the word "habitat" in the definition of "habitat" in Table II—No. 15 of the Plan to read "habitat". The Council agreed to the amendment of Section 12—Planning, the figure 11 being corrected to read 10. The Council agreed that the appropriate alterations be made in the map that the Tourist Roads indicated on Map B be indicated in the map and that reference numbers for points in Table II be added to Map B.

GREYSTONES-DULCANY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Council agreed that the opening sentence of the Plan be altered to read as follows: "This written statement and the annexed zoning and objective maps (Town Detail Map No. 1) constitute the Development Plan for Greystones-Dulcany."

special access road to serve the factory of Kinnigin Eireann Teoranta at Shalton, Arklow, and for the improvement of existing roads to provide access to the factory from the Arklow Dublin Road. Passed unanimously.

Notice of Motion

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

In the name of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Miss Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Basil S. C. Phelan and Miss Nancy O'Neill:— "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1963 we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to M. Davis, Esq., Market Square, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow on his father's land at Tinnspark, Kilgobbin."

In the name of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan, James Whelan and John Gregory:— "That the County Council resolve to rescind Resolution No. 1 adopted at the Council Meeting held on 6th May, 1968, in connection with the filling of the vacant post of Rent Collector, and that no further action be taken with the Union representatives and that the standing order be resumed for the purpose of adopting this Resolution."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That the Council agree to the purchase of Patrick Kavanagh's Vestal Cottage, Caraghmore, Kesh, as already agreed."

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In the name of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council waive their portion of the grant they are claiming from the Minister, Dublin, Ashford, on the basis of the grant of ground on the grounds of hardship."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to continue the consideration of the Draft County Development Plan was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 24th June, 1968.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., H. J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided. An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor S. Costello.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, the Council agreed to receive a Deputation from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st July, 1968. It was noted that the Union had asked that a Deputation be received in regard to the matter of the filling of a vacancy for a Rent Collector. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, pointed out that the Council had already taken a decision on this matter and it was agreed that the Union be informed when forwarding notification that the Deputation would be received.

EXTENSION TO SLAUGHTERHOUSE AT BLACKLION, GREYSTONES.

The Council agreed to receive a Deputation from householders at Blacklion, Greystones, in regard to the Grant of Permission by the Council for an extension of a slaughterhouse at Blacklion, Greystones. It was agreed that the Deputation be received at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st July, 1968.

WATER SUPPLY, UPPER WINDGATES.

The Council agreed to receive a Deputation from the Upper Windgates Residents' Association in relation to the proposed water supply for Upper Windgates at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 8th July, 1968.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Council continued their consideration of the proposed amendments to the Draft County Development Plan resuming at Page 25—Part IV—Objectives—Section 9. The Council agreed to the amendment of the description of this Section to read "Improvements in the interests of Amenities." The Council agreed also to insert the word "materials" following the word "features" in the first sentence of Section 9. In Table 11—No. 87, the word "Lane" was amended to read "road." The Council approved of Section 9 as amended and of Section 10—Finance, the figure 11 being corrected to read "10." The Council agreed that the appropriate alterations be made in the maps, that the Tourist Roads indicated on Map B be indexed in the key and that reference numbers for items in Table 10 be added to Map B.

GREYSTONES/DELGANY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Council agreed that the opening sentence on the cover be altered to read as follows:—"This written statement and the accompanying Zoning and Objective Maps (Town Detail Map No. 1) comprise the Development Plan for Greystones/Delgany."

Development Policy, Page 1.

The Council approved of the addition of the following sentence at the end of the third paragraph on Page 1:—"New development in the Burnaby Estate will be required to be in keeping with the existing character of the Estate." On Page 3—Density and Building Height—the Council agreed that the words "maximum density 12 dwellings per acre" be added to regulations opposite Zone B1 and that the words "maximum density of 6 dwellings per acre" be added to regulations opposite Zone B2. On Page 4—Residential Development—the Council agreed that the following words be omitted "The Council may require a contribution as provided above in view of open space provision within the development," and that the following words be inserted in lieu of the words omitted "In place of the provision by the developer of open space in any development the Council may require a contribution from the developer towards the cost of open space at the rate of the cost in prices current at the time of development of acquiring land in the development area equivalent to 10 per cent. of the developer's gross site area." The Council also agreed that the following insertion be made under the heading "Residential Development": "Developers (including individuals erecting houses) will be required to make a contribution to the cost to the Council of extensions of water supplies and sewerage services."

Development Objectives.

The Council having noted that it would not be possible to form a new junction of Rathdown Road with the Blacklion/Killincarrig Road as shown in Item 6 on the Objectives Map agreed that the Map be amended to exclude the proposed new junction. No. 7—The Council decided to omit Objective No. 7 under Roads and Traffic and to amend the Map accordingly. The Council agreed to insert the following statement on Finance:—"Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain Objectives are put forward on the assumption that Grants from central funds, which are usually available, will be made, and these Objectives are subject to Central Government sanction."

Maps.

The Council were not agreeable to a reduction in size of the Maps as it was felt that any such reduction would render them difficult to interpret.

RATHDRUM DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Council agreed to the following alterations:—

Introduction—The opening sentence to read as follows:—"This written Statement and the accompanying Map (Town Detail Map No. 2) comprises the Development Plan for Rathdrum."

Development Control Policy—The following statement be added:—"The area for dense development is primarily for residential and commercial uses."

Development Objectives—Insert statement on finance as follows:—"Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain Objectives are put forward on the assumption that Grants from central funds, which are usually available, will be made, and these Objectives are subject to Central Government sanction."

BRAY ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN—T.D.M. 3.

The Council agreed that the introduction be amended by the substitution of the words "Bray Environs Development Plan" for the words "Town Detail Map No. 3" in the heading and that the opening sentence be altered to read as follows: "This written Statement and the accompanying Map (Town Detail Map No. 3) constitute the Development

Plan for Bray Environs. The area to which the Plan refers is part of Co. Wicklow adjacent to Bray Urban District indicated on T.D.M. No. 3, lying between the Urban District Boundary and the line marked "Development Area Boundary." This plan should be read in conjunction with the Wicklow County Development Plan of which it is part and with the Development Plan for Bray Urban District." The Council agreed that references to "Town Detail Map No. 3" be replaced by reference to "the Development Plan." The Council also agreed that under the heading "Development Objectives" the following statement on Finance be added:—"Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain Objectives are put forward on the assumption that Grants from central funds, which are usually available, will be made, and the Objectives are subject to central Government sanction."

In paragraph 4 of Part II of the Plan the Council approved of the omission of the word "objective" in the heading of the paragraph and in the third line of the paragraph.

Town Detail Map No. 3.

The Council agreed to amend the boundary of the Development area by including in the development area the field bounded on the North-East by the Vevay Road, on the North-West by Boghall Road and on the South-West by the development area boundary.

BLESSINGTON TOWN PLAN.

The Council agreed that the opening statement be altered to read as follows:—"This written Statement and the accompanying Objectives Map (Town Detail Map No. 4) comprise the Development Plan for Blessington."

Development Policy.

The Council agreed that the statement on the Water Supply in the final paragraph on Page 1 be amended to read as follows:—"The new Water Supply Scheme due to be completed shortly will have a spare capacity of 14,000 gallons per day and it will be adequate for a population increase of 200, a figure which might be exceeded before 1980."

Development Objectives.

The Council agreed that Development Objectives Nos. 4 and 8 be omitted and that the following Objective be added under the heading "Industry":—"Investigate the possibility of providing sites for industry in worked out gravel pits to the North-East of the town." In regard to Objective No. 9 the Council noted that the 10 acre site between County Road No. 358 and T.42 was not now available for development as an industrial site and agreed that the two fields next adjoining the site and lying between County Road No. 358 and T.42 be reserved for development as an industrial site. In regard to Objective No. 2 for constructing a new road access to the existing Council Housing Scheme to the South of the village, the Council agreed that this Objective be retained but that the County Engineer examine further the possibility of acquiring an alternative access to that shown on the plan.

The Council approved of the amendment of Objective No. 14 in the Draft Development Plan to read as follows:—"Provision of Swimming Pool in field containing 1 acre, 2 roods, 6 perches bounded on South-East by Blessington/Balinglass Main Road and situated approximately 700 feet south of the junction of that road with the Blessington/Naas Road."

The Council agreed to include the following statement on finance: "Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain Objectives are put forward on the assumption that Grants from central

funds, which are usually available, will be made, and these Objectives are subject to Central Government sanction."

The Council approved of the re-numbering of the Objectives as amended and of the appropriate amendments to the Map.

RATHDOWN No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT—R.D.M.I.

The Council approved of the amending of the opening statement to read as follows:—"This written statement and the accompanying Map (Rural Detail Map No. 1) comprise the Development Plan for the area of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District excluding Bray Urban District, the environs of Bray and Greystones/Delgany, for which there are separate Development Plans."

Development Objectives.—The Council agreed to include the following statement on Finance:—"Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain Objectives are put forward on the assumption that Grants from central funds, which are usually available, will be made, and these Objectives are subject to Central Government sanction."

SITES FOR INDUSTRY.

The Council agreed that a site for industry be acquired at Baltin-glass on the Kiltegan or Rathvilly Road and two sites were suggested for consideration. It was agreed also that a site be acquired at Dun-lavin and a site near the railway station and a site in the ownership of the Church Body were suggested. It was agreed also that Members of the Council for the area would suggest suitable sites at Aughrim, in the neighbourhood of Arklow, and at Tinahely and Carnew.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT KINDLESTOWN LOWER, GREYSTONES.

Councillor Miss O'Neill referred to two two-storey houses which were being erected at Lower Kindlestown for which it was claimed that Planning Permission had been given and which she regarded as being unsatisfactory. The County Manager stated that Planning Permission had not been granted for this development and that the authority of the Council was being ignored and the houses were being erected. He stated that an Enforcement Notice requiring the removal of any structures erected was being served that day. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the County Engineer stated that three houses were in course of construction and that he considered that the erection of houses in this manner would give rise to a traffic hazard. The sewerage works in Greystones were inadequate to deal with the present developed area and he had recommended refusal to the proposed erection of the houses on these grounds.

GREYSTONES RAILWAY STATION.

The County Secretary submitted plans showing the site of plots of land at the Railway Station, Greystones, which were to be sold by public auction at an early date. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that no action be taken on the proposal to acquire these plots.

Having completed the examination of the Draft County Development Plan

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the amendments to the Draft County Development Plan as set out in the Schedule attached hereto.

Passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT OF PROPOSED COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SCHEDULE

- Page 2. **Town Development.** Third paragraph.
INSERT following the words "in association with industrial development":
 "It is considered that an improvement in living conditions for the rural population can be achieved by developing the existing larger centres of rural population and in West Wicklow, Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Donard, Stratford and Kiltegan are recognised as such centres."
- Page 3. **Roads.** Paragraph one.
OMIT.
 "Because of the restriction of the flow of traffic and the hazards arising from the density of traffic the arterial road will be separated from towns and villages."
- Page 5. **Conservation.** Paragraph two.
OMIT.
 "or the appendices of the plan."
- Page 5. **Special Amenity Area.**
OMIT.
 "area of Laragh, Glendalough."
INSERT
 "area of the valley of Glendalough."
- Page 7. **Areas of Special Control.**
OMIT.
 "A.2. Laragh Glendalough—Consideration for Special Amenity Area Order by reason of natural beauty."
INSERT.
 "A.2. Valley of Glendalough—consideration for Special Amenity Area Order by reason of natural beauty."
INSERT.
 "B.6. Laragh—Glenmacnass—Lough Dan—Vale of Clara—Glenmalure—Area of high amenity."
- Page 8. **Landscape Areas:**
INSERT.
 "Special consideration will be given to an application by a native resident for permission to build a house for his own family and not as a speculation."
- Page 8. **Monuments:**
OMIT.
 "or the appendices of the plan."
- Page 9. **Residential Development:**
OMIT.
 "Except in Class A landscape areas, control will be less stringent in respect of the location of dwellings likely to be for week-end or holiday use."
- Page 9. **Extractive Industry:**
OMIT.
 First paragraph.
INSERT AFTER SECOND PARAGRAPH:
 "No condition shall be imposed which would require the restoration of land and removal of buildings until the extraction of the minerals had been completed."

- Page 12. **Camping Grounds:**
OMIT.
"which are situated."
- Page 13. **OMIT.**
First Paragraph.
INSERT.
"Objectives."
1. "In the absence of any specific statement to the contrary the period for the completion of these objectives should be taken as being five years from the adoption of the Plan."
2. "Services."
"It is an objective of the plan to extend both water and sewerage services, where considered reasonable having regard to situation and demand, to meet the needs of the county."
Table 2.
INSERT dates under heading "Expected date of completion."
Table 3.
INSERT A/11—Windgates Water Supply.
INSERT AFTER LAST PARAGRAPH, Page 13:
"and to prepare plans for a sewerage scheme for Avoca."
Page 14. **Table IV and V.**
Change map nos. to read A/12 to A/24.
Sites for Industry and Housing.
INSERT.
"It is an objective of the plan to acquire sites for industries at Baltinglass and Dunlavin and in the south of the county and for this purpose to investigate sites in the vicinity of Aughrim and Arklow and at Tinahely and Carnew."
Page 17. **Table VI.**
INSERT.
32 Views to east from county road no. 9 near Ballybrew.
33 Views to south from county road no. 11 over Glencree Valley.
34 Views over Glendalough from County Road no. 80 (L.107).
Page 18. **OMIT**
Heading and First Paragraph and "Reason for Preservation."
INSERT
Buildings or Structures the Preservation of which it is the Intention of the Planning Authority to Consider in the Event of Application for Permission Being Made to Alter or Demolish.
Page 21. **Sites of Scientific Interest. Table VIII.**
Alter map reference nos. B/31, 34, 36, 35, 32 to read:— B/35, 36, 37, 38, 39, respectively.
Transfer map reference nos. B/33, 37, 38 to Table IX and change to read T/28, 29 and 30, respectively.
Add the following to Table VIII:
B/40 Bray Head Geological interest; rare plant species and wild life sanctuary.
B/41 Dunlavin—Moraines and marshes on County Boundary Rare plant species.

- B/42 Lough Lan—the lake and the oak woodland south of it. Rare plant species.
B/43 Glendalough—the area around the lower lake and the oak woodland at the waterfall. Rare plant species and oak woodland.
B/44 Laragh — oak woodlands on the north-eastern and eastern slopes of Derrybawn Mountain and east of Bookey's Bridge. Rare plant species.
B/45 Devils Glen. Rare plant species.
B/46 Ballycore Rath, Timolin. Rare plant species.
B/47 Lugnaquilla Mountain. Rare plant species.
B/48 Cliffs in the Wicklow Mountains. Ornithological interest (Suitable haunts for Peregrine Falcons).
B/49 Glenealy — Woodland on the eastern side of T.7. Ecological interest.
B/50 Slieveroe, Rathdrum. Geological interest.
B/51 Magherabeg Brittas—wet marsh behind sand dunes. Rare plant species.
B/52 Buckroneys—marsh and sand dunes. Rare plant species.
Page 23. **Table IX.**
ADD
T/27 Native Oak Wood at Glencree Valley.
T/28 Native Oak Wood at Glen of the Downs.
T/29 Native Oak Wood at Vale of Clara, Glendalough.
T/30 Native Oak Woods at Ballinacor Woods, Ballinacor, Rathdrum.
Page 24. **OMIT.**
"It is an objective of the plan to preserve the gardens below."
C/t27, t28 and t29.
INSERT. After Table X:
"Caravan Sites—It is an objective of the plan to encourage the provision of suitably sited caravan parks and camping sites near to Hollywood, Donard, Stratford, Baltinglass, Kiltegan, Knockananna and near Tinahely and Shillelagh. Applications from developers of such suitable sites, approved by the Council, will receive sympathetic consideration in the matter of access and water and sewerage services."
"Car Parking Facilities, West Wicklow.—It is an objective of the plan to provide car parking facilities near the Liffey Lake and for this purpose to investigate sites in the vicinity of Poulphouca, Ballysmuttan and Lacken."
Page 25. **OMIT**
"Blight."
INSERT
"Improvements in the interests of Amenity."
INSERT after "Objectionable features": "materials."
Table XI.
Map Ref. 87. **OMIT** "lane." **INSERT** "road."
Page 26. Alter no. 11 to read no 10.

GREYSTONES/DELGANY TOWN PLAN

Alter opening sentence on cover to read:—

"This written statement and the accompanying Zoning and Objectives Maps (Town Detail Map No. 1) comprise the Development Plan for Greystones/Delgany."

Page 1. **Development Policy.**

INSERT following third paragraph.

"New development in the Burnaby Estate will be required to be in keeping with the existing character of the Estate."

Page 3. **Density and Building Height.**

Add to regulations after Zone B1: "Maximum density 12 dwellings per acre."

Add to regulations after Zone B2: "Maximum density 6 dwellings per acre."

Page 4. **Residential Development.**

OMIT.

"The Council may require a contribution as provided above in lieu of open space provision within the development."

INSERT: "In place of the provision by the developer of open space in any development the Council may require a contribution from the developer towards the cost of open space at the rate of the cost in prices current at the time of development of acquiring land in the Development Area equivalent to 10% of the developer's gross site area."

INSERT

"Developers (including individuals erecting houses) will be required to make a contribution to the cost to the Council of extension of water supplies and sewerage services."

Page 5. **Roads and Traffic.**

OMIT

Objective no. 7 and renumber remaining objectives.

INSERT

"**Finance: 17.**—Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain objectives are put forward on the assumption that grants from central funds which are usually available will be made, and these objectives are subject to central government sanction."

RATHDRUM TOWN PLAN

Page 1. Alter first paragraph to read:—

"This written statement and the accompanying map (Town detail Map No. 2) comprise the Development Plan for Rathdrum."

Page 2. **Development Control Policy.**

INSERT

"The area for dense development is primarily for residential and commercial uses."

"**Finance: 9.**—Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain objectives are put forward on the assumption that grants from central funds which are usually available will be made, and these objectives are subject to central government sanction."

BRAY ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Page 1. **OMIT HEADING "TOWN DETAIL MAP NO. 3."**

INSERT: "BRAY ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN."

Alter first paragraph to read:—

"This written statement and the accompanying map (Town Detail Map No. 3) constitute the Development Plan for Bray Environs. The area to which the Plan refers is part of County Wicklow adjacent to Bray Urban District indicated on T.D.M. no. 3, lying between the Urban District Boundary and the line marked "Development Area Boundary." This plan should be read in conjunction with the Wicklow County Development Plan of which it is part and with the Development Plan for Bray Urban District."

Page 2. **Part II: Boundary.**

Alter reference to T.D.M. no. 3 to read:—

"The Development Plan for Bray Environs."

No. 4.—Alter to read as follows:—

"**Private Contribution to Open Space.**—In place of the provision by the developer of open space in any development the Council may require a contribution from the developer towards the cost of open space at the rate of the cost in prices current at the time of development of acquiring land in the Development Area equivalent to 10% of the developer's gross site area."

INSERT

"**Finance: 12.**—Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain objectives are put forward on the assumption that grants from central funds which are usually available will be made, and these objectives are subject to central government sanction."

AMENDMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AREA BOUNDARY.

The boundary of the development area to be amended to include the field bounded on the North East by Vevay Road, on the North West by Boghall Road, and on the South West by the development area boundary.

BLESSINGTON TOWN PLAN

Alter opening paragraph to read:—

"This written statement and the accompanying objectives Map (Town Detail Map no. 4) comprise the Development Plan for Blessington."

Alter statement on the Water Supply in final paragraph to read:—

"The new water supply scheme due to be completed shortly with a spare capacity of 14,000 gals./day is adequate for a population increase of 200, a figure which might be exceeded before 1980."

Page 2. **Roads and Traffic.**

OMIT Objectives 4 and 8.

INSERT Objective no. 8.

"Investigate the possibility of providing sites for industry in worked out gravel pits to the north east of the town."

INSERT Objective no. 13.

"Provision of swimming pool on field containing one acre,

2 roads and 6 perches bounded on south-east by Blessington-Baltinglass main road and situated approximately 700 feet south of the junction of that road and the Blessington-Naas road."

Alter objectives numbers required by above changes.

"Finance: 14.—Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain objectives are put forward on the assumption that grants from central funds which are usually available will be made, and these objectives are subject to central government sanction."

RATHDOWN No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT

Alter opening sentence on cover to read:—

"This written statement and the accompanying map (Rural Detail Map No. 1) comprise the Development Plan for the area of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, excluding Bray Urban District, the environs of Bray and Greystones/Delgany, for which there are separate Development Plans."

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"Finance.—Objectives are subject to the availability of finance. Certain objectives are put forward on the assumption that grants from central funds which are usually available will be made, and these objectives are subject to central government sanction."

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Draft County Development Plan as amended at this Meeting and direct that the notices of the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan be issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed, Councillors Bourke, Hynes, Cleary, Gregory, R. Miley, Miss M. Walsh and J. Temple dissenting.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, John Temple and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of ten bungalows on portion of the lands of Glencormac South, Co. Wicklow, as per plans and specifications submitted."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"That 10 extra houses be built in Baltinglass."

In the names of Councillor Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"That 10 extra houses be built in Dunlavin."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with business matters was held at the County Offices, Wicklow, on Monday, 24th June, 1968, at 7.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keweenaw, John Deering, Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, John Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward J. Byrne, S. Connelley, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Brien, John Temple, John Bourke, P. Hynes, James Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McEvoy, Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne acted as Chairman, provided.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Assistant County Engineer J. Gaffney and R. G. O'Donnell, and Mrs. P. Hynes, were also present.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Amendment No. 1 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, by the Council of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Basil S. C. Phelan and Miss Nancy O'Neill.

That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Peter Whyte, Esq., Market Square, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow on his father's land at Tinspark, Killeenard.

To receive Deputation from householders in the vicinity of Blackdon, Greystones, in regard to Grant of Permission for the extension of a Slaughterhouse on the lands of Mr. Douglas T. O'Brien of Blackdon House.

To receive Deputation from John T. O'Brien, Chairman, Rathdown Union in relation to filling of vacant post of Rent Collector.

Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. J. Keweenaw, J. Whelan and John Deering:—"That the Council hereby resolve Resolution No. 7 adopted at the Council Meeting held on 27th May, 1968, in connection with the filling of the vacant post of Rent Collector and that discussions be held forthwith with the Union representing Rent Collectors with a view to reaching some mutual standing Order to be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Resolution."

Application for payment of Supplementary Credit for new houses.

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Application for consent to acquisition of land at 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 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After objections submitted required by above changes.

Summary: 14- Objectives are subject to the availability of funds. Certain objectives are put forward on the assumption that grants from central funds which are usually available will be made, and these objectives are subject to central government sanction.

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Finance: Objectives are subject to the availability of funds. Certain objectives are put forward on the assumption that grants from central funds which are usually available will be made, and these objectives are subject to central government sanction.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the Draft Development Plan as amended at this meeting and the terms of the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed: Councillors Douglas Byrne, John Temple, Miss M. Walsh and J. Temple.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, John Temple and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:- By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of a bungalow on portion of the lands of Blessington South, Wicklow, as per plans and specifications submitted.

In the names of Councillors Thomas and M. J. O'Neill:- That in extra houses be built in Blessington.

In the names of Councillors Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:- That 10 extra houses be built in Dunlavin.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st July, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, due to illness Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey and K. C. O'Donnell, and Mr. P. Heraty, Staff Officer, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Basil S. C. Phelan and Miss Nancy O'Neill as follows:-

That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to M. Davis, Esq., Market Square, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow on his father's land at Tinnapark, Kilpedder."

2. To receive Deputation from householders in the vicinity of Blacklion, Greystones, in regard to Grant of Permission for the extension of a Slaughterhouse on the lands of Mr. Douglas Taylor of Blacklion House.
3. To receive Deputation from Irish Local Government Officials' Union in relation to filling of vacant post of Rent Collector.
4. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan and John Sweeney:- "That the Council resolve to rescind Resolution No. 7 adopted at the Council Meeting held on 6th May, 1968, in connection with the filling of the vacant post of Rent Collector and that discussions be held forthwith with the Union representing Rent Collectors with a view to meeting their representations originally made by them and that the appropriate Standing Order be suspended for the purpose of adopting this Resolution."
5. Application for payment of Supplementary Grant for new house.
6. Applications for Loans for erection of new houses.
7. Application for consent to sub-division of Cottage Plot at Lott Lane, Kilcoole.
8. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages at (1) Dunlavin; (2) Carnew; (3) Parkmore, Baltinglass, and (4) Blainroe Upper, Wicklow, and to transfer of interest in Vested Cottage at Ballymoneen, Avoca.
9. Proposed purchase by Council of Vested Cottages at (1) Carrignamuck, Knockananna; (2) Coolruss, Tinahely.
10. Proposed appointment of Building Surveyor — Report of County Engineer.

11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mark Deering:- "That the Council declare William Tighe, Blessington, to whom a Council cottage is let under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to be a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that the cottage he now occupies be vested in him."
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, and G. Timmins, T.D., "Requesting the Council to have the Cottage now occupied by Ml. English, Fryanstown, Dunlavin, transferred to his name."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:- "That the cottage of the late Mrs. Doyle, Sea-view Cottages, Redford, which she has willed to her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Mulligan, be transferred to his name."
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That this Council build a house without undue delay for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Millands, Coolfancy, Tinahely, on a site which he has secured from Mr. Fred Sutton, Loggon, Gorey."
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and James Whelan:- "That the Council purchase or acquire land on both sides of Monument Lane, Arklow, for use as building sites either private or otherwise and that the Engineer examine this possibility."
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:- "That a site of 2 acres at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is offered for sale and is very suitable for building, be bought by the Council and houses, which are badly needed, be built there."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That the three $\frac{1}{2}$ acre cottage plots at Glen Road, Aughrim, be divided to provide sites for three new houses there."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. Temple and Edward Byrne:- "That this Council request the Minister to increase substantially the amount of the State Grant (£275) and likewise the Supplementary Grant (£275) to enable the middle income group to build their own houses."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Supplementary Grants for new houses be paid to single men if money is available."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council will build a house for Patrick Mullins, on a site to be provided by his Father-in-law, at Tullowclay, Tullow."
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council repair the following cottages:- Repts. Miss Jane Byrne, Old Village, Rathnew; Repts. Mrs. Doyle, Ballyteigue, Rathdrum; Repts. John Corcoran, 34 Ballybeg, Rathnew."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "Ashford—That the Council proceed immediately with the building of Council houses in Fitzpatrick's field and that the main sewerage be provided for without further delay."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:- "That the Council provide building land in Rathdrum immediately to allow for commencement of new houses."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council transfer the tenancy of Cottage No. 216, Ballinahinch, from James Doyle to Mrs. Mary Doyle."

25. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That the Council waive their portion of the annuity they are claiming from Miss Magee, Ballinalea, Ashford, from the sale of her plot of ground on the grounds of hardship."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:- "That piped water be extended to Council houses at Boleybawn, Tinahely."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:- "That ten extra houses be built in Baltinglass."
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mark Deering, Godfrey Timmins, James Miley and M. J. O'Neill:- "That ten extra houses be built in Dunlavin."
29. Repairs to Cottages carried out in June, 1968, and Cottages to be repaired in July, 1968.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Basil S. C. Phelan and Miss Nancy O'Neill as follows:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to M. Davis, Esq., Market Square, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow on his father's land at Tinnapark, Kilpedder."

The County Secretary gave details of the previous application made by Mr. M. Davis for permission for the erection of a bungalow on his father's land at Tinnapark, Kilpedder, which had been granted by the Council subject to conditions. The new application which was at present before the Council was similar to the previous application. The conditions which had been imposed previously included a condition that the owner of the land enter into a formal agreement to sterilise five acres of his holding with a specified frontage onto the public road. The reason for the condition being that it was desired to preserve the rural amenities of the area. There was also a condition requiring the preservation of a group of trees. Councillor J. Temple and Councillor F. Hynes stated that the applicant considered the requirement to sterilise five acres of the land to be unreasonable and was seeking permission for the erection of the bungalow without conditions.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to M. Davis, Esq., Market Square, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow on his father's land at Tinnapark, Kilpedder, subject to the condition requiring the retention of 4 beech trees as in the previous Grant of Permission.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, urged that the condition in relation to the preservation of four beech trees be retained and the Council agreed that this condition applied to the grant of permission to be given to this application.

Item No. 2—Deputation from Householders in the vicinity of Blacklion, Greystones, in regard to Grant of Permission for the Extension of a Slaughterhouse on the lands of Mr. Douglas Taylor of Blacklion House.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to receive a Deputation from residents in the townland of Kindlestown Lr. who had written to object to the grant of permission for an extension of a Slaughterhouse on the lands of Mr. Douglas Taylor of Blacklion House in the townland of Kindlestown Lower. In the letter submitted it was pointed out that the slaughterhouse would be within 50 yards of their houses and they enclosed a letter addressed to the County Medical Officer indicating that in their view the premises would be a health hazard "by reason of the smell which is known to emanate from such an establishment, and the prevalence of rats and bluebottle flies occasioned by its operation. The question of gross devaluation of adjacent property in this residential area, and the annoyance which the belching of livestock for slaughter is bound to cause, is being taken up at another level." Mr. James Seery, speaking on behalf of the Deputation, stated that the premises were situated within 50 yards of his house and of the house of Mr. Broekhoven and also of Mrs. Sinnott. He submitted that the property of the residents in the area of the slaughterhouse would be devalued by reason of the proximity of the slaughterhouse and pointed out that four houses erected recently on lands which had been owned by a Mr. Douglas Taylor were in close proximity to the slaughterhouse on his lands and that the owners had not known when they bought the houses that there would be a proposal for a slaughterhouse beside them. The members of the Deputation submitted that there would be a health hazard to children living in the proximity of the slaughterhouse and that since this was a residential area it was not a proper place for a slaughterhouse. They submitted that the erection of the four new dwellings had altered the character of the district since Mr. Fenelon had been granted the licence for a slaughterhouse in 1958. Mr. Seery also drew attention to the Notice given in respect of the application for Planning Permission which had appeared in the "Evening Press" on Wednesday, 28th February, 1968, and pointed out that the advertisement appeared only in an evening newspaper and not in any daily newspaper circulating in the district. He also submitted that the Notice was inadequate as there was no mention of the townland in which the structure was situated, it having been described in the advertisement as Blacklion but being in the townland of Kindlestown Lower.

Having heard the members of the Deputation the Council decided that any Reports of the Council's Officers on the matter which were available be submitted and the County Secretary read the following Report of the Health Inspector and the observations of the County Medical Officer thereon:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Clinic,
Killarney Road,
Bray.

12th June, 1968.

Dr. D. F. McCarthy,
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER.

re: Slaughterhouse on Grounds of Blacklion House, Greystones.

A Chara,

I refer to the Memorial signed by residents of Blacklion and area

in connection with the above. The slaughterhouse was built by Mr. William Fenelon in compliance with requirements, before he moved to more convenient premises for his business at Greystones. Messrs. Lenihan, Fox and Co. have been granted a licence for the slaughterhouse, but as they intended to carry out alterations, they were required to submit a Planning application. Permission was granted without any objection within the Statutory Period.

Alterations and additions are at an advanced stage.

At a slaughterhouse, which is properly constructed and well maintained, there should not be unpleasant odours and with modern rodenticides and pesticides in use, the likelihood of rat or blue bottle infestations are remote.

Is Mise, le meas,

J. Comyn,

Health Inspector.

I agree. The above together with modern standards of design and cleanliness should ensure that no nuisance will arise. The Memorialists seem to be taking their standards from the day of the "Great Queen Empress."

D. F. McCarthy.

12/6/1968.

The County Secretary stated that the application for permission for the extension of the slaughterhouse had been examined by the County Engineer and by the County Medical Officer who had both indicated that they saw no objection to the proposal and accordingly permission had been granted by the Council. A slaughter licence had been granted to Messrs. Lenihan, Fox and Co., who would be operating the slaughterhouse. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to the nuisance which would be caused by trucks travelling to and from the slaughterhouse and asked that it be ensured that no public health nuisance arose from the use of the trucks.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That discussion on slaughterhouse at Blacklion be adjourned pending receipt of legal opinion on form of advertising and that the matter be included on the Agenda for 8th July, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—To receive Deputation from Irish Local Government Officials' Union in relation to filling of vacant post of Rent Collector.

The Council received a Deputation from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union and the Assistant Secretary to the Union addressed the Members of the Council. He explained that Rent Collectors were paid on the basis of a fee per cottage plus a bonus on the amount collected and stated that consequent on the number of cottages which had been vested in the tenants, Rent Collectors had suffered an erosion of earnings and on retirement their pensions were affected as their pensions related to their earnings during the last three years of their service. They had on previous occasions recommended the combining of districts when a vacancy arose. He asked that the Members of the Council reconsider their decision and agree to the application of the Collectors for the division of the district which was now vacant.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan and John Sweeney:- "That the Council resolve to

rescind Resolution No. 7 adopted at the Council Meeting held on 6th May, 1968, in connection with the filling of the vacant post of Rent Collector and that discussions be held forthwith with the Union representing Rent Collectors with a view to meeting their representations originally made by them and that the appropriate standing order be suspended for the purpose of adopting this Resolution."

In accordance with the terms of the Notice of Motion the suspension of Standing Orders was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan and seconded by Councillor J. Whelan. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, J. Gregory, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan — Nine.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan and J. Temple — Eleven.

The Motion was accordingly declared defeated as the necessary three quarters of the Members present had not voted in favour.

Item No. 5—Application for Payment of Supplementary Grant for New House.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Patrick J. Fenelon, Kildea, Newtownmountkennedy, in respect of the erection of a new house at Newtownmountkennedy. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Applications for Loans for Erection of New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £2,300 to Bernard J. Brennan towards the cost of erection of a new dwelling-house at Mill Street, Baltinglass. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to John Doyle, Knockrobin, Wicklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballybeg, Rathnew. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Application for Consent to Sub-Division of Cottage Plot at Lott Lane, Kilcoole.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of Vested Cottage plot at Lott Lane, Kilcoole, of which Mrs. Ellen Delaney is the tenant-purchaser. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages at (1) Dunlavin; (2) Carnew; (3) Parkmore, Baltinglass; and (4) Blainroe Upper, Wicklow, and to transfer of interest in Vested Cottage at Ballymoneen, Avoca.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the application for

consent to the sale of a Vested Cottage at Dunlavin to the next Meeting of the Council on the 8th July for the purpose of obtaining information in the meantime on the area of the holding and the valuation thereof of Mr. John J. Lawlor for the purpose of ascertaining whether he could be regarded as a qualified person. The Council noted that there was doubt as to whether the applicant, Miss Rafferty, or Mr. Lawlor, would be qualified persons for the purpose of occupying the cottage.

In the case of the cottage at Tomacork, Carnew, the Council noted that the proposed purchaser had sold a farm for £9,000 and did not appear to be a qualified person to occupy the cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That Council purchase cottage at Tomacork, Carnew (No. 68/9).

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Nancy O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Mary Gilligan of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 168/1 at Parkmore, Baltinglass, to Thomas Lucas, 129, Teelder Road, Halton near Aylesbury, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum of £466 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Stephen Byrne of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 271/11 at Blainroe, Wicklow, to Mr. Sean Griffin, Kilmurray, Kilbride, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum of £200, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the transfer by James Cullen of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 374/8 at Ballymoneen, Avoca, to his son-in-law Mr. Philip Ormonde.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Proposed Purchase by Council of Vested Cottages at (1) Carrignamuck, Knockananna; (2) Coolruss, Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the cost of putting the cottage at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, of which Mr. Patrick Kavanagh was the tenant-purchaser, into a proper state of repair was estimated at between £500 and £600 and he did not consider that it would be an economical proposition for the Council to purchase the cottage at any price in view of its condition and its isolated situation. The Rent Collector had also expressed the view that it would be almost impossible to find a suitable tenant for the cottage should the Council purchase it. It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, that

the Council consent to the sale of the cottage to Mr. O'Connor, who had originally applied for consent to his purchasing the cottage.

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated that Mr. Patrick O'Toole, tenant-purchaser of the cottage at Coolruss, Tinahely, had been unable to find a suitable purchaser for his vested cottage and inquiry had been made if the Council would make an offer for the cottage. Mr. Richard Bentley, Auctioneer, Arklow, on behalf of Mr. O'Toole, had written to state that the lowest Mr. O'Toole would be prepared to accept for the cottage was £800 and 5 per cent. fees. The County Engineer had estimated the market value of the house at £650. It had been indicated by the Auctioneer that the best offer which had been received for the cottage was £650.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase by the Council of the Vested Cottage No. 250/10 at Coolruss, Tinahely, from Patrick O'Toole for a negotiated figure.

Passed unanimously.

Tenders For Domestic Scavenging Service at Avondale Park, Boghall Road, and Dargle Area, and in Newtownmountkennedy Area.

The following Tenders received were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:-

Avondale Park, Ballywaltrim, Boghall and Dargle Valley Area.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Edward Sutton, Windgates, Bray.	£380	£1,140	—
Kevin Cahill, Riverside Cottage, Kilmacanogue, Bray.	£375	£950	£1,500
Newtownmountkennedy Area.			
Kevin Cahill, Riverside Cottage, Kilmacanogue, Bray.	£305	£910	£1,500
Patrick John Doyle, 2, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.	—	£1,020	—
Robert Wheatley, Newtownmountkennedy.	£700	£1,800	—

The Council noted that the Tenders would be referred to the Co. Engineer for examination and recommendation.

Fairgreen, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. M. Haughton, The Fairgreen, Rathdrum, indicating that the ground known as the Fairgreen was for sale if the Council had any use for it. The Council agreed that the County Engineer report on the matter.

Roundwood Water Supply.

Councillor R. Miley handed in a sample of water from the Roundwood Water Supply and asked that the sample be examined by the County Engineer. He complained of the unsatisfactory state of the water supply, particularly the quality of the water.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council provide a light on the Green, Rathnew, and a light in Lower Merrymount, Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:- "That the Council acquire housing sites at Carnew opposite the new Council houses."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th July, 1968, at 2.30 p.m. An ordinary Meeting of the Council had been called for the same date, to be held following the termination of the Annual Meeting.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, M. J. O'Neill, James Miley, Mark Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, and J. Gregory.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved — That the Council proceed with the business of the Annual Meeting.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we receive the Deputations who have attended.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary stated that it was a matter for the Council to determine whether they would deal with any items on the Agenda for the ordinary Meeting prior to taking the business of the Annual Meeting.

A vote having been called on the amendment in the name of Councillor Costello it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—TEN.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan—TEN.

The Chairman having given his casting vote in favour of the amendment, the amendment was declared carried on the Chairman's casting vote and declared passed as a substantive motion on the same voting.

The Council accordingly decided to proceed with Items Nos. 2 and 3 on the Agenda for the ordinary Meeting.

Item No. 2—Water Supply for Upper Windgates—To Receive Deputation from Upper Windgates Residents' Association.

The Council received the Deputation from Upper Windgates Residents' Association and Mr. C. Mason addressed the Council on behalf of the Deputation. He referred to the request made by the Association for the provision of a water supply and asked if the Council would indicate the present position in the matter and stressed the need for the provision of a supply at the earliest possible date. In reply to inquiries from the Members of the Council, the County Secretary submitted the following Report of the County Engineer:—

COUNTY SECRETARY.

8th July, 1968.

Re: Windgates Water Supply Extension.

A Chara:

I enclose herewith, in duplicate, copy of Plans, Specification and Bill of Quantities for proposed extension of Water Supply to Windgates from Templecarrig.

The pumping main is shown at 2". I feel, however, that for future development and so that it could be linked up with the North-East Regional Water Supply Scheme that it should be 4". Also the pumping cost, consequent on the reduction of friction losses in the 4" main, would compensate for increased cost of the larger main. The estimated cost of increasing the pumping main from a 2" to a 4" is £272 0s. 0d., thereby increasing the cost of the scheme from £3,745 0s. 0d. to £4,017 0s. 0d.

It must be borne in mind that in carrying out this Scheme, the Council are taking a risk in that they may run into a shortage of water, as the source of the supply is very limited. Gaugings taken substantiate this view. I feel, however, that in view of the proposed North-East Regional Water Supply Scheme, that the Council would be justified in carrying out the scheme, even if it involves rationing water in dry periods.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of plans for Windgates Water Supply Extension as submitted by County Engineer and of their submission to Department of Local Government; that we ask the Department to give special and urgent consideration to the matter; and that we ask the three Dáil Deputies for the County to assist.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Access to Wicklow Head—To Hear Views of Landowners and Representatives of Wicklow Urban District Council.

Representatives of the landowners at Wicklow Head attended the

Meeting, including Mr. L. Cullen, State Solicitor, representing certain of the landowners. The County Secretary stated that since the matter had been previously before the Council, the Advice of the Council's Solicitor on the matter of a right-of-way to Wicklow Lighthouse had been received. The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

Re: Right-of-Way to Wicklow Lighthouse.

28th May, 1968.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 22nd inst. with the enclosures mentioned therein and we note that at a recent Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council a member expressed concern that an attempt should have been made to close off what they considered to be a public right-of-way and that they also expressed surprise that the Commissioners of Irish Lights should allow an individual to close the right-of-way by the erection of a gate and that this matter was also discussed at a recent meeting of Wicklow County Council.

It is clear that this road was laid down originally by the Commissioners of Irish Lights in pursuance of their powers and duties under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and under this Act the Commissioners are bound to see that the roadway is kept clear and not obstructed in any way. It also appears that the Irish Lights have only a right-of-way over the road and that same was acquired on the 30th of April, 1821, and was implemented by Deed of Conveyance of the right-of-way on the 6th of December, 1891, and these Documents disclose that the ownership of the road is vested in the adjoining Land Owners. We have no hesitation in advising the Council that this is a private road and that a public right-of-way does not exist on same and that to try to establish same would only incur the Council in heavy costs.

The County Council have power to establish a public right-of-way under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, but here the Council would be obliged to compensate the Land Owners and would also be confronted with the Statutory Powers laid down under the Merchant Shipping Acts. The present road, of course, being a private road is completely unsuitable for modern traffic, and as the Solicitors for the Irish Lights point out, it is only suitable for access to the Light House and for the adjoining owners for their own private purposes, and as it does not lead to a recognised beach we see untold difficulties in getting a Compulsory Order and here again the Council would be involving themselves in heavy costs, irrespective of whether they would succeed in establishing a public right-of-way or not.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MCCARROLL,

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

The following letter had been received from Wicklow Urban District Council:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

3rd July, 1968.

Re: Wicklow Head Light House Road.

Dear Sir,

At their monthly meeting held on the 2nd instant, the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council discussed the invitation of your Council to attend your meeting on the 8th July, 1968, to consider the above-mentioned matter. The members having taken into account the legal advice which you obtained from your Law Agent in the matter and the fact that it has come to light that persons wishing to use this roadway have not in fact been prevented doing so by the landowners or the Commissioners of Irish Lights decided that no useful purpose would be served by attending your meeting.

Yours faithfully,

U. McCABE,
Acting Town Clerk.

Mr. L. Cullen, Solicitor, stated that the landowners would object to the road to the Lighthouse being made a public road. On the proposal of Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council decided to accept the advice of the Council's Law Agent.

The Council then decided to proceed with the business of the Annual Meeting, in accordance with the following Agenda:

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
4. Appointment of representatives on General Council of County Councils.
5. Appointment of Members on National Monuments Advisory Committee.
6. Appointment of Visiting Committee to Newcastle Mental Hospital and arrangements for visits.
7. To fill vacancy on Wicklow Harbour Authority—Advice of Council's Solicitor.
8. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee consequent on resignation of Rev. D. McDermott, C.C., Baltinglass.

Item No. 1—Election of Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Resolved — That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved — That Councillor James Whelan be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

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

FOR COUNCILLOR H. J. BYRNE: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. McCrea—ELEVEN.

FOR COUNCILLOR JAMES WHELAN: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—TEN.

Councillor H. J. Byrne was declared elected Chairman by eleven votes in his favour to ten votes in favour of Councillor Whelan.

Councillor H. J. Byrne then took the Chair. Councillor J. J. McCrea and Councillor Miss O'Neill conveyed their best wishes to Councillor H. J. Byrne on assuming the Chair. Councillor J. Whelan paid tribute to Councillor J. McCrea for his services given both as Chairman and as a Member of the Council over such a long period of years, and also conveyed his best wishes to Councillor H. J. Byrne on being elected as Chairman. Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor J. Miley and Councillor J. Temple also paid tributes to Councillor McCrea and Councillor H. J. Byrne. Councillor J. J. McCrea expressed his thanks to the Chairman and Members for their remarks.

Item No. 2—Election of Vice-Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved — That Councillor E. E. Byrne be elected as Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved — That Councillor James Whelan be elected as Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

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

FOR COUNCILLOR E. E. BYRNE: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. McCrea—ELEVEN.

FOR COUNCILLOR JAMES WHELAN: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—TEN.

Councillor E. E. Byrne was declared elected Vice-Chairman by eleven votes in his favour to ten votes in favour of Councillor Whelan.

Item No. 3—Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved — That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent with the Chairman, Wicklow Co. Council, on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—Councillors J. Bourke, F. Hynes, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Gregory, Miss N. O'Neill, and J. Temple.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Appointment of Representatives on General Council of County Councils:

The County Secretary informed the Members that the Council were entitled to three representatives on the General Council of County Councils, the present representatives being Councillors J. J. McCrea, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and G. Timmins, T.D. Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge, J. Whelan, J. J. McCrea, Miss M. Walsh and S. Costello having been proposed and seconded, it was decided to take a poll of the Members and the poll resulted in Councillors McCrea and Costello receiving twelve votes each and Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge receiving eleven votes each, with Councillor Whelan receiving nine votes. A vote having been called for as between Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

FOR COUNCILLOR MISS WALSH: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. McCrea—ELEVEN.

FOR COUNCILLOR MRS. LEDWIDGE: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan—TEN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:

Resolved — That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent the Council on General Council of County Councils:—Councillors J. McCrea, S. Costello and Miss M. Walsh.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Appointment of Members on National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The County Secretary stated that under the provisions of Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, the Local Advisory Committee consisted of such number of persons, not less than three nor more than five, as the Council should appoint to be members thereof. The persons appointed might or might not be members of the local authority, but were required to be in every case persons having practical experience or special knowledge of or interest in architecture, archaeology or some kindred subject and would hold office as members

for the period fixed by the local authority when appointing them. The members of the Committee were usually appointed for one year from the Annual Meeting. The present membership of the Committee was as follows:—Monsieur Yann Renard-Goulet, Comdt. Matthew Kavanagh, Mr. B. O'Riordan, Councillor R. Miley and Councillor M. J. O'Neill. The Council unanimously approved of the re-election of the existing members of the Committee for a further year.

Item No. 6—Appointment of Visiting Committee to Newcastle Mental Hospital and Arrangements for Visits.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council were divided into three groups, each of seven Members, and these groups acted as the Visiting Committee in rotation, one visit being carried out each month. Councillor Costello stated that he did not wish to continue as a member of the Visiting Committee as he found it impossible to arrange to attend the meetings. The Council decided to re-appoint the Members of the Council in groups as in the previous year.

Item No. 7—To Fill Vacancy on Wicklow Harbour Authority—Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The County Secretary stated that following the last Meeting of the Council, the advice of the Council's Solicitor had been sought on the question as to whether the local authority members of the Harbour Authority were required to be members of the County Council. The Council's Solicitor had advised that the filling of a casual vacancy on the Wicklow Harbour Authority was provided for under Section 7 of the Harbour Act, 1946, and the section empowered Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council each to appoint two members to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. The Council's Law Agent in his opinion stated that the two members appointed by these two local authorities need not actually be members of the local authority. At the request of Councillor S. Costello the County Secretary read the sections of the Harbours Act, 1946, which set out the manner in which the Harbour Authorities were constituted. Councillor Costello pointed out that there did not appear to be representation provided for on the Harbour Authority for fishermen or dockers and urged that the Council appoint a person to represent either of these groups.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved — That we hereby appoint Councillor B. Phelan to be a Local Authority Member of Wicklow Harbour Authority to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Deputy J. Everett.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — That we adjourn filling of vacancy on Wicklow Harbour Authority, and ascertain views of fishermen and dockers.

A vote having been called for on the amendment to adjourn the matter, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. McCrea—ELEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—TEN.

The decision to adjourn consideration of the matter pending obtaining the views of fishermen and dockers was declared carried by eleven votes in favour to ten votes against.

Item No. 8—To Fill Vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee Consequent on Resignation of Rev. D. McDermott, C.C., Baltinglass.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That we hereby appoint Rev. P. J. McDonnell, C.C., to be a Member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. D. McDermott, C.C., Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

The Council then resumed consideration of the Agenda for the ordinary Meeting which was as follows:—

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 8th April, 1968.
2. Water Supply for Upper Windgates—To receive Deputation from Upper Windgates Residents' Association.
3. Access to Wicklow Head—To hear views of landowners and representatives of Wicklow Urban District Council.
4. Application for closing of road at Wicklow on 5th August, 1968.
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48. Inquiries arising from the County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 5—To Make the Rate for the Year 1968/'69.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved — That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1969, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1969, as follows:—

Arklow	£25,118	8s.	8d.
Bray	£92,522	17s.	1d.
Wicklow	£20,576	1s.	3d.

Passed unanimously.

The Council adjourned the remaining matters on the Agenda to a special Meeting to be held on 22nd July, 1968, at which it was intended, if possible, to complete the Items on the Agenda for the ordinary Meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with the remaining Items on the Agenda issued for the Meeting on the 8th July, 1968, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 22nd July, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, B. S.C. Phelan and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

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Item No. 1 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 8th April, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

Matters Arising Out of the Minutes.—Public Rights-of-Way to Beaches

Councillor Costello asked that a reminder be addressed to the Department of Local Government in regard to the Resolutions passed by the Council on the 8th April, asking the Minister to introduce legislation to make access to beaches available to the public at all times.

Shillelagh Sewerage.

In reply to Councillor Miss Walsh the County Secretary stated that sanction to the appointment of a Consultant to prepare a Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh had not yet been received. Councillors Costello and Miss Walsh asked that a strong protest be sent to the Department of Local Government in regard to the delay in giving replies on these matters.

Item No. 2 — Application for Closing of Road at Wicklow on 5th August, 1968.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved — That we hereby close to public traffic portion of road No. L29B across the bridge known as the Stone Bridge over the Leirtrim River in the Urban District of Wicklow and from the same bridge to the north end of Leirtrim Place in the said Urban District on Monday, 5th August, 1968, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in connection with the Wicklow Regatta, subject to the Regatta Committee being responsible for any damage to Council property and indemnifying the Council against any claims that may arise from the closing of the road and an adequate sign notice being provided by the Committee in relation to the closing of the road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 (a) — Road Workers Wages—Application from Unions for Increases in Wages, etc.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from employees' Unions for revision of wages of Road Workers, for extra annual leave and for service pay. The revision of wages sought was as follows:- An increase of 22/6d. per week from 1st April, 1968, a further increase of 10s. per week from 1st October, 1968, a further increase of 10s. from 1st April, 1969, and a further increase of 10/- from 1st October, 1969, making a total increase of £2 12s. 6d. per week. The application in respect of holidays was for 25 working days inclusive of Church and Bank Holidays. The application for service pay was for a payment of 5/-, 10/-, 15/- and 25/- per week after 5, 10, 15 and 20 years service. Following discussions with the Unions it had been indicated by them that an offer of £1 per week from the 1st April, 1968, appeared to be in line with increases granted in other Counties and was therefore acceptable as the first phase of their claim. The Unions asked that a meeting be convened at an early date to continue negotiations on the other increments together with service pay and annual leave.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved — That having considered the applications of Employees' Unions we approve of an increase of £1 per week being granted to Council Roadworkers with effect from 1st April, 1968, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this increase in wages.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of granting the increase of £1 per week was £16,400 for one year. The total cost of the phased increase sought by the Unions would amount to £43,000, while the cost of service pay as proposed would amount to £14,700. The County Manager stated that it was being presumed that the claim represented the 11th Round of wage increases. The Council asked that arrangements be made for further discussions with the Unions regarding the balance of the Unions' claim. The Members of the Council asked that particulars of the number of Roadworkers

employed in each Engineering District be supplied prior to the next Meeting.

3 (b) — Non-Nursing Personnel in Hospitals and Institutions—Application from Union for Increase in Wages, etc.

The County Secretary stated that the Union representing the employees had sought a revision of rates of remuneration which they contended was below the standard prevailing in other employments. They pointed out that this present application was merely for an adjustment to bring rates of wages up to what was regarded as comparable rates paid in other employments and was not the 11th Round of increases for which a separate application had been made. Following a discussion with the representatives of the Union it was understood that the Union were prepared to accept proposals for an increase of £1 per week for male employees and of 13/- for female employees in the District Hospitals at Wicklow and Baltinglass and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. The general workman employed at the District Hospital, Wicklow, was paid at the Union District Council rate of pay and, consequently, was not affected by this proposal. Councillor E. Byrne urged that the increases in remuneration be made effective from 1st January, 1968, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That having considered application from Irish Transport & General Workers' Union in respect of Non-Nursing Personnel employed in Council's Hospitals and Institutions we approve of the following increases in remuneration with effect from 1st January, 1968:-

Wardsmen and Domestic, Laundress, Cook and Assistant Cook, Female night attendant 13/- per week.

Boiler Attendant, Male Night Attendant and Male Attendant £1 per week, at District Hospital, Wicklow, St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and District Hospital, Baltinglass.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of these increases in remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

Revision of Home Assistance Allowances.

The County Secretary stated that Social Welfare Allowances would be increased by 7/6d. per week from the 1st August, 1968, and it was presumed that the Council would wish to revise Home Assistance Allowances in respect of those recipients who would not benefit from the increases in Social Welfare Allowances. The cost of applying such increases to these recipients was estimated at £1,102 10s. 0d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That having noted that Social Welfare Allowances will be increased by 7/6d. per week from 1st August, 1968, we approve of payment of an increase of 7/6d. weekly in Home Assistance Allow-

ances to those recipients who will not benefit from the increases in Social Welfare allowances with effect from 1st August, 1968, and hereby authorise expenditure of £1,102 10s. 0d. in excess of amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the increase in Home Assistance payments.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Creation of Additional Posts at Newcastle Hospital.

The Council noted Reports from the Chief Clerk and views of the Medical Superintendent of Newcastle Hospital in regard to the numbers of patients attending the Day Hospital at Newcastle and the extent of the Out-Patient Services as submitted to the Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved — That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approval be and is hereby given to the creation of an additional office of Senior Psychiatrist at Newcastle Hospital with salary scale £2,227 x £94—£2,697 and that in accordance with Section 11 of the Act the expenditure necessary to give effect to this Resolution is approved.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approval be and is hereby given to the creation of the offices listed under column "A" hereunder with remuneration as set out under column "B" and that in accordance with the provision of Section 11 of the Act the expenditure necessary to give effect to this Resolution is approved:-

A.	B.
Offices created:-	Salary or Salary Scales:-
1. Deputy Charge Nurse— one post	(a) Persons holding Psychiatric Certificate only £797 x £28—£1,021 x £26—£1,047. (b) Persons holding Psychiatric and General Nursing Certificates £825 x £28—£1,049 x £26—£1,075.
2. Staff Nurse (Female)	(a) Persons holding Psychiatric Certificates only £609 x £23—£701 x £28—£869. (b) Persons holding Psychiatric and General Nursing Certificates £723 x £22—£767 x £28—£907.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Alterations to Strongroom at Kilmantin Hill.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the estimate of the County Engineer for the carrying out of alterations to the strongroom at Kilmantin Hill to comply with requirements of the Registrar General at an estimated cost of £140 and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Application for Variation in Area of Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy and Consent to Transfer of Plot of Car Park to Mr. D. J. Dunne.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the terrace which Mr. Dunne wished to place on the area of the Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy covered an area of 625 sq. feet but the area which had already been made available by Mr. Dunne by setting back the line of his former premises was 1,050 sq. feet for car parking. On the proposal of Councillor Gregory the matter was referred to the Local Committee for consideration.

Item No. 7 — Slaughterhouse at Blacklion, Greystones — Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The Council noted the Advice of the Council's Solicitor in which he indicated that in his opinion the public notice given of the proposed Planning Application to the Council complied with the Regulations. The County Secretary stated that possibly the Members might wish to suggest that the Regulations be amended to require that in addition to the giving of public notice by way of a notice in a newspaper that provision be made also for publication of a notice on the site. Councillor Miss O'Neill submitted that the building used as a slaughterhouse did not appear suitable and inquired if the licence for the slaughterhouse could be revoked. The Council asked that a special inspection be carried out to see if the slaughterhouse conformed to proper standards and that the County Engineer also be asked to assure himself as to the flow of water to carry away waste water from the premises.

Item No. 8 — Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the applicant, Miss Mary Rafferty, was engaged to marry Mr. Lawlor, who had been found had a farm of 85 acres 1 rood and 37 perches, and, consequently, could not be accepted as a qualified person to purchase the cottage. The Council asked that the Council purchase the cottage with a view to letting it to a person in need of housing in the area.

Item No. 9—Article in January, 1968, Issue of "Build"—Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The following Advice of the Council's Solicitor was submitted:-

4 Church Street,
Wicklow.
21st June, 1968.

Re: Article headed "A Wicklow Scandal" in the issue of "Build":

Dear Sir,

I duly received yours of the 20th instant and I note the article headed "A Wicklow Scandal" in the issue of "Build" of January, 1968 and that no member of the Council had any interest whatever in the erection of the proposed house and that this article is absolutely incorrect.

In my opinion the Council are entitled in law to institute proceedings to have this article corrected and if necessary Injunction Proceedings could be taken against the Editor of "Build" to have this done. In my opinion this is a most libelous article and in the normal way a person that is libeled can take an action for an injunction and also for damages. In the case of a Local Authority the question of damages creates a problem as it might be difficult to establish that any member sustained a pecuniary loss as a result of the libelous document.

In my opinion therefore the Council should ask for a withdrawal of this Article and a statement to the effect that it is not correct and if this is not done appropriate legal action should be taken.

I am of opinion, however, that the Council would not be entitled to a disclosure of the member of the Council referred to in the Article.

Yours Faithfully

J. H. McCARROLL.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

The Council, with Councillor Costello, dissenting, asked that the Editor of the Magazine be requested to correct the statements made in the Article and to publish a public apology and withdrawal of the allegations made against the Members of the Council.

Item No. 10—Application for Loan for Reconstruction of House at Bollarney, Wicklow—Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The following Advice of the Council's Solicitor was submitted to the Council:-

4 Church Street,
Wicklow.
9th May, 1968.

Re: Application for reconstruction Loan Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your query herein we agree that the Council in making a loan, should not alone take into account the value of the property that may be mortgaged but also must satisfy

themselves of the capacity of the Borrower to repay the loan and his general suitability for a loan and if the Council act reasonably in the matter they are not personally liable if there is a loss to the Council's funds.

In the present instance the Tenant Purchaser is seeking a loan of £720 which means an annual repayment of £78 6s., and apart from offering the property as a first Mortgage her husband is prepared to go Guarantor for the repayments and his wages are sixteen pounds per week with O'Meara Camping Limited. It therefore seems to us that the Council would not be under any personal liability in the matter as it seems to us that with the house as security and the husband going as Guarantor that he should easily be able to make the repayments of £78 6s. It would, however, be necessary for the husband to sign the necessary Guarantee Bond. The Council have done this before in some other cases.

Yours Faithfully

J. H. McCARROLL.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to make a Loan to Mrs. Sheila Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow, towards the cost of reconstruction of her dwellinghouse.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — Courthouses at Bray and Rathdrum — Letter from Department of Justice.

The following letter from the Department of Justice was submitted:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to the Assistant County Secretary's letter of 15th May, 1968, regarding courthouse accommodation in Bray and to say that the District Justice has again directed attention to the wholly unsatisfactory condition of the courthouse premises. The matters which most urgently require attention are as follows:-

1. The toilet in the Justices room recently overflowed and is liable to do so again as it is still choked.
2. The accommodation provided for the district court clerk and his staff is entirely inadequate and injurious to their health. It is stated that there are two vacant rooms in the courthouse which could be made available to relieve this situation.
3. The seating accommodation for the public in the court room is unsuitable as it consists of forms without backs.
4. The furniture of the courthouse should include a safe for the safe keeping of monies received by the clerk.

5. The court accommodation is otherwise unsuitable in that there is only one small room to serve as a consulting room for members of the legal profession and their clients, as a waiting room for children and others who cannot be allowed into the court room and as a place to detain prisoners.

In regard to the Assistant County Secretary's letter of 15th May, 1968, I am to refer you to the reply given by the Minister on 27th March, 1968, to a Parliamentary Question dealing with the cost of courthouses in which he indicated that the Government have had under consideration the question of capital expenditure on courthouses and have decided, as an initial step, to set up an interdepartmental committee which will consider the matter. The Minister has also adverted to the fact that the Committee on Court Practice and Procedure, which was set up on 13th April, 1962, to enquire into various matters relating to the Courts, is at present considering the venues at which court sittings may be held in the future. The Minister indicated that when the reports of these Committees were received the Government would give further consideration to the question of capital expenditure on courthouses but that in the meantime it was not intended to alter the position in which, pursuant to the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, the maintenance of courthouses is the responsibility of local authorities.

In regard to Bray Courthouse the District Justice has indicated that because of the unsatisfactory nature of the accommodation at present provided he may consider it necessary to cease to sit at Bray. If such a situation results, grave inconvenience will be caused to members of the public.

I am also to point out that Justice Lanigan O'Keeffe has made similar complaints about the condition of the Rathdrum Courthouse and in fact has been forced to suspend sittings of the District Court at that venue. The Justices requirements in relation to the Rathdrum Courthouse and that the toilet and his robing room should be cleaned and decorated.

The expenditure which would be involved in carrying out the most urgent improvements necessary to enable sittings of the District Court to be continued at Bray and to alleviate the present unsatisfactory conditions to which the Court staff and members of the public are at present subject to and the cost of meeting the Justice's requirements in relation to the Rathdrum Courthouse, cannot be regarded as being of a high order.

I am accordingly to request you to bring the matter again to the attention of your Council with a view to having the urgent improvements carried out without delay in accordance with the statutory obligations of your Council.

Mise, le meas.

County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin,
Wicklow.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple the Council deferred consideration of the Department's letter pending the Reports of the Inter-Departmental Committee and of the Committee on Court Practice and Procedure.

Item No. 12—Employment Allowance of Agricultural Grant—Letter from Committee of Agriculture.

The Council considered the following letter from the Committee of Agriculture:-

COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

Market Square, Wicklow.

1st July, 1968.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

A chara,

This Committee, at their meeting on the 25th ultimo, considered a letter from the Co. Wicklow Executive of the National Farmers' Association requesting the Committee's assistance and support in the attainment of that Executive's objective of having the present allowance of £17 in the Agricultural Rate for a full-time workman increased, in view of the increases in wages and other farm costs over the years, and also recommending that the benefits payable should be in proportion to the number of stamps appearing on the employment card so that the employment of a person for even portion of the year would ensure some benefit in rate reduction.

The objectives were supported by the Committee and they directed that the matter be referred to the Co. Council for the promotion of the reforms sought.

Mise, le meas,

J. CARNEY.

The County Secretary stated that the amount paid by way of Employment Allowance of Agricultural Grant in the year 1968/69 amounted to £24,462 0s. 5d. The total Agricultural Grant for the year was £329,347 18s. 1d. The Employment Allowance, consequently, represented 7.4 per cent. of the total Grant. During the past 10 years the number of relatives of occupiers in respect of which Employment Allowance was paid fell from 839 to 626 while the number of employees during the same period fell from 1,244 to 850, representing a total decline in employment of 607. It was felt that the allowance of £17 had not proved to be an incentive in maintaining employment on the lands. The County Secretary also pointed out that the investigation of claims, verification of ages, checking claims with Dept. of Social Welfare and Garda Síochána involved a substantial amount of work for the Council's staff and tended to delay the completion of the Rate Books. The Council agreed that the arrangements for payment of Agricultural Grant should be revised but approved of the objectives set out in letter from the Committee of Agriculture with the addition that Employment Allowance be also paid in respect of female employees.

Item No. 13—Filling of Vacancy on Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee—Recommendation from Bray Old Folks Association.

The County Secretary stated that the Bray Old Folks Association had recommended the Hon. Secretary to the Association, Mrs. P. French, "Avoca," Newcourt Road, Bray, for appointment on the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mrs. P. French to fill the vacancy on the Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor Seamus Costello.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That Mr. John O'Brien be appointed to fill vacancy on Bray Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee caused by resignation of Councillor Seamus Costello.

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

FOR MRS. FRENCH: Councillors J. Bourke, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—THIRTEEN.

FOR MR. JOHN O'BRIEN: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Temple—FOUR.

Mrs. French was declared appointed as a member of the Sub-Committee by thirteen votes in her favour to four in favour of Mr. O'Brien.

Item No. 14—Ambulance Service—To Authorise Additional Expenditure For Repairs to Ambulance.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of the repairs to the Ambulance which had been damaged by vandals amounted to £87 3s. 4d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £87 3s. 4d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of repairs and wire charges resulting from damage cause to Ambulance LNI 333.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Provision of Halting Places and Camping Sites for Itinerants—Letter from Wicklow Itinerants Settlement Committee.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Mrs. C. W. Quin, The Rectory, Redcross, on behalf of the Wicklow Itinerant Settlement Committee, in which the Committee had inquired as to whether some land just outside Newtownmountkennedy on the right hand side of the road going northwards could be made available as a halting place for itinerants. She had also inquired if the Council owned any land between Wicklow and Bray. Mrs. Quin had been informed that the land to which she referred had been acquired by the

Council for road improvement and would be needed for the further improvement of the road at this place and that furthermore the site which adjoined the main road carrying exceptionally heavy traffic was not considered suitable for use as a halting place or camping site for itinerants. She was informed also that the Council did not own any land between Wicklow and Bray apart from small areas acquired in connection with road improvement and which being alongside the main road would not be suitable for use as camping sites or halting places. Mrs. Quin had also been asked if she or the members of the Committee could recommend any suitable site which might be acquired by the Council for the purpose of providing a halting place or camping site in the neighbourhood of Redcross and which could serve the area between Wicklow and Arklow. No Reply had been received to the Council's letter.

As had been requested by the Council at a previous Meeting particulars had been obtained from other Counties in regard to progress made in providing camping sites or halting places. Twenty replies had been received but of these in only five cases had any action been taken. In Kildare a site had been provided at a cost of £3,411 and in Limerick a site costing £4,850 had been provided. A Warden was employed on a part-time basis at a weekly wage of £5. Two sites were proposed in Co. Sligo, which were estimated to cost £10,105 and £10,299. Tipperary South Riding County Council had selected sites and were at present in communication with the Department of Local Government regarding raising a Loan to defray the cost of provision of these sites. In Galway a site had been acquired by compulsory purchase and the Council was at present completing purchase formalities and preparing a lay-out plan. Members of the Council stated that it was understood that the sites were availed of only for a period of the year. The County Secretary stated that the four Area Committees of the Council had considered the matter of providing sites but in only one case had a site been agreed upon and in that instance the site was found not to be available. On the proposal of Councillor Costello the Council passed a Resolution as follows:- "That the Council agree in principle for provision of a site for a halting place for itinerants." Passed unanimously. Councillor F. Hynes suggested that the Land Commission be asked if they could make available sites to the Council for the purpose of halting places or camping sites for itinerants. The Council agreed also that the Wicklow Itinerant Settlement Committee be asked if the Committee could recommend sites which would be available for acquisition by the Council for this purpose.

Item No. 16—Proposal of Bray Urban District Council for Sharing of Road Machinery.

The County Secretary stated that in a letter received from Bray Urban District Council it had been stated that the Council had considered recommendations for the purchase of a 3 ton Diesel Roller, a rotary air compressor, a truck and a sludge pump and decided to buy the latter two items, i.e. the truck and the sludge pump, and to ask that the question of sharing machinery in respect of the first two items, i.e. the 3 ton Diesel Roller and the rotary air compressor, be discussed by the County Council. The County Engineer, whose views had been asked on the matter, had indicated that he did not consider this a practicable proposition. The County Engineer stated that the Council did not use a 3 ton Diesel Roller and that the Council's Air Compressor might not be available when required by the Urban District Council. He added that the County Council at times had to hire Compressors to

meet their own requirements, and he considered that it would not be economical for the Urban District Council to hire a Compressor from the County Council due to the cost of transport and overheads in making it available to them. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and the Members of Bray Urban District Council at a joint Meeting.

Item No. 17—Public Lighting at Carnew and Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That we approve of estimates being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of additional public lights at Carnew as follows:-

- (a) 1 light at Upper Main Street on existing pole at road junction outside Brennan's premises.
- (b) 1 light at Shillelagh approach.
- (c) 1 light on existing pole in Cousin's yard opposite School Height on the road to Lough Leitrim.
- (d) 1 light on existing pole adjoining road junction at Lough Leitrim.
- (e) 1 light on existing pole opposite the entrance to the terrace at School Height.
- (f) 1 light on existing pole at the end of the cul-de-sac at the terrace, School Height.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of 1 public light at Naas Road, Dunlavin, at a cost of £33 and 1 public light outside the school at Dunlavin at a cost of £26.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Coast Protection Act, 1963—Schemes at Ballygannon, Co. Wicklow.

The following letter from C.I.E. was submitted:-

Secretary's Office,
Heuston Station,
Dublin 8.
17th May, 1968.

Coast Protection Act, 1963—Scheme at Ballygannon,
Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I desire to refer to your letter of the 14th inst. in the above matter and I have to say that I have been advised by the Board's Civil Engineer as follows:-

- A That the scheme prepared by the Office of Public Works would cost an estimated £60,000.

- B That the annual cost of maintaining the defences along Ballygannon Point is currently £5,000. per annum but that it is expected that this figure will drop to £4,000. per annum from next year onwards.
- C That whilst the Board (subject to agreement on the precise form and conditions of a legal deed in the matter) would be prepared to bear the annual cost of maintenance of the scheme, nevertheless it is not considered that the savings in maintenance to all parties concerned would justify an expenditure of the order of £60,000.
- D That in an attempt to value the benefit which the Board would derive from the scheme the estimated annual savings in maintenance from 1969/70 to 1979/80 inclusive have been capitalised on the assumption that the future annual maintenance cost will reduce from £4,000. to £2,000. per annum and that the interest rate is 7%, and that on this basis the maximum current cash value of the benefit to the Board in the future is £16,000. or 25% approximately of the estimated cost of the scheme.

Yours faithfully,
M. Purcell.
for M. J. Hayes,
Secretary.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Co. Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
22nd July, 1968.

County Secretary.

Re: Coast Protection Act, 1963—Schemes at Ballygannon, Co. Wicklow. Item 18 on Agenda.

A Chara,

Coras Iompair Éireann in their letter do not give any reasons for their submission stating that the cost of maintenance will drop from £5,000 to £4,000 per annum from next year onwards. The saving of £16,000 is based on a cash investment for a period of only ten years. This does not seem to be realistic unless C.I.E. intend to close the line in 10 years time. Neither does it take into account the other benefits from the carrying out of the scheme which will accrue to C.I.E. such as, safety of railway against wash out by storms; reduction of flooding; disruption of the service and avoidance of interference with railway traffic.

The benefit to the public would be improvement of adjacent parts of the beach over which extension of the present damage will continue to occur over the years. Local landowners would benefit by reduction of flooding to their lands.

It is considered that the benefits to C.I.E. would be far in excess of those to the Council and that, therefore, they should make a considerable contribution towards the cost of the scheme.

Mise, le meas,

J. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary pointed out that C.I.E. were of opinion that the savings in maintenance to all parties if the Scheme were carried out would not justify an expenditure of the order of £60,000. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor R. Miley, that C.I.E. be requested to receive a Deputation from the Council in the matter. The Council appointed the following Members of the Council to act on the Deputation:- Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, Councillors J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh.

At this stage Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that he would have to leave and Councillor E. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, also indicated that he was leaving. Councillor Whelan and Councillor Phelan having been proposed for the chair it was decided on the toss of a coin that Councillor Whelan take the chair.

Item No. 19—Local Improvements Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had been informed that Council considered the Grant of £5,000 allocated to the Council for the present financial year as altogether inadequate and that it would be impossible for the Council to undertake the carrying out of Schemes under the Act on the basis of a Grant of this amount with an allowance of only £500 towards the cost of administering and supervising the Schemes. The Department of Local Government had replied stating that the allocation of £5,000 for the year 1968/69 was the full amount which could be made available to the Council and that it represented a considerable increase on the average annual grant for Wicklow over the past five years. In regard to the matter of the costs of administration of the Schemes the Department referred to their previous letter in which they expressed the view that the carrying out of the Schemes would not involve undue difficulty or extent of work. Councillor M. J. O'Neill and Councillor Timmins, T.D., drew attention to schemes which had already been agreed by the Department and towards which Grants had been authorised and urged that these Schemes at Rathcott, Deerpark and Lathaleer, estimated to cost in all £834, subject to a local contribution of £209, be proceeded with. The Council agreed that these Schemes be put in hands. In regard to the difficulty of examination and settling of Schemes as indicated by the County Engineer the Council suggested that the County Engineers of Carlow and Kildare be consulted with a view to sharing Engineering Staff for the operation of the Schemes of Grants.

Item No. 20—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor John J. Bourke:-

- (a) "That the Council Request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to Speed up the Provision of an Automatic Exchange for Newtownmountkennedy."

The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of the automatic exchange.

- (b) "That the Council Appoint an Additional Engineer for the Wicklow Area."

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Engineer stated that the volume of work in the Northern Engineering District was such that it was not possible for the Assistant County Engineer for the area

to cope with the duties for that area. He considered that an additional Engineer would be necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of appointing of an additional Assistant County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—“That this Council Provide a Scavenging Service for Ashford, Glenealy, Kilpedder, Kilquade and Willow Grove.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of providing a scavenging service for Ashford, Glenealy, Kilpedder, Kilquade and Willow Grove.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to dumping grounds for the purpose of providing the services Councillor Gregory stated that the dumping ground at Newtownmountkennedy could be used for a service covering Kilpedder, Kilquade and Willow Grove and that if necessary additional land could be obtained from Mr. Kavanagh, Season Park, from whom the site for the dumping ground had been acquired. It was noted that a site for a dumping ground to serve Glenealy had been suggested and was being examined and that this dumping ground if suitable might also serve Ashford.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley and J. Gregory:—“That This Council Build a Doctor's Residence in Rathdrum to Enable Dispensary Doctor to Live in the Town.”

The County Secretary stated that the Council some years previously had purchased a site in Rathdrum for a residence for the District Medical Officer. On account of the proposed change in the Dispensary Medical Service the provision of a residence had not been proceeded with. Members of the Council pointed out that an appointment was being made of a Medical Officer to serve both the Hospital and the area as District Medical Officer and on account of the difficulty of finding any suitable residence in Rathdrum it was necessary that a house be provided.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That this Council build a Doctor's residence in Rathdrum to enable the Dispensary Doctor to live in the town.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That Full Compensation be paid Forthwith to Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for Loss Incurred as a Result of an Accident to His Cow at Wicklow County Council Quarry, Which is on His Land.”

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that since this matter was now in the hands of a Solicitor she was withdrawing the Notice of Motion.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—“That Polling Booths with Under 150 on the Register for the Area be Done Away With Having Regard to the Modern Transport Available.”

The County Secretary stated that there were in all 41 Booths in the County where there were less than 150 persons on the Register.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That Polling Booths with under 150 on the Register for the area be done away with having regard to the modern transport available.

A vote having been called for on the matter it was found the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney. — THREE.

AGAINST: Councillors W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, and J. Whelan.—ELEVEN.

The Motion was declared defeated by eleven votes against to three votes in favour.

Item No. 25—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—(a) “That Lighting Facilities be Provided at Quarry Street, Shillelagh.”

The County Engineer stated that a quotation for the provision of this light had been sought from the E.S.B. Councillor Whelan asked that the County Engineer investigate the necessity for providing additional lighting at Bachelors' Walk, Shillelagh.

(b) “That the Road at Killacoran about a half mile from Aughrim be Widened to Enable Two Heavy Lorries to Pass and Road Margins Filled in with Stones and Widened.”

The County Engineer reported that this was the main road from Aughrim to Woodenbridge and on some parts of it between Aughrim and Coate's Bridge there was a drain on the southern side. Damage had taken place to the edge of the road bounding the drain due to the heavy lorry traffic. It was intended to deepen and fill in the water course with heavy stone at a later stage. It was hoped that this would prevent the lorries from sinking and at the same time allow the water course to function. The Council approved of the County Engineer's recommendation and asked that the work be carried out as soon as possible.

(c) “That Scavenging Service be Provided in the Village of Avoca.”

The County Secretary stated that a map of the area to be served was now available and quotations were being invited for providing the service. The County Engineer had reported, however, that he did not know of anyone in the area who would be interested in quoting for the provision of the service.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Miley and M. J. O'Neill—Memorial Signed by Residents in Donard Requesting the Wicklow County Council to Include in the Estimates for 1968/69 a Sum to Improve the Water Supply in Donard and Stating that the Existing Supply is Sometimes Contaminated and the Water Pressure is Inadequate and that Effective Protection of the Source of Supply and a Pressure Pumping Set are Requested.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted to and noted by the Council:-

Wicklow County Council,
County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
County Secretary. 22nd July, 1968.

Re: Donard Water Supply: Item 26 on Agenda.

A Chara,

With reference to above.

Following a general inspection of the water supply schemes last year it was agreed that Donard Water Supply should be placed on a priority list for improvement. The proper protection of the springs from contamination was considered essential. A scheme was drawn up for this work and agreement is now about to be concluded with Mr. Hussey, on whose land the springs are located, for a further take of land to carry out this scheme.

It is also agreed that water pressures are inadequate in the village due to the low position of the existing storage tank on Mr. Hussey's land. Pumping from the springs to a high level tank and feeding of the village by gravity from this tank is the solution of the problem. However, a scheme of this kind would not be drawn up until the yield of the present springs is ascertained. It is hoped to have information of this by the end of September, as a gauge on the springs has now been set up. The present village demand should be in the region of 7,000 gallons per day. Unless the springs yield considerably in excess of this amount an extension of the supply from Church Road to Hell-Kettle Bridge and short extension towards Kinsella's and Handbridges in Donard Upper could not be carried out. Other water sources would then have to be checked with a view to supplying these areas or possibly incorporating Donard and other areas of demand in a local regional scheme.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "I Request a Report to be submitted to the Next Meeting of the Council on the Progress made on the Water Extension from Newcastle to Tiglin and the Water and Sewerage Extension for Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that plans and specification had been prepared for the extension of the water supply from Newcastle to Blackditch. The County Engineer had recommended that a 4" main be provided and the estimated cost was £2,960. The extension would serve 14 Council houses. The Council approved of the Scheme being submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mark Deering:- "That a Public Light be Provided at Donoughmore."

The County Secretary stated that a quotation in the sum of £25 had been received from the E.S.B. and had been recommended by the County Engineer. The Council approved of the provision of the light and the acceptance of the quotation.

Item No. 29—To Arrange Meeting of Local Committee Re Sheep Dipping.

The County Secretary stated that the Sheep Dipping Committee consisted of two Members of the County Committee of Agriculture, who were also Members of the Council, one representative of the National Farmers' Association, one representative of Macra Na Feirme, one representative of the County Wicklow Sheep Breeders' Association, one Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Co. Wicklow, the Chief Agricultural Officer for Co. Wicklow and two Members of the County Council. The Council appointed Councillors M. Deering and R. Miley as the members of the Committee of Agriculture who were also Members of the Council, and Councillors J. Whelan and J. Miley as representing the County Council. The County Secretary stated that the other Organisations would be asked to submit the names of their representatives.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor W. Cleary:- "That I or Someone for Me will move at the next Meeting that the County Council should Pay Half the Expense of the Cost of Providing a Warden (£400) for the Protection of Children on the Main Dublin/Arklow Road Outside the School at Templaraine."

The following letter from Arklow Urban District Council was submitted:-

ARKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Courthouse, Arklow.
20th May, 1968.
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th inst. concerning resolution from Councillor Cleary re provision of Traffic Wardens, I wish to state that at a recent Meeting of the Council a deputation was received from the residents of the Templaraine area in regard to the question of safety of school children attending Templaraine National School. The deputation urged that steps be taken to safeguard the children in the crossing of the arterial road at the School and they asked that a traffic warden be appointed. The matter was taken up by the Council with the Safety First Association of Ireland and representatives from the Association visited the town and inspected the roadways at the National Schools. The representatives were of the opinion that a traffic warden was necessary at Templaraine School.

The question of providing the Warden was further considered by the Council at its Annual Estimates Meeting in April last when it was agreed to ask the Minister for Local Government to make a grant available from the Road Fund to defray the cost involved. A reply

(copy attached) was received from the Department indicating that it was not intended at present to make any grants available for a warden service. Following receipt of this letter the Council agreed that the Traffic Warden be appointed and that the cost be defrayed by both the County Council and Urban Council.

In this connection I am to point out that Templarainey School and half of the roadway is in the County Health District as the Urban District boundary line is along the centre of the main road. The cost of the service would be approximately £200 per annum and the contribution required from your Council would be at the rate of £100 per annum.

We should be obliged to know as early as possible if your Council are agreeable to give the contribution requested.

Yours faithfully,

B. GORMLEY,

Town Clerk.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had informed Arklow Urban District Council that it was not intended at present to make any grants available towards the cost of providing traffic wardens but that a study was being made of practices abroad in the matter and that local authorities would be notified of the outcome in due course.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we contribute half the cost of providing a warden for children crossing road to school at Templarainey.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 31—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor S. Costello:— (a) "That this Council condemns the proposed Salary Increases for T.D.'s; higher Civil Servants, and members of the Judiciary, and calls upon all parties to oppose the granting of such unwarranted increases."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That this Council condemns the proposed salary increases for T.D.'s; higher Civil Servants, and members of the Judiciary, and calls upon all parties to oppose the granting of such unwarranted increases.

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

In favour: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, B. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh—Eight.

Against: Councillors J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan—Seven.

Motion was declared carried by eight votes in favour to seven against.

(b) "That this Council calls upon the Government to introduce legislation compelling all foreign industrial firms operating in this coun-

try to recognise rights of Irish Trade Unions, and that we strongly condemn the attitude of the E.I. Company at Shannon Airport."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That this Council calls upon the Government to introduce legislation compelling all foreign industrial firms operating in this country to recognise the rights of Irish Trade Unions, and that we strongly condemn the attitude of the E.I. Company at Shannon Airport.

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

In favour: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Miss M. Walsh—Seven.

Against: Councillors J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan—Eight.

The motion was declared defeated by eight votes against to seven votes in favour.

Item No. 32—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council build a public lavatory in Rathdrum."

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the Chief Medical Officer, who stated that he did not see any great necessity for public convenience in Rathdrum but if it were decided to provide one the Market Square seemed the obvious place. The County Medical Officer stated that generally speaking public conveniences in the County Health District suffered from inadequacies of construction and care-taking and conveniences of this sort tended to be concentrations of nuisance rather than the serving of sanitary purposes. He stated that a very approximate estimate of the provision of adequate male and female conveniences in Rathdrum was to be £5,000 with an annual upkeep of £1,200 to £1,500. The County Secretary stated that the question of providing a public sanitary convenience at Rathdrum was investigated previously in 1951 and 1952 and a site had been decided upon at the Market Square but strong objections were received from local residents. Later a site was selected at Brewery Lane but again the residents objected and the Council decided not to proceed with the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That a public convenience be provided at Rathdrum immediately.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 33—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:— "That I or someone for me will propose that in view of the proposed Housing Schemes which are before the Council in the Greystones

area a complete survey of the sewerage facilities be made."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Co. Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
28th May, 1968

County Secretary.

Re: Notice of Motion—Councillor Miss N. O'Neill—

"That I or someone for me will propose that in view of the proposed Housing Schemes which are before the Council in the Greystones area a complete survey of facilities be made."

A Chara.

With reference to yours of the 10th instant.

The existing sewerage schemes in Greystones are not capable of efficiently dealing with the existing connections. It will be necessary, therefore, before any new Housing Development can take place in Greystones that existing treatment works be extended to take the drainage and effluent from such development. As previously pointed out, it will be necessary to prepare a Drainage Map of the area, and have an estimate made of the probable future expansion that is bound to take place in Greystones, in order to carry out improvements to the existing sewerage works to meet such development.

I have no Staff available to carry out this work and I, therefore, recommend that the services of a Consulting Engineer be engaged to design a Scheme to improve the existing sewerage works to meet present and future demands.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor B. Phelan, the Council approved of the engagement of a Consulting Engineer to design a scheme for the improvement of the existing sewerage works to meet present and future demands.

Item No. 34—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Bourke:— "That the Council do all Road works by direct labour instead of contractor."

The County Engineer reported that all Road Works were done by direct labour except where special materials which the Council did not manufacture or special plant which the Council had not got were required. These had perforce to be done by contract. The amount of such work was insufficient for it to be economical for the Council to set up a specialised organisation and purchase specialised plant involving large capital outlay. The Council noted the County Engineer's Report on the matter.

Item No. 35—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:
(a) "That dangerous bend at O'Neill's Cottage, Ballymacroe, Knockananna, be removed."

The County Engineer reported that the estimated cost of removal of

this dangerous bend was £200 but that no money was available in the current year's Road Works' Scheme for the work. The Council agreed that provision for this work be made in next year's Road Works Scheme.

(b) "That the Road from Ballymacroe Cross to the top of Moyne Hill be resurfaced and tarred."

The Council noted that provision had been made for this work in the current year.

(c) "That Road from Moyne Hill to Askinagap Chapel be resurfaced."

The Council noted that this work was also provided for in the present financial year.

(d) "That Wicklow County Council will take immediate action to alleviate flooding on the road between the bridge and the 'bus shelter in Avoca."

The County Engineer reported that the road was well drained with a gully trap on each side but occasionally leaves or paper might cover the grids and some flooding resulted until one of the Council workers came along and cleared it. It was proposed to instal a modern type gully trap. The Council approved of the Co. Engineer's recommendation.

Item No. 36—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, John Sweeney and James Whelan:— "We will move at next Meeting that the County Council have the old road at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, tarred and also at Killacoran, Aughrim, in front of cottages."

The Council agreed that provision for this work be made in next year's Road Works Programme.

Item No. 37—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "That immediate action be taken to put the approach road to Grattan Park in a proper state of repair."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that work would commence on the improvement of this road during the current week.

Item No. 38—Notices of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— (a) "That the Council provide a public light at the water pump at Rosbawn Cottages, Aughrim."

The County Secretary stated that a Report on this matter was not available.

(b) "That the Council provide two lights at Ballynerrin, Rocky Road, Wicklow."

The Council noted that the County Engineer had recommended that two lights be provided and that quotations were being sought from the E.S.B. for the work.

Item No. 39—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That public lighting facilities from the Catholic Church in Aughrim to Byrne's Garage be examined, and necessary additional lights be provided."

The Council noted that the E.S.B. had been asked for quotations for the provision of these public lights.

Item No. 40—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That a light be provided on each of the access roads to Council's Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass."

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a public light on each of the access roads to the Council's Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 41—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Bourke.— (a) "Newtown—That the Council provide a footpath at Murray's Hill."

The County Engineer reported that a footpath on this main Arterial heavily trafficked route would be desirable. No money had been allocated in the current year's Estimates for the purpose and the cost was estimated at £1,000. The proposed realignment of the Main/Arterial route at Newtownmountkennedy, when carried out, would relieve the traffic and the consequent danger to pedestrians on this route. The Council agreed that provision be made for this footpath in the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

(b) "That Five-Mile-Point Road be repaired and tarred immediately."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that repairs would be carried out to this road during the current financial year but that surface dressing must get priority during the Summer season.

(c) "That the Council tar Keelogue Road without further delay."

The County Engineer reported that the road in question was County Road No. 62 which adjoined the Arterial Road at Mount John. It was 2.3 miles long and varied in width from 10 to 13 feet and had a gravel surface which was in quite good condition. He estimated the cost of surface dressing the road at £1,000 but pointed out that no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for this work. He saw no possibility of carrying out surface dressing as requested "without delay." The Council agreed that provision for surface dressing this road be made in the following year's Estimates.

(d) "That the Council erect a Cross with the Figure of the Crucifixion in Barndarrig Graveyard."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council a number of years previously and it had been pointed out and agreed by the Council that it was not the function of the Council to provide a cross in the burial ground and that this was a matter for local arrangement if required.

Item No. 42—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill and James Whelan:— "That the Council repair Ballymaconey Lane which is in a very bad state with potholes."

At the suggestion of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., it was agreed that consideration be given to having this road repaired by means of the Local Improvement Scheme if permissible.

Item No. 43—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Edward Byrne:— "That the pedestrian crossing be moved from the crossing known as Ledwidge Crescent."

As all three Members who had submitted the Notice of Motion had left it was decided to defer the item to the next Meeting for their attendance.

Item No. 44—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That the Council sink a well at Kilcandra, Redcross."

The County Engineer reported that it would be desirable to sink a well to provide a water supply for cottages in the area. A Group Water Supply Scheme, however, might be the best way to meet the demand for the area and the County Engineer suggested that the Department of Local Government be asked to initiate such a scheme. The Council agreed with the County Engineer's recommendation.

(b) "That the Council examine the water that the people are using from the pump at Newbawn."

The County Engineer reported that the County Medical Officer had been asked to take a sample of water from the pump.

(c) "That the Council take down the wall at the bend near the mill entering Rathdrum."

The County Engineer reported that the owners of the Mill had been written to on the 22nd November, 1966, requesting them to indicate if they would be agreeable to have the wall lowered. No reply had been received from them so far. The estimated cost of lowering the wall to about 3' 6" high for a distance of 70 yards would be approximately £100. No money had been provided in the current year's Estimates to carry out this work. The Council agreed that provision be made in the coming year's Estimates for lowering the wall.

(d) "That the Council provide a light in The Green, Rathnew, and a light in Lower Merrymeeting, Rathnew."

The County Engineer recommended that the lights be provided and stated that quotations would be sought from the E.S.B. for the work. The Council approved of quotations being obtained.

Proposed recovery of possession of Cottage at Glenealy:

Councillor B. Phelan asked that proceedings to recover possession of the vested cottage occupied by a Mr. Kinsella at Glenealy be deferred to enable the Council to consider the matter. The County Manager pointed out that there would be a Meeting of the Council before this matter came before the Courts.

Notices of Motion:

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

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Temple, Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, James Whelan, James Gregory, John Bourke, and William Cleary:— "That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to withdraw proceedings for the possession

of the cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy, occupied by Mr. L. D. Kinsella and to continue the tenancy and occupation by Mr. Kinsella."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, James Gregory, John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"That we the undersigned request the Co. Manager to make enquiries into the case of Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Nuns Cross, Ashford, who made application for Home Assistance and was refused and request a report to be submitted to this Council on the 12th August, 1968."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That the Council compulsorily acquire land in Glenealy for the purpose of building Council houses." (b) "That this Council make a playing field out of their land in Ballygannon, Rathdrum." (c) "That this Council employ Trainee Draughtsmen."

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— (a) "That a report be given at our next Meeting on the progress in providing the new lights that had been recommended for erection at Aughrim and Avoca." (b) "When is it proposed to have entrance to Macreddin Graveyard laid as agreed."

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory:— (a) "That a water supply be provided to three houses in Ashtown Lane, Wicklow." (b) "That the Council acquire land at Kilpedder for the building of three houses for Michael Vines, Ben McLoughlin and Mrs. Murray."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and Miss M. Walsh:—"That we ask the County Engineer to provide a report on the complaints made by Mr. G. Condon, a Council road worker, regarding Mr. O'Donnell, the Engineer for the Tinahely area."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and Miss M. O'Neill:—"That a full time Engineer be employed in the Bray Electoral Area."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and F. Hynes:—"That we condemn the anti-democratic provisions of the proposed Criminal Justice Bill."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 12 August, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Seamus Costello, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

(a) In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. E. Byrne, John Temple and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Peter Whyte for the erection of 10 bungalows on portion of the lands of Glencormac South, Co. Wicklow, as per plans and specification submitted."

(b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, F. Hynes, Henry J. Byrne and Edward E. Byrne:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Sean Nolan, Vevay Road, Bray, for the erection of 25 houses at La Touche Estate, Greystones."

(c) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, John Temple, Edward Byrne, F. Hynes, John Sweeney, Roger Miley, James Whelan, James Gregory, John Bourke and William Cleary:—"That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to withdraw proceedings for the possession of the cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy, occupied by L. D. Kinsella and to continue the tenancy and occupation by Mr. Kinsella."

2. Applications for Supplementary Grants towards cost of erection of new Dwellinghouses.

3. Applications for Loans towards cost of purchase of new Dwellinghouses.

4. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.

5. To authorise Loan of £12,000 for purpose of making Grants for private Water Supply and Sewerage facilities.

6. To authorise Loan to defray cost of erection of Rural Houses.